

DTA Advanced Helper list of behaviours

	Name	Description and assessment criteria
1	Pull along	Dog takes in its mouth a rope or a string to pull along an object. The object can be on wheels or not, and be of appropriate weight for the dog. The dog needs to pull the object for at least 5 steps
2	Put it inside	Dog picks up an object or toy and puts it inside an open box or container without a lid. The box should be positioned away from the handler. The toy must not be thrown to the dog but be already on the floor. Repeat with 3 objects. Handler can re-cue the dog and point towards the next object
3	Stack the rings	Dog pick up and puts a ring onto a ring pole which it either vertical on the ground or horizontal at easy dogs reach. Repeat three times. Handler can repeat the cue for each ring
4	Deliver a message	Take a paper with a message to a specific person known to the dog, who is in nearby, but not in the same room
5	Carry it	Dog carries the given object (which must not be dog's toy or food) for at least 20 steps, then gives it to hand when requested. The object must not be dropped and needs to be carried with care.
6	Push along	Dog puts two front paws on a moving object and pushes it along for at least 5 steps.
7	Wait and fetch	Dog watches handler throwing the object and stays with the handler until instructed to go and fetch. Dog needs to wait at least for 2 seconds after the object stopped moving before being sent to fetch. Dog delivers the object to hand and waits until the handler takes the object.
8	Wipe your paws	Dog on cue wipes paws by moving them several times on a cloth, towel or a mat as per handler instructions.
9	Roll me the ball	Handler sends the dog to a ball which is at least 2 meters away, dog using nose or paw pushes the ball to the handler. Dog must not pick up the ball with it's mouth
10	Pass the ball	Handler sits with the dog opposite each other, on cue dog pushes with the nose the ball to the handler, then handler rolls the ball back to the dog. Perform the sequence of the passing the ball 3 times
11	Brush me	Dog on command picks up hair or clothes brush and attempts to brush the handler using sideways or up and down movements. Perform at least 3 brushing movements
12	Emergency stop	Dog is called and is running or moving fast towards the handler and on handler's command the dog immediately stops (it can remain standing, sit or lie down). The action should be prompt.
13	Shake off	Dog shakes off on command, like it does when it is wet and trying to dry off. Demonstrate twice. The dog must be dry.
14	Tidy remote	Handler hands the dog the remote and the dog goes and places it in it's usual place.
15	Tidy slippers	Handler gives dog slippers and the dog takes them to their usual place

16	Get the keys	Dog finds the keys and brings them to the handler. Dog gives the keys to handler's hand. The keys must be out of sight and must not be simply pointed at by the handler
17	Take off my socks	Dog takes off handler's socks with care by pulling on them off. Demonstrate twice
18	Unzip my jacket	Dog unzips handler's jacket by taking the free hanging part of the zip into its mouth and gently pulling down. Demonstrate twice
19	Blanket me	Handler is in sitting or lying position, on command dog pulls one side of a blanket over the handler to cover. It's OK if the handler is not properly covered up in the end
20	Door bell	Dog goes to the handler and alerts him/her when the door bell rings
21	Interrupt behaviour	Dog interrupts a specific behaviour as soon as it observes it in the handler. This could be a compulsive behaviour, scratching, panic attack etc.
22	Stay with me	On command the dog walks next to the handler off the leash but not necessary in the heel position not giving into temptation to run to other dogs or respond to any other distractions such as toys or other person calling the dog. Demonstrate in a safe place
23	Turn the lights on and off	Dog presses the lights switch button either on the wall or on the floor level with its paws or nose to switch on and off the lights on command. The pulling type switch is also acceptable alternative. In either case the handler needs to ensure safety of the dog.
24	Roll back the mat	Dog rolls back the unrolled mat, rug or similar by pushing it with its nose and head or by gently and purposely using paws. The mat does not need to be rolled back neatly
25	Pack yourself	On cue dog slides into unzipped suitcase, bag or box and lowers it's head so dog is no longer visible (or practically invisible)
26	Bring the slippers	On cue dog brings the handler a matching pair of shoes or slippers from their usual location. The slippers must be out of dog's sight and must not be simply pointed at by the handler.
27	Unload the washing machine	On cue the dog takes items of clothing out of the opened washing machine and puts them into a laundry box or delivers to handler. Repeat with at least 3 items
28	Load the washing machine	On cue the dog takes items of clothing out of a laundry box or a floor and puts them into open washing machine. Repeat with at least 3 items
29	Stack the dishwasher	Dog helps to put items into an opened dishwasher. The items should be appropriate and safe for the dog to handle and the handler needs to be fully managing the safety. Demonstrate with 3 items
30	Water with a watering can	On cue the dog picks up the watering can, carries it to the place indicated by the handler and leans it slightly in the direction of the nozzle and pretend waters from it. The can does no need to contain any water and it needs to be of appropriate size for the dog.
31	Water with a hose	On cue dog picks up and carries the end of the watering hose to the indicated location and holds it while the water comes out of it. The hose can be on or off when the dog carries it
32	Retrieve from under the water	On cue the dog retrieves an object from under the water requiring the dog to fully submerge its head under the water

33	Hold food item and release	Dog is given a food item to hold by the handler and it will hold it in its mouth gently without attempting to eat it for at least 3 seconds, then it releases it back to handler.
34	Get a drink out of the fridge	On cue dog opens the fridge, pick up a can or bottle and brings it to the handler and closes the fridge door unless it closes automatically by itself. The handler can give the dog the second command for the dog to close the fridge.
35	Get the mail	On cue the dog goes to the mail box and brings the post to the handler and closes the mailbox unless it closes by itself. The handler can give the second command for the dog to close the mailbox.
36	Take off my jacket	On command the dog helps the handler to take off the jacket or cardigan by gently but purposely pulling on the sleeves
37	Kennel up	Dog opens the crate door, gets in and closes it. Can use paws, mouth and/or rope attached to the door
38	Facing away from handler commands advanced	Dog performs 6 different behaviours on cue while facing away from handler or with the handler being completely out of sight
39	Take my blanket off	Dog takes the blanket off the handler either by pulling off with its teeth or by using paws. The dog then delivers one end of the blanket into handler's hand
40	Waiter	Dog holds in its mouth and carefully brings a board or tray with some food on it and delivers it to handler, another person or makes at least 5 steps alongside the handler. Carefully deliver to hand on cue
41	Flower in vase	Dog pick up a flower and puts it into a vase or a similar vessel. If needed handler can support the vase for stability.
42	Post the mail	Dog picks up a card, an envelope or similar and post it into a box with vertical or horizontal slit. Slit needs to be big enough to allow unrestricted posting of the card through, but not excessively large
43	Lift the lid	Dog lifts a lid from a pot or another container by picking it upwards by holding the lid handle in its mouth. Put the lid dow onto the floor or deliver to handler. Repeat twice. The lid can be modified to make it easier for the dog to handle. No hot or dangerous objects must be involved in this trick
44	Cover the pot	Dog takes a lid from handler to floor with its mouth and puts it over and covers a pot (or similar container). Demonstrate twice. The lid can be modified to make it easier for the dog to handle. No hot or dangerous objects must be involved in this trick
45	Turn the page	On cue dog carefully turns a page in the book or magazine with its nose or paws. Handler can help by holding the book or magazine to prevent it from moving. The movement needs to be carefully performed and no pages should be damaged in the process. Demonstrate twice
46	Post it notes	On cue dog picks up one of the sticky "post it notes" carries to and attaches to a vertical or horizontal object pointed to by the handler. Repeat twice
47	DIY assistant	On cue dog puts two paws up against a wall or another vertical object. As dog puts its feet up handler places a movable object under one of the dog's paws (card, paper money, coin, item of clothing, or any other small object that would fall down if left unsupported). Dog keeps it up under one paw against the wall preventing it from falling down for at least 3 seconds or until released. Handler needs to step away from the dog.

48	Fireman assistant	Dog carefully pick up by the handle and carries for 5 steps a bucket partially filled with water. The bucket can be a little toy bucket or similar. Dog then places it carefully on the floor or ground without spilling out the water
49	Flash toilet	On cue dog presses the lever or button and flashes the toilet
50	Wrap around	Dog picks up one end of a rope or another long object tied up to a pole and runs or walks wrapping it around. Perform at least 3 turns or until the long object is all wrapped around.
51	Unwrap	Dog picks up one end of a rope or another long object wrapped around a pole and unwraps it by going around the pole. Pole can be replaced by a tree or any other similar object.
52	Wrap the present	Dog helps the handler to wrap a present or a box by holding the wrapping paper in place with paw or nose while handler cuts a piece of sticky tape and places it. Dog needs to help at least 3 times during the wrapping process.
53	Scarf	Dog picks up one end of scarf resting on handler's neck and goes around the handler carefully wrapping the scarf around. Handler can be sitting, standing, sitting on the floor or kneeling depending on the dog size. Handler can hold another end of the scarf to prevent it from slipping off.
54	Stir it	Dog picks up the end of a large spoon (metal, wooden or plastic) and moves it around a pot while keeping the other end in- like if stirring some cooking. The pot or saucepan can be either empty or contain something inside.
55	Bookmark	Dog picks up a bookmark (or another object that can be used for this purpose), places it in an open book and closes the book so the bookmark remain inside indicating the page where the book was open.
56	Crunch ups helper	Handler sits on the floor. Dog placed front paws on handler's legs and holds them there while the handler performs crunch up exercises by touching the floor with the back and then sitting up again. Dogs stays in the position for 3 crunch ups or longer until release
57	Pull open 3 doors	Dog pull open 3 different doors by pulling on attached rope or similar. Dog needs to perform trick independently without help from the handler. Include at least one swinging door (like a standard room door) and one slide out door (chest of draws or similar).
58	Shut 3 doors	Dog shuts by pushing (nose push, paws up or with a single paw) 3 different doors. One door needs to be a swinging door- like a standard room door and another sliding door- like in a chest of drawers. Third door- your choice. Dogs needs to perform this independently without hep from the handler.
59	Open a latch	Dog opens an easy mechanical lock or a latch (not the type of lock that uses a key). Some examples suitable for dogs: barrel bolt, sash lock, hook latch etc. The latch can be attached to a real door or on a practice board suitable and safe for dogs. Demonstrate two consecutive lock openings as one clip without edits
60	Open 3 doors	Dog opens 3 different doors by pushing on the door handle with paws. The doors can be the same type but they need to be in 3 different locations
61	Unroll 3 different mats	On cue dog unrolls 3 different types of mats- this could be yoga mat, table mat, rolled up blanket etc. The unrolling of all 3 mats need to be recorded as one unedited clip. No food to be placed at the end of the mat as a lure. Handler can direct the dog to the next mat and encourage, not physical contact with a mat or a dog is allowed. Dog can be rewarded after each mat
62	Hoovering	Dog places front paws on a working hoover (vacuum cleaner) and ether pushes it or keeps paws on it as handler moves the hoover around.

63	Recycle a bottle	Dog picks up and puts an empty plastic bottle into a fixed outdoor public recycling bin. Repeat twice
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