

## 4.2 Clicker Challenge Exercise Scenarios

NOTE TO TEAMS: Choose one of the following challenges. Create a training plan and select a dog or dogs to perform the challenge. When creating your plan, keep in mind any necessary training elements—chaining, back-chaining, targeting, adding and transferring cues, and problem solving—that may be involved in training the challenge exercise.

### **The Accountant**

One dog must answer three mathematical questions. The dog may write the correct answer on a blackboard, or may repeat a single cued behavior the correct number of times. For example: If there are three squirrels in a tree and two squirrels on the ground, what is the total number of squirrels in the park?

### **Nab the Thief**

One team member poses as a purse snatcher. The dog must identify the thief (the person in possession of the concealed stolen purse) out of a lineup of team members.

### **A Rose for My Sweetheart**

True love is a beautiful thing. A dog must deliver a rose to the most glamorous team member.

### **Over and Under**

Pardon me! Coming through! One dog must go over another dog and under another dog. Repeat each maneuver three times. Dogs may switch places.

### **A Shipment for You**

One dog must deliver an item to the shipping box. Another dog must pick up the item (or the shipping box) and deliver it to a team member.

### **The Railroad Tunnel**

Go through the railroad tunnel without going “off the track.” One dog must walk or run through three pairs of legs. The people making up the tunnel should stand arm’s length apart.

### **Mother’s Little Helper**

Mother has spilled the contents of her purse. One or more dogs must help her gather it all up by bringing her the scattered car keys, wallet, and other items.

### **Cross the River**

One dog must cross a “body of water” (a blue tarp or blanket) by using one of the team members as a “bridge” and without getting any feet “wet.”