

Canine Freestyle Tricks Check List

Behavior	Description	Y/N
Heel/Side	This is the position at your left or right side. This can be stationary or moving and the dog could be sitting, standing, downing, sitting pretty, crawling, skipping, and so much more. How many variations does your dog know? Be creative!	
Heel/Side Side Step (Side Pass)	The dog is in the heel or side handler moves to one direction and the dog moves with the handler to maintain the position.	
Heel/Side Backward Pivot	With the dog at the heel or side position, the handler backs up and the dog backs up and remains in the heel or side position.	
Heel/Side with a spin left	The dog spins outward at either the heel or side position. I have seen some teams do inward spins, but they are harder & may or may not look good depending on the dog and handler. Can't hurt to try them. :)	
Front	The dog is positioned right in front of the handler, facing the handler.	
Come - Recall	Dog runs toward the handler and stops in the front position.	
Back-up Front	Dog is in front of the handler and can either back up as the handler moves toward the dog or back up as the handler backs up to create more distance between handler and the dog.	
Front side step (side pass) to the right/left	The dog is in the front position and as the handler moves lateral to the right or left or even in a circle, the dog also moves lateral with the handler.	
Spin/Twirl Front	The dog turns to his right or left in a complete circle. This trick can be performed with the dog in front, at the heel or side position, behind the handler, and at a distance. This trick can be done stationary or moving.	
Over	Dog jumps over the handlers arm, leg, back, cane, etc... Kneeling, Standing, or Crawling.	
Under	Dog goes under the handler when on hands/knees or hands/feet.	
Arms	Dog jumps into the handlers arms.	
Boing	Dog leaps into the air with all 4 paws off the ground.	

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Up	Dog stands up on his hind legs (can be stationary or moving, Supported or Unsupported).	
Pretty	Dog sits on his hind legs and lifts his upper body off the ground.	
High 5	Dog touches the handlers hand with his paw or foot	
High 10	Dog touches both the handlers hand with his paw & foot	
Paws up	Dog places his paws up onto something, your knee, your back, or a prop.	
Paw & Foot	The dog lifts his right or left paw in the air when you cue it. It is a good idea to have different cues for each paw. i.e. Paw & Foot.	
Chorus line kicks	The dog is next to the handler at the heel or side position and as the handler lifts their right foot, the dog will also lift his right paw and when the handler lifts their left foot, the dog will lift his left paw.	
Front Paw Limp	The dog holds up one paw as he hops forward or backward as if he is injured.	
Hind Paw Limp	The dog holds up one of his hind paws as he hops forward or backward as if he is injured.	
Leg weave	As the handler walks the dog weaves the legs back and fourth. There are many variations of this trick. 101 Ways to Leg Weave Video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGn5aK_BPhI	
Around	The dog goes around the person or an object to the right side and circles the object or person completely. This is just my cue for it, you can use a different one if you want. The handler can remain stationary or turn in the same or opposite direction that the dog is moving.	
Behind	The dog goes behind the person or an object to the left side and circles the object or person completely. This is just my cue for it, you can use a different one if you want. The handler can remain stationary or turn in the same or opposite direction that the dog is moving.	
Backward Circles	The dog is at the heel or side position and moves backward around the handlers legs. This can be done going to the right & the left. My cues are spin and reverse for this. You can choose any cue you want, but make different ones for each direction.	

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Circle one Leg	The dog circles one of the handlers legs going in either direction, but continuous.	
Wide Circles	The dog circles the handler in wide large circles going either to the right or the left.	
Middle	Dog moves with the handler in between the handlers legs. Moving forward, backward, or in a circle.	
Scoot	The dog is in a down position and then he lifts his hind end off the ground and moves backward on the ground with his paws stretched out in front of him.	
Roll Over	From a down position the dog rolls onto his back and then completely over. This can be done with the dog in front, behind the handler, next to the handler as the handler jumps over the dog and at a distance as the handler turns or does a roll over too. Just a few ideas!	
Play Dead	From a down position the dog rolls onto his back and either remains on his side or he lifts all 4 paws up in the air and remains on his back as if he were dead.	
Crawl	The dog is in a down position and moves forward as if he is going under something and his stomach remains on the ground. This could be done at the heel or side position, middle, in front of the handler moving forward, crawling leg weave, or crawling around/behind the handler. Try them all...	
Bow	The dog lowers the front end while keeping the back end up. Try this from a down to a bow, stand to a bow, and a sit to a bow.	
MoonWalk	The dog backs up dragging his paws across the ground as if he is digging at the ground as he moves backward.	
Hold an Object	The dog holds an object in his mouth and can perform a variety of tricks like this. Hold a sword and sit pretty is just one example of how this could be used in a routine.	
Carry an Object	The dog holds an object in his mouth and moves with it around the ring. Example: The dog could hold a sword and chase the handler with it.	
Retrieve an Object	The dog fetches an object and brings it back to the handler in the routine. Example: The sword drops on the ground and the dog brings it back to the handler.	

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Pick Pocket	The dog takes an object out of the handlers pocket.	
Cover Nose	The dog uses one or both paws to cover his nose or his eyes. You can teach your dog to do both tricks.	
Shake Off	The dog shakes his entire body as if he just had a bath.	
Tricks facing away from the handler.	To make your routine more interesting try to have your dog do tricks that are facing away from you. Examples: Bow, walk forward in front of you, sit pretty, up on hind legs, side step, crawl, and the list goes on.	
Tricks behind the handler	To make your routine more interesting try to have your dog do tricks that are behind you. Examples: Bow, walk forward in front of you, sit pretty, up on hind legs, side step, crawl, and the list goes on.	
Cross Paws	The dog crosses one paw over the other. The handler could cross one of their own legs and the dog crosses his paw over his other paw at the same time.	
Cop Cop	The dog goes in between the handlers legs and places his paws on the handlers feet. The handler can walk forward, backward, or in a circle with the dogs paws on her feet.	
Rebound	Dog jumps up and off the handlers chest, back or thigh.	
Back Stall	Dog jumps up and on the handlers back.	
Foot Stall	Dog jumps up and on the handlers feet.	
Go #1	The dog lifts his hind leg as if he is peeing and going #1. The dog could do this on a prop or the handler.	
Trick of your choice	You can use tricks that are specific to your dog or that are not on this list.	