

TRICK DOG CHAMPION TITLE

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EARN YOUR TRICK DOG CHAMPION (TDCH) TITLE!

The Trick Dog Champion is the highest tier title. *Do More With Your Dog!* is proud to award the TDCH title to exceptional dogs who demonstrate outstanding skill in performing a large number of difficult tricks, and who also demonstrate skill in every facet of foundation behaviors. As with all Champion titles, this title (noted as TDCH) is appended to the prefix of your dog's name. The Trick Dog Champion title is recognized by AKC and CKC.

HOW DO I EARN THE TITLE?

You must first earn your Expert Trick Dog (ETD) title. Because of the esteem of a Champion title, we require a video submission to be reviewed by *Do More With Your Dog!* staff.

To earn his TDCH, the dog must demonstrate skill in every foundational behavior category, including retrieving, targeting, distance work, etc. The Champion title is different than the lower titles in that it is judged as a "work as a whole." A dog may be exceptional in eight categories, and borderline in the ninth, and still pass. We want to see a well trained, versatile, happy dog.

The primary venue for dog tricks is in performances, demos, therapy visits, musical canine freestyle, and animal acting. The tricks will be judged in the context of these applications. The dog should be confident, consistent, and able to work at a distance from you.



INSTRUCTIONS:

Leashes/Collars: Tricks shall be off-leash. No aversive collars.

Cues: The handler may give multiple cues within reason (about 3 cues.) Praise, and encouragement at any time is fine.

Treats: Treats and toys may be used as a reward after the trick is finished, but may not be used to lure the dog into the behavior. Keep treats hidden from the dog during the trick.

Clicker: You may incorporate a clicker or other reward marker.

Helpers: The dog must be handled by only one trainer. No other person may help with the trick (except as specified for a particular trick).

Physical Manipulation: Handler may not physically manipulate or crowd the dog during a trick. Petting at any time is fine.

Pressure: Pressuring the dog is discouraged. Pressure may include a stern voice, stern eye-contact, crowding or hovering over the dog, or putting your face or hands close to the dog's head.

Service Dogs: Service dogs and their handlers may need to alter the trick to work within their unique needs. This is fine.

Disabled/Senior Dogs: We recognize that a disabled dog may have different requirements, and are willing to work with you to establish alternate criteria for your disabled dog.

Substitutions: At the champion level, we allow you to substitute similar tricks which demonstrate the same skill being tested. Email us with questions about a particular trick.

Qualifying: Applicant has 3 months to resubmit any portion of the test that did not qualify. Application fee will not be refunded.

Video Format: We accommodate most video formats, including YouTube and Facebook. Please leave a few seconds of video footage before and after each trick. This allows us to see the trick in a real-world, unedited form. You may combine several skills into one trick (ex: distance work and signals).

Submit your video and processing fee online at: shop.DoMoreWithYourDog.com. Rosette and medal available.

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PLEASE SHOW THE FOLLOWING ON YOUR VIDEO:

1. COORDINATION: (choose ONE)

The trainer may stand close to the dog to guide him. We are looking for the dog's coordination in his hind end.

- ☐ **double beam**
Dog walks across double beams, with two paws on each beam.
- ☐ **rainbow ladder / cavalettis**
Dog trots through a horizontal ladder.
- ☐ **skateboard**
Dog pushes skateboard (either with 2 feet, or all feet).
- ☐ **push a shopping cart**
Front paws on cart, walk with hind legs.
- ☐ **barrel**
Dog rolls a barrel or inflatable peanut with his front feet, or stands on barrel and walks.
- ☐ **back up**
Dog backs up 5 feet.
- ☐ **other**
Trick:

2. MOUTH TARGET: (choose TWO)

- ☐ **hold an object / carry an object**
Hold an object (6 seconds) or carry an object while walking with you (10 seconds). Release object to your hand.
- ☐ **retrieve object to hand**
Dog fetches an object 12 feet away and releases to your hand.
- ☐ **pull a rope**
Dog pulls a rope to move an object. (Ex: pull open a door or crate door; pull a wagon).

3. PAW TARGET: (choose ONE)

- ☐ **ground target**
Dog places paw deliberately on a small object or mark. (Ex: step on a tap light).
- ☐ **raised mark**
Dog paw-touches a raised object. (Ex: close a door with paw; bat a bell hanging from doorknob; flip a light switch on the wall).

4. NOSE TARGET: (choose ONE)

- ☐ **target stick**
Dog nose-touches target stick. Show several times in a row, unedited, moving the target each time and varying its height and location.
- ☐ **handheld target**
Same as target stick but using a handheld target (ex: jar lid).
- ☐ **free object**
Nose-push a ball. Repeat several times, showing that the dog is following the moving target.

5. SCENT: (choose ONE)

- ☐ **shell game**
Perform twice in a row, unedited, with the scented shell in a different position each time.
- ☐ **nose-work box search**
Search 5 boxes and indicate. Hot scent must be non-food scent.
- ☐ **scent articles**
Dog searches 5 identical objects (ie: dumbbells or tennis balls) and retrieves the one with his owner's scent.

6. DISTANCE: (perform BOTH)

- ☐ **go to a mark / pedestal**
Send dog 20 feet away to a mark or raised platform.
- ☐ **cued behaviors at a distance**
Dog starts each behavior on a mark/pedestal 12 feet away. Perform any 6 cued behaviors from that distance. OK to go in and treat between each. Not accepted: Stay. Accepted: Come, Go Tunnel

7. SIGNALS:

- ☐ **signals**
Perform any 6 behaviors with only silent cues. List tricks:
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

8. CHAIN:

- ☐ **demonstrate a behavior chain**
When given a single cue, the dog performs a chain of two or more behaviors. Examples: roll yourself in a blanket, fetch basketball and drop in net, open mailbox and fetch mail, tidy toys into toybox. Agility chains will be accepted if they are difficult and the handler doesn't move their feet.

Chain:

9. EXPERT TRICKS:

- ☐ **demonstrate 5 of your best tricks**
Choose tricks from the ETD list, or invent your own tricks of comparable difficulty. Tricks should be difficult and also entertaining. If a Trick Dog Champion performed on a TV show, what tricks would viewers would like to see? (If you have already shown an Expert trick for another part of this video, it can count here as well.)
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

VIDEO FILE NAMES:

Where can we find your video? To avoid typos, please email us the link at: application@domorewithyourdog.com

OTHER COMMENTS:



You can do it!