AKC TRICK DOG
TRICKS CHECKLIST: NOVICE

Instructions: Include this page with the AKC Trick Dog Title Application.

A TOTAL OF 10 TRICKS ARE REQUIRED TO EARN THE AKC NOVICE TRICK DOG TITLE.

If you have a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate or title on record at AKC, you may count the CGC as 5 of the required tricks for the NOVICE TRICK DOG TITLE.

CGC Skills
Foundation Behaviors for Trick Training

1. Accepts friendly stranger
2. Sits politely for petting
3. Appearance and Grooming
4. Out for a Walk
5. Walking through a crowd
6. Sit, Down, Stay in place
7. Coming when called
8. Reaction to another dog
9. Reaction to distractions
10. Supervised Separation

Check one box:

☐ CGC is on record (counts as 5 tricks). 5 additional tricks have been observed by evaluator and are checked below.

☐ No CGC, 10 tricks have been observed by Evaluator and are checked below.

___  Balance beam (walk on low board a few inches off floor)
___  Bark on cue (“Speak”)
___  Crawl (dog on belly, crawls at least 5 feet)
___  Fetch it and give (ball, toy, etc- bring to handler, release)
___  Find it (find treat hidden under cup)
___  Get your ___________. (Leash, brush, name of toy)
___  Get in (gets in box)
___  Get on (gets on low platform or step - 4 paws)
___  Hand signals (down, sit, or come) __________
___  High five
___  Hold (3 seconds)
___  Jump (thru a low hoop or over a low bar)
___  Kennel up (go in crate, stay in until released)
___  Kiss (point to cheek)
___  Paws up (2 front paws on low stool or step)
___  Push-ups (sit, down, sit, down, sit, down)
___  Shake hands
___  Spin in circle
___  Touch it (hand or target stick)
___  Tunnel (agility tunnel or child’s tunnel)
___  Other: Handler’s choice:___________________________
___  Other: Handler’s choice:___________________________

For the Novice title, handlers may use a food/toy lure if needed. May use food/clicker reinforcers.

Dog owner name___________________________________  Dog Name ____________________
Evaluator name____________________________________  Eval Number__________  Date_______
Evaluator signature______________________________________________
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A TOTAL OF 10 TRICKS ARE REQUIRED TO EARN THE INTERMEDIATE TRICK DOG TITLE. Must have the Novice Trick Dog Title; CGC is not required. Tricks are from the list below including no more than 2 Handler’s Choice tricks (optional).

☐ 10 Intermediate tricks have been observed by evaluator and are checked below.

___ Balance treat on nose or head (e.g., dog biscuit)
___ Carry (a basket)
___ Catch (soft toy, soft ball)
___ Crawl (dog on belly, crawls at least 5 feet—may use food or toy lure)
___ Fetch it (20 ft.)
___ Game (dog manipulates interactive canine game to get treat)
___ Go find (handler hides, dog goes and finds)
___ Go to your place (to bed/mat, crate from 10 ft.)
___ Hand signals (sit, down, come, stand, etc. 3 in a row)
___ Jump through handler’s circle arms
___ Leg weave (weave around handler’s legs)
___ Paws up (on handler’s arm)
___ Pull a toy on a string or rope
___ Push button on sound toy, toy piano, to turn on audiotape, etc.
___ Rollover
___ Shell game (find treat under 1 of 3 cups)
___ Sit pretty (sit up or sit w/ head tilted)
___ Wave good-bye
___ Weave poles (6 weave poles) (may use food or toy lure for this trick)
___ Wobble board
___ Other: Handler’s choice #1: __________________________
___ Other: Handler’s choice #2: __________________________

Ideas for Handlers Choice: balance ball, close/open door, ring doorbell, run and get ball from flyball box, automatic sit with heel, remove object from box/mailbox, teeter totter (agility equipment), heeling with an automatic sit.

For the Intermediate title, handlers may not use food or toy lures. May use food rewards/clickers.

Dog owner name________________________________________ Dog Name ________________________
Evaluator name____________________________ Eval Number __________ Date__________
Evaluator signature________________________________________
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TRICKS CHECKLIST: ADVANCED

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A TOTAL OF 5 TRICKS ARE REQUIRED TO EARN THE ADVANCED TRICK DOG TITLE.
Must have the Novice and Intermediate Trick Dog Titles; CGC is not required. Tricks are from the list below including no more than 2 Handler’s Choice tricks (optional).

☐ 5 Advanced tricks have been observed by evaluator and are checked below.

___ Back up (walk backwards)
___ Balance treat on nose, flip to eat when told “OK”
___ Barrel (roll with 2 paws, or stand on with 4)
___ Bow (as in “Take a bow”)
___ Circle right, circle left
___ Cover your eyes
___ Cover-up with blanket
___ Go hide (get under table)
___ Head down
___ Hide your head (under blanket, front arm over head)
___ Jump into handler’s arms
___ Jump over handler’s back
___ Light (turn on pressure sensitive battery operated light)
___ Open door of mailbox, toy refrigerator, get object
___ Play dead
___ Scent articles (choose from 5 - dog can ‘read’)
___ Sit or down at distance (15 ft.)
___ Tissue out of box (and bring to handler)
___ Toys (take to and drop in box)
___ Weave poles (6 weave poles) (no food or toy lures)
___ Other: Handler’s choice #1:_______________________
___ Other: Handler’s choice #2:_______________________

Ideas for Handlers Choice: pull a cart, push a toy baby buggy, limping, yawn, sing/talk, dance, say your prayers, identify toys by name out of 3 toys, shake (as in to shake off water), sneeze, smile, be ashamed, Bang! and fall over, take off handler’s slippers, make your bed, dance/moonwalk.

For Advanced title, handlers may not use food/toys as lures. May use food rewards/clickers.

Dog owner name______________________________ Dog Name ____________________
Evaluator name________________________Eval Number ____________ Date_________
Evaluator signature________________________________________