



# PROFICIENT

## PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Dogs must successfully perform each activity within a test.
- A successful performance is defined as “All elements of the activity performed per the description.”
- Each test may only be submitted once per test event.

Proficient Test 1	Proficient Test 2	Proficient Test 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pro Tunnel Retrieve</li> <li>• Serpentine</li> <li>• Bowling</li> <li>• Handler’s Choice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Double Goal</li> <li>• 270 Pro</li> <li>• X Marks The Spot Pro</li> <li>• Handler’s Choice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Triple Discrimination Retrieve</li> <li>• Ball To Ball Pro</li> <li>• Pro Maze</li> <li>• Handler’s Choice</li> </ul>

**Handler’s Choice** - The handler has the option of substituting one activity with any activity from one of the other Proficient tests. An activity used as a Handler’s Choice may not be used as a Handler’s Choice for any other tests.

**TITLES** - Three successful tests are required to earn the Wag 3 Title. Additional titles may be earned. Please see the title chart for details.

**Balls** - Balls may be of any size. They must roll easily and freely. Balls shall be placed on the ground/floor unless otherwise indicated.

**Nudging** - All nudging shall be performed with the dog’s muzzle pushing the ball. There is no limit to the number of nudges required or allowed. The dog may move about and with the ball unless indicated otherwise in the activity description.

**Spot Position** - is defined as the dog in a position behind a ball facing the handler.

**Commands** - There are no limitations on the handler’s use or number or verbal or visual directions to their dog.

**Touching** - The handler may not touch their dog at any time during an activity performance.

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## DOG BALL - PROFICIENT

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### JUDGING

- All activities are pass/fail.
- The team is judged solely on their ability to perform all elements of the activity as described.
- There is no limit to the number of times a team may attempt any activity.
- The tester may offer directions and answer questions before and after any exercise.
- The tester will indicate to the participant pass/fail for each exercise performance.

#### ELIGIBILITY

- Tests may be offered to dogs registered with Wag It Games **and unregistered dogs**. If an unregistered dog passes, the handler will have the opportunity to register the dog after the test. Handlers may choose to take the test just for fun and not register their dogs.

#### DOG REGISTRATION

- Dogs must be registered with Wag It Games in order for their test results to be recorded and count towards titles. This is a one-time registration that is good for the life of the dog

#### LEASHES AND COLLARS

- Dogs shall wear a collar or harness.
- All activities shall be performed off leash.

#### CORRECTIONS

No harsh corrections may be made. A harsh correction is defined as Any action that generates a strong adverse reaction from the dog or causes the dog discomfort, stress or pain.

#### CUES

The handler may offer unlimited cues, encouragement etc.

#### REWARDS - FOOD AND TOYS

- Food and toys may be used to reward the dog prior to beginning and/or upon completion of an activity.
- Food and toys may not be visible to the dog during any portion of an activity performance.
- Food and toys may not be reached for until the entire activity has been completed.
- Toys may not make noise as this may cause a major distraction for other dogs present.

#### ACCESSING RESULTS

- Recorded results will instantly appear in the dogs's record, which may be viewed by logging into the member area of the Wag It Games website.
- One month after the test titles are automatically updated and will appear in the dog's record.
- Upon completion of a title, an email notification will include directions to access your personalized title certificate to download and print.

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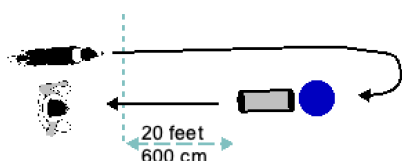
## DOG BALL - PROFICIENT

### PROFICIENT TEST 1

- PRO TUNNEL RETRIEVE
- SERPENTINE
- BOWLING

#### PRO TUNNEL RETRIEVE - The dog shall go to and nudge a ball through a tunnel and back to their handler.

- The activity shall begin with the dog at the handler's side positioned behind a start line. The handler shall direct the dog to go to a ball, nudge it towards their handler through a tunnel and then nudge the ball until it is within the handler's reach.
  - The handler shall remain behind the start line.



#### Set Up

- A ball will be placed directly in front of the tunnel opening that is furthest away from the handler. The tunnel opening closest to the handler shall be 20 feet (600 cm) from the start line.

#### Equipment

- The tunnel shall be large enough for the ball to roll through it easily. The tunnel shall be a minimum of 3 feet (90 cm) long. The tunnel shall be secured so that it does not move about as the dog nudges the ball through it. The tunnel may be an agility style tunnel, collapsible leaf bag with the bottom removed, fashioned from cardboard boxes or similar homemade alternative.
- The start line may be indicated on the ground or by posts, cones or similar items.

#### SERPENTINE - The dog shall nudge a ball around three objects in a serpentine pattern.

- The activity shall begin with the dog facing a line of three objects. The handler shall direct their dog to nudge the ball until the ball makes a complete serpentine pattern through the three objects in both directions.
  - The handler may move about freely during the entire activity.



#### Set Up

Three objects shall be placed 10 -15 feet (300-450 cm) apart in a straight line. A ball shall be located in line with and at the end of the three objects.

#### Equipment

- Objects such as cones, buckets, waste baskets or similar items shall be used as the item the dog will nudge the ball around.

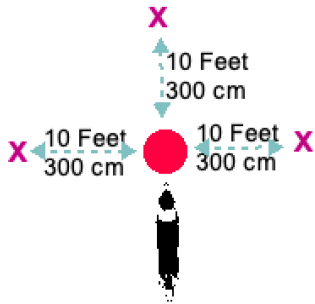
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### PROFICIENT TEST 1

#### **BOWLING - The dog shall nudge a ball until it has knocked over three objects.**

- The dog shall begin behind a ball. The handler shall direct the dog to nudge the ball until it knocks over three different objects.
- The handler may move about freely during the entire activity.



#### Setup

- A ball shall be located directly in front of the dog. Two bowling pin items shall be placed 10 feet (300 cm) to each side of the ball. A third item shall be placed 10 feet (300 cm) in front of the ball.

#### Equipment

- The bowling pin items may be any light weight object that the ball will easily knock over. Suggested items are cereal boxes, plastic toy bowling pins, plastic water bottles.

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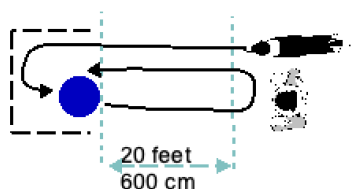
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### PROFICIENT TEST 2

- **DOUBLE GOAL**
  - **270 PRO**
  - **X MARKS THE SPOT PRO**
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#### **DOUBLE GOAL - The dog shall nudge a ball into a three sided goal pen.**

- The activity shall begin with the dog at the handler's side behind a start line. The handler shall direct the dog to go to and nudge the ball out of the goal pen and then to within the handler's reach. The handler shall then direct the dog to roll the ball until it is completely back in the goal pen.
  - The handler shall remain behind the start line.



#### Set Up

- The start line shall be 20 feet (600 cm) away from the front of the open pen. The ball shall be centered inside of the goal pen.

#### Equipment

- The goal pen may be made from an exercise pen, panels or similar items. The sides of the pen should be secured and tall enough to contain the ball as it is nudged. The opening and depth of the pen shall be a maximum of 10 feet (300 cm).
- The start line may be indicated on the ground or by posts, cones or similar items.

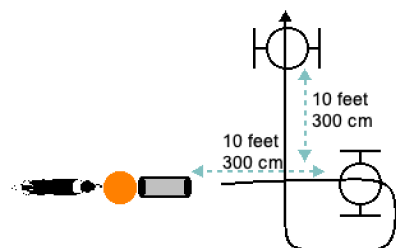
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#### 270 PRO - The dog shall nudge a ball through a tunnel then through two hoops in a 270° pattern.

- The handler shall direct their dog to nudge a ball through a tunnel ahead through a hoop and then to make a 270 turn to the right completing the activity by nudging the ball ahead through a second hoop.
  - The handler may move about freely during the entire activity.



#### Set Up

- The tunnel shall be placed so the opening faces directly towards the opening of a hoop 10 feet (300 cm) away. A second hoop shall be placed at a 90 angle to the first hoop with the opening 10 feet (300 cm) away.

#### Equipment

- The hoop/arch shall be fixed securely so it does not move about easily if the ball bumps it. It shall be large enough for the ball to pass through easily but should not be more than twice the width of the ball. Hoops/arches may be official agility hoops or home made alternatives.
- The tunnel shall be large enough for the ball to roll through it easily. The tunnel shall be a minimum of 3 feet (90 cm). The tunnel shall be secured so that it does not move about as the dog nudges the ball through it. The tunnel may be an agility style tunnel, collapsible leaf bag with the bottom removed, fashioned from cardboard boxes or similar homemade alternative.

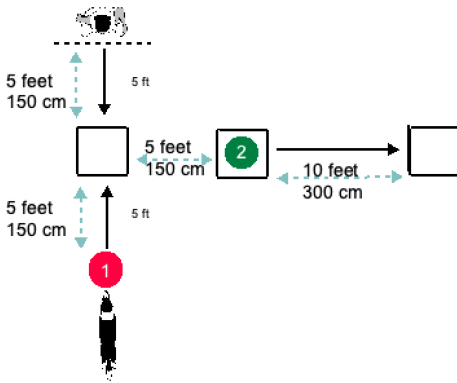
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#### X MARKS THE SPOT PRO - The dog shall nudge a ball from holder to holder.

- The activity shall begin with the dog in Spot position. The handler shall direct the dog to nudge the ball until the ball rests inside of a holder that is located between the dog and the handler. The handler shall then direct the dog to nudge a second ball until it is in a third holder.
  - The handler must remain 5 feet (150 cm) beyond the holder until the first ball is within the holder. The handler may then move about freely but may not enter the holders.



#### Set up

- Three holders shall be placed in a straight line. The first two holders shall be 5 feet (150 cm) apart. The third holder shall be 10 feet (300 cm) from the second holder. The first holder shall be empty, the second holder shall contain a ball and the third holder shall be empty.
- The dog and handler will face each other with the first holder centered between them. The handler shall be 5 feet (150 cm) from the holder. The ball shall be placed 5 feet (150 cm) from the holder, with the dog facing the handler behind the ball. A line may be used to indicate the 5 feet (150 cm) line the handler may not cross.

#### Equipment

- The holder should have a slightly raised perimeter to contain the ball. A hula hoop layed on the floor, a square made out of materials such as small diameter PVC pipe or similar holder should be used. The area shall be large enough for the ball to fit within it and not more than twice that size.

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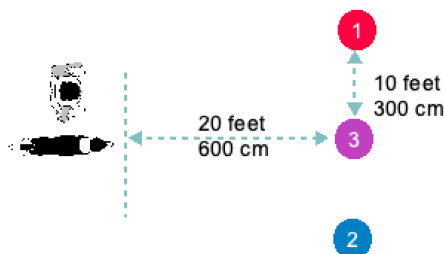
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### PROFICIENT TEST 3

- TRIPLE DISCRIMINATION RETRIEVE
- BALL TO BALL PRO
- PRO MAZE

#### TRIPLE DISCRIMINATION RETRIEVE - The dog shall be sent to and asked to bring three designated balls towards their handler.

- The activity shall begin with the dog at the handler's side centered behind a start line 10 feet from a line of three balls. The handler shall direct the dog to go to and nudge ball 1 towards the handler and over the start line. The handler shall then direct the dog to nudge ball 2 towards the handler and over the start line. The handler shall then direct the dog to nudge ball 3 towards the handler and over the start line.
  - The handler may move about but may not pass over the start line.



#### Set Up

- Three balls will be placed in a line with each ball 10 feet (300cm) apart and 20 feet (600cm) from the start line.
- The start finish line may be indicated on the ground or by posts, cones or similar items.



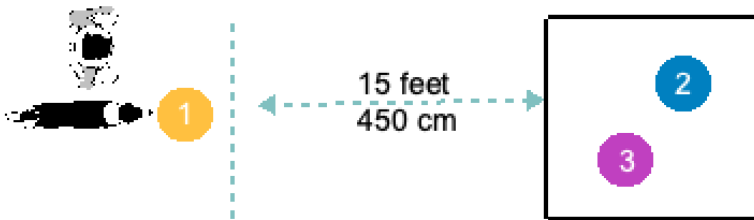
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**BALL TO BALL PRO** - The dog shall nudge a ball into a containment area and remove a predesignated ball from that area.

- The activity will begin with the dog at the handler's side facing a containment area and behind a start line. Ball 1 will be directly in front of the dog. The handler shall direct their dog to nudge the ball forward into the area containing two additional balls.
  - The handler may not pass in front of the dog until ball 1 is within the containment area.
- Once ball 1 is within the containment area the handler will direct their dog to nudge balls 2 and 3 out of the containment area.
  - The handler may move about freely but may NEVER enter the containment area.



#### Set Up

- The team will be positioned behind a start line that is 15 feet (425 cm) from the first edge of the containment area.

#### Equipment

- The containment area should be indicated in some manner. Tape, chalk or at a minimum cones at the corners may be used. The area shall be 10 feet (300cm) square. The start line may be indicated on the floor, by posts, cones or in a similar manner.

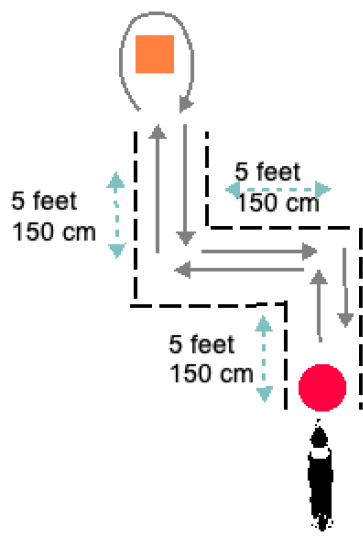
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**PRO MAZE** - The dog shall nudge a ball completely through a maze, around an object and back through the maze.

- The handler shall direct their dog to nudge a ball completely through a maze, around an object and then back through the maze in the opposite direction.
  - The handler may move about freely during the activity but may not enter the maze.



#### Set Up

- A ball will be placed at the opening of the maze.

#### Equipment

- The maze may be made of exercise pen panels or similar items. The panels should be tall enough and secure so as to not move about as the dog nudges along. The maze shall consist of two 90° angles. Each direction of the maze shall be a minimum of 5 feet (150 cm) long. The width of the maze shall be a maximum of 5 feet (150 cm) wide.
- An object such as a cone, bucket, waste basket or similar item shall be used as the item the dog will nudge the ball around.