

TRICK DOG TEST

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANTS & EVALUATORS

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KUSA's Trick Dog is designed to encourage people to develop a solid relationship with their dog through working with that dog. This will also encourage good pet ownership and improve the handler's training skills by diversifying the training they do. The test is designed to be all inclusive, catering for dogs of all ages and breeds (including cross breeds), as well as handlers and dogs of varying physical abilities. Trick Dog will expand a dog's physical and mental ability and offers an activity for older dogs that have been retired from other forms of competition. It is designed with the domestic pet owner in mind, encouraging them to spend more time with their dog and, hopefully, for them to ultimately become part of the KUSA family.

Purpose

The purpose of these Guidelines is to provide guidance on the way a trick should be performed and what the Evaluators will be looking for. Where possible, video examples will be made available on the Facebook page, and other key sites, to provide a visual guide. It should be noted, however, that this document, and the videos provided, are GUIDES. The rules of the test are covered in Schedule 11(C), which is available on the KUSA and Trick Dog website. This Schedule must be read in conjunction with this document and it will take preference should a discrepancy occur.

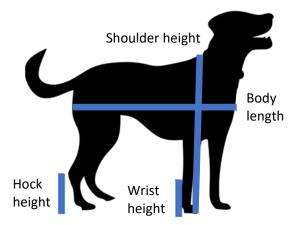
Definitions

Body length – this will be taken as the point of the shoulder to the back of the hind leg.

Chain tricks – the difficulty with these tricks is that only one cue may be given at the start of the tricks. The dog may not be rewarded or praised in any form until the entire chain is completed. For example, on giving the cue 'fetch', the dog will go out, pick up the item, return to the handler, sit in front of the handler and hold the item.

Cue – a cue will be considered as a verbal / hand / body cue for the dog to perform the trick. Verbal and hand / body cue may be given unless otherwise specified. Where a handler is required to remain a certain distance from their dog, a step forward will not be permitted unless otherwise stated. Upper body movement is allowed but handlers should try and limit this for the higher levels unless a hand / body cue is being given. The actual cue given for each trick is at the handler's discretion, e.g. for a retrieve, the handler may say 'fetch', 'bring', 'get it' etc. Similarly, cues may be given in any language, e.g. English, Afrikaans, German, isiZulu etc.

Dog measurements -



Luring – the tempting of a dog to go to / do something by offering, or pretending to offer, a reward (e.g. a toy or food).

Pace – when the back legs pass where the front legs would be in a normal standing position, or vice versa. A pace is equivalent to a dog's body length. A pace for the handler would be a normal walking pace.

Platform – this should be a stable, non-slip surface that the dog can comfortably stand on and move around on (e.g. turn a circle).

Reward – rewards shall consist of any item considered a motivator to the dog including, but not limited to: balls, tugs, flirt poles, frisbee, food, petting etc. Dogs may be rewarded after each repetition of the trick performed unless the trick and/or description states otherwise.

Sequence – here a dog shall be required to perform a number of tricks in succession. Rewards in the form of food or toys may not be given until the end of the sequence, but the handler can give a cue for each stage of the sequence. For example, in the retrieve over a jump, the handler may use cues such as 'sit', 'stay', 'fetch', 'come', 'hold', 'give' but may only reward the dog once the retrieved item has been taken from the dog.

Treat – treats shall consist of any form of food that is considered a motivator to the dog.

Videos — it is necessary to show both the dog and handler performing the trick unless otherwise stated. Videos may only be trimmed at the start and finish to show the handler walking to and from the video camera. Where a number of repetitions are asked for, they must all be shown in one segment with no editing (apart from trimming the start/finish). It is advisable to label each trick to make it easier for the assessor. For tricks requiring distance work, e.g. a send to a platform, only a part of the handler needs to be shown with more emphasis on the dog. For tricks such as Chains and Hand signals, the whole of the handler must be shown.

Notes

Cues – unless specified in the trick, the number of cues allowed is as follows:

- Elementary several cues (verbal and hand signals) may be given for each trick but if the cues are deemed excessive, it will be assumed the dog is not yet ready.
- Beginners through Advanced the cue (verbal and hand signals) may be repeated but such repetition should be kept to a minimum.
- Champion the dog should actively obey each cue.

How many times should a trick be shown?

To enable the Evaluators to assess competence vs getting 'one lucky shot', tricks should be shown once as described and repeated once again in succession, and without cutting the video in between takes. Where more than one action is required, i.e. orbit around handler twice, a total of 4 orbits need

to be shown (2 orbits + repeat of 2 orbits = 4 orbits). Where specified, some tricks need only be performed once. When in doubt, check with an Evaluator.

Criteria for Tricks

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Trick descriptions

The table below provides an outline of what is required for each trick and how many cues may be given. Should any discrepancies arise, the descriptions in this table take precedence over the ones provided for the individual levels below.

Backwards Work

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Backup		Dog to backup at least 2 dog body lengths; handler may move with dog	Dog to backup at least 5 dog body lengths; handler may move with dog			
Backup away from handler (a specified number of dog's body length)				Dog only backs up at least 2 dog body lengths	Dog only backs up at least 5 dog body lengths; line not necessarily straight	Dog only backs up at least 10 dog body lengths in a straight line
Backup onto object / stairs			Dog backs up from 2 paces onto object with all 4 feet; <u>+</u> hock height; all 4 paws must be on the object; handler may move with dog	Dog backs up at least 2 steps (e.g. staircase); front feet on 2 nd step or higher; handler to stand still	Dog backs up at least 3 steps (e.g. staircase); front feet on 3 rd step or higher; handler to stand still (may not step onto stairs)	Dog backs up at least 5 steps (e.g. staircase); front feet on 5 th step or higher; handler to stand still (may not step onto stairs)
Backup with handler in a circle					Dog backs up, either direction; dog on outside of circle; circle diameter to be at least 2 body lengths between handler and dog	

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Moonwalk (backup				Dog to backup in	Dog to backup in	
in bow position)				the bow position	the bow position	
				for 2 dog body	for 4 dog body	
				lengths	lengths	
Orbit (circles				Dog to circle		
backwards around				handler twice,		
your legs)				either direction		
Orbit with once				Dog to circle	Dog to do 1 full	
through the legs				handler at least	circle, pass	
				twice, either	between the	
				direction, with one	handlers' legs and	
				pass (any direction)	then another full	
				through the	circle in the	
				handlers' legs	opposite direction	
					to the first	

Balance & Coordination

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Balance 4 paws on a				Object	Object	
small block / brick				proportionate to	proportionate to	
				dog – <u>+</u> 3 dog foot	dog – <u>+</u> 1 dog foot	
				between front and	between front and	
				back feet; the	back feet; the	
				object need not be	object need not be	
				high but can't be	high but can't be	
				flat on ground	flat on ground	
Balance Beam				Beams to be <u>+</u> 5 x 5	Beams to be <u>+</u> 5 x 5	Beams to be <u>+</u> 5 x 5
(Double rails)				cm wide, at least	cm wide, at least	cm wide, at least
				2.5 m long; set dog	2.5 m long; set dog	2.5 m long; set dog
				shoulder width	shoulder width	shoulder width

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				apart; <u>+</u> brick height above ground	apart; height above ground higher than that of Intermediate; entry/exit point must be stable surface	apart; height above ground higher than that of Advanced; entry/exit point must be stable surface
Balance beam (plank)	Plank <u>flat on floor</u> ; width of plank slightly wider than dogs shoulder width; plank at least 2.5 m long	Plank raised ± brick height; width of plank is slightly wider than dogs shoulder width; plank at least 2.5 m long; a low dog walk MAY NOT be used	Plank raised ± 20 cm high with sloped ramp on/off; width of plank is slightly wider than the dog's shoulder width; plank at least 2.5 m long; a low dog walk can be used			
Balance on ball or peanut (all 4 feet)		Dog to jump up on cue and hold position for 3 sec; ball/peanut must be stabilised and size appropriate	Dog to jump up on cue and hold position for 5 sec; ball/peanut must be stabilised and size appropriate			
Balance something on dog (head / butt)				Item roughly size/shape of softcover novel; hold position for 3 sec	Item roughly size/shape of plastic tumbler; hold position for 5 sec	
Climb a ladder				Climb at least 5 rungs; ladder A- frame type; must		

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				be secure; exit		
				must be safe		
Dog push ups (front and back feet on						Dog to go from down to stand 3 x;
different balance						cue for each
beams or paw pods)						position; balance
						beams roughly
						same height as paw
						pods; balance
						beams roughly 5 x
						5 cm wide and
10 adds as seemed				Danta bald	Danta hald	body length apart
Hind legs - stand				Dog to hold position for at least	Dog to hold position for at least	
with no support				3 sec	5 sec	
Hind legs - stand			Dog to stand by	Dog to hold	J 36C	
with support			itself but then rest	position for at least		
			front feet on e.g.	3 sec		
			handlers arm or			
			chair back; hold 3			
			sec			
Hind legs - walk with					Dog to hold	
no support					position for 2 sec;	
					walk/hop 5 steps	
Hind legs - walk with				Dog to stand by itself but then rest		
support (handler may not HOLD paws)				front feet on		
may not noto paws)				handler's arm; walk		
				+ 3 steps/hops		
Paw Pods / bricks			Dog to place either	Front and back feet		
			front feet or back	on paw		
			feet on paw	pods/bricks; hold		
				for 3 sec		

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			pods/bricks; hold			
			for 3 sec			

Brain Games

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Answer questions ('Do you like?') / Count					Dog to answer 3 questions (Video to show 1 repetition of 3 questions)	
Balance cookie on nose			Dog to hold position for 3 sec			
Discern object names (choose correct toy)				Dog to choose 1 correct item from amongst 4 others (total of 5 objects on floor)		
Game (manipulates interactive canine game)		Nina Ottosson (or similar) Level 1 games NOTE: Dog needs to get 3 pieces of food from 3 different places (or repeats of same place if game only has one slot.	Nina Ottosson (or similar) Level 2 games NOTE: Dog needs to get 3 pieces of food each from a different place	Nina Ottosson (or similar) Level 3 games NOTE: Dog needs to get 3 pieces of food each from a different place		
Index cards (dog responds to written instructions)				3 behaviours; dogs name can be used to get attention; handler may say	4 positions; handler may only say e.g. 'good/yes'	

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				e.g. 'good/yes' when dog does position	when dog does position	
Retrieve your (name of object)					Dog to retrieve item placed ± 3 m away and near 2 similar type articles; i.e. not retrieve ball next to bucket/brick	
Sausage bobbing		Handler to place 3 pieces of food in a shell / bucket / similar object; the dog is then cued to eat at least 1 piece of food; the food items must be floating and visible to the Evaluator				
Send away with redirection					Dog to be sent to marker ± 10 body lengths away and redirected left/right for ± 3 body lengths; handler may not move their feet; hand signals ok; dog must stop at each marker	

Foundation

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Come	Return to handler when called;	Return to handler when called;				
	response	response				
	immediate but	immediate but				
	speed not	speed not				
	important; distance	important; distance				
	of 5 body lengths	of 10 body lengths;				
		dog must be in an				
		open area and not				
		recalled between				
		any form of chute /				
Davis	Danta lia danna	barrier				
Down	Dog to lie down from either a sit or	Dog to lie down from either a sit or				
	stand; hold for 3	stand; hold for 5				
	sec	sec				
Find it (in hand)		Toy/treat in hand				
i ilia it (ili ilalia)		and not visible to				
		dog; dog to				
		convincingly				
		indicate correct				
		hand				
Finish - around me			Dog to heel around			
			handler from front			
			position; dog to sit;			
			sit can be slightly			
			crooked			
Finish - side swing			Dog to heel			
·			position from front			
			position; dog to sit;			

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			sit can be slightly			
			crooked			
Focus (hold eye	Dog to look at	Dog to look at	Dog to look at			
contact)	handler; hold for 2	handler; hold for 5	handler; hold for 7			
	sec	sec	sec			
Muffin tin game	12 muffin tin size; 4 balls in tin; 1 treat					
Pull on a rope/tug	Dog to pull for 3 sec	Dog to pull for 5 sec				
Sit	Dog to sit from either a stand or down; hold for 3	Dog to sit from either a stand or down; hold for 5				
Sits in box (on cue)	sec	sec	Box slightly smaller than dogs body length; hold for 2 sec; show the dog getting in, sitting and waiting			
Stand	Dog to stand from either a sit or down; hold for 3 sec	Dog to stand from either a sit or down; hold for 5 sec	J			
Stay		Dog in any position; handler to move 1 pace away; hold for 5 sec and	Dog in sit or down; handler to move 3 paces away; hold for 10 sec and	Dog in sit or down; handler to move 10 paces away; hold for 30 sec and	Dog in sit or down; handler out of sight; hold for 1 min and handler	

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		handler return to	handler return to	handler return to	return to dog	
		dog	dog (older or	dog (older or	(older or disabled	
			disabled dogs can	disabled dogs can	dogs can do stand)	
			do stand)	do stand)		
Walk on a loose	Dog to heel total of	Dog to heel total of	Dog to heel total of			
leash	20 handler paces; 1	30 handler paces; 2	30 handler paces; 3			
	change of direction	changes of	changes of			
	and halt; dog can	direction and halt;	direction and halt;			
	be in any position	dog can be in any	dog in sit for			
	for start/stop	position for	start/stop			
		start/stop				

Handler Interaction

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Circle handler at					Dog circles handler	Dog circles handler
distance					at a distance of 3 m	a distance of 3 m
					both way; props	either way; dog to
					are allowed but	do at least 3 circles;
					must be kept to a	no props allowed
					minimum (i.e. not	
					more than 4)	
CPR (bounce on					Dog to bounce on	
chest only)					handler's chest	
					(verbal cues only)	
Foot stall						Dog to place all 4
						feet on underside
						of handler's feet
						and balance for at
						least 3 sec
Jersey - help handler				Dog to pull sleeve		
undress				of jersey/jacket		

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				until handler free of garment		
Kisses		Dog to "kiss" handler by licking or touching nose to handlers face or back of hand				
Peekaboo (between my legs)		Dog to move to stand between handler's legs	Dog to move to between handlers legs and to place front paws on handler's feet; small dogs may place front paws on one foot and rear paws on the other foot	As for Novice but handler to walk with dog for at least 6 steps; forward movement evident		
Remove handler's slipper, shoe			Dog to pull slipper off handler's foot using its mouth			
Under handler (handler on hands and knees)			Dog to move under the handler's body / under the abdomen while handler remains static (i.e. doesn't move feet or hands)			
Weave through handlers legs / arms		Dog to perform a figure of 8 through the handlers legs twice; this will result in the dog	Dog to weave through handler's legs in alternate directions (L/R), at least 6 passes;	Dog to weave through handlers' arms in alternate directions (L/R), at		

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		crossing between	weaves may be	least 6 passes,		
		the handlers legs 4	done while the	handler on all 4's		
		times. Handler	handler is walking			
		should not move	forward or			
		their legs	backwards			
		forwards/backward				
		s excessively but				
		may bend their				
		knees slightly. For				
		large dogs, the				
		handler may lift				
		their foot/leg to				
		accommodate the				
		dogs size.				

Hold & Fetch

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Carry (such as basket			Dog to carry item	Dog to carry item		
or another hanging			in mouth by	in mouth by		
object)			handles for at least	handles for at least		
			4 dog paces; object	10 dog paces;		
			must hang	object must hang		
Catch (soft toy, soft		Dog to catch item				
ball, treat, etc.)		with mouth when				
		tossed at dog				
Chase object	Object must	Object must				
	constitute a toy,	constitute a toy,				
	e.g. tug toy,	e.g. tug toy. Dog to				
	squeaky toy etc.	grab object but not				
	Item must be	necessarily tug or				
	retrievable (but not	retrieve it				

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	necessarily retrieved)					
Drop it			Dog to release object from mouth – object can be toy or food			
Flying disk (in air or rolling)			Dog to take hold of frisbee or frisbee- like object (not necessarily retrieve it)			
Hold object in mouth		Dog to hold object in mouth for 3 sec				
Leave it		Item to be placed before dog and dog to wait for at least 3 sec before being released to get the object; object must be desirable to dog				
Phone (get the phone/toy when it rings)				Dog to retrieve object from at least 5 m away and return to handler with object (hold not essential on delivery); object to ring/make sound		
Pick a card from a deck				Dog to pull one card out using its mouth (hold not necessary)	Dog to pull one card out using its mouth and hold it for 3 sec	

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Pick pocket (as handler moves)				Dog to remove hankey/tissue from handlers back or side pocket, handler walking; no hold necessary	As for Intermediate but dog to hold until handler takes article	
Pull / fishing (pull rope dangling over edge of something)				Dog to pull a tug rope (or similar) until item (e.g. toy) at end comes over a wall / countertop or out a box / suitcase; rope to be at least 2 m long		
Pull object with tug rope - wagon, toy etc.					Dog to move wagon/toy for 3 m	
Pull on string (turn on light)			Dog to turn light on			
Retrieve (article must be safe for dog to retrieve)			Dog to retrieve item and return to handler; no present or hold necessary; no food/glass	As for Novice but dog to hold item until handler takes it	As for Intermediate but dog to go on cue; hold item at least 3 sec and release on cue	
Retrieve - article from water				Dog to enter a body of water to retrieve floating article and return to handler (no present or hold necessary); water approx chest deep		

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Retrieve - directed to one of a specified number of objects					At least 3 similar articles thrown ± 3 m away; dog to fetch specified article; dog must wait till all articles thrown; no hold/present	
Retrieve - flat object on floor					necessary Dog to retrieve flat article e.g. paper, playing card, tissue, cloth; dog to take article to handler but no hold/present necessary	
Retrieve - food						Dog to retrieve desirable, easy to eat food item (e.g. meat, sausages, cheese, dog biscuits) and hold until handler takes it; item must be shown to camera; the handler must return the item to the dog to eat
Retrieve a certain colour e.g. white ball						At least 3 of the same objects available; no distance / hold /

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						present necessary but dog must clearly pick up
						object; handler to state colour being fetched
Retrieve a hat and put on handler's head						Dog to retrieve hat from 2 m away; handler can be sitting on chair or floor
Walk another dog				Dog to carry lead attached to another dog for 10 paces; second dog to move with dog doing trick		

Natural Movement

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Bow			Dog to hold			
			position for 3 sec			
Circle right, circle left		Dog to circle left	Dog to circle left			
(spins)		and right on cue;	and right on cue			
		dog must turn in a	(cue more subtle			
		full circle (360°)	than Beginners);			
			dog must turn in a			
			full circle (360°)			
Crawl				Dog to crawl 3		
				body lengths		

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Gaits on cue (walk, canter, trot)						Dog to show change of pace independent of handler (this should not be a series of recalls; look at horse lunging videos for inspiration)
Head down / chin rest / handlers' hand		Dog to place chin on ground / handler and hold for 2 sec				
Head tilt				Dog to tilt head to both sides and hold for 2 sec each		
In bed, turns so belly is up			Dog to turn belly up on cue; can use blanket or bed			
Look over your shoulder (dogs)			Dog to be sitting or lying and to look over each shoulder; handler can be in any position	As for Novice but handler to be 2 body lengths away		
Nod or shake head (yes/no)					Purposeful shake / nod in response to a question; 2 questions	
Play dead			Dog to lie flat on side or back			
Roll over			Dog to perform roll in 1 direction (can			

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			start in any			
			position)			
Shake (as in to shake off water)					Dog to shake on cue, dog not to be sprayed with water / wet	
Side pass (dog moves laterally)				Dog to move laterally for 4 steps in one position around handler. Handler may move with the dog	Dog to move laterally for 6 steps in each of two positions around handler. Handler may move with the dog	Dog to move laterally for 6 steps in each of three positions around handler. Handler may move with the dog
Sing / howl			Dog to sing/howl (not bark), duration must be convincing			
Sit pretty / beg			Dog to sit pretty for at least 3 sec	Dog to sit pretty for at least 5 sec		
Smile				Dog to smile for 2 sec		
Sneeze				Dog to sneeze on cue		
Speak (bark on cue)			Dog to bark at least 2 x with a clear reset between cues			

Obedience

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Dog push ups (on the			Dog to alternate			
flat)			down and sit x 2			
			each			

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Drop on recall					Dog to be recalled from a distance of ±10m and stopped halfway; dog to drop immediately	
Emergency stop					Dog to be ± 5 m from handler, can stop any position but must stop immediately	
Hand signals (a specified number of behaviours)				Perform 6 tricks, handler can be next to dog; dogs name may be given verbally for attention	Perform 6 tricks, handler dogs 2 body lengths away from dog; no verbal cues	
Heel (a specified number of sides of handler)			Dog to hold position for at least 6 steps; 2 sides of handler	Dog to hold position for at least 8 steps; 4 sides of handler		
Heeling with automatic sit			Handler to walk at least 10 steps, dog to sit immediately; dog may not be cued to sit			
Pivots			Dog to pivot on platform/stool in both directions; handler may move with dog (show each direction 2x)			
Side-Step Drill (square ladder)					Dog to step over at least 6 rungs with	

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					its front feet and	
					then its back feet	
Stacking (for			Dog to be moved 5			
showing)			paces and stopped			
			in show ring stack;			
			no physical			
			manipulation of			
			dog			
Work that core (sit					Dog to move from	
pretty into stand)					sit into stand on	
					back legs x 2	

Off-the-floor

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Backstall					Dog to jump onto handlers back, handler bending over at waist (can adjust for small dogs with handler's knees on ground); dismount must be safe	
Figure 8's - over jump			Perform Figure 8 over a jump; jumping actions shown; circle each upright twice			
Flyball (swimmers turn)			Demonstrate turn with all 4 feet on			

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
			box; dog does not			
			have to get a ball			
Jump (clear jump)		Height not	As for Beginners			
		specified but dog	but dog must go			
		must show jumping	ahead of handler or			
		action; handler can	be recalled towards			
		move with dog	handler; handler			
			standing still when			
			sending/calling			
Jump (directed				Handler remains	Handler remains	Handler remains
jumping - lateral)				still and sends dog	still and sends dog	still and sends dog
				ahead over one	ahead over one	ahead over two
				jump but handler	jump but handler	jumps but handler
				to be 2 m away	to be 4 m away	to be 4 m away
				from the dog	from the dog	from the dog
				laterally; dog must	laterally; dog must	laterally; dog must
				be set 2 m from the	be set 4 m from the	be set 4 m from the
				jump	jump	jump
Jump (directed				Handler remains	Handler remains	Handler remains
jumping - straight				still and sends dog	still facing the dog	still and sends the
on)				ahead over two	and recalls the dog	dog over one jump
				jumps; handler to	over one jump and	and redirects the
				stand at least 1.5m	redirects the dog	dog left over
				back from jump	left / right over	another jump and
					another jump;	then repeats the
					handler to stand at	exercise directing
					least 1.5m back	the dog to the
					from jump	right; handler must
						stand sufficient far
						back from jump to
						show dog is being
						sent ahead;
						handler to stand at

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						least 1.5m back
						from jump
Jump (hoop over					Handler can	
back)					kneel/lie flat with	
					hoop over back	
					depending on size	
					of dog	
Jump (over baton /			Handler position			
handheld)			may be adjusted to			
			size of dog; dog to			
			circle handler twice			
Jump (over handler's				Handler position	Handler position	
back)				may be adjusted to	may be adjusted to	
				size of dog	size of dog; dog to	
					either do once in	
					each direction or	
					circle handler and	
					do 2 nd jump	
Jump for joy (jump			Dog to jump up, all			
straight up)			4 feet to be off the			
			floor			
Jump into handler's				Handler to catch		
arms				dog. Handler must		
				be upright as far as		
				possible but for		
				smaller dogs the		
				handler may kneel.		
				The dog may use		
				the handler's leg,		
				or similar, to get		
				sufficient height		
Jump over my knee			Handler can kneel			
			or stand depending			

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
			on the size of the			
			dog			
Jump through		Hoop can be held				
hoop(s)		by handler or fixed				
		to an item e.g.				
		pole. The hoop can				
		be any height, but				
		the dog must show				
		a jumping action				
Jump through my				The handler may		
circled arms / legs				bend over for		
				'arms' but the dog		
				must show a		
				jumping action		
Jump through tissue					Hoop can be held	
hoop					by handler or fixed	
					to an item e.g.	
					pole. The hoop can	
					be any height, but	
					the dog must show	
					a jumping action;	
					tissue paper must	
					cover the entire	
					hoop so dog jumps	
					through solid 'wall'	
					of tissue	
Jump with retrieve					Dog to wait while	
					handler throws	
					article, dog to jump	
					over jump, retrieve	
					article, and return	
					over jump, dog	
					must hold article	

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
					until handler takes	
					it; jump height not	
					specified but dog	
					must show jumping	
					action	
Long jump			Jump to be 1.5 x			
			length of dog; dog			
			must be under			
			control (safety);			
			handler to send			
			dog over jump, not			
			run with dog, dog			
			doesn't have to			
			hold position on			
			the other side			
Rebound / flip					Dog to turn off	
					handler, all 4 feet	
					must touch	
					handler; one	
					direction is	
					sufficient	
Skipping / Jump rope					Dog to jump over a	
					rope being swung	
					by handler and/or	
					an assistant; height	
					not important as	
					long as all 4 feet	
					leave the ground,	
					dog to jump at	
					least 3 times	

Others

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Canicross			Dog has to be			
			attached to the			
			handler with			
			canicross			
			equipment.			
			Handler and dog			
			have jog or run at			
			least 200 m.			
			Handlers/dogs with			
			disability may walk			
			(No repetitions			
			needed)			
Carting - pull a cart			Dog needs to be in	Dog needs to be in		
in a harness			a proper fitting	a proper fitting		
			harness hitched to	harness hitched to		
			a suitable cart and	a suitable cart and		
			pull the cart	pull the cart		
			showing a straight	showing a straight		
			line, at least 5 dog	line of at least 5		
			and cart lengths	dog and cart		
				lengths and at least		
				1 curve and 1		
				corner; the corner		
				and curve must be		
				in opposite		
				directions		
Own trick (must be a				Chain must show at	Chain must show at	Chain must show at
chain)				least 2 different	least 3 different	least 4 different
				tricks	tricks	tricks
				(please check	(please check	(please check
				definition of Chain)	definition of Chain)	definition of Chain)

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
					(The emphasis is on	(The emphasis is on
					'own' trick and not	'own' trick and not
					one from the Chain	one from the Chain
					Category)	Category)
Scootering / mushing					Only dogs of a	
/ dryland sledding					suitable size are	
					allowed to do this	
					trick. Dog must be	
					in an appropriate	
					harness and pulling	
					a handler on a	
					"vehicle" <u>+</u> 200 m.	
					Handler may assist	
					with 1 leg, but dog	
					must be seen to do	
					most of the work	
					(No repetitions	
					needed)	

Paw Tricks

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Bang game (smack a		Equipment: very				
board)		low seesaw, a				
		board that "tips".				
		Dog must push the				
		board down with				
		the front paw(s) at				
		the elevated end.				
		The elevation				
		should reach at				
		least halfway up				
		the dog's front leg				

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Chorus line kicks (peekaboo alternating lifting paws)					The dog stands between the handler's legs. The dog lifts the front legs almost straight out in front, alternating legs. At least 3 lifts on each side must be	
Cover your eyes (paw over eyes)				The dog may be in any position and put 1 paw over her face/eyes. Covering the eye is desirable, but the trick is acceptable as long as the paw is clearly over the face. There should be enough duration to clearly see the trick	shown in sequence	
Cross paws – one, then the other (dog lying down)			Dog crosses 1 paw over the other; 1 side only	Dog crosses 1 front paw over the other, then changes sides. Dog should remain in a down for the duration of the exercise. The handler may "reset" the dog		

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
				between the 2		
				tricks, or the dog		
				may move from 1		
				trick directly into		
				the other without		
				being re-set		
Cross paws- one, then the other (while walking)					Dog crosses front paws while walking, at least 6 steps (3 times with each paw) is required. Handler may be in any position	Dog crosses front paws while walking, at least 6 steps (3 times with each paw) is required. Handler at least 5 dog lengths away from
						dog
Dig - pretend to dig			Dog may dig with only 1 paw or both paws. Need to dig a couple of times; clear reset needed between reps. Can be done on any surface but preferably on loose ground/sand			
High five	Dog sits and touches the handler's hand in a "high Five" fashion (vertical hand). 1 paw only	Dog sits and touches the handler's hand in a "high Five" fashion (vertical hand). Both paws must be shown 2 x alternating		Dog sits and lifts one front paw in a "high Five" fashion, while at least 5 dog body lengths away from handler. 1 paw only		

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
		E.g. left/right/left/right or vice versa				
Leg hike (lift rear leg)			Dog lifts a back leg while standing	Dog lifts a back leg while standing next to an object. Leg lift should be held a few moments. Trick looks like dog urinates against the object. Dog may not actually urinate	Dog lifts a back leg while standing next to an object. Leg lift should be held a few moments. Trick looks like dog urinates against the object. Dog may not actually urinate. Handler at least 5 dog body lengths away	
Light (turn on touch light with foot/nose)			Dog pushes a light switch or a touch-lamp with either the foot or nose hard enough to switch on a light; an Easy button is also acceptable			
Limping					Dog walks while holding 1 paw up. At least 5 steps must be shown. Any paw may be raised, but it needs to be the same throughout the trick. The paw should not touch	

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
					the ground. The trick should look	
					like the dog had an	
					injured leg and is	
					limping	
Open a door (using a				Dog opens a closed		
door handle)				door by working a		
				door handle either		
				with their paw,		
				mouth or		
				nose/chin. Dog		
				must work the		
				door enough to be		
				able to walk through, i.e. it may		
				need to use a paw		
				or nose to open the		
				gap to be able to		
				pass. The door may		
				open any direction		
Shake hands	The dog puts a paw	The dog puts a paw				
	into the handler's	into the handler's				
	presented hand -	presented hand -				
	hand is presented	hand is presented				
	horizontally. The	horizontally. The				
	handler does not	handler does not				
	have to "grab" the	have to "grab" the				
	paw but may do so	paw but may do so				
	if they wish. If the	if they wish. If the				
	handler chooses to	handler chooses to				
	grab the paw, the	grab the paw, the				
	dog must not look	dog must not look				
	uncomfortable and	uncomfortable and				

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
	try to pull away. 1	try to pull away.				
	paw only, the	Both paws must be				
	handler may use	shown 2x				
	any hand	alternating, the				
		handler may use				
		any hand				
Wave good-		Dog sits and raises	Dog sits and raises			
bye/hello		1 paw in a "high	1 paw in a "high			
		five" without	five". There should			
		touching the	be enough			
		handler's hand.	duration to clearly			
		There should be a	see the paw; hold 3			
		clear distance	sec. The handler			
		between the	should be at least 5			
		handler's hand and	dog lengths away			
		the dog's paw.	and also "wave" at			
		When seen from	the dog. When			
		the front the dog's	seen from the front			
		pads must be seen	the dog's pads			
		in this trick	must be seen in			
			this trick			

Props

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
2o2o (agility)				The dog moves		
				forward on an		
				elevated surface		
				and stops when the		
				front paws have		
				come off the		
				surface, but the		

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
				back legs are still		
				on the surface.		
				When in the		
				correct position,		
				the back legs		
				should clearly be		
				higher than the		
				front legs, e.g. a		
				platform or a		
				sidewalk curb).		
				When in the		
				correct position,		
				the back legs		
				should clearly be		
				higher than the		
				front legs. The stop		
				in position must be		
				convincing.		
2o2o (rear feet on			Dog must take up a			
raised target)			position with its			
			back feet on an			
			object and hold the			
			position for 3 sec;			
			the dog must move			
			forward into the			
			position and not			
			backup onto the			
			object			
A-frame (any style,			The dog moves			
no contact, safety			over an A-Frame.			
paramount)			This does not have			
			to be an agility A			
			frame, but it has to			

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			be suitably large for the dog to negotiate it and show both comfort with the height as well as energy in getting over it. Handler may be in any position			
Barrel racing (go round a cone or object)		Dog goes around an object, at least 180 degrees. Dog must turn in both directions				
Barrel roll - 2 paws			Dog has front paws on a cylinder of suitable size and rolls it while walking with the back feet on the ground. At least 5 dog body lengths. Handler may be in any position			
Barrel roll - 4 paws					Dog is with all 4 paws on a cylinder of suitable size and rolls it, either forward or backwards at least 2 dog body lengths. Handler may be in any position	

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Body board / paddle				Dog is on a suitably		
board (must be on				sized body/paddle		
water)				board in any		
				position. The board		
				needs to be		
				moving, either by		
				the surf/current or		
				by the handler		
				pulling it on a		
				string. The handler		
				may not stabilize		
				the board and may		
				not touch the		
				board. The dog		
				needs to balance		
				the board by		
				herself. The board		
				needs to move at		
				least 5 lengths		
Buried under toys,			Dog is in a large			
poke head out on			container filled			
cue			with toys. The dog			
			must be covered			
			with toys. On cue			
			the dog has to			
			"emerge" from the			
			toys by sitting up,			
			lifting the head,			
			standing up or			
			similar, without			
			leaving the			
			confines of the			
			container. The			

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			container must be			
			such that the trick			
			can be seen (i.e.			
			low sides, just to			
			contain the toys, or			
			a net, etc). It is not			
			important if toys			
			fall out of the			
			container during			
			the trick			
Carry stuffed animal			Dog has a stuffed			
on back			animal on its back			
			(like a rider on a			
			horse), the toy may			
			not be attached in			
			any way (show this			
			in the video). The			
			dog must then			
			move at least 5 dog			
			body lengths and			
			come to a halt. The			
			toy should not fall			
			off or be supported			
			by the handler. The			
			handler may be in			
			any position. The			
			toy may not be flat			
			e.g. soft frisbee			
Cavalettis		Dog has to	Dog has to			
		negotiate a series	negotiate a series			
		of at least 6	of at least 12			
		cavaletti dog's	cavaletti dog's			
		wrist height. The	wrist height. The			

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
		dog needs to trot	dog needs to trot			
		over them without	over them without			
		disturbing them.	disturbing them.			
		Handler in any	Handler in any			
		position	position			
Get in box / suitcase			Dog has to get into			
			an open container			
			placed 2m away			
			from the handler;			
			the container must			
			be smaller than the			
			dogs body length.			
			The dog may sit,			
			down or stand in			
			the container. The			
			dog should remain			
			at least 2 seconds			
			in the container			
Go to your place			As per "Go to your	As per "Go to your	As per "Go to your	
(into crate / under			place", but the	place", but the	place", but the	
table etc.)			"place" must have	"place" must have	"place" must have	
			solid/covered sides	solid/covered sides	solid/covered sides	
			and roof, such as a	and roof, such as a	and roof, such as a	
			fabric crate or a	fabric crate or a	fabric crate or a	
			wire crate/table	wire crate/table	wire crate/table	
			covered with a	covered with a	covered with a	
			tablecloth or	tablecloth or	tablecloth or	
			similar	similar	similar	
Go to your place (to			Dog has to go to	Dog has to go to	Dog has to go to	
bed/mat)			their bed/mat and	their bed/mat and	their bed/mat and	
			lie down. Handler	lie down. Handler	lie down. Handler	
			may cue the down	must remain	must be sitting in a	
			separately. The dog	stationary but may	chair and send the	

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
			should remain in	use body and/or	dog away to the	
			position for at least	verbal cues (i.e.	bed. The bed must	
			5 seconds;	may show the bed	be at least 5 dog	
			excessive	to the dog with the	body lengths away.	
			commands to go	arm and tell the	Handler may use	
			should not be	dog to go to bed).	body and/or verbal	
			necessary	The down may not	cues (i.e. may show	
				be cued separately	the bed to the dog	
				- i.e. the dog	with the arm and	
				should understand	tell the dog to go to	
				that going to the	bed). The down	
				bed means lying	may not be cued	
				down. The dog	separately - i.e. the	
				should remain in	dog should	
				position for at least	understand that	
				5 seconds;	going to the bed	
				excessive	means lying down.	
				commands to go	The dog should	
				should not be	remain in position	
				necessary	for at least 5	
					seconds; excessive	
					commands to go	
					should not be	
					necessary	
Handstand against a				The dog does a		
wall or slantboard				handstand against		
				a wall or slanted		
				board. The dog		
				must be seen		
				taking the up the		
				position, holding		
				the pose for a		
				count of 3 and		

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
				returning onto all 4s. The handler may be in any position but may not lure the dog into position, nor physically help the		
Honk a bike horn		The dog must attempt to honks a bike horn, either with their foot or their moth, but no sound is necessary at this level. Handler may be in any position but may not assist the dog. The horn should be mounted in such a way that the dog can safely interact with the object	The dog audibly honks a bike horn, either with their foot or their moth. Handler may be in any position but may not assist the dog. The horn should be mounted in such a way that the dog can safely interact with the object	dog		
Hoopers			Dog must show at least 2 x 180 degree turns around cones or similar object in opposite directions and go through at least 3 hoops (3 individual hoops			

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
			must be used). Handler may be in any position			
Hug toy / object / dog			The dog wraps a front paw around an object. The dog may sit or stand. The object may be fixed or may be held by the handler or may be the handler. Handler may be in any position	The dog sits and wraps both front paws around an object. The object may be fixed or may be held by the handler or may be the handler. The dog does not have to balance the object, merely wrap both paws around it. The dog must remain in position for at least 3 seconds	The dog sits in a "beg" position and holds an object with both front paws. The object should not touch the ground. Once in position, the handler gives the object to the dog but then may not assist the dog any further. The dog should hold the object for at least 3 seconds	
Make your bed				Dog must straighten a blanket on a "bed" which may be the handler's bed or the dog's bed or makeshift bed. Handler in any position		
Platform (get on it)		The dog gets on a platform (suitable for the dogs size) with all 4 feet and remains on the				

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
		platform. Handler may be in any position				
Platform (send to platform)			The handler sends the dog ahead onto a platform suitable for its size that is at least 3 dog body lengths away. The dog must remain on the platform with all 4 feet for 3 sec, but may be in any position and any direction	The handler sends the dog ahead onto a platform suitable for its size that is at least 5 dog body lengths away. The dog must remain on the platform in a specific position facing any direction. Handler to specify position at start; hold for 3 sec	As for Intermediate but the dog must be sent ahead 5 body lengths. The trick must be repeated 3 times without edit of the video to show a stand, a sit and a down; hold for 3 sec before releasing (Video to show entire sequence	The handler sends the dog ahead onto a platform suitable for its size that is at least 10 dog body lengths away. The dog must remain on the platform and perform 3 different tricks while remaining on the platform; sit/stand/down not acceptable at this
Platform (send to specific one)				Dog must be sent to 1 of 2 platforms. Dog must perform a trick on the platform and must then be recalled to the handler (no formal recall is required). Handler must be at least 3 m lengths from the platforms	once) There must be 3 platforms in a row which should be ± 3 m apart. The dog must be sent to the far left, recalled and then sent to the far-right platform and must perform a different trick on each platform. Handler must be at least 3 m lengths from the platforms	There must be 3 platforms in a row which should be ± 3 m apart. The dog must be sent to the middle platform immediately followed by either the right or the left platform and immediately sent back to the middle (re-direct). The dog needs to perform a different trick on

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
						each platform (3 tricks). Handler must be at least 3 m from the platforms; sit/stand/down not acceptable at this
Platform jump (2 or more platforms with/without hoop)				The dog jumps from one platform to another without touching the ground. There may be a hoop between the platforms. The platforms should be ± 1 body length apart. Handler in any position	The dog jumps from one platform to another without touching the ground. There may be a hoop between the platforms. The platforms should be ± 1 body length apart. Handler at least 3 m away	level
Play the piano			The dog uses the front paws to play a piano. The piano does not have to actually make a sound, although that would be preferable. The dog may sit or stand. The handler may be in any position. The dog should paw the piano repeatedly, but at			

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
			least 4 times. both paws should be used, but they do not have to alternate (i.e. it could be 3 with one paw and 1 with the other, simulating piano playing). Handler may be in any position			
Prop interaction - dog to do 3 interactions with a prop						Dog, on cue, interacts with the same prop in 3 different ways. Handler may be in any position. Handler may re-set the dog between behaviours
Push a shopping cart				Dog has front paws on a cart. The cart could be any type, but the dog's front paws must be well elevated. The dog must push the cart at least 2 cart lengths. Handler any position	Dog has front paws on a cart. The cart could be any type, but the dog's front paws must be well elevated. The dog must push the cart at least 5 cart lengths. Handler any position	
Square Ladder		Dog moving forward through at least 6 poles at	Dog moving forward through at least 6 poles and			

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
		hock height, <u>+</u> a	step back over 2 at			
		dog step width	hock height, <u>+</u> a			
		apart. The dog may	dog step width			
		not jump through	apart. The dog may			
		the ladder. The	not jump through			
		poles do not have	the ladder. The			
		to be part of a	poles do not have			
		ladder. Handler	to be part of a			
		may be anywhere	ladder, but a ladder			
			is preferred.			
			Handler may be			
			anywhere			
Ride in moving			Dog is on a smallish			
object			movable object			
			(not a motor car).			
			The object moves			
			either			
			independently or is			
			manoeuvred by the			
			handler. The			
			handler must not			
			touch the object			
			near the dog. If the			
			handler moves the			
			object, it should be			
			done by pulling it			
			on a string or			
			handle for			
			example. Handler			
			may be in any			
			position			

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Ring toss (stacking rings / cups / similar objects)					The dog stacks rings onto a support or cups into each other. There should be at least 5 rings/cups. Handler may be in any position	
Rolling hoop dive (I roll hoop, dog runs through middle)				The dog runs through a hoop that rolls along the ground. Handler may be in any position. The hoop may be rolling free or may be attached to a device that the handler controls. The hoop must be moving when the dog runs through it		
Scattered Sticks (natural cavaletti / branches)		Dog and handler negotiate an area with branches and sticks or pipes. There should be enough objects on the ground to make this a challenge. The sticks should not be lying in a row, but rather be				

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
		randomly laid out.				
		Handler may be in				
		any position				
Seesaw					The dog safely	
					negotiates a	
					seesaw. The dog	
					may only get off	
					the seesaw once it	
					has touched the	
					ground. The see-	
					saw does not have	
					to be an Agility	
					seesaw, and it does	
					not have to be as	
					high as an agility	
					seesaw, but it must	
					be at least dog's	
					shoulder height on	
					the raised end.	
					Handler may be in	
					any position	
Skateboard			Dog pushes a	Dog pushes a	The dog rides a	
			skateboard with	skateboard with 3	skateboard. The	
			the front feet on	feet on the board	dog gets on,	
			the board and the	and 1 foot on the	pushes with 2 or 1	
			back feet on the	ground. The dog	foot to gain speed	
			ground. The dog	needs to be seen	and then has all 4	
			needs to be seen	getting on the	feet on the board.	
			getting on the	board and pushing	The distance the	
			board and pushing	it at least 5 dog	dog rides with all 4	
			it at least 5 dog	body lengths.	feet on should be	
			body lengths.	Handler in any	about 5 dog body	
				position		

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
			Handler in any		lengths. Handler in	
			position		any position	
Smoosh (press face			Dog pushes nose			
on plexiglass)			against a glass or			
			plexi-glass surface.			
			Ideally the nose			
			and possibly part of			
			the mouth should			
			look squashed			
			when seen from			
			the other side.			
			Video needs to be			
			taken from the			
			other side to show			
			squashed nose.			
			Position should be			
			held for <u>+</u> 2			
			seconds. Handler			
			may be in any			
			position			
Spin a tight circle on				Dog makes a tight		
a small block /				circle in both		
pedestal				directions on a		
				small, raised		
				platform. The		
				platform on its		
				longest dimension		
				(diameter or		
				diagonal, etc) must		
				be shorter than the		
				dog's body length)		

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Tidy up toys				At least 3 toys must be put into an open	At least 3 toys must be put into a	Dog must put 3 toys that are at
				container	container, the dog	least 5 body
				(no repeat	must close the	lengths away into a
				necessary)	container with a lid	container that is
					at the end	closed at the start
					(no repeat	(no repeat
					necessary)	necessary)
Treadmill					Dog must walk, trot	
					or canter on a	
					treadmill. Dog may	
					not be attached to	
					the treadmill. The	
					dog must be seen	
					getting onto the	
					mill and	
					walking/trotting/ca	
					ntering at least 10	
Tunnal	The deciman	The degree	The dearest term		seconds	
Tunnel	The dog moves through a "tunnel".	The dog moves	The dog moves			
	Tunnel should be at	through a tunnel, at least 5 m long.	through 2 tunnels, at least 1 of which			
	least the dog's	Handler in any	has to be curved			
	body length.	position	enough that the			
	Handler may be in	ροσιτίστι	dog cannot see the			
	any position		exit when entering.			
	arry position		Handler in any			
			position.			
Volleyball				Handler throws a		
•				light ball towards		
				the dog (dog in any		
				position), the dog		
				throws the ball		

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
				back at the handler		
				with her nose		
Weave poles				Dog weaves	Full set (12) of	
				through at least 6	Agility standard	
				poles; the poles	weave poles,	
				can be in a slightly	executed	
				open position (i.e.	independently.	
				channel method)	Handler at least 1	
				but the dog must	m away from dog	
				show a weaving		
				action; some luring		
				allowed but no		
				physical		
				manipulation		

Scent Games

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Find it (area search)			The dog finds, picks	The dog finds, picks	The dog finds, picks	The dog finds, picks
			up and brings 2	up and brings 3	up and brings 5	up and brings 5
			similar/same	articles of at least 2	articles of at least 3	articles to the
			articles to the	different materials	different materials	handler - 1 lightly
			handler. No formal	(e.g.: leather,	(e.g.: leather,	covered, 2 at least
			retrieve is required,	wood, plastic) to	wood, plastic) to	at dog heads
			nor hold/present;	the handler. A	the handler. A	height. The articles
			the dog should not	formal retrieve is	formal retrieve is	should not be
			see the article	not required. The	not required. The	easily visible to
			being	articles should be <u>+</u>	articles should be <u>+</u>	either the dog or
			placed/thrown.	the size of a small	the size of a small	the handler.
			Although the	fist. The area	fist. The area	Articles to be of at
			article can be	should be at least	should be at least	least 3 different
			visible to the	20 x 20 dog body	20 x 20 dog body	types of materials

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
			human eye, it	lengths. The game	lengths. The game	and should be no
			should not be too	has to be played	has to be played	larger than a tennis
			large, defeating the	outdoors. The	outdoors. The	ball. The area
			object of the	articles should not	articles should not	should be <u>+</u> 20 x 20
			exercise. The	be clearly visible to	be clearly visible to	m but does not
			search area should	the human eye.	the human eye.	have to be square.
			be <u>+</u> 15 x 15 paces	The handler must	The handler must	The handler must
			if outdoors, or 5 x 5	remain outside the	remain outside the	remain outside the
			m if played	search area but	search area but	search area but
			indoors. Handler	does not have to	does not have to	does not have to
			must remain	be stationary; dog	be stationary; dog	be stationary; dog
			outside the search	must not see the	must not see the	must not see the
			area. If the game is	articles being put	articles being put	articles being put
			being played	out	out	out
			indoors, the	(Articles must be	(Articles must be	(Articles must be
			handler may	shown to the	shown to the	shown to the
			remain in the	camera)	camera)	camera)
			doorway to the	(No repeats	(No repeats	(No repeats
			room	necessary)	necessary)	necessary)
			(No repeats			
			necessary)			
Find it (person)		Handler must go	Handler hides so			
		out of sight and	that they are not			
		then hide from the	visible to the dog.			
		dog. The dog can	Dog may not watch			
		watch the handler	the handler walk			
		during the initial	away. Handler calls			
		leaving of the dog.	the dog once only.			
		The dog may be	Distance at least 30			
		restrained or left in	m when outdoors,			
		a wait/stay (in	indoors handler			
		which case it may	must go into			
		not break until	another room that			

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
		called by the	is not visible for the			
		handler). Distance	dog			
		at least 30 m when				
		outdoors, indoors				
		the handler must				
		go into another				
		room that is not				
		visible to the dog				
Memory game (3	The dog must be	The dog must be				
baskets)	under control. The	under control. The				
	handler puts a	handler puts a				
	treat into 1 of 3	treat into 1 of 3				
	containers. The dog	containers which				
	is then cued to find	are closed but may				
	the treat. Handler	have holes on top,				
	may be anywhere	such as cones or				
		baskets, etc. The				
		dog is then cued to				
		find the treat. The				
		dog must clearly				
		indicate the correct				
		article to get the				
		treat. Handler may				
		be anywhere				
Scent discrimination					The dog must find	As per Advanced
(Class A type)					an article belonging	but the articles
					to the handler	should be identical
					amongst 6 other	to each other
					articles and	
					retrieve the correct	
					article, a formal	
					present is not	
					required. The	

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
					handler's article	
					may be any object,	
					including a toy. The	
					other articles	
					should show a	
					variety of objects,	
					at least 1 of which	
					should be similar to	
					the search article.	
					The dog may not	
					see the articles	
					being put out.	
					Handler must	
					remain stationary,	
					at least 3 m from	
					the first article. The	
					articles may be	
					placed in any	
					pattern	
					(Don't cue the dog	
					over the articles	
					and beware of	
					confusing this with	
					Find	
					Your)	
Scent discrimination			The dog finds a	The dog performs 2		
(detection dog type)			specific scent in a	separate searches,		
			search area <u>+</u> 5 x 5	1 indoors and 1		
			m, indoors or	outdoors; dog must		
			outdoors. The	give clear		
			scent may but does	indication when it		
			not have to be in a	finds the article		
			small container.	and not retrieve it		

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
			When the dog has	(may be separate		
			located the scent,	videos)		
			she has to			
			"indicate" the			
			scent. The			
			indication needs to			
			be disclosed			
			beforehand. The			
			search itself does			
			not have to be			
			difficult. Handler			
			may be in any			
			position but may			
			not help the dog in			
			any way. There			
			may be several			
			search cues given,			
			but the handler			
			may not give a cue			
			for the dog to			
			indicate			
Shell game		The dog must be	The dog must be			
		under control. The	under control. The			
		handler puts a	handler puts a toy			
		treat into 1 of 3	into 1 of 3			
		containers which	containers which			
		are closed but may	are closed but may			
		have holes on top,	have holes on top,			
		such as cones or	such as cones or			
		baskets, etc. The	baskets, etc. The			
		handler then	handler then			
		moves the	moves the			
		containers around	containers around			

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
		in front of the dog.	in front of the dog.			
		The dog is then	The dog is then			
		cued to find the	cued to find the			
		treat. The dog	toy. The dog must			
		must indicate the	indicate the correct			
		correct article to	article to get the			
		get the treat .	toy. Handler may			
		Handler may be	be anywhere			
		anywhere				
Tracking (track a				The dog tracks his	The dog tracks his	
human scent trail)				owner. The length	owner. The length	
				should be at least	should be at least	
				100 normal walking	150 - 200 normal	
				steps with at least	walking steps with	
				1 change of	at least 2 changes	
				direction. The	of direction. The	
				change of direction	change of direction	
				does not have to	does not have to	
				be a right-angle	be a right-angle	
				corner, it may even	corner, it may even	
				be a curve. The	be a curve. The	
				change of direction	change of direction	
				must be marked	must be marked	
				with a visible	with a visible	
				marker for judging	marker for judging	
				purposes. There	purposes. There	
				must an article at	must an article at	
				the end which the	the end and an	
				dog needs to find.	article on the track,	
				(No repetitions	both of which the	
				needed.	dog needs to find	
				This should not be	(No repetitions	
				confused with Find	needed.	

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
				it (Person) or	This should not be	
				Mantrailing	confused with Find	
					it (Person) or	
					Mantrailing)	

Sequence / Chain

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Achoo! (fetch tissue						The dog fetches a
from box, throw in						tissue from a box
trash)						and gives it to the
						handler. The
						handler returns it
						to the dog who
						takes it to a trash
						can and puts the
						tissue in it. The cue
						must be "Achoo".
						Handler in any
						position but may
						not assist the dog
						other than taking
						the tissue and
						returning it to the
						dog
						(Note this trick is a
						Sequence not a
						Chain)
Backward leg weave					The dog reverses	
					through the	
					handler's legs. The	
					handler may walk	

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
					forward or	
					backward while the	
					dog is weaving.	
					There must be at	
					least 4 consecutive	
					weaves shown (2	
					to either side). The	
					handler may not	
					add steps between	
					the weaves	
					(Note this trick is a	
					Sequence not a	
					Chain)	
Balance cookie on					Dog must balance a	
nose and catch					treat on the nose	
					and on cue throw it	
					into the air with a	
					head movement	
					and catch it.	
					Handler may cue	
					the "leave/wait" as	
					well as the "catch".	
					Handler in any	
					position	
					(Note this trick is a	
					Sequence not a	
					Chain)	
Basketball				The dog takes a		
				ball into her mouth		
				and puts it through		
				a small hoop which		
				is <u>+</u> chest high for		
				the dog. The size of		

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
				the hoop must be		
				relative to the ball		
				size. The size of the		
				ball should be		
				suitable for the		
				dog. Handler in any		
				position, <u>+</u> 1 dog		
				body lengths away		
				from both the dog		
				and the hoop.		
				Handler may not		
				assist the dog		
Bring me a soda from the fridge (open, fetch, close) / item from a cupboard						The dog goes to the fridge, opens the door, which may have a tug attached to it, takes out a can or plastic bottle, closes the door and takes the drink to the handler. The dog may close the door before or after taking the object to the handler. The handler can be
Cover-up with blanket				Dog lies down and pulls a blanket over the body. Handler any position		nearby

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
CPR (breathing and					Handler lying on	
bouncing)					the floor on the	
					back. Dog bounces	
					a few times with	
					front feet onto the	
					handler's chest	
					followed by nose	
					touching the	
					handler's mouth	
					which needs to be	
					held convincingly,	
					followed by the	
					bounce and	
					another mouth to	
					mouth	
Distance trick on the					Dog performs 5	
flat (a specified					tricks at a distance	
number of					of at least 5 dog	
behaviours)					body lengths from	
					the handler. Sit,	
					stand, down and	
					stay do not count	
					as tricks. Minor	
					movement will be	
					allowed depending	
					on the tricks.	
					Handler must	
					remain stationary	
					(Note this trick is a	
					Sequence not a	
					Chain)	

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Distance tricks on				Dog does 5 tricks		
pedestal / target				on a pedestal or		
mark				platform, at least 5		
				body lengths from		
				the handler.		
				Handler must		
				remain stationary.		
				Cues can be verbal		
				or body. Sit, stand,		
				down are not		
				allowed		
				(Note this trick is a		
				Sequence not a		
				Chain)		
				(No repeats		
				necessary)		
Half reverse (180				Dog faces handler	Dog at a distance	
turn, reverse into				at close distance.	of at least 4 dog	
peekaboo)				Then does a tight	body lengths facing	
				half spin and	the handler. Dog	
				reverses between	does a half spin	
				the handler's legs	and moves m	
				into Peekaboo.	towards the	
				Handler to remain	handler and into	
				stationary	the peekaboo	
					position. The	
					handler may adjust	
					their legs slightly,	
					but the dog should	
					clearly find the	
					correct position	

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Jumpy's ball trick						Dog is a suitable
(come, go, backup,						distance from a ball
spins, touch, get it)						or other toy.
						Handler cues dog
https://youtu.be/Zr3						to get the toy, but
_mXJeP1g						then changes the
						cue. Dog must
						abort getting the
						ball and follow the
						new cue. There
						should be at least 6
						different cues in
						this game. The dog
						should give the
						impression to want
						the ball and not
						merely follow a
						sequence of cues
						(Note this trick is a
						Sequence not a
						Chain)
Laundry (clothes					Dog takes clothes	
from dryer into					out of a drier and	
basket)					puts them into a	
					laundry basket. At	
					least 3 pieces of	
					laundry have to be	
					used	
Litter in step can					Dog picks up an	
					object, takes it to a	
					trash can with a	
					step on lid. Dog	
					steps to open the	

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
					lid and drops the object in the can. Handler at a suitable distance away from the object, the dog and the can	
Painting - Paintbrush				Dog is given a paintbrush and paints on a canvass. Two (2) strokes should be shown. Handler in any position	Dog is given a paint brush, dips the brush in paint and paints; handler may assist by holding the paint container for the dog	Dog to pick up paint brush, dip the brush in paint, paint, and put the brush away.; handler may assist by holding the paint container for the dog
Painting - Paws				The dog places a paw into a suitable container with colour and uses the paw to swipe and/or target a piece of paper or canvas		
Pay for it (fetch and bring money - take somewhere)					Dog goes to an assistant who hands the dog a money note. The dog takes the note and either returns to the handler and gives it to the handler (does not	

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
					drop it) or takes it	
					to a container and	
					drops the money	
					into the container.	
					The assistant	
					should be at least 3	
					dog body lengths	
					from either the	
					handler or the	
					container. Handler	
					should remain	
					stationary,	
					irrespective of	
					which option has	
					been chosen	
					(Note this trick is a	
					Sequence not a	
					Chain)	
Phone (get the					Dog brings the	
phone/toy when it					phone when it	
rings)					rings to the handler	
					(may be any small	
					object that emits a	
					noise). Handler and	
					dog should start	
					the exercise <u>+</u> 5	
					dog body lengths	
					from the phone.	
					The phone can be	
					easily accessible to	
					the dog and clearly	
					visible. The ringing	
					of the phone is the	

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
					cue for the dog, thus no other cues are allowed. The handler can be in any position	
Retrieve mail (from mailbox)						The dog opens a "lever" on a suitable container which is at an appropriate height for the dog and takes out an envelope (paper) and brings it to the handler
Roll yourself in a blanket					The dog lies down on a blanket, holds the blanket on one side or corner and rolls over so the blanket is covering the dog. Handler may not assist	
Say your prayers				Dog places both front paws onto an elevated, stable object and puts her head between the paws. Handler in any position		
Through a hoop lying on the ground					The dog approaches a hoop lying flat on the	

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
					ground. She lifts the hoop with the nose and ducks under and through the hoop. The hoop will slide over the dog's back but need not go all the way	
Treiball				Dog must move a proportionately large ball a distance of 10 body lengths towards the handler; the dog must push the ball	Dog must move a proportionately large ball a distance of 10 body lengths across the ground and into a clearly defined goal (e.g. soccer post); the dog must push the ball; the handler must remain still	

Target Tricks

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Door – close (push with foot)			Dog closes a door with a foot.			
with foot)						
			Handler may be in			
			any position			
Door – open (pull			Dog opens a door			
with foot)			that is slightly ajar			
			using the front paw			

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Door – open/close			Dog opens a door	The dog opens a		
(pull with tug)			by pulling on a tug	door, goes through		
			that is attached to	the open door and		
			the door. The door	closes the door		
			can be any type of	with a tug, Handler		
			door (cupboard,	may be in any		
			crate, room, etc).	position		
			Handler may be in			
			any position			
Follow pointed finger					3 clearly defined	
					objects are	
					needed. The dog	
					starts close to the	
					handler and goes	
					to the object the	
					handler indicates	
					with their finger.	
					The handler must	
					remain on the spot.	
					The dog must	
					target the object	
					with their nose.	
					The handler calls	
					the dog back and	
					sends her from the	
					same position to	
					another object. The	
					distance of the	
					object to the	
					handler must be at	
					least 5 body	
					lengths and the	
					targets/objects	

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
					must be <u>+</u> 2 body	
					lengths apart	
Roll a carpet out			Dog rolls out a			
with nose			carpet or mat. It			
			should be a large			
			enough carpet to			
			require several			
			pushes with the			
			nose to unroll.			
			There may be no			
			food/toy/lure			
			inside the carpet			
			roll. Handler may			
			be in any position			
Soccer (push ball				Dog pushes a ball	Dog pushes a ball	
into goal)				of suitable size into	of suitable size into	
				a "goal". The dog	a "goal". The dog	
				may use the nose,	may use the nose,	
				chest or legs to	chest or legs to	
				push the ball. The	push the ball. The	
				ball should initially	ball should initially	
				be at least 3 dog	be at least 5 dog	
				body lengths from	body lengths from	
				the goal. The goal	the goal. The goal	
				may be just a rim	may be just a rim	
				of some type. It	of some type. It	
				should be in	should be in	
				proportion with the	proportion with the	
				ball. It does not	ball. It does not	
				have to have a net.	have to have a net.	
				Handler in any	Handler in any	
				position but may	position but must	
				not assist the dog	remain stationary	

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Target – go to		The handler sends	The handler sends	The handler sends	The handler sends	
		the dog to a clearly				
		defined target area	defined target area	defined target area	defined target area	
		which is at least 5	which is at least 10	which is at least 10	which is at least 10	
		dog body lengths	dog body lengths	dog body lengths	dog body lengths	
		from the start. The				
		handler is to	handler is to	handler is to	handler is to	
		remain stationary,	remain stationary,	remain stationary,	remain stationary,	
		although they may	although they may	although they may	although they may	
		use a step forward				
		as part of the initial				
		cue if desired. The				
		dog needs to	dog needs to	dog needs to	dog needs to	
		clearly reach the	clearly reach the	clearly reach the	clearly reach the	
		target area, but is	target area and	target area. The	target area. The	
		not required to	remain there for at	dog will then have	dog will then have	
		show any further	least 3 seconds.	to perform a trick	to perform a trick	
		behaviour	The handler may	of the handler's	of the handler's	
			choose the position	choice	choice. The dog will	
			the dog assumes		then be sent to a	
					second target area,	
					±10 dog body	
					lengths away and	
					perform another	
					trick, followed by a	
					third area and trick.	
					The handler may	
					use the first area as	
					the third target or	
					have a third marker	
					out. Cue's must be	
					kept to a minimum.	
					Each of the tricks	

Trick	Elementary	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
					must be different. Sit, stand and down	
					are not allowed	
Target (nose) –	The dog touches	Dog touches and	The dog must	Handler moves	Handler moves	
object /hand	either the handler's	follows either the	move forward to	forward with dog	forward with dog in	
	hand or an object	handler's hand or	touch a target that	touching a	front of the	
	in the handler's	an object, such as a	is 2 body lengths	hand/target stick;	handler (both	
	hand with her nose	target stick for at	away from the	dog must be on	facing the same	
		least 3 dog body	handler	both the left and	direction) touching	
		lengths. Handler		the right of the	a hand/target stick	
		may move or		handler; handler to	to move forward	
		remain stationary		move <u>+</u> 6 steps for	move <u>+</u> 6 steps	
_ , , , , , ,			_	both sides		
Target (paw) – object	The dog puts a paw	Dog touches a	Dog paw targets an			Dog to touch its
/ hand	onto a target.	target with the paw	object that is <u>+</u> 10			back paw with a
	Handler may be in	that is at least 2	cm in diameter (or			front paw or vice
	any position; target may be any size	dog body lengths away from the	less). The			versa
	and in any position	handler	object/target is at least 2 dog body			
	and in any position	Handlei	lengths away from			
			the handler and			
			the dog remains on			
			the target for at			
			least 5 seconds			