Video Recording Tips

Video/Computer Equipment

Practice. Work with your video recording devices (e.g., camcorder, digital camera, smart phone, tablet, etc.) and/or computer prior to the three (3) week testing period so once you begin the examination, you can be sure to have the time necessary to complete and submit your videos before the end of the testing period.

Battery. Be certain your recording device's battery is fully charged prior to recording and check it periodically throughout the recording.

Memory. Make sure you have plenty of memory available and have your proctor or assistant check it periodically throughout the recording.

Video Format/Resolution

Format. Videos should be formatted as .AVI, .MPEG4, .MOV, .MPEGPS or .WMV. The quality must be suitable for CPDT-KSA Raters to clearly see and hear everything on the video.

Resolution. Preferable video resolution sizes are 800 x 600 **or** 1024 x 768. If possible, each video file size should be kept under 1 Gigabyte (1,048,576 KB). If the video camera allows a resolution to be specified, select a resolution **no less than** 640 x 480, but **less than** 720p. Choosing video resolution of 720p (1280 × 720) or 1080i (1920 × 1080), "High Definition" or "Wide Screen" is **not** preferred due to the large file size.

Audio and Lighting

Recording Outside. If working outside, be aware that wind noise can obscure voices and reflected glare may make it difficult for the CPDT-KSA Evaluators to read your digital or analog physical clock.

Body Positioning. Be aware of your body position in relation to the dog and client and the camera. Make sure everyone is positioned so they can be seen and heard at all times. Be aware of any recording issues that may prohibit CPDT-KSA Evaluators from seeing events or hearing dialogue at any point during the video, as submitting a video where it is difficult to see/hear risks you failing the exam. Visual and audio quality of the video are gated items (see *Procedural Requirements* and *Gated Items* in the "Candidate Handbook").

Camera Position. Be sure that the camera is positioned so the entire training space is on the video at all times.

Clock Position. Place your physical clock at the front of the training area so that it cannot be blocked by you, your client or the dog. Be aware of any lighting or glare issue that may prohibit CPDT-KSA Evaluators from reading the clock at any point during the video. Submitting a video where the clock is difficult to read risks you failing the exam. This is a gated item (see *Procedural Requirements* and *Gated Items* in the "Candidate Handbook").

Practice. Practice recording videos in your training area with *non-examination* dogs and people to ensure you have proper positioning, adequate lighting and voices can be heard.

NOTE. Any editing, especially the addition of text in your submission (including your name and/or certificant number at the start, during or end of the video), is **strictly prohibited**.