



Dog Scouts of America
Merit Badge Check-Off Sheet

Jr. Scout Certification
Ages 6 and Under

Adult supervision is required for children ages 6 and under. Children in this age group will be observed rather than formally tested, based on the criteria below. All behaviors must have been taught or re-taught to the dog (preferably using a new cue), using only positive reward-based methods.

- Handler picks up after the dog and assists in the care of the dog (feeding, walking, etc.)**
- Handler can play nicely with his/her dog and can safely meet another dog**
- Handler has taught his/her dog a few basic behaviors (sit, down, come, etc.)**
- Handler shows love and respect for the dog and knows how to protect the dog by keeping him safe**
- Dog will walk calmly on leash in the same direction as the child without pulling the leash and jerking the child. Child does not treat the dog poorly by jerking or pulling on the leash**
- Dog is safe and calm around people and can demonstrate greeting a friendly stranger**
- Dog is safe and comfortable around other dogs and can demonstrate meeting another dog while on leash**