I Bought a Pet Banana

I bought a pet banana and I tried to teach him tricks, but he wasn't any good at catching balls or fetching sticks.

He could never catch a Frisbee, and he wouldn't sit or speak, though we practiced every afternoon and evening for a week.

He refused to shake or wave or crawl or beg or take a bow, and I tried, but couldn't make him bark or get him to meow.

He was terrible at playing dead.
He couldn't jump a rope.
When he wouldn't do a single
trick
I simply gave up hope.

Though I liked my pet banana, I returned him with regret.
Boy, I sure do hope this watermelon makes a better pet.

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