**Advance level**

## Current rule:

**TRICK DOG LIST AND JUDGE'S MARK SHEET**

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## Proposed amendment:

**TRICK DOG LIST AND JUDGE'S MARK SHEET**

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## Rationale: Typographical error

## A.4 Step Up and Rotate – One Rotation / 1.5 m

## Current Rule:

##### Set up

The handler will provide a step or perch/box that must have a non-slip surface, be of a suitable size and provide distinct elevation, relative to the size of the dog.

The dog will be in a stance of the handler’s choice at least one (1 metre) away from the perch/box. The handler will move to a position at least 1.5 metres away from nearest edge of the perch/step and maintain that position throughout the trick. The handler will indicate to the Judge whether the dog will move in a clockwise or anti-clockwise direction.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to step up and put his front feet only on the perch/step. The handler will cue the dog to rotate in a circle to the left or right. The handler will remain stationary while the dog performs this movement but may use verbal cues and hand signals.

##### Action

On cue the dog will move to and place his front feet on the perch/step. On further cue the dog will rotate around the perch/step, maintaining his front feet on the step/perch, and will complete one 360 degree rotation around the perch/step, finishing in the same position as at the start of the rotation.

Proposed Amendment:

## A.4 Step Up and Rotate – One Rotation / 1.5 m

##### Set up

The handler will provide a step/perch/box that must have a non-slip surface, be of a suitable size and provide distinct elevation, relative to the size of the dog.

The dog will be in a stance of the handler’s choice at least one (1 metre) away from the step/perch/box. The handler will move to a position at least 1.5 metres away from nearest edge of the step/perch/box and maintain that position throughout the trick. The handler will indicate to the Judge whether the dog will move in a clockwise or anti-clockwise direction.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to step up and put his front feet only on the step/perch/box. The handler will cue the dog to rotate in a circle to the left or right. The handler will remain stationary while the dog performs this movement but may use verbal cues and hand signals.

##### Action

On cue the dog will move to and place his front feet on the perch/step. On further cue the dog will rotate around the step/perch/box, maintaining his front feet on the step/perch/box, and will complete one 360 degree rotation around the step/perch/box, finishing in the same position as at the start of the rotation.

Rationale: Consistent wording with the other tricks.

**A.5 Paws Up & Push**

Current Rule:

##### Set up

The handler will provide any equipment required for performance of this trick; it will be of a type which will move safely on the surface of the test venue.

The dog may be in any position except paws up.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog for the behaviour or sequence. A wait/stay may be used.

##### Action

On cue, the dog will perform one of the following:

1. Place both front paws on the object14, with his hind feet maintaining contact with the ground. This may be completed with one front paw at a time or both front paws together; the dog will then push the object for three (3) body lengths; or
2. Place all 4 paws on the object15 and ride or move the object for three (3) body lengths; or
3. Approach the handler from behind and ‘push him over’ by bouncing on him with the dog’s front paws.

Except in the case of (c), the handler may support the object and/or have the dog push the object towards him. The dog may be released or the handler may lower the dog’s paws to the ground.

Proposed Amendment:

**A.5 Paws Up & Push**

##### Set up

The handler will provide any equipment required for performance of this trick; it will be of a type which will move safely on the surface of the test venue.

The dog may be in any position except paws up.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog for the behaviour or sequence. A wait/stay may be used.

##### Action

On cue, the dog will perform one of the following:

1. Place both front paws on the object14, with his hind feet maintaining contact with the ground. This may be completed with one front paw at a time or both front paws together; the dog will then push the object for three (3) body lengths. If a skate board is used, the dog may place both front feet and one hind foot on the board; or
2. Place all 4 paws on the object15 and ride or move the object for three (3) body lengths; or
3. Approach the handler from behind and ‘push him over’ by bouncing on him with the dog’s front paws.

Except in the case of (c), the handler may support the object and/or have the dog push the object towards him. The dog may be released or the handler may lower the dog’s paws to the ground.

Rationale: Allows for dogs that utilise the skate board in this manner.

## A.6 March on the Spot – 6 Paw Lifts

##### Set up

The dog will be in a stand beside the handler.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to raise and hold up each paw in succession. The handler may raise his feet in conjunction with the cue.

***Action***

On cue the dog will raise a paw; he will then replace that foot and raise the other paw; he will then repeat the sequence twice in succession (ie a total of six (6) paw lifts). Elevation of each paw must be clearly visible to the Judge.

Proposed Amendment:

## A.6 March on the Spot – 6 Paw Lifts

##### Set up

The dog will be in a stance of the handler’s choice and beside the handler.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to raise and hold up each paw in succession. The handler may raise his feet in conjunction with the cue.

***Action***

The dog will remain stationary and on cue the dog will raise a paw; he will then replace that foot and raise the other paw; he will then repeat the sequence twice in succession (ie a total of six (6) paw lifts). Elevation of each paw mustt be clearly visible to the Judge.

Rationale: Some dogs would have difficulty executing this trick in a stand. Provides clarity for the handler that the dog must remain stationary.

**A.8 Back Up – Dog and Handler – 2 body lengths**

Current Rule:

##### Set up

The dog will stand in front of and at least two (2) metres away from the handler.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to back up.

##### Action

On cue the dog will walk backwards substantially in a straight line for at least two (2) body lengths while the handler will move backwards at least two (2) metres.

Proposed Amendment:

**A.8 Back Up – Dog and Handler – 2 body lengths**

##### Set up

The dog will stand in front of and at least two (2) metres away from the handler.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to back up.

##### Action

On cue the dog will walk backwards substantially in a straight line for at least two (2) body lengths while the handler will move backwards at least two (2) metres. The verbal and/or physical cue may be repeated until the dog has completed the distance required in the trick.

Rationale: Dogs given a cue to back up are generally taught to continue until the cues are removed. This will prevent the dog from stopping before the required distance has been completed.

**A.8 Back Up - Dog and Handler – 2 body lengths**

Current Rule:

***Set up***

The dog will stand in front of and at least two (2) metres away from the handler.

***Cue***

The handler will cue the dog to back up.

***Action***

On cue the dog will walk backwards substantially in a straight line for at least two (2) body lengths while the handler will move backwards at least two (2) metres.

Proposed amendment

**A.8 Back Up - Dog and Handler – 2 body lengths**

***Set up***

The dog will stand in front of and at least two (2) metres away from the handler.

***Cue***

The handler will cue the dog to back up.

***Action***

On cue the dog will walk backwards substantially in a straight line for at least two (2) body lengths while the handler will walk back continuously until the dog has completed the two (2) body lengths and the judge has advised the Trick is complete.

Rationale

It is very difficult for the judge to watch both dog and handler to ensure they have both met criteria. This way the judge can position themselves to at least be able to see if the judge is still walking backwards and can concentrate on the dog to make sure it meets criteria

**A.9 Reverse to between Handler’s legs - 4 body lengths**

Current Rule:

##### Set up

The dog will be in a stand; the handler will be four (4) body lengths behind the dog, facing in the same direction as the dog.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to wait while the handler moves to a position at least four (4) body lengths behind the dog and will face in the same direction as the dog, and with his legs apart in an inverted ‘V’. The handler will then cue the dog to back up.

##### Action

On cue the dog will walk backwards substantially in a straight line until his shoulders are level with or have passed the handler’s legs; the handler will not move sidewards to facilitate the dog ending up between his legs.

Proposed Amendment:

**A.9** **Reverse to between Handler’s legs - 4 body lengths**

##### Set up

The dog will be in a stand; the handler will be four (4) body lengths behind the dog, facing in the same direction as the dog and with their legs apart.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to wait while the handler moves to a position at least four (4) body lengths behind the dog and will face in the same direction as the dog, and with his legs apart in an inverted ‘V’. The handler will then cue the dog to back up.

##### Action

On cue the dog will walk backwards substantially in a straight line until his shoulders are level with or have passed the handler’s legs; the handler will not move sidewards to facilitate the dog ending up between his legs. The verbal and/or physical cue may be repeated until the dog has completed the distance required in the trick.

Rationale: Clarifies the description in Set Up. Dogs given a cue to back up are generally taught to continue until the cues are removed. This will prevent the dog from stopping before the required distance has been completed.

## A.10 In Reverse - Moving with Handler – 6 steps

## Current Rule:

##### Set up

The dog will be in a stand beside the handler.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to back up as the handler walks back.

##### Action

On cue the dog and handler will both back up, with the handler taking at least six (6) steps backwards and the dog maintaining heel position.

Proposed Amendment:

**A.10 In Reverse – Moving with Handler – 6 Steps**

***Set up***

The dog will be in a stand beside the handler.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to back up as the handler walks back.

##### Action

On cue the dog and handler will both back up, with the handler taking at least six (6) steps backwards and the dog maintaining heel position. The verbal and/or physical cue may be repeated until the dog has completed the distance required in the trick.

Rationale: Dogs given a cue to back up are generally taught to continue until the cues are removed. This will prevent the dog from stopping before the required distance has been completed.

**A.11 Reverse & circle while Handler moves – Once circle**

Current Rule:

##### Set up

The dog will stand beside the handler.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to reverse around him.

##### Action

On cue the dog will make one (1) complete circle moving backwards around the handler. While the dog is moving in a backwards circle, the handler will move forwards on the spot in the opposite direction (eg if the dog is moving backwards clockwise the handler will move forward on the spot anti- clockwise or vice versa). The dog and handler will finish the trick in the same heel position as at the start of the trick.

Proposed Amendment:

**A.11 Reverse & circle** **while Handler moves – Once circle**

##### Set up

The dog will stand beside the handler on the right or left side.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to reverse around him.

##### Action

On cue the dog will make one (1) complete circle moving backwards around the handler. While the dog is moving in a backwards circle, the handler will move forwards on the spot in the opposite direction (eg if the dog is moving backwards clockwise the handler will move forward on the spot anti- clockwise or vice versa). The dog and handler will finish the trick in the same heel position as at the start of the trick. The verbal and/or physical cue may be repeated until the dog has completed the distance required in the trick.

Rationale: Dogs given a cue to back up are generally taught to continue until the cues are removed. This will prevent the dog from stopping before the required distance has been completed. Wording changed in Set Up to relate to the last sentence in Action.

##### A.13 Scoot/Moonwalk – 3 body lengths

##### Current Rule:

##### Set Up

The dog will be in a stand in a position of the handler’s choice.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to Scoot/Moonwalk. The handler may bend or kneel to give the cue.

##### Action

##### On cue the dog will bow and simultaneously move backwards for at least three (3) body lengths while remaining in the bow posture. The handler will remain stationary.

Proposed Amendment:

**A.13 Scoot/Moonwalk – 3 body lengths**

##### Set Up

The dog will be in a stand in a position of the handler’s choice.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to Scoot/Moonwalk. The handler may bend or kneel to give the cue.

##### Action

On cue the dog will bow and simultaneously move backwards for at least three (3) body lengths while remaining in the bow posture. The handler will remain stationary. The verbal and/or physical cue may be repeated until the dog has completed the distance required in the trick.

Rationale: Dogs given a cue to back up are generally taught to continue until the cues are removed. This will prevent the dog from stopping before the required distance has been completed.

**A.15 Arms/legs Jump – from 4 metres**

Current Rule**:**

##### Set Up

The dog will be in a stance of the handler’s choice. The handler will leave the dog and stand at least four (4) metres away either facing the dog or with his back to the dog. When the handler presents his arms/legs they must be at an appropriate height for the dog and at least 15 cm off the ground.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to stay and move to his position at least four (4) metres away from the dog. The handler will present his arms/legs and may give a verbal cue the dog to jump.

##### Action

On cue the dog will jump over or through one of the following, land on the other side and return close to the handler:

1. the handler’s extended arm; handler may bend or kneel;
2. the handler’s arms joined in the configuration of a hoop;
3. the handler’s raised leg; or
4. the handler’s legs bowed in the configuration of a hoop16.

Proposed Amendment**:**

**A.15 Arms/legs Jump – from 4 metres**

##### Set Up

The dog will be in a stance of the handler’s choice. The handler will leave the dog and stand at least four (4) metres away either facing the dog or with his back to the dog – delete this. When the handler presents his arms/legs they must be at an appropriate height for the dog and at least 15 cm off the ground.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to stay and move to his position at least four (4) metres away from the dog. The handler will present his arms/legs and may give a verbal cue the dog to jump.

##### Action

On cue the dog will jump over or through one of the following, land on the other side and return close to the handler:

(a) the handler’s extended arm; handler may bend or kneel;

(b) the handler’s arms joined in the configuration of a hoop;

(c) the handler’s raised leg; or

1. the handler’s legs bowed in the configuration of a hoop16.

Rationale: If dog is jumping over a raised leg, the handler would have to stand sideways to the dog

**A.16 Moving Hold – 10 body lengths / 2 tricks**

##### Current Rule:

##### Set Up

The handler will provide a retrieve article (which may be a toy, a bag or any other article). The dog will be in a stance of the handler’s choice beside the handler.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to take/hold the article from his hands and then cue the dog to move forward with him. While moving with the dog the handler will further cue the dog to perform two (2) other behaviours17.

##### Action

While holding the article, and without mouthing it, the dog will on cue move forwards at least ten (10) body lengths beside the handler; the handler and dog may move in any direction and in a straight or curved line, with or without changes of direction. At any time during this movement and on cue, the dog will perform the selected additional behaviours. On further cue the dog will release the article to hand.

Proposed Amendment:

**A**.**16 Moving Hold – 10 body lengths / 2 tricks**

##### Set Up

The handler will provide a retrieve article (which may be a toy, a bag or any other article). The dog will be in a stance of the handler’s choice beside the handler.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to take/hold the article from his hands and then cue the dog to move forward with him. While moving with the dog the handler will further cue the dog to perform two (2) other behaviours17.

##### Action

While holding the article, and without continually mouthing it, the dog will on cue move forwards at least ten (10) body lengths beside the handler; the handler and dog may move in any direction and in a straight or curved line, with or without changes of direction. At any time during this movement and on cue, the dog will perform the selected additional behaviours. On further cue the dog will release the article to hand.

Rationale: Allows for slight mouthing when the dog first takes the article and any necessary slight adjustment during the trick.

**A.17 Bring It Back – 6 metres**

Current Rule:

##### Set up

The handler will provide an article (eg a basket, bag or similar) for the dog to retrieve; this will be placed at least six (6) metres from where the handler will send the dog. The dog will be in a stance of the handler’s choice beside the handler.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to retrieve the article and bring it back to the handler.

##### Action

On cue the dog will go to and pick up the article and, without mouthing the article, return directly to the handler in any stance or position, provided that he can deliver the article to the handler’s hand.

Proposed Amendment:

**A.17 Bring It Back – 6 metres**

##### Set up

The handler will provide an article (eg a basket, bag or similar) for the dog to retrieve; this will be placed at least six (6) metres from where the handler will send the dog. The dog will be in a stance of the handler’s choice beside the handler.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to retrieve the article and bring it back to the handler.

##### Action

On cue the dog will go to and pick up the article and, without continually mouthing the article, return directly to the handler in any stance or position, provided that he can deliver the article to the handler’s hand.

Rationale: Allows for slight mouthing when the dog first takes the article and any necessary slight adjustment during the trick.

## A.18 Pull Along – 6 body lengths

## Current Rule:

##### Set Up

The handler will provide a piece of wheeled equipment18 with a rope or other mechanism by which the dog can pull it along with his mouth.

The dog will be in a stand beside the handler. The equipment will be on the outside of the dog furthest away from the handler.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to pick up the rope or other pull mechanism of the equipment. The handler will give a further cue for the dog to move forward.

##### Action

On cue the dog will take the rope in his mouth and on further cue move forward with the handler for a distance of at least six (6) body lengths. When the trick is finished the dog will, on further cue, cease pulling, and drop the rope.

Proposed Amendment**:**

## A.18 Pull Along – 6 body lengths

##### Set Up

The handler will provide a piece of wheeled equipment18 with a rope or other mechanism by which the dog can pull it along with his mouth.

The dog will be in a stand beside the handler. The equipment will be on the outside of the dog furthest away from the handler.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to pick up the rope or other pull mechanism of the equipment. The handler may give a further cue for the dog to move forward.

##### Action

On cue the dog will take the rope in his mouth and on further cue move forward with the handler for a distance of at least six (6) body lengths. When the trick is finished the dog will, on further cue, cease pulling, and drop the rope.

Rationale**:** Provides the handler the option to cue or not cue the dog.

**A.19 Roll Over Once – Handler Steps Over**

##### Current Rule:

##### Set up

The dog will be in an upright down. The handler may stand in any position relative to the dog.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to roll over. The handler may bend to give the cue.

##### Action

On cue, the dog will roll over towards the handler and the handler will step over the dog. Only one (1) step over is required and on completion of that movement the dog may remain in a down or move into a stand close to the handler.

Proposed Amendment:

**A.19 Roll Over Once – Handler Steps Over**

##### Set up

The dog will be in a drop position. The handler may stand in any position relative to the dog.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to roll over. The handler may bend to give the cue.

##### Action

On cue, the dog will roll over towards the handler and the handler will step over the dog. Only one (1) step over is required and on completion of that movement the dog may remain in a drop position or move into a stand close to the handler.

Rationale: Not all dogs can do an upright down. The use of the word ‘drop’ more clearly identifies the position required. Last sentence changed to keep wording consistency.

**A.20 Blanket Games – 3 seconds**

Current Rule:

##### Set up

The handler will provide a blanket. The dog will be in an upright down on or adjacent to the blanket. The handler may stand in any position relative to the dog but must be at least one (1) metre away from the dog and blanket and maintain that distance throughout the trick.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to roll over in the blanket or pull the blanket over himself.

##### Action

On cue the dog will take hold of the blanket and either roll over and wrap himself in the blanket or pull the blanket over himself; in either case the dog will maintain that position for three (3) seconds timed from when the dog has completed the roll-over/wrap in the blanket. The Judge will indicate when that time has elapsed.

Proposed Amendment:

**A.20** **Blanket Games – 3 seconds**

**Set up**

The handler will provide a blanket. The dog will be in a drop position on or adjacent to the blanket. The handler may stand in any position relative to the dog but must be at least one (1) metre away from the dog and blanket and maintain that distance throughout the trick.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to roll over in the blanket or pull the blanket over himself.

##### Action

On cue the dog will take hold of the blanket and either roll over and wrap himself in the blanket or pull the blanket over himself; in either case the dog will maintain that position for three (3) seconds timed from when the dog has completed the roll-over/wrap in the blanket. The Judge will indicate when that time has elapsed.

Rationale: Not all dogs can do an upright down. The word ‘drop’ more clearly identifies the position required.

**A.23 Push Along - 4 body lengths**

Current Rule**:**

##### Set up

The handler will provide a movable object19 and two stable objects20 through which the movable object will be pushed; the stable objects must be no more than one (1) metre apart and must be at least four (4) body lengths from the start point.

The dog will be in a stance of the handler’s choice; he will be positioned on one side of the object and may be immediately next to or near the object. The handler will be in a position of his choice and may move but may not touch the dog or the object.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to push the movable object.

##### Action

On cue the dog will push the movable object with his nose for a distance of at least four (4) body lengths and end with the ball pushed between the two stable objects.

Proposed Amendment:

**A.23 Push Along – 4 body lengths**

##### Set up

The handler will provide a movable object19 and two stable objects20 through which the movable object will be pushed; the stable objects must be no more than one (1) metre apart and must be at least four (4) body lengths from the start point.

The dog will be in a stance of the handler’s choice; he will be positioned on one side of the object and may be immediately next to or near the object. The handler will be in a position of his choice and may move but may not touch the dog or the object.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to push the movable object.

##### Action

On cue the dog will push the movable object with his nose for a distance of at least four (4) body lengths and end with the moveable object pushed between the two stable objects.

Rationale: Wording consistency and a ball may not be the moveable object used.

## A.24 Moving Stand Tall

## Current Rule:

##### Set Up

The dog will be in a stand beside or in front of the handler.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to stand tall on both hind legs. On further cue the dog will move with the handler.

##### Action

On cue the dog will stand on his hind legs and move in unison with the handler as the handler takes four (4) steps forwards or backwards.

Proposed amendment:

## A.24 Moving Stand Tall

##### Set Up

The dog will be in a stand or sit beside or in front of the handler.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to stand tall on both hind legs. On further cue the dog will move with the handler.

##### Action

On cue the dog will stand on his hind legs and move in unison with the handler as the handler takes four (4) steps forwards or backwards.

Rationale:It is hard for some dogs to stand tall directly from a stand position

**A.25 Handler’s Choice – 3 components**

Current Rule**:**

For the Advanced class, the handler may choose one (1) trick that does not appear at any level in this schedule. The trick must include at least three (3) distinct and linked components, including elements of distance and/or duration. The trick should be suitable for the dog and be able to be performed safely for both dog and handler.

The handler will be required to describe the components of the trick on the entry form and to provide any clarification required by the Judge.

**Remove this trick and replace with I.1 Named Retrieve.**

**I.1 Named Retrieve – 3m**

##### Set Up

The handler will provide five (5) articles9, all of a similar size. The handler will set those five (5) articles out on the floor/ground within an area of approximately one (1) metre square; the closest article will be at least three (3) metres away from the start point and there will be a space of 0.5 m between each of the articles. The spread of articles will be set out before the dog enters the ring.

The dog will be in a stance of the handler’s choice beside the handler. The Judge will advise which article is to be retrieved.

##### Cue

The handler will cue the dog to find the article requested by the Judge.

##### Action

On cue the dog will go directly to the spread of articles and find the named article, pick it up, return close to the handler and, on further cue, release it to the hand of the handler.

9 The articles could include toys, cans, pots or other items of a similar size, but excluding dumbbells.

Rationale: A.25 trick is too confusing and Named Retrieve is more suited for the Advanced level

\*\* Will affect the score sheet and 6.2.1