

BEHAVIOR REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING DIABETIC ALERT DOGS: THE BORDERLAND WAY

1. **Accepting a friendly stranger** – The dog will allow a friendly stranger to approach it and speak to the handler in a natural, everyday situation.
2. **Sitting politely for petting** – The dog will allow a friendly stranger to pet it while it is out with its handler.
3. **Walking on a loose lead** – The handler and dog will take a short walk to show that the dog is in control while walking on a leash.
4. **Walking through a crowd** – The dog and handler walk around and pass close to several people to demonstrate that the dog can move about politely among other people.
5. **Sit, down, stay** - The dog will respond to the handler's command to sit, and down, and will remain in place for one of the positions for 10 seconds.
6. **Coming when called** – The dog will come when called by the handler. The handler will walk ten feet from the dog, turn to face the dog, and call the dog.
7. **Reaction to other dogs** – To demonstrate the dog can behave politely around other dogs, two handlers and their dogs approach each other from a distance of about 20 feet, stop, shake hands and exchange pleasantries, and continue on for about 10 feet.
8. **Reaction to distractions** – Present two distractions such as dropping a chair, rolling a bicycle, having a jogger run by, making a loud noise. The dog can react, but should recover quickly.
9. **Supervised separation** – Have someone hold the dog. The handler should disappear for 3 minutes and then return. The dog should remain calm.