

## Evaluation Information

We recommend not coming to the evaluation site any earlier than 10 to 15 minutes prior to your appointment, as there are times when we run behind schedule and, should that be the case, we do not want your pet to have to wait an inordinate amount of time prior to being evaluated. (We do try our best to stay on schedule, so if we are running behind we ask for your patience and understanding.)

The evaluation itself will last about 15 to 20 minutes, but please plan on being at the evaluation site for about 45 minutes. **Also, please be sure to bring your pet's rabies certificate with you (rabies tags will not suffice).** You can obtain the rabies certificate from your veterinarian. We cannot evaluate your animal without first seeing the rabies certificate! There will be NO exceptions. **You will also need to bring your animal's brush, as well as a completed copy of the "Handler Questionnaire" from your Pet Partners Renewal Packet or from the Delta Society website ([www.deltasociety.org](http://www.deltasociety.org)).**

**Please note** that Delta stipulates that food treats and toy treats **cannot** be used during the evaluation session.

**The following equipment has been deemed by Delta as acceptable to use during the evaluation session and when visiting:**

- Flat leather or cloth collar with buckle, snap, or quick release closures
- Limited slip collars such as martingales (as long as they **do not** have **metal** buckles or chain)
- Halties/Gentle Leaders/head collars
- Leather or cloth body harnesses
- Leather/cloth leash no longer than 6 ft.
- Front clip harnesses such as: the Freedom/Sense-ation/Sense-ible harnesses

Please note that whatever equipment you use during the evaluation session is what you will need to use while visiting, in order to be covered under Delta's insurance policy should an incident occur.

**Unacceptable equipment includes:**

- Special training collars such as pinch, prong, electric, or spray collars
- Metal collars, harnesses
- Full slip collars of any type
- Leashes of MORE than 6 ft.
- Retractable (Flexi) leads/leashes
- No- pull harnesses
- Muzzles

We will not be able to evaluate your animal if you are using any of the above designated "unacceptable" equipment.

As a reminder, dogs need to be able to perform basic commands (sit, down, stay, come when called, etc.) in order to pass the skills test. Failure to complete any of the exercises on the skills test will result in a "not ready" overall score.

Your pet will also be tested for temperament (i.e., reaction to another dog, accepting petting/hugging, accepting a treat from a friendly stranger, etc.) He/she will be allowed to receive up to three "not ready" scores on the aptitude (temperament) test and still receive an overall passing score.

Please remember that we are also evaluating *you*, to see how much control you have over your animal, and to determine how well the two of you work together.

Upon successful completion of the evaluation, you will receive instructions as to your "next steps." You will need to submit your registration fee and all paperwork (from the back of your book or from your renewal packet) direction to Delta. You may register at a discounted rate as a Delta Society "affiliate" member. The name of our organization is ElderPet, and our address is 291 Mast Road, Durham, NH,03824 so be sure to write that on your application form. (If you are a senior or have a disability, Delta also offers discounts.)

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