



Dog Care Merit Badge



Expectations

Read and Review **ALL** requirements prior to the class

Even though a requirement may be identified as one to be done in class, Scouts are still expected to familiarize, review, and prepare for the requirement – BE PREPARED!

Active interaction/participation is expected and mandatory.

Share in your own words – avoid reading your answers.

Pay attention to the action verbs.

Bring proof of completion (even partially completed work)



Things to Remember to Bring

1. Your BSA ID# and /or your Merit Badge Blue Card properly filled out and signed off by your Scout Leader
2. Scout Uniform
3. Notes and Questions from reading the Dog Care Merit Badge Pamphlet
4. your dog (if possible)

ONLINE CLASS: you will need your dog part-way through the class.

IN-PERSON CLASS: please have your parents come with you so they may remove the dog when certain requirements are completed and to help maintain control of your dog.

5. Supporting documentation or project work pertinent to this merit badge which may also include a Merit Badge Workbook for reference with notes.
6. A positive Scouting focus and attitude

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Requirements Insight

Requirements	Expectations
1, 2, 3, 6, and 10	If you have prepared ahead of time, you will be able to complete these requirements during the class. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Time will be allotted for those Scouts who have prepared to share their work for sign off consideration
4	If you have prepared ahead of time, you will be able to complete these requirements during the class. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scouts should have proof of their two-month dog care responsibilities, and like the requirement states, have a log showing their efforts.• Scouts must also remember to provide a description of the type of housing/shelter provided for their dog.• Have your log and description ready for the class to share with your counselor and fellow Scouts. <p>NOTE: If you have been following the same routine raising your dog, the requirement does not say you cannot "backlog". The logging does not need to start the day you started the merit badge, but most counselors will prefer a more recent set of logs.</p>
5	Scouts will need to have their dog with them in order to complete this requirement. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is acceptable to have video of you and your dog performing these commands.• Be prepared to share your dog's obedience abilities and to give explanation on proper obedience training.
7	This requirement will be covered during the class. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HOWEVER, Scouts still need to prepare and have an understanding for each component of this requirement.
8	The veterinary visit is NOT done as a part of the class. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HOWEVER, the class will allot time for discussion for Scouts that have completed their visit.
9	If you have prepared ahead of time, you will be able to complete these requirements during the class. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scouts will need to prepare for this requirement prior to the class by researching their local laws and ordinances in their community.• Scouts should be prepared with their findings to share during the class.

Merit Badge Workbooks are a tool to aid Scouts with their work preparation. BSA discourages — but does not ban — the use of any merit badge worksheets or workbooks. Merit badge counselors must NEVER require the use of merit badge worksheets or workbooks and may if they choose, refuse to accept them. Scouts shall not be required to use ANY of these to complete a merit badge.

