



## **AMY MILLWARD'S TRICK DOG AWARDS**

**The Trick Dog Awards Scheme founded by Amy Millward allows you and your dog to achieve the following levels;**

- 1. Beginner**
- 2. Novice**
- 3. Intermediate**
- 4. Advanced**
- 5. Expert**
- 6. Master**

**You and your dog can work towards these awards at your own pace during group courses, workshops, at home or during private lessons ran by Amy Millward Dog Training. You can also apply to be assessed for these awards remotely.**

**Any breed, age or sized dog can take in the awards scheme. For each award the dog must be able to perform a set number of tricks listed for that level. The layout of the scheme levels allows you to choose tricks that suit your dogs ability and personality, ensuring they can succeed award happily. The choice element of this scheme allows for elderly or young dogs, dogs of different sizes and disabled dogs to take part at the same level as more able dogs.**

**Tricks must be taught using only kind, gentle techniques, making use of rewards in the form of food, toys and praise. Any use of harsh handling or aversive techniques will result in disqualification from the scheme. The dog must be handled by the person who taught the tricks, there is no age restrictions with this scheme allowing young handlers to take part.**

**The Trick Dog Award Scheme's aim is to provide fun and low pressure training goals and to be enjoyable for both dog and handler. It has been set up to encourage dog owners to take part in training their dog using kind, gentle methods. The Trick Dog Award Scheme assessment must be assessed by an official Amy Millward Dog Training Instructor.**

**Each trick demonstrated for assessment must be a 'finished behaviour', e.g. must be on cue (command) and performed without the use of lures and excessive prompting.**

**To earn each level of award your dog must demonstrate a number of tricks of a specified difficulty laid out below. Levels must be completed and passed in order, before the next level can be achieved.**

## **Beginner Trick Dog Award**

**Demonstrate any eight of the below tricks to a high standard;**

- ★ **Paw/High Five** – dog touches right or left paw to handler's hand.
- ★ **Doggy Press Ups** – sit to down 3 times consecutively.
- ★ **Hoop Jump** – the dog jumps through a hoop at any height.
- ★ **Two Paws Up** – the dog put front paws up onto any object.
- ★ **Take a Bow** – dog holds 'Play Bow' position for 5 seconds.
- ★ **Catch a treat** – dog catches a treat in mid-air.
- ★ **Finish Position** – dog moves from the front of the handle to a heel position.
- ★ **Middle** – the dog moves to stand between handler's legs facing forward on cue.
- ★ **Jump** – dog jumps over a bar or agility jump.
- ★ **Stay** – the dog stays in one position while the handler walks around the dog.
- ★ **Hand Target** – the dog touches and will follow a hand target.
- ★ **Hide & Seek** – dog searches for and finds a treat/person on cue.

## **Novice Trick Dog Award**

**Must first have achieved the Beginner Trick Dog Award and demonstrate any eight of the tricks below to a high standard;**

- ★ **Leg Weave** – the dog weaves between handler's legs while walking for 5 steps.
- ★ **Ring a Bell** – dog rings a service bell with paw or nose.
- ★ **Target Stick** – dog will follow and touch a target stick with nose.
- ★ **Hand Signals** – dog performs any 3 behaviours cued by hand signals only.
- ★ **Doggy Push Ups** – down to stand 3 times consecutively.
- ★ **Spin** – dog turns full circle on the spot.
- ★ **Four Paws Up** – all four paws up on a pedestal/stool.
- ★ **Tunnel** – the dog will go through a tunnel without hesitation on cue.
- ★ **Go Round** – on cue the dog circles the handler.
- ★ **Fetch** – dog runs after an item and then returns it to handler (not fetch-to-hand).
- ★ **Wave** – dog waves with front paw.
- ★ **Noseball** – dog pushes a football with nose consistently.

## **Intermediate Trick Dog Award**

**Must first have achieved the Novice Trick Dog Award and demonstrate any eight of the tricks below to a high standard;**

- ★ Sustained Chin Target – dog holds chin to handler’s hand for 5 seconds.
- ★ Look Guilty – dog puts head down between paws and holds on the floor or lap for 5 seconds.
- ★ Distance Behaviours – dog performs 3 behaviours cued from a distance of 5 paces (the use of platforms/placemats are allowed).
- ★ Commando Crawl – the dog crawls along the floor 2 feet.
- ★ Send Away – the dog is send away to a bed or platform from a distance of 10 paces.
- ★ Sit Pretty – dog holds sit pretty/beg position for 5 seconds.
- ★ Emergency Stop – the dog stops immediately on cue.
- ★ Rollover – dog rolls over onto back.
- ★ Figure 8 – dog weaves a figure 8 twice through hander’s stationary legs.
- ★ Peek-a-boo – Dog places paw’s on handler’s arm or surface and holds head between paws.
- ★ Tell me a Secret – dog holds nose to handler’s cupped ear. Stand Tall – the dog stands on back legs for 5 seconds.
- ★ Spin in Heel – dog spins at handler’s side while walking a minimum 6 paces.

## **Advanced Trick Dog Award**

**Must first have achieved the Intermediate Trick Dog Award and demonstrate any eight of the tricks below to a high standard;**

- ★ Hide Eyes – dog covers/wipes muzzle with paw/paws.
- ★ Play Dead – dog lies on side and holds for 5 seconds on the cue ‘BANG’.
- ★ Get Your Lead – dog retrieves lead to handler’s hand.
- ★ Ride a Skateboard – dog rides skateboard (at least 2 paws) in a controlled manner with no help from handler.
- ★ Jump for Joy – jumps in air (all four legs must leave the floor).
- ★ Hop On – dog walks between handler’s legs with front paws on handler’s feet.
- ★ Reverse – dog backs up 2 feet.
- ★ Paws Up & Circle – front paws on an object and walk around with rear paws.
- ★ Open the Door – dog pulls on a tug toy to open a door or gate.
- ★ Close the Door – dog closes door or gate by pushing with nose.
- ★ Take Off My Socks – dog pulls off handler’s sock with mouth.
- ★ Go Around – dog will leave handler to go around an object from 10 paces.

## **Expert Trick Dog Award**

**Must first have achieved the Advanced Trick Dog Award and demonstrate any eight of the tricks below to a high standard:**

- ★ **Treat Balance** – dog balances treat on nose for a minimum of 3 seconds.
- ★ **Out on a Circle** – dog circles handler at least 4 feet away.
- ★ **Tidy Up** – dog picks up, carries and drops items into a box/basket.
- ★ **Weave with a Cane** – dog weaves a figure of eight around one cane that handler holds.
- ★ **Pole Jump** – dog jumps over pole held by handler at any height.
- ★ **Search** – dog will independently search for and find a hidden object or scent.
- ★ **Back Paws Up** – dog puts back paws up on a stool or balance cushion.
- ★ **Like Glue** – dog stays in heel position when the handler takes two steps to the right, two steps to the left and walks backwards, the dog must side step/backup remaining neatly at the handler's side.
- ★ **Push a Trolley** – dog pushes a trolley a minimum of 6 feet.
- ★ **Cross Your Paws** – dog crosses paws while in down position.
- ★ **Touch & Tap** – dog places paws on handler's right foot then left foot alternately.
- ★ **Balance** – dog balances on top of a ball or peanut (stabilized in a base).

## **Master Trick Dog Award**

**Must first have achieved the Expert Trick Dog Award and demonstrate any eight of the tricks below to a high standard:**

- ★ **Artist** – dog draws/paints on raised sheet of card/canvas.
- ★ **Limp** – dog holds up and walks (limps) with any leg.
- ★ **Beggar** – dog sits pretty/begs while holding object with paws or mouth.
- ★ **March** – dog marches/high-steps in heel position for 5 paces.
- ★ **Discrimination** – on cue the dog will pick out two named objects or toys from a selection of items.
- ★ **Rewind** – dog circles backwards around handler.
- ★ **Shopping** – dog places object in trolley and pushes it a minimum of 6 feet.
- ★ **Goal** – dog pushes football with nose into goal a minimum of 6 feet away.
- ★ **Dance** – dog crosses paws alternatively while standing or walking.
- ★ **Helper** – dog opens cupboard, retrieves object to hand and closes cupboard.
- ★ **Jump Through Arms** – dog jumps through handler's arms at any height.
- ★ **Carry** – dog carries bag/basket while in heel for a minimum of 10 paces.