



# IGP/BH New Handler Written Examination

Effective from 7.2025

USA Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Trial Secretary \_\_\_\_\_  
Handler: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No, Club \_\_\_\_\_  
Pass / Fail (Passing score is 24 out of 30 questions, 80%)

1. All new "first time handlers" entering a USCA trial must take and pass a USCA Written test, This is regardless of the title level entered (BH, IGP/USP1-2-3, FH etc)  
☐ A) True.  
☐ B) False
2. What happens during the "Testing in Traffic" portion of the BH examination?  
☐ A) The Judge must follow exactly what is in the rulebook.  
☐ B) The Trial Secretary can change the rules to accommodate the dogs.  
☐ C) The Trial Chairman can change the rules based on environment.  
☐ D) The Judge can make variances based on location and number of dogs.
3. When is the temperament of the dog evaluated during a working dog trial and when can it be excused for temperament flaws (bad temperament)?  
☐ A) During the trial.  
☐ B) At the beginning of the trial.  
☐ C) At any time throughout the trial.  
☐ D) At the end of the trial.
4. The new rulebook for International Gebrauchshund Prufung (IGP) was released by the FCI as the Utility Dog Regulations and USCA adopted a version of these rules for USCA events effective 1/1/2025. Our USCA rule book is based on the current FCI/WUSV rules and includes all approved USCA variances.  
☐ A) TRUE  
☐ B) FALSE
5. Is there a waiting period between passing the BH – VT and attempting the IGP or GPR 1?  
☐ A) Yes, 2 weeks.  
☐ B) No, but they must be done on different days, as in, BH on Saturday and IGP/GPR 1 on Sunday.  
☐ C) Yes, 14 days.
6. What is the maximum number of dogs you can handle per club trial?  
☐ A) 1  
☐ B) 3  
☐ C) As many as you wish.
7. In the BH – VT does the handler report to the judge with his/her dog on leash?  
☐ A) YES  
☐ B) NO
8. A handler and dog can be disqualified from a trial for \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ A) unsportsmanlike conduct.  
☐ B) carrying training devices.  
☐ C) out-of-control behavior.  
☐ D) faulty temperament.  
☐ E) aggression towards the judge.  
☐ F) All of the above
9. A dog displaying which of these behavioral examples will result with "FAILED TEMPERMENT TEST" being documented in their scorebook.  
☐ A) Dog is insecure and nervous; avoids people.  
☐ B) Dog is nervous and aggressive; warns people.  
☐ C) Aggressive, biting dog.  
☐ D) All of the above
10. Where is the "Testing in Traffic" portion of the BH - VT to be conducted?  
☐ A) At the training field.  
☐ B) In a suitable public place (away from the training field if available).  
☐ C) Wherever the hosting club would like.
11. Each exercise begins and ends in the basic position and exercises should always begin at the judges' signal.  
☐ A) True  
☐ B) False

12. USCA is a full member club of the WUSV, all titles (excluding USP) awarded at a USCA event are recognized worldwide.
- ☐ A) True
  - ☐ B) False
13. Correction devices (e collar, choke, pinch etc) may not be used on the trial grounds from start to finish of the trial (start and finish of trial defined in the rulebook).
- ☐ A) False
  - ☐ B) True
14. The United Schutzhund clubs of America is and shall be conducted as a non-profit organization.
- ☐ A) True
  - ☐ B) False
15. The purpose of USCA Working Dog Trials is to
- ☐ A) demonstrate the dog's intelligence and utility.
  - ☐ B) measure the dog's mental stability, endurance, and structural efficiencies.
  - ☐ C) measure the dog's ability to scent, willingness to work, courage, and trainability.
  - ☐ D) help determine breed suitability
  - ☐ E) promote dog sport competition
  - ☐ F) All of the above
16. Which vaccination is universally required by law in the United States?
- ☐ A) DHLP
  - ☐ B) Rabies
  - ☐ C) Kennel Cough
  - ☐ D) Flu
17. What can result in heatstroke?
- ☐ A) High temperature and humidity.
  - ☐ B) Improper ventilation.
  - ☐ C) Both A and B
18. Who is responsible for your dog?
- ☐ A) The owner.
  - ☐ B) The handler.
  - ☐ C) No one.
  - ☐ D) A and B
19. You should never allow your dog to approach other dogs without the other dog handlers' permission.
- ☐ A) True
  - ☐ B) False
  - ☐ C) Only if they are people in the sport.
20. In all "Motion Exercises" where the Handler returns to the dog (sit and walking stand) the Handler goes \_\_\_\_ paces away from the dog.
- ☐ A) 30
  - ☐ B) 50
  - ☐ C) 15
  - ☐ D) 5
21. The Bh – VT Test is the required prerequisite before a dog may enter to earn a IGP / GPR / IPO 1 Title.
- ☐ A) True
  - ☐ B) False
22. In all motion exercises where the dog is recalled to the Handler the Handler goes \_\_\_\_\_ paces away from the dog before recalling it.
- ☐ A) 30
  - ☐ B) 15.
  - ☐ C) as far as they choose
  - ☐ D) 45
23. To enter a USCA authorized club level trials all entries must have a valid / current membership and score book from a USCA, WUSV, FCI recognized organizations.
- ☐ A) True
  - ☐ B) False
24. Only USCA Members may enter a USCA Trial without a score book by posting a bond for scorebook application.
- ☐ A) True
  - ☐ B) False
25. Only USCA members in good standing may enter a USCA Championship Trial (Regional, WDC, National).
- ☐ A) True
  - ☐ B) False.
26. USCA has a "Dog Aggression Policy" and any complaint of an aggressive dog submitted to the USCA Judges Committee and Executive Board will be reviewed and sanctions as outlined in the policy may be imposed including a possible life time ban on the dog from USCA events and a 1 year restriction on the Handler from entering USCA Events.
- ☐ A) True
  - ☐ B) False

27. If a dog is disqualified (DQ) for Aggression in a trial it must enter and pass a BH – VT as well as complete any additional sanctions imposed by USCA before entering another USCA Trial for any title except BH-VT.

- ☐ A) True
- ☐ B) False

28. The “Heeling exercise” in the BH is done on leash and all “motion exercises” (sit and down with recall as well as the long down under distraction are completed off leash.

- ☐ A) True
- ☐ B)

29. In a USCA event if a dog is injured or sick and the owner requests to “pull the dog due to injury / sickness” the handler must either get permission from the judge or notify the judge and then obtain a veterinarian excuse. In either case the judge has the authority to ask the handler to see the dog.

- ☐ A) True
- ☐ B) False

30. A judge may at any time “terminate” a dog from a trial for injury if he/she decides that the dog is unfit, sick or injured.

- ☐ A) True
- ☐ B) False