



Kennel Union of Southern Africa

SCHEDULE 05K – REGULATIONS FOR THE HANDLER CLASSES

(Effective 01.09.2023)

1. LICENSING AND SHOW REGULATIONS

The Regulations and other matters governing Championship Shows and Non-Championship Shows, are set out in Schedules 03 and 04, of the KUSA Constitution. These Regulations apply to Handler Classes insofar as they are relevant and not in conflict with the terms of this Schedule 05K.

Throughout this Schedule, words importing the singular shall include the plural; words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa, unless such interpretation is inconsistent with the context thereof.

2. SCOPE OF THE LICENCE

Any Club which is eligible to hold a Championship or Non-Championship Show may offer Handler Classes.

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION

3.1 Child Handler Class

For persons eight (8), but under twelve (12) years of age. When the person turns eleven (11), the person may elect to remain in the Child Handler Class until the day before they turn twelve (12) or elect to move to the Junior Handler Class. Once moved, he may not return to the Child Handler Class.

3.2 Junior Handler Class

For persons of eleven (11), but under eighteen (18) years of age.

3.3 Adult Handler Class

For persons over eighteen years of age.

3.4 For Handler Classes at Championship Shows, the official KUSA Handler Entry Form shall be used and entries submitted on any other form shall be invalid. The Entry Form for any entrant under 18 years of age shall be signed by their legal Guardian and be accompanied by proof of age, in the form of either a copy of a birth certificate, the first page of an identity document or passport. All Handler Class entries must be on a separate Entry Form from the one used for the breed entry of an exhibit. Any dog that is to be used for Handling must be entered at the same Championship Show.

3.5 It is not permissible for a handler to handle a bitch in season in any Handler Class.

3.6 It is permissible for a handler to handle a neutered dog in any Handler Class.

4. JUDGING

4.1 When judging Handler Classes, the Judge shall consider, *inter alia*:

4.1.1 The exhibit is not “blocked” from the Judge’s view at any time i.e. the Handler should not come between the exhibit and the Judge;

4.1.2 Any exaggerated handling is to be discouraged;

4.1.3 The ability of the Handler to control the exhibit;

4.1.4 The ability of the Handler to ‘set up’ the exhibit;

4.1.5 The ability of the Handler to ‘gait’ the exhibit at a desirable pace for the proper assessment of movement;

4.1.6 The ability of the Handler to present the exhibit to best advantage;

4.1.7 Only standard Handler Ring Patterns are allowed. (Refer Appendix 1); and

4.1.8 The dress, grooming and ring demeanour of the Handler, taking weather conditions into account.

4.2 The quality of the exhibit shall not be taken into consideration by the Judge.

4.3 Under no circumstances should questions be used as a means of testing a Handler’s knowledge. A Judge should limit conversation with Handlers.

4.4 Handlers who exhibit impatience or heavy handedness with their exhibits must be penalised.

4.5 If it is apparent that a Handler cannot control his own exhibit, the Judge must excuse the Handler and exhibit from the ring.

4.6 A Judge may request competitors to swap exhibits provided that it becomes apparent that the Handler is capable of controlling/handling his new exhibit. However, should unruly behaviour occur, the exhibit should be returned to the original handler without penalty.

4.7 Swapping of exhibits by Child Handlers is not permitted.

4.8 If an exhibit shows signs of aggression the Handler and exhibit shall immediately become liable to be excused from the ring, at the discretion of the Judge.

4.9 Any Handler not present after three calls by the Ring Steward would be regarded as absent.

5. JUDGES

5.1 Judges shall be expected to have a genuine interest in and understanding of competitive handling.

5.2 Foreign domiciled Judges shall either be qualified as a specialist Junior Handler (Junior Showmanship) Judge in their own country, or be approved by KUSA to judge Best in

Show in this country.

- 5.3 Persons wishing to become Junior Showmanship Judges need to meet the qualifying criteria and requirements for qualifications as laid out in Schedule 10 Appendix 2, Reg. 2.

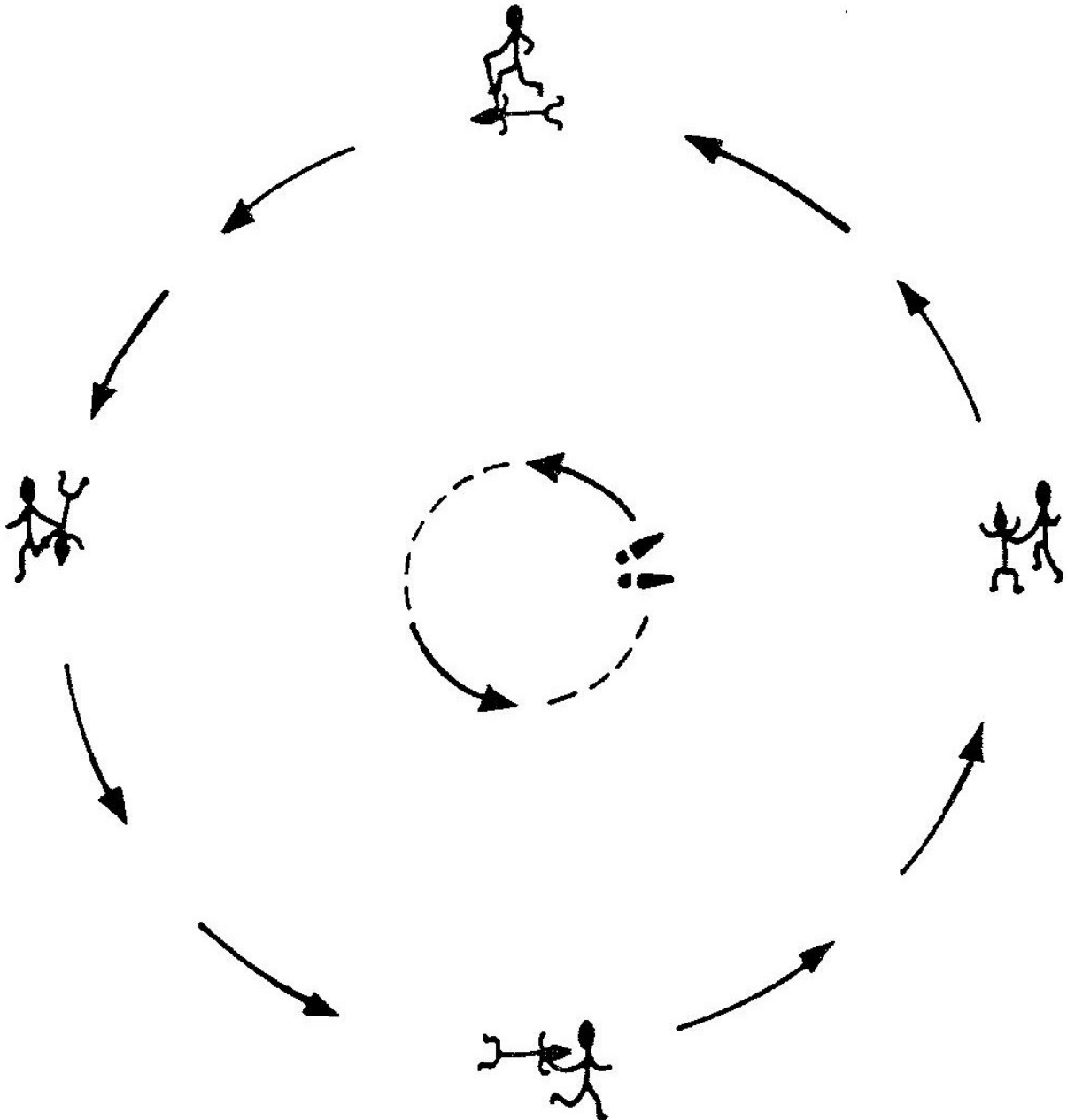
6. HANDLER CERTIFICATES

- 6.1 A KUSA Qualifying Certificate will be awarded at any Championship Show to the winner of each Handler Class.

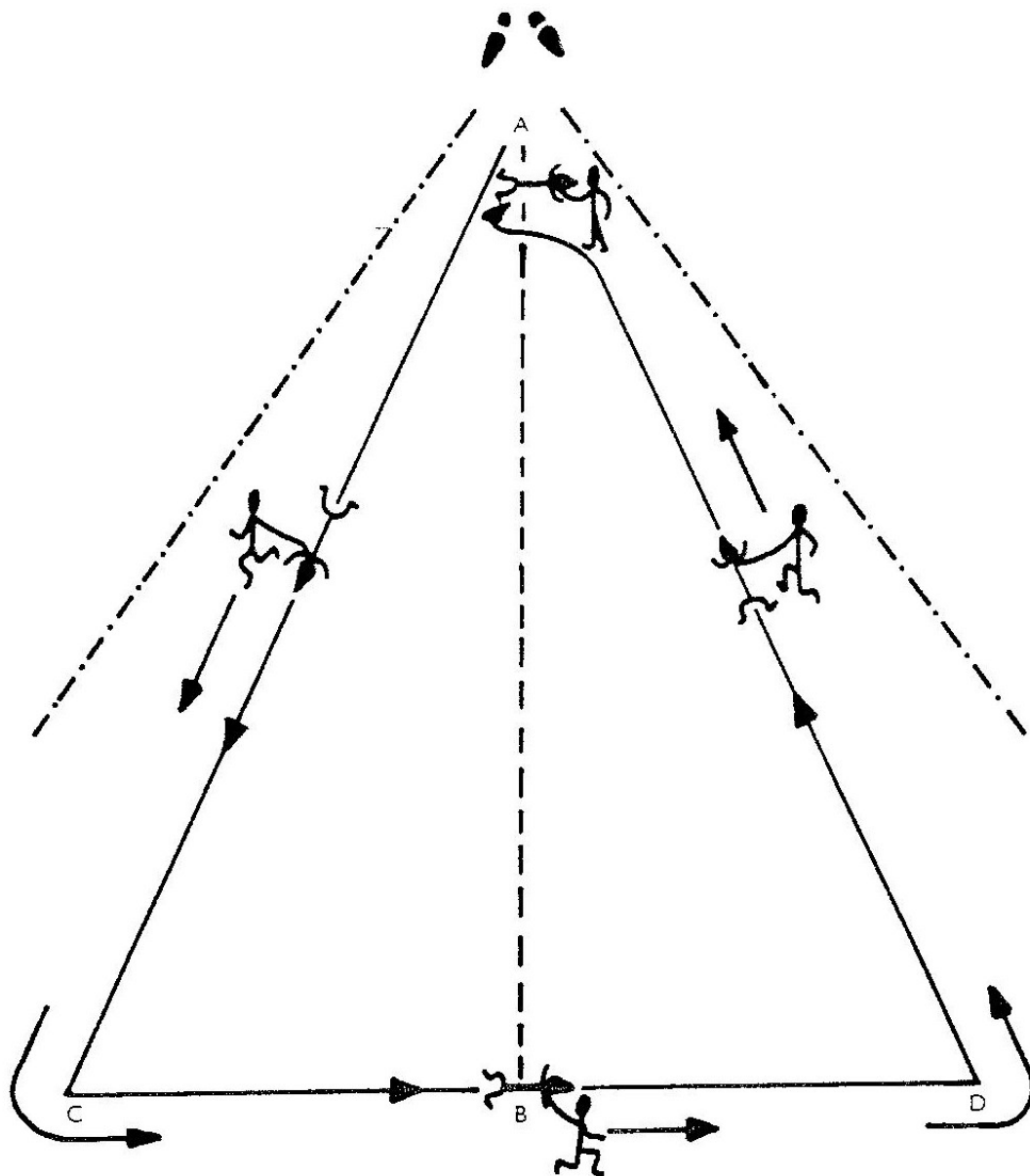
APPENDIX 1

RING PATTERNS AS REFERRED TO IN SCHEDULES 5E(12) REG 8.2 and 5K REG 4.1.7

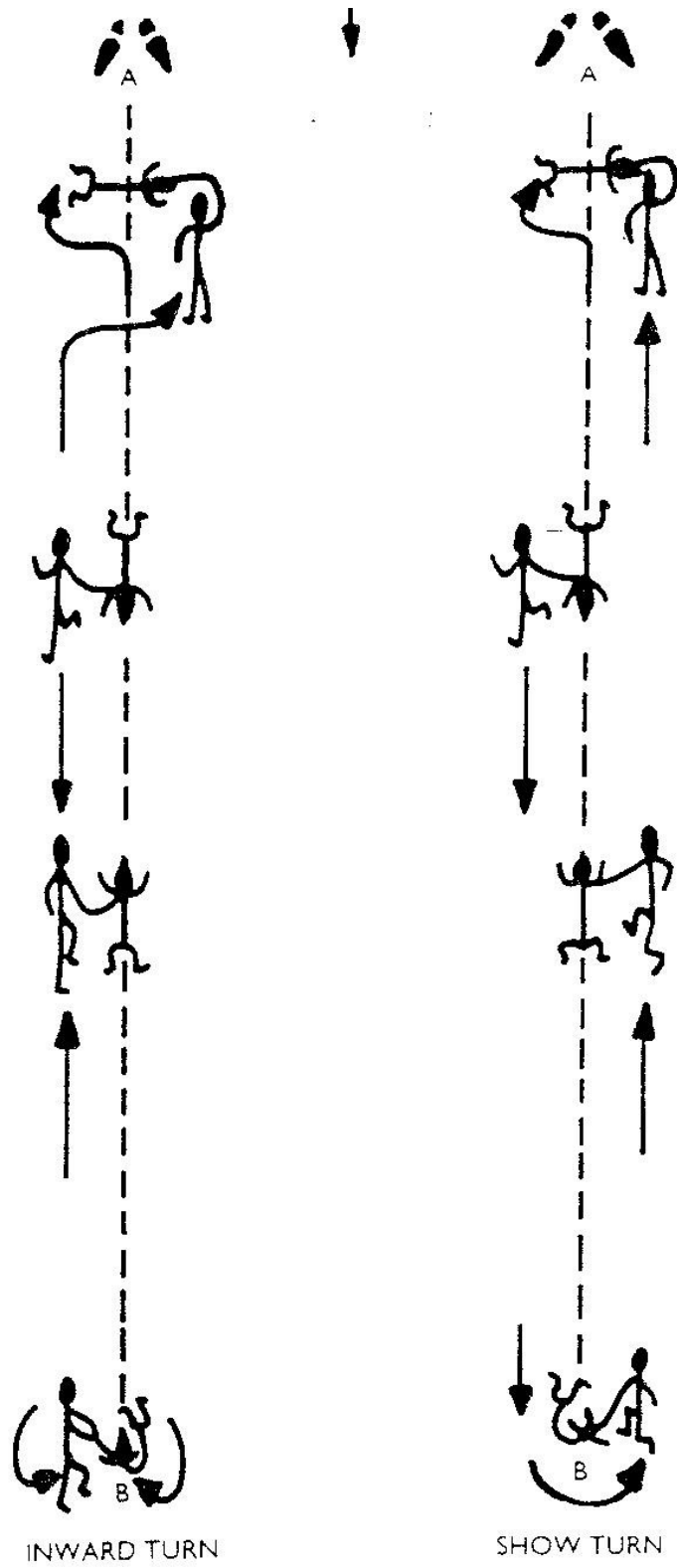
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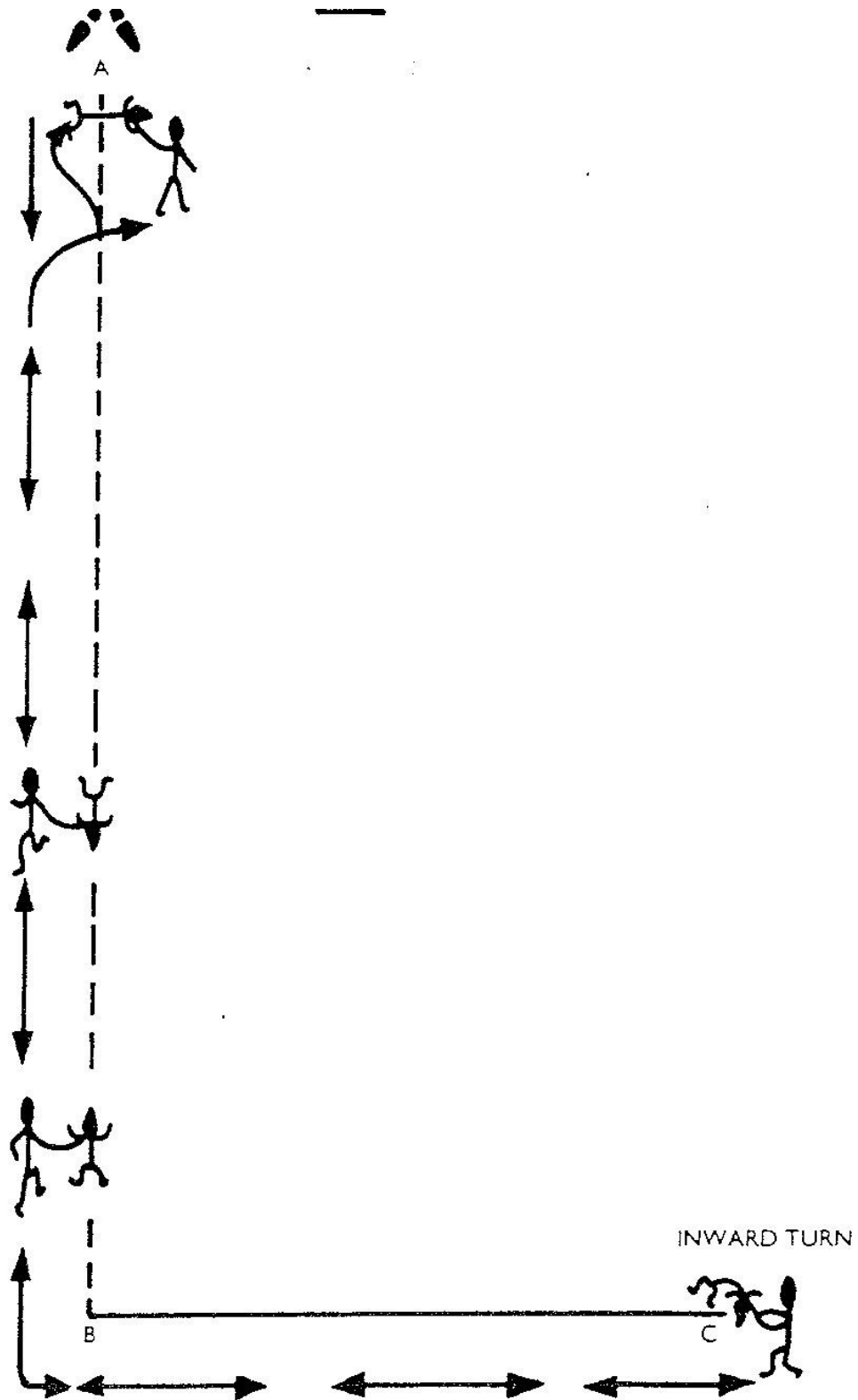
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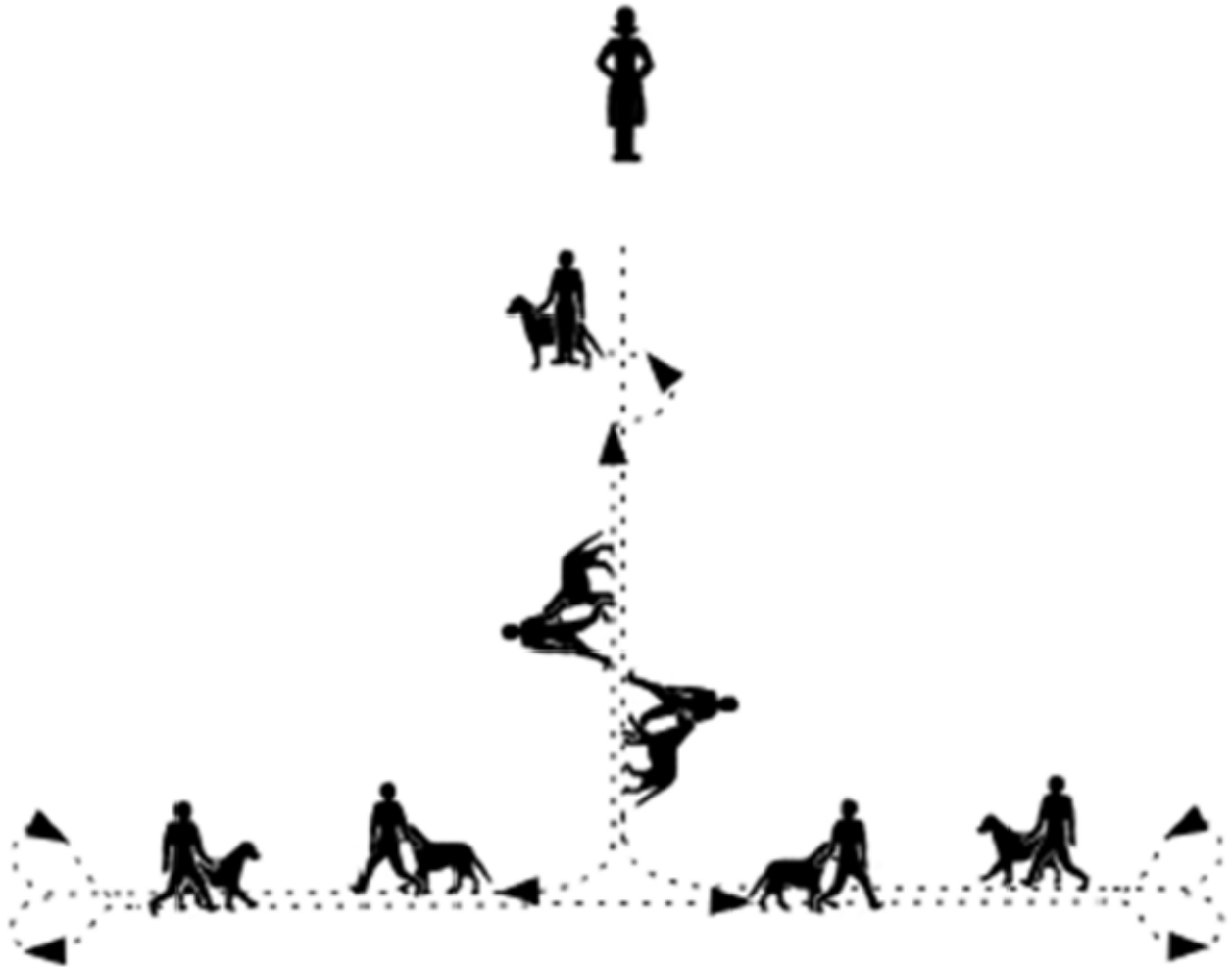
3. THE AWAY AND BACK / UP AND DOWN



4. THE "L"



5. The "T"



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