

As we get ready to have multiple USCA judges certified to judge the Character Assessment (WB), here are some instructions on how to construct two of the items that will be needed to complete the Assessment the Teeter/Wobble board and the raised walking platforms.

While there are a number of ways to create them, these are the materials and instructions on how one club, Eagle Point Hundesport, has constructed them.

### **Materials List**

1 - 4' x 4' wooden pallet

1 - 4" x 4' PVC Pipe

10 - 31" or 32" folding sawhorses with notches on top. We used ones made by Kobalt from Lowe's, but others can be used

4 - Sheets of 4' x 8' plywood with a minimum thickness of 5/8". These need to be cut lengthwise so that you get two 2' x 8' pieces from each board for a total of eight

12 - 2" x 4" x 8' boards

3 - 2" x 2" x 2' wooden strips

2 - 5"-6" bolts with nuts

### **Instructions for Teeter/Wobble Board**

Using the wooden pallet bolt the PVC pipe in the middle of the bottom of the pallet. This will allow the pallet to rock from side to side.

Take one of the 2' x 8' pieces of plywood and cut it in half so that you have two pieces that are 2' x 4' and screw these to the top of the pallet to create a flat and smooth surface.

### **Instructions for Raised Walking Platforms**

You will need to create 5 raised platforms along with a ramp for one end. The easiest way to create a platform is to take 2 of the 2 x 4's and insert them into the notches at the top of two of the sawhorses. This will hold your wood in place. Then take one of the 2' x 8' lengths of plywood and center it over the tops of the 2 x 4's so that you have an equal amount of overhand on each side. Then screw the plywood to the 2 x 4's. Repeat this process to create all 5 of your platforms.

Your next step is to create a ramp from the last piece of 2' x 8' plywood. Use the last two 2 x 4's. Because you are going to attach the ramp to the end of one of the raised platforms be sure to measure the distance on the inside of the 2 x 4's of one of the raised platforms and set the ones for the ramp so that they will fit 'inside' of the 2 x 4's on the raised table.

Once you know that distance you can screw the plywood to the last two 2 x 4's. You can then space and attach the three 2 x 2's up the ramp to provide traction for the dogs while going up and down.

The last step is to align the ramp with one of the raised platforms and drill holes on each side where the bolts will be inserted to attach them together. Be sure to drill your holes larger than the diameter of the bolt as this will make it easier to slide the bolts in and out. When the ramp is attached to the raised platform, if your spacing is correct it should be a fairly tight fit, you do not want a lot of movement of the ramp.

Shown below are a series of photographs showing your completed items.