



Dog Scouts of America
Application and Title Check-Off Sheet

Honor Scout

The Honor Scout title must be evaluated by a qualified Scout Master evaluator. Not all Scout Masters have been approved to conduct this evaluation. Evaluations conducted by someone other than a qualified evaluator are considered to be invalid.

The Honor Scout title was designed to honor the accomplishments of those Scouts who have shown a great desire to learn new things, and to be helpful in their communities. The dedication of the handler to living the Dog Scout Way is evident. Not every dog will reach the level of Honor Scout; those that do are exceptional and are a clear example of the value of the human/canine bond.

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

Dog's Name: _____ Handler's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Breed: _____

DSA Titles

Held: _____

- Handler is a current member of Dog Scouts of America and has maintained that membership for a minimum of 5 consecutive years – Member Renewal Date: _____
- Handler is a responsible owner and lives by the Dog Scout Laws at all times; handler can provide at least 5 examples of how this occurs on a DAILY basis (may be provided on video)
- Handler demonstrates an awareness of the dog at all times, keeping him safe and ensuring he is causing no disruption, and effectively communicate or demonstrates 5 examples to the evaluator (may be provided in written form or demonstrated on video)
- Handler lists 5 examples where he/she has taken advantage of opportunities to demonstrate and promote responsible dog parenting and building the human/canine bond
- Handler provides supporting documentation that demonstrates that the dog has annual health check ups, receives all legally required vaccinations and any other vaccinations applicable to the dog and/or the area
- Handler can provide 3 non-family references who can confirm that the handler takes care to make sure the dog remains free of internal and external parasites, remains at a healthy weight and keeps the dog generally clean and healthy
- Handler ensures that the dog has some form of identification on him at all times – collar and tags, microchip, etc. (include registration database and date)
- Handler must provide 5 examples of how they demonstrate consideration of other people's property and makes sure that the dog does not damage any property
- Handler demonstrates (in person or on video) that he/she does not allow the dog to harass or harm other animals, domestic or wild; handler should be able to explain examples of



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times where the dog is around other animals, either domestic or wild and how any previous issues have been mitigated

- Dog has actively participated in Dog Scout Camp, including virtual and/or mini camps at least 3 times; while attending camp, handler can describe their significant participation, including badges earned during (or as a result of) camp. Please list dates attended:

- Dog rides quietly in a vehicle and handler uses a crate or accident rated restraint; this is in additional to the requirement for the Travel Safety Badge
- Dog is housebroken.
- Dog behaves and cooperates with a veterinarian or other person trying to give aid or care, when instructed to by the handler. Scoutmaster will verify by examining the dog.
- Dog exhibits proper canine social interaction skills.
- Dog is always under physical or verbal control of the handler. Dog does not jump on people.
- Dog waits until released at doors, gates, street crossings, etc.
- Dog demonstrates and quickly responds to a "be quiet" cue in all situations.
- Dog demonstrates and quickly responds to a "leave it" cue in all situations.
- Dog demonstrates remaining in a stationary position as instructed for extended periods of time such as when at a meeting or seminar, while humans are eating meals, at an airport, etc.
- Dog demonstrates an understanding of an implied "leave it" and does not take food just because it is in reach (i.e. small child eating) but waits until invited. Scoutmaster verifies the dog's understanding of the implied "leave it" by setting up the situation and observing.
- Dog demonstrates remaining quiet and relaxed in a crate and can be left in a strange place (hotel, home, shelter, dog event), remaining quiet without any disruptive or destructive behavior until the handler returns. Scoutmaster will verify by observing the dog's behavior when left in a crate in a location of the Scoutmaster's choosing.

In signing below, handler acknowledges that the Honor Scout test is more than just a test. It must be completely clear to the Scoutmaster that the dog/handler team conducts themselves in the real world according to the test requirements. The Scout Master's determination of pass/fail on any item is final. If any tested item does not meet the stated requirements, retesting must be completed by the same Scout Master. Handler understands that the Scout Master will consult with a second Scout Master before passing or failing the prospective Honor Scout.

Handler's signature: _____ Date: _____

Scout Master's signature: _____ Date: _____

To be completed by Scout Master:

Name of consulting Scout Master Evaluator: _____

Date of consultation: _____



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In addition to the required skills that are demonstrated at the time of evaluation, the dog must have earned badges that demonstrate his versatility and ability to show himself as a model canine citizen. Please fill in the chart below with the badges the dog has earned as outlined and the dates the badges were earned, including those badges that are required of all Honor Scouts.

Dog Scout Test: _____

IMPROV or Animal Actor Badge: _____

Community Service Badge (any 1): _____

3 additional Obedience Badges: _____

Travel Safety: _____

Additional badges across ALL categories (8 required): _____

Responsible Pet Parenting Badges (any 2 additional):

Backpacking Badge: _____

4 additional Utility Badges:

