

DTA Advanced Performer list of behaviours

1	Nose touch changing speed	On cue the dog touches an object with it's nose that then starts moving. The dog maintains the nose contact with the moving object. The object must change the speed requiring the dog change from walk to trot or from trot to canter in order to continue maintaining the contact. The object can be a target stick or similar held in handler's hand.
2	Bow with balance	Dog takes a bow and maintains the position for 3 seconds. After that the handler puts an easy to balance light object on the raised part of dog's back and leaves it there. The dog needs to maintain the bow position then with the balanced object for at least another 3 seconds or until release cue
3	Say prayers	With 2 front feet up on a raised firm support dog lowers it's head between it's raised front feet and keeps this position for at least 2 seconds
4	Around clockwise	Handler sends dog around a stationary object from at least 3 meters away and dog performs a full circle around the object. Demonstrate twice
5	Around anticlockwise	Handler sends dog around a stationary object from at least 3 meters away and dog performs a full circle around the object moving in anticlockwise direction. Demonstrate twice
6	Figure of 8 weave	Dog performs a figure of 8 weave around a stationary handler's legs or around handler and a stationary object. Demonstrate a sequence of four sequential weaves
7	Pivot turn	Dog in a heel position performs a pivot by doing a full circle turn together with the handler (handler is on the outside). Demonstrate with dog on the right and on the left of the handler
8	Shy sitting	Dog is in a sitting position. It raises one paw and covers its eyes or a part of muzzle with the one of the paws. Maintain this position for 2 seconds.
9	Cross paws while walking	Dog walks crossing it's front paws for 6 strides or copies the handler as he/she crosses the legs while walking
10	Tic tack	Dog jumps onto a vertical or slightly angled stable surface and then perform a tight turn landing straight back down. Each foot must touch the object, ideally only once and the time of the paw contact should be minimal. Needs to be performed from both sides
11	Penguine	Dog positions itself between handler's feet, puts it's front paws one on each handler's feet and walks with handler that way forward and backwards for at least 5 steps in each way
12	Tango	Dog is facing the handler and on cue places it's front paws one on each of handler's feet. Together they move forward and backwards for at least 5 steps without dog removing it's paws off handler's feet
13	Circle backwards	Dog circles a handler or a stationary object by going backwards and performs a full circle remaining as close to the object as possible. Demonstrate in both directions
14	Elephant trick	Dog puts both front paws on a raised stationary object and performs a full circle around it in both directions, keeping the front paws on the object and moving around on back legs

15 Dog circles handler from between the legs			
17 Walk with a limp front paw 18 Airplane Handler lows itself to the safe for the dog level and on cue the dog performs a jump over each of the handler's stretched out arms going around. Handler can hold two objects at appropriate level instead of arms for smaller dogs or those who cant's jump that high. Needs to perform 3 circles around the handler with 6 jumps (3 over each arm) 19 Jump through arms Handler makes a hoop with his/her arms and dog jumps through the arm hoop twice in each direction. The arm hoop needs to be at appropriate for dog level. Handler must not open up arms during the jump 20 Scoot backwards Dog in a bow position scoots backwards for 10 steps. This is sometimes also called moonwalk 11 Jump through leg hoop Handler makes a leg hoop by bending one leg in the knee and touching with the foot another leg. Dog on cue jumps through the leg hoop made by the handler in both directions. If necessary the handler can use a stationary solid object for support. Repeat twice with each leg. 4 jumps altogether 22 Shake it On cue the dog licks it lips. The action should be performed on cue. There must not be any food on dog's muzzle to encourage the action 24 Roll the barrel Dog places front paws on a barrel or another rollable object and rolls it forward for 5 steps Dog crosses paws on command or by copying the handler while lying down. Demonstrate 6 consecutive actions (3 with each paw) Dog circles around the handler in one direction while handler is circling on the spot in the opposite direction. Demonstrate in both directions. Dog dips a brush into pain and while holding the brush in the mouth moves it across the paper in front of it. Repeat several times Dog days a brush into pain and while holding the brush in the handler and demonstrate the automatic sit when the handler stops. Dog stands in front of the handler. On cue it pivots left and places itself in heel position (to the right of the handler). Dog does not go around the back of the handler Dog at a right heel position mainta	15	from between the	1 -
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32	Right heel step-in	Dog at a right heel position maintaining close contact with handler's leg. Handler steps to the right for at least 5 steps moving towards the dog. The dog must move together with the handler maintaining the close contact with handler's leg without handler pushing the dog
33	Left heel step-in	Dog at a the left heel position maintaining close contact with handler's leg. Handler steps to the left for at least 5 steps moving towards the dog. The dog must move together with the handler maintaining the close contact with handler's leg without handler pushing the dog
34	Left heel side step	Dog at a left heel position maintaining close contact with handler's leg. Handler steps to the right for at least 5 steps moving away from the dog. The dog must move together with the handler maintaining the close contact with handler's leg
35	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)
36	Possum	On cue from sitting or standing position dog goes onto its back and lies there with the feet up (feet do not need to be outstretched) for at least 3 seconds
37	Spanish steps	Dog independently of the handler on cue walks forward raising feet high in a marching fashion. Perform for 10 dog steps counting dog's front feet.
38	Pee like a boy to the right	On cue dog lifts its back right foot up and pretend pee like a boy dog. Repeat twice
39	Pee like a boy to the left	On cue dog lifts its back left foot up and pretend pee like a boy dog. Repeat twice
40	Play piano	On cue the dog puts the front paws onto a piano or keyboard and lifts them up and down pressing the keys several times
41	Play guitar	On cue the dog puts its paw and strokes guitar or similar sting musical instrument strings creating a sound. Repeat 3 times
42	Back stall	On cue dog jumps onto the handler's back and stays there for at least 3 seconds until released. Repeat 3 times. The handler needs to bend and present a flat back for the dog to jump on. Handler can be standing, sitting or kneeling. The handler needs to be responsible and aware of own and dog's safety and choose the appropriate height and surface
43	Spanish horse bow	Dog takes a bow position by lowering the front feet to the ground while back legs remain upright. Unlike the usual bow the dog also puts its head between the front legs and bends it in the next (so it is upside down)- just like the horses do when they perform a bow. Hold the position for 3 seconds
44	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
45	Middle	On cue dog takes a central position between the handler's legs facing in the opposite direction from the handler. Handler to demonstrate that the dog will maintain this position when the handler moves forwards, backwards and and performs turns
46	Switch	On cue dog performs a tidy switch from the centre position when it is between handlers legs facing forwards to the middle position when it is between handler's legs facing backwards. Demonstrate switch from "centre" to "middle" and from "middle" to "centre"

47	Reverse to a mark	On cue dog goes backwards away from the handler until it reaches or gets onto a mark (it can be raised off the ground or level with the ground). The mark must not be larger than dog's shoulder width
48	Across front dog moving forward	Dog stands centrally across the front of the handler maintaining contact with the front part of handler's led with it's side. Handler steps sideways in the direction faced by the dog for at least 5 steps. The dog must maintain the contact with the front of handler's leg as they move together.
49	Across back dog moving forward	Dog stands centrally across behind the handler maintaining contact with the back part of handler's led with it's side. Handler steps sideways in the direction faced by the dog for at least 5 steps. The dog must maintain the contact with the back of handler's leg as they move together.
50	Ride skateboard	Dog goes by itself and pushes independently and rides skateboard for at least 5m outside
51	Flop	On cue the dog raises its both front paws and then without going into sit goes straight into "down" position in one movement like if it wants to catch something on the floor.
52	Sticky nose	On cue dog puts nose in a cup or similar and then makes a full 360 degree turn around the cup while keeping its nose inside.
53	Acrobatic balance	Dog balanced a cup (or other container) with water or a tower of at least 3 blocks on it's head while stationary for at least 3 seconds
54	Blow bubbles	On cue dog puts its nuzzle in water and blows bubbles
55	Creep forward	Dog crawls in front of the handler or facing away from the handler to a specific mark or an object at least 3 m away or for 3 m
56	Large circle	On cue dog independently performs full 360 degree circle around the handler with at least 3 meters outwards from the handler.
57	Drunken sailor	Dog picks up a glass or a plastic bottle and tilts the head up like if drinking from it
58	Belly creep	On cue dog lies flat on its' tummy with back legs spread out sideways and moves forward using front legs only with the back legs dragging behind outstretched sideways or flat on the floor. The head can be raised or flat on the floor.
59	Irish dance	On cue dog hop shuffles from one front paw to another, lifting them up - reminding Irish dancing. The back paws can remain either static or move in rhythm with the front paws. Demonstrate 4 dance moves as one sequence
60	Meerkat on moving object	Dog performs meerkat (sit pretty) on a flat moving object. This could be trolley, skateboard or similar. The object can move on its own or with the help of handler. The moving object has to be smaller than a car
61	Pat a cake	Dog plays pat a cake with the handler. Handler claps and dog gives the handler alternating front paws. Demonstrate for 4 claps
62	Dobbie	Dog goes into meerkat (sit pretty) position, lifts both front paws and covers with them it's muzzle. Maintain the position for at least 3 seconds
63	Through moving hoop	Handler rolls a hoop and dog runs through the moving hoop. Repeat twice
64	Flat hoop	On cue dog lifts up a hoop lying flat on the floor or ground and walks through it. Repeat twice

65	Kangaroo	Dog takes meerkat (sit pretty) position and keeps it while holding an object between its front paws. The object can be picked up by the dog as it goes up or given by the handler when dog is already in the position Meerkat with hold in paws for at least 3 seconds
66	Salad spinner	Dog holds its nose or head in close proximity to a vertical prop or a pole and makes a full 360 degree circle around it stepping sideways with its hind quarters- reminding the motion of a clock hand.
67	Salad spinner back	Dog holds its hind quarters in close proximity to a vertical prop or a pole on a flat surface and makes a full 360 degree circle around it stepping with its front paws on the ground- reminding the motion of a clock hand.
68	Elephant hoop	Dog puts it's front paws inside a hoop which is held by the handler parallel to the ground at above the ground level and does 360 degrees circle around the hoop while keeping the front paws inside the hoop (like an elephant trick but with the hoop. Demonstrate in both directions
69	Bottoms up	From the "down" position on cue dog raises its hind end off the ground and gets into "bow" position, hold the position for 3 seconds and on cue go back into "down". Repeat 3 times
70	Skip through hoop	Handler rotates a hoop while dog skips over it. Dog can start the skip from any position and remain in any position between the skips
71	Hoop dive	Handler holds hoop horizontally to the floor. Dog position is outside of the hoop to one side. On cue dog jumps over into the middle of the hoop then goes under the further side of the hoop and jumps in from the other side and goes under the side. You can imagine it as figure of 8 hoop jumps-over/in/under/over/in/under
72	Balance on nose in 3 positions	Dog balances an object on its nose for minimum 2 seconds (until release cue is given) in 3 different static potions- sitting, standing, down, in sit pretty, with 2 paws up onto a raised object. The object does not need to remain on dog's nose when changing the position
73	Balance on nose while moving	Dog balances an object on it's nose while moving for at least 5 steps
74	Toy toaster	Dog demonstrates that it is able to operate a toy toaster by independently putting both "slices of bread" in the slots and then pressing the leaver to lower them down. The toaster toy must be safe for dog
75	Sustained nose touch facing away	Dog goes at least 3 steps forward facing away from the handler and touch a target on a object with its nose. The dog must remain facing away and maintain nose touch target for at least 3 seconds or until release cue is given
76	Behind me	Dog goes behind the handler and stands facing handler's back. As handler moves forwards, backwards and sideways the dog stays behind the handler facing its back and moving together
77	Push the plunger	On cue dog pushes the syringe or air pump (used to inflate balloons or similar) plunge with its nose. Repeat twice
78	Maracas	Dog holds maracas in its mouth and shakes several times producing the sound
79	Arm weaves	Dog performs 6 sequential arm weaves between handler's arms