

PUPPY TRICKS - HOW TO STEP BY STEP

Enjoy quality time with your puppy while fostering their confidence through learning experiences.

BEGINNER TRICKS

PAW/SHAKE



Steps:

- Ask your puppy to sit.
- Hold a treat in your closed hand near their leg.
- Wait—they may paw at your hand out of curiosity.
- When they do, say “Yes!” and reward.
- Add the cue word “Paw” or “Shake” just before they lift their paw.
- Practice until they offer paw on cue.

Goal: Puppy lifts paw into your hand.

HIGH FIVE



Steps:

- Start with “Paw” trick.
- Hold your hand a little higher and flat, like a high five.
- Say “High five!” and wait for them to reach up.
- Mark “Yes!” and reward when they touch your hand.
- Gradually raise your hand for more height.

Goal: Puppy taps your open palm with their paw.

SPIN



Steps:

- Hold a treat near your puppy's nose.
- Slowly lure them in a full circle.
- Once they finish the circle, say "Spin," then "Yes!" and treat.
- Repeat several times.
- Eventually, phase out the lure and use only your hand signal + verbal cue.

Goal: Puppy spins in a circle on cue.

TOUCH A TARGET



Steps:

- Hold your hand a few inches from their nose.
- Say "Touch."
- When they sniff or bump it, say "Yes!" and treat.
- Progress to using a sticky note or target stick.
- Move the target further away as they improve.

Goal: Puppy touches your hand or a target with their nose.

JUMP THROUGH A HOOP



Steps:

- Start with the hoop on the floor.
- Lure puppy through with a treat—say "Yes!" and reward.
- Gradually raise the hoop a little at a time.
- Say "Jump!" right as they go through.
- Reward heavily when they make it through without hesitation.

Goal: Puppy jumps through a hoop.

FIND IT



Steps:

- Start by tossing a treat a few feet away while saying “Find it!”
- Let them run and get it. Celebrate!
- Gradually hide treats behind objects while they watch.
- Then try hiding treats when they’re not looking and say, “Find it!”

Goal: Puppy locates a hidden treat or toy.

INTERMEDIATE TRICKS

ROLL OVER



Steps:

- Ask your puppy to lie “Down.”
- Hold a treat near their nose and slowly move it toward their shoulder.
- As their body twists, move the treat over their back.
- When they roll, say “Yes!” and reward.
- Add the cue “Roll over” once they follow the motion easily.

Goal: Puppy rolls onto their back and over.

TAKE A BOW



Steps:

- Catch your puppy doing a stretch and mark it with “Yes!” and reward.
- Or lure from a standing position: treat from nose straight down to the floor between front paws.

- If they lower front but keep back up, say “Bow” and treat.
- Reward only when hips stay up and chest goes down.

Goal: Puppy stretches front legs down with rear up.

BACK UP



Steps:

- Stand in front of your puppy facing them.
- Step gently toward them while saying “Back up.”
- As they take a step back, say “Yes!” and treat.
- Use a visual cue like wiggling fingers or hand motion.
- Practice near a hallway or wall for a straight path.

Goal: Puppy takes a few steps backward.

SIT PRETTY



Steps:

- Ask for a “Sit.”
- Slowly lift a treat up from their nose toward their forehead.
- As they lift front paws, support under their chest if needed.
- Say “Yes!” and reward even partial efforts at first.
- Build strength over time—this trick takes muscle!

Goal: Puppy sits on hind legs with front paws lifted.

WAVE



Steps:

- Start with “Paw.”
- Begin to hold your hand just out of reach.
- When they raise their paw to try to reach, say “Wave!” and reward.
- Repeat until they lift paw into the air without touching you.

Goal: Puppy raises paw in the air (not touching you).

ADVANCE & “SHOW OFF” TRICKS

PLAY DEAD (“BANG”)



Steps:

- Ask for “Down.”
- Hold a treat near their shoulder and lure them onto their side.
- When they lie on their side, say “Bang!” (or make finger-gun motion) and reward.
- Practice duration—add calm praise for staying still.

Goal: Puppy flops onto their side and stays still.

WHISPER



Steps:

- Teach “Speak” first.
- Wait for a quieter bark or huff and reward it while saying “Whisper.”

- Only reward quiet sounds to encourage soft barking.
- Be consistent—mark only soft vocalizations.

Goal: Puppy gives a soft bark or breath sound.

SPEAK

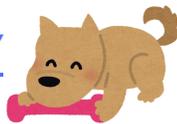


Steps:

- Get your puppy excited (jump, toy, doorbell).
- When they bark, say “Speak!” and reward.
- Repeat until they bark on cue without needing the trigger.
- Only reward one bark to avoid excessive barking.

Goal: Puppy barks once on cue.

CARRY A TOY



Steps:

- Offer a toy—when they take it, say “Take it” and treat.
- Encourage walking a few steps while holding it.
- Say “Carry!” and reward while they’re walking.
- Practice short distances and reward carrying to you.

Goal: Puppy picks up and walks with a toy.

PUT AWAY TOYS



Steps:

- Teach “Drop it” first.
- Place a basket in front of your puppy.

- Hand them a toy, then say “Drop it” over the basket.
- Mark and reward when toy lands in bin.
- Add cue “Clean up!” once reliable.

Goal: Puppy drops toys into a bin.

PEEKABOO



Steps:

- Stand with legs shoulder-width apart.
- Lure puppy from behind to walk between your legs.
- Say “Peekaboo!” and treat once they stop between your feet.
- Practice while walking forward and turning it into a fun “trick pose.”

Goal: Puppy comes between your legs and faces forward.

PUPPY TRICKS CHECKLIST

A playful way to bond, boost confidence, and show off your pup's smarts!

Use high-value treats and short, positive training sessions. Keep tricks light and fun—end on a success! Practice in different environments to build confidence and generalize the behavior.



BEGINNER TRICKS



TRICK	DESCRIPTION	AT HOME	WITH DISTRACTIONS	IN PUBLIC
PAW/SHAKE	Puppy offers paw to your hand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HIGH FIVE	Puppy lifts paw to tap your palm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPIN	Puppy spins in a full circle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOUCH A TARGET	Touches an object like a hand or stick	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
JUMP THROUGH A HOOP	Puppy jumps through a small hoop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FIND IT	Puppy finds a treat or toy you hide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



INTERMEDIATE TRICKS



TRICK	DESCRIPTION	AT HOME	WITH DISTRACTIONS	IN PUBLIC
ROLL OVER	Puppy rolls onto their back and over	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TAKE A BOW	Puppy stretches front legs while rear stays up	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BACK UP	Puppy walks backwards a few steps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SIT PRETTY	Puppy balances on hind legs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WAVE	Puppy lifts a paw in the air to "wave"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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ADVANCED AND "SHOW OFF" TRICKS



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PLAY DEAD "BANG"	Puppy flops on side and stays still	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WHISPER	Puppy gives a quiet bark or huff on cue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPEAK	Puppy barks once on cue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CARRY A TOY	Puppy picks up and walks with toy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PUT AWAY TOYS	Puppy drops toy into a bin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PEEKABOO	Puppy goes between your legs and faces forward	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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