

Cani-Cross Badge Requirements

All behaviors must have been taught or re-taught to the dog (preferably using a new cue), using only positive reward based methods.

- _____ Dog is over one year of age.
- _____ Handler can identify and safely use appropriate equipment necessary for cani-cross (or para cani-cross).
- _____ Dog will accept and wear a harness suitable for cani-cross.
- _____ Dog is in good physical condition. Dog is not overweight, lame, and does not have structural or health concerns that make participating in intense exercise unsafe.
- _____ Handler can identify what environmental conditions may make cani-cross unsafe (heat, humidity, slippery trail conditions) and takes precautions to maximize safety. Handler does not run dog in unsafe conditions, or if dog is showing signs of overexertion. Handler avoids concrete as a running surface.
- _____ Dog understands “line out” or “go” cue, and will proceed forward while applying enough force to the line to help propel handler.
- _____ Dog understands “easy” cue to slow and proceed without pulling on line.
- _____ Dog understands “left” and “right” turn cues and will respond while running on trail.
- _____ Dog understands “on by” cue, and will proceed past a distraction on the trail, such as another human or animal, traveling in the same direction.
- _____ Dog will remain to side of path and allow another team to pass in the same direction without interfering.
- _____ Handler and dog can safely complete a one mile course. Dog should be pulling line except during warm up and cool down, or if trail conditions warrant a slack line for safety (steep downhill, loose or uneven terrain, slick patches, etc.).