

DTA Expert Helper list of behaviours

	Name	Description and assessment criteria
1	Stack the cups	Dog pick up stacking cups one by one and places each neatly inside the others or on the top of the others, stacking them all up, at least 5 cups. The cups can be all of the same size or set up for the dog in the right stacking sequence
2	Sort things out	Dog picks objects from the floor and sorts them into relevant 2 boxes according to handler's verbal instructions, at least 6 different objects. This could be plastic vs metal for recycling, dog toys vs clothes, balls vs everything else etc
3	Bring me	On a verbal cue dog brings the requested object out of the choice of at least five objects, repeat 3 times with different objects. All objects are stationary at the point of command and are not thrown for the dog to fetch. The handler must not point towards the right object to help the dog.
4	Tidy up	On cue dog opens up dog's toy box or any other box, picks up at least 3 toys or objects one by one, puts them into the box and closes the lid. The lid can be of any design. The toys need to be between the handler and the box with the box being further away from the handler. The handler must not point or assist the dog in tidying the toys.
5	Go and call	On request dog goes to the named family member or a familiar person and nudges or barks at them or using another safe and clear communication method until they follow the dog to you. The handler needs to tell before the start of the exercise what is the dog's way of letting the other person know that they are being called. Dog needs to perform the whole sequence on its own after the first cue.
6	Find the object with handler scent	Handler briefly holds an object that is then placed at an equal distance of one foot apart among 5 other objects. Dog must not see which object the handler touched. Dog needs to find and clearly indicate the object with handler's scent on it.
7	Achoo	When handler sneezes dog takes a tissue out of a tissue box, brings it to the handler and then without additional prompt takes it and disposes to a bin
8	Hand signals expert	Dog performs 10 different behaviours/skills on hand signal from the handler. The behaviours can be from any category
9	Fill the piggy bank	Dog picks us a coin and puts if through the coin slot in the piggy bank. Repeat 3 times
10	Help me to tidy	Handler puts in front of the dog 2 or more different household items and dog pick them up, carries them one by one and leaves in the places where they meant to be
11	Bring phone when it rings	Dog finds and brings handler the phone when it rings or vibrates. The phone needs to be out of dog's sight
12	Help to fill the washing machine	Dog opens wide unlocked and slightly opened washing machine door and puts inside the clothes from the washing basket nearby. Dog pushes the washing machine door, but not necessary need to completely close it

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13	Coins into purse	On cue dog pick up metal coins from the floor and puts them into a purse. Demonstrate with at least 3 coins. On picking up the coins the dog zips up or closes the purse. Handler can assist the dog with the closing action by holding or supporting the purse.
14	Distance work expert	Dog performs 10 tricks at a distance of approximately 5m away from the handler. Voice or hand commands or both are allowed. Any tricks are permitted
15	Find the hidden object	Handler shows the dog an object and then hides it. The dog must be in another room or area where it can't see or hear where the handler hides the object. On command the dog enters the room or area and performs a focused search for the object. The handler must not help the dog with the voice commands of body directions. When the dog finds the object it needs to indicate it's location to the handler or fetch it to handler's hand.
16	Push the swing	Handler sits on a swing and dog carefully pushes the handler's back using its front paws so the swing with the handler gently swings. Dog needs to take the paws off and then put them up again for the action. So it will look two paws up, then 2 paws off back on the the ground, then repeat. Repeat 3 times.
17	Play the drum	Dog holds in it's mouth carefully a drumming stick and in rhythm indicated by the handler taps the drumming stick on the drum. Alternatively the dog can use it's paw on the drum pedal. It has to be in rhythm set by the handler.
18	Deliver an object	Dog pick up the object pointed at by the handler and delivers it to hand to another familiar person. The assistant needs to be nearby in the same house or in an area safe for dog to cross by itself. Repeat it with three objects in unedited video sequence.
19	Deliver a food item	Dog is given or pick ups a food item such as sausage, a large treat etc and delivers it to handler who is at least 2m away uneaten and gives to hand on command
20	Do as I do	Dog copies handler actions without the handler giving a specific cue for those actions. Demonstrate with 3 different tricks. Handler can use the command to indicate that the dog needs to repeat the action, but it has to be the same for all of the tricks.
21	CPR	Dog pretend performs CPR with chest compressions and pretend rescue breaths. Demonstrate 2 cycles of chest compressions and rescue breaths. Care needs to be taken with large dogs as it can be dangerous for the handler.
22	Mark it	While walking with the dog the handler drops and object and tells the dog to note it's location. Both the handler and the dog continue walking for at least another 10 steps or more until the dog ignore the left object. Then the handler stops and instructs the dog to bring the marked object without pointing to it. Dog delivers the object to handler's hand
23	Play piano in rhythm	On cue the dog puts the front paws onto a piano or keyboard and lifts them up and down pressing the keys several times in rhythm indicated by the handler.
24	Peg onto a line	Dog is given (or it picks up) a clothes peg, presses it open and attached onto a line. Demonstrate with 3 pegs
25	Piggy bank	On cue do picks up a coin or a similar thin small object and puts it into a slot of a piggy bank or equivalent. Repeat with 3 coins.
26	Unscrew bottle	On cue dog fully unscrews open a bottle or other container with screw on cup using its' mouth and gives the bottle top to the handler. The container can be supported by the handler for stability.

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27	Spoon in	On cue dog pick ups a spoon in its mouth and transfers with the spoon small objects, cereal, salt, sugar or similar from one container to another. Repeat twice
28	Plant seed	On cue dog digs a whole in the ground, picks up a seed (large one like bean) or a bulb, plants it in the hole in the ground and covers up with soil. Handler needs to carefully supervise the process to make sure that dog does not eat the seeds or the bulbs and remains safe throughout the trick
29	Open 3 different latches	On cue dog opens using nose, mouth and paws three different latches that are safe and suitable for dogs. Some examples: barrel bolt, sash lock, hook latch etc. The latch can be attached to a real door, on a practice latches board or on a toy
30	Swipe up the phone feed	Dog performs sustained nose touch of the phone screen (which can be either on a tripod or held by the handler). While maintaining the nose contact with the screen the dog moves the nose from the bottom part to the top part of the phone screen as if swiping up the phone feed. Alternatively the dog can nose touch to swipe the pages on electronic reader.
31	Press a button on a phone or iPad (or similar screen)	On cue dog presses nose to the image of a button on phone or iPad (or similar device) touch screen - activating the button action. Repeat twice.
32	Hang up clothes	Dog pick up socks or another clothes item from the basket or the floor and hangs them on a washing line. The handler may put the socks for the dog into the basket individually to ensure that the dog pick up one object at a time. Dog needs to hang up least 3 items.
33	Take clothes off the washing line	Small items of clothing are attached for the dog on a washing line supported with pegs. Dog pups off the line one item of clothing at a time and places it into the washing basket. Repeat 3 times
34	Take off the pegs	On cue dog takes off one by one pegs holding the clothes on a washing line and puts them into a box. The washing line needs to be on the right height for the dog. Demonstrate with 3 pegs