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Dog Care Merit Badge

SCOUTS PARTICIPATING IN A SCOUTMASTER BUCKY MERIT BADGE OPPORTUNITY (ONLINE OR IN PERSON), PLEASE CONSIDER ALSO USING THE AMERICAN HERITAGE MERIT BADGE CLASS PREPARATION PAGE FOR CLARIFICATIONS, INSIGHTS, AND EXPECTATIONS.

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/dog-care/class-prep/>

THE ACTIVITIES USED TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOG CARE MERIT BADGE MAY NOT BE USED TO HELP FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OTHER MERIT BADGES

DOG CARE MERIT BADGE WORKBOOK

REQUIREMENT 1a: Briefly discuss the historical origin and domestication of the dog.

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REQUIREMENT 1b: Describe some common characteristics of the dogs that make up each of the seven major dog groups.

GROUP #1

Name:

Common Characteristics:

GROUP #2

Name:

Common Characteristics:

GROUP #3

Name:

Common Characteristics:



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GROUP #4

Name:

Common Characteristics:

GROUP #5

Name:

Common Characteristics:

GROUP #6

Name:

Common Characteristics:

GROUP #7

Name:

Common Characteristics:



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REQUIREMENT 1c: Tell some specific characteristics of seven breeds of dogs (one from each major group), OR give a short history of one breed.

HERDING DOGS GROUP

Specific Breed:

Characteristics of this breed:

TOY GROUP

Specific Breed:

Characteristics of this breed:

SPORTING GROUP

Specific Breed:

Characteristics of this breed:



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HOUND GROUP

Specific Breed:

Characteristics of this breed:

NON-SPORTING GROUP

Specific Breed:

Characteristics of this breed:

WORKING GROUP

Specific Breed:

Characteristics of this breed:

TERRIER GROUP

Specific Breed:

Characteristics of this breed:

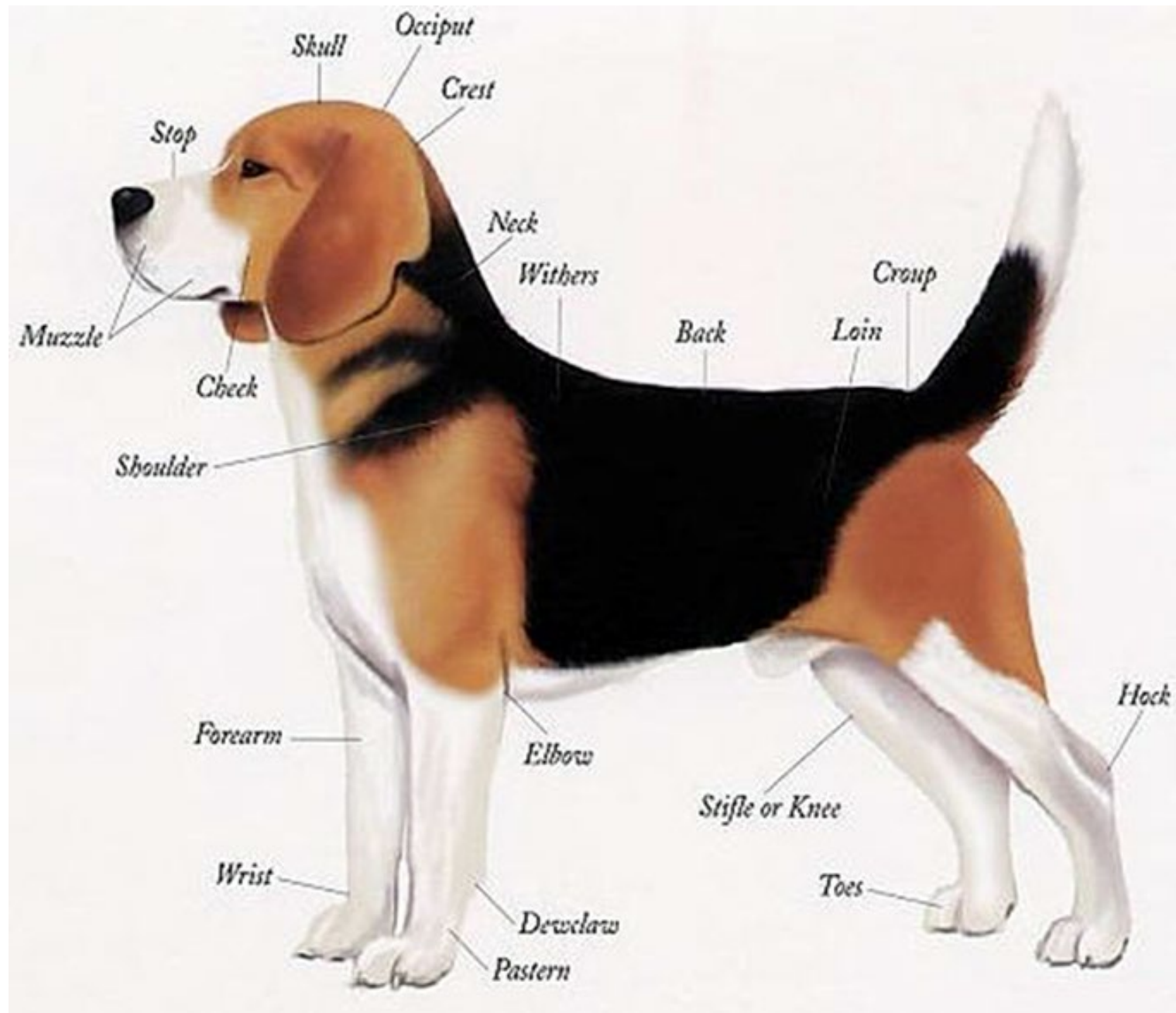


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REQUIREMENT 2: Point out on a dog or a sketch at least 10 body parts. Give the correct name of each one.



YOU MAY USE THIS GRAPHIC TO ASSIST YOU IN YOUR SKETCH OR IDENTIFICATION ON AN ACTUAL DOG



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REQUIREMENT 3a: Explain the importance of house-training for your dog.

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REQUIREMENT 3a: Explain the importance of obedience training for your dog.

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REQUIREMENT 3a: Explain the importance of socialization training for your dog.

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REQUIREMENT 3b: Explain what “responsible pet ownership” means.

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REQUIREMENT 3c: Explain what issues (including temperament) must be considered when deciding on what breed of dog to get as a family pet.

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REQUIREMENT 4: Include a brief description of the type of housing/shelter arrangements you have for your dog.

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REQUIREMENT 5: Explain the correct way to obedience train a dog and what equipment you would need.

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REQUIREMENT 5: Show with your dog any three of these commands: “come,” “sit,” “down,” “heel,” “stay,” “fetch” or “get it,” and “drop it.”.

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.
Be sure to bring your dog or video to show your merit badge counselor.

REQUIREMENT 6a: Discuss the proper vaccination schedule for a dog in your area from puppyhood through adulthood.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 6b: Discuss the control methods for preventing fleas, ticks, heartworms, and intestinal parasites (worms) for a dog in your area from puppyhood through adulthood.

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REQUIREMENT 6c: Explain the importance of dental care and tooth brushing to your pet's health.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 6d: Discuss the benefits of grooming your dog's coat and nails on a regular basis.

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REQUIREMENT 6e: Discuss with your counselor any seasonal conditions (like hot summers, cold winters, or extreme humidity) where you live that need to be considered for your dog.

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REQUIREMENT 6f: Discuss with your counselor the considerations and advantages of spaying or neutering your dog.

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REQUIREMENT 7a: Explain precautions to take in handling a hurt dog.

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REQUIREMENT 7b: Show how to put on an emergency muzzle.

This requirement component must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.
Be sure to bring your dog and muzzle or a video to share with your merit badge counselor.

REQUIREMENT 7c: Explain how to treat wounds.

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REQUIREMENT 7c: Explain first aid for a dog bite.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 7d: Show how to put on a simple dressing and bandage the foot, body, or head of your dog.

This requirement component must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

Be sure to bring your dog and bandage or a video to share with your merit badge counselor.

REQUIREMENT 7e: Explain what to do if a dog is hit by a car.

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REQUIREMENT 7f: List the things needed in every dog owner's first-aid kit.

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REQUIREMENT 7g: Tell the dangers of home treatment of a serious ailment.

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REQUIREMENT 7h: Briefly discuss the cause and method of spread, the signs and symptoms and the methods of prevention of rabies, parvovirus, distemper, and heartworms in dogs.

RABIES

Cause:

Method of Spread:

Signs and Symptoms:

Method of Prevention:



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PARVOVIRUS

Cause:

Method of Spread:

Signs and Symptoms:

Method of Prevention:



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DISTEMPER

Cause:

Method of Spread:

Signs and Symptoms:

Method of Prevention:



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HEARTWORMS

Cause:

Method of Spread:

Signs and Symptoms:

Method of Prevention:



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REQUIREMENT 8: Visit a veterinary hospital or an animal shelter and give a report about your visit to your counselor.

CONSIDER TAKING A PHOTO DURING YOUR VISIT TO SHARE WITH YOUR MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR

Veterinary Hospital or Animal Shelter and Location:

Person's Name and Position that you spoke with:

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REQUIREMENT 9: Know the laws and ordinances involving dogs that are in force in your community.

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REQUIREMENT 10: Learn about three career opportunities for working with dogs.

Career Opportunity #1:

Career Opportunity #2:

Career Opportunity #3:

REQUIREMENT 10: Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this career.

Selected Career Opportunity:

Educational Requirements:

Training Requirements:

Experience Requirements:

REQUIREMENT 10: Explain why this profession might interest you

Notes: