



**Dog Scouts of America**  
**Merit Badge Check-Off Sheet**

**Carting**

Items **bolded** below are requirements that must be demonstrated to the Evaluator. Non-bolded items are training steps that may be introduced in class and are helpful for achieving the requirements. All behaviors must have been taught or re-taught to the dog (preferably using a new cue), using only positive reward-based methods.

**Basic Cues:**

- Dog will walk by handler's side
- Dog will stop, sit and stay on cue

**Harness and Hitch:**

- Dog does not show fear of the harness or of the cart**
- Dog must stand willingly to be harnessed**

**Pull Forward:**

- Dog must pull forward on verbal cue only**
- Dog must demonstrate both right and left turns on cue while pulling**

**Load and Unload:**

- Dog will stop on verbal cue only**
- Dog must wait in position when harnessed to cart and left by the handler**
- Dog must allow the handler to leave his side and go at least 20' away and return without the dog moving**
- Dog must stay in position when approached by another person**
- Dog must allow load to be placed into the cart**

**Backing:**

- Dog will back up between gates without the cart
- Dog will back up without gates or the cart
- Dog must back up at least 3' with the cart and no gates**



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**Narrows:**

- Dog will walk through gates 12" wider the cart but without the cart attached
- Dog will walk through gates 12' wider than the cart without the cart and without touching either side
- Dog must pull the cart through gates 12' wider than the cart without touching either side; dog shows no fear or avoidance