

## **Green Handling Evaluation**

### **Taking a dog out of the kennel**

- [ ] Wait for the dog to be calmly standing (BONUS for *sit* or *down*) before exiting
- [ ] Check surroundings for another dog/volunteer/staff member to prevent close encounters on leash

### **EZ Walk Harness use and fitting**

- [ ] Off-color strap is under the belly
- [ ] Handler can fit three fingers under the strap, but the harness is snug
- [ ] Leash ring is on the chest
- [ ] Handler can fit harness easily while in the cage (BONUS: Uses tricks, such as stepping on the leash, to minimize jumping behavior)

### **Giving proper space to other dogs/volunteers**

- [ ] Actively checks surroundings for other dogs on leash
- [ ] Communicates with other volunteers if walking near/toward each other

### **Attention work with dog**

- [ ] Understands training and reinforcing basic obedience cues sit, watch me, touch, down, stay, wait, leave it, drop it, and recall.
- [ ] “Checks in” with dog frequently while walking, requesting obedience cues

### **Handling Skills & Troubleshooting**

- [ ] Consistently redirects inappropriate behavior while reinforcing more desirable behaviors

### **Putting a dog back in the kennel**

- [ ] Removes Easy Walk harness or slip lead
- [ ] Treats dog when exiting or requests a stationary command

### **Hanging the leash and harness**

- [ ] Properly hangs the leash and harness when finished walking a dog

### **Understanding of leash reactivity and over-arousal**

- [ ] Defines leash reactivity
- [ ] Defines over-arousal
- [ ] Explains behavior modification techniques for leash reactivity/over-arousal

### **Notes**