



66+ Ways to Proof Service Dog Behaviors

Dog Name _____

Date started _____

Date completed _____

Research tells us that a dog doesn't really know the cue for a behaviour until he has done the behaviour thousands of times in different situations and environments.

So, to get you started, here are 60+ proofing ideas. I have broken some of them down, but others I'll let you fine tune them further with all possibilities and combinations.

Don't forget to gradually work up to the final proofing behaviour in steps in distance, duration and distractions. For example don't start at 6 feet away from a distraction, Start at 30 feet away and train your way closer.

Cue the dog to do a behavior when you are:

5 locations

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | holding a treat in a closed hand | Notes: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | holding a treat in an open hand | Notes: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | waving a treat slowly | Notes: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | waving a treat quickly | Notes: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | holding a toy in open hand | Notes: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | slowly waving a toy | Notes: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | quickly waving a toy | Notes: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | rolling a toy past the dog | Notes: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | tossing a toy past the dog | Notes: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | standing facing dog | Notes: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | standing facing sideways | Notes: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | standing facing backwards | Notes: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | standing with arms in the air | Notes: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | sitting facing the dog | Notes: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | sitting facing sideways to dog | Notes: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | sitting facing away from dog | Notes: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | kneeling facing the dog | Notes: _____ |



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- kneeling sideways Notes: _____
- kneeling backwards Notes: _____
- standing with dog at your side Notes: _____
- laying on your side on a bed Notes: _____
- laying on your back on a bed Notes: _____
- laying on your side on on floor Notes: _____
- laying on your back on floor Notes: _____
- rocking on a rocking chair Notes: _____
- swinging on a swing Notes: _____
- using verbal signal only Notes: _____
- using hand or body signal only Notes: _____
- not looking at dog while cuing Notes: _____
- a short distance from your dog Notes: _____
- a greater distance from your dog Notes: _____
- Add a little bit of body text Notes: _____
- 6 feet from the dog's bed & crate Notes: _____
- next to the dog's bed & crate Notes: _____
- with other known cues Notes: _____
- other side of house & car window Notes: _____
- around a corner Notes: _____
- from across the room Notes: _____
- behind a visual barrier (door) Notes: _____
- on your front step Notes: _____
- next to your trash can Notes: _____
- next to a public trash can Notes: _____
- 6 feet from a human friend Notes: _____
- next to a human friend Notes: _____



5 locations

- standing behind a human friend Notes: _____
- next to a dog friend Notes: _____
- next to a stranger Notes: _____
- 6 feet from a calm unknown dog Notes: _____
- next to a fence of a dog park
with dog standing nearby Notes: _____
- next to a fence of a dog park
with strange dogs running by Notes: _____
- 20 feet from a small farm
animal behind a barrier Notes: _____
- 20 feet from a large farm
animal behind a fence Notes: _____
- in a car Notes: _____
- outside a parked vehicle Notes: _____
- next to a running vehicle Notes: _____
- next to a parked car
with a dog in it Notes: _____
- next to a transit bus
(careful of air brakes) Notes: _____
- outside a store Notes: _____
- just inside the entrance to a store Notes: _____
- in the paint department Notes: _____
- in the house goods aisle Notes: _____
- in the garden centre Notes: _____
- in the pet aisle Notes: _____
- at a outdoor patio cafe Notes: _____
- at a indoor cafe Notes: _____
- near a booth in a restaurant Notes: _____
- _____ Notes: _____
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