

Dog Care





This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet.

This Workbook can help you organize your thoughts as you prepare to meet with your merit badge counselor. You still must satisfy your counselor that you can demonstrate each skill and have learned the information.

You should use the work space provided for each requirement to keep track of which requirements have been completed, and to make notes for discussing the item with your counselor, not for providing full and complete answers.

If a requirement says that you must take an action using words such as "discuss", "show",

"tell", "explain", "demonstrate", "identify", etc, that is what you must do.

Merit Badge Counselors may not require the use of this or any similar workbooks.

No one may add or subtract from the official requirements found in Scouts BSA Requirements (Pub. 33216 – SKU 653801).

The requirements were last issued or revised in 2017 • This workbook was updated in June 2020. Scout's Name:______ Unit: _____ Counselor's Name: _____ Phone No.: ____ Email: _____ http://www.USScouts.Org • http://www.MeritBadge.Org Please submit errors, omissions, comments or suggestions about this workbook to: Workbooks@USScouts.Org Comments or suggestions for changes to the requirements for the merit badge should be sent to: Merit.Badge@Scouting.Org *The activities used to fulfill the requirements for the Dog Care merit badge may not be used to help fulfill requirements for other merit badges. 1. Do the following: a. Briefly discuss the historical origin and domestication of the dog.

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

	Group	Breed(s)	Characteristics
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
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7.			

c. Tell some specific characteristics of seven breeds of dogs (one from each major group),

	Breed	Group	Characteristics
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7.			

OR give a short history of one breed.

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

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- 3. Do the following:
 - a. Explain the importance of house-training, obedience training, and socialization training for your dog.

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b.	Explain what "responsible pet ownership" means.
C.	Explain what issues (including temperament) must be considered when deciding on what breed of dog to get as a family pet.
fee gro	two months, keep and care for your dog.* Maintain a log of your activities during this period that includes these items: ling schedule, types of food used, amount fed, exercise periods, training schedule, a weekly body weight record, oming and bathing schedules, veterinary care, if necessary, and costs. Also include a brief description of the type of sing/shelter arrangements you have for your dog.

(Sample Blank Logs are located at the end of the workbook)

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Explain the correct	ct way to obedience train a dog and what equipment you would need.
	og any three of these commands: "Sit,"
a. Discuss the p	proper vaccination schedule for a dog in your area from puppyhood through adulthood.
b. Discuss the carea from pu	control methods for preventing fleas, ticks, heartworms, and intestinal parasites (worms) for a dog in yoppyhood through adulthood.
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	Intestinal parasites (worms)	
C.	Explain the i	mportance of dental care and tooth brushing to your pet's health.
d.	Discuss the	benefits of grooming your dog's coat and nails on a regular basis.
e.	Discuss with live that need	your counselor any seasonal conditions (like hot summers, cold winters, or extreme humidity) where you d to be considered for your dog.
f.	Discuss with	your counselor the considerations and advantages of spaying or neutering your dog

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7. Do	the following:
a.	Explain precautions to take in handling a hurt dog.
b.	Show how to put on an emergency muzzle
C.	Explain how to treat wounds.
	Explain first aid for a dog bite.
d.	Show how to put on a simple dressing and bandage to the foot, body, or head of your dog.
е.	Explain what to do if a dog is hit by a car.
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f.	List the things needed in every dog owner's first-aid kit.

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		rs of home treatment of a serious ailment.
h.	Driefly die eyes	the cause and method of spread, the signs and symptoms and the methods of prevention of rabies,
	parvovirus, dist Rabies:	temper, and heartworms in dogs.
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Heartworms:					
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Dog Care

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	s and ordinances involving dogs that are in force in your community.
. Learn about th	nree career opportunities for working with dogs.
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2.	
3.	
Pick one and	find out about the education, training, and experience required for this career, and discuss this with your
counselor.	
Career:	
Education	
Training:	
Experience:	

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Tell why this profession interests you						

When working on merit badges, Scouts and Scouters should be aware of some vital information in the current edition of the *Guide to Advancement* (BSA publication 33088). Important excerpts from that publication can be downloaded from http://usscouts.org/advance/docs/GTA-Excerpts-meritbadges.pdf.

You can download a complete copy of the Guide to Advancement from http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf.

SAMPLE DOG CARE LOG Month 1

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Care Costs
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SAMPLE DOG CARE LOG Month 2

	Starting Date:/ Ending Date:// Veterinary Feeding Food Food Exercise Training Body Veterinary										
	Feeding	Food	Food	Exercise	Training	Body		5 44	Veterinary Care		
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