



Dog Scouts of America
Merit Badge Check-Off Sheet

Weight Pull

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.

- Handler can demonstrate how to fit, put on and walk the dog on a weight pull harness**
- Dog will wear the weight pull harness when dragging some weight
- Dog will pull the empty weight pull cart or sled
- Dog will pull the weight pull cart or sled with some weight added
- Dog continues to attempt to pull weight as more weight is added**
- Handler can call the dog to the left and right, if necessary to break out the sled**
- Handler can get the dog to pull the sled 16' without help with the handler behind the finish line**
- Handler understands the rules of weight pull, procedures for competition and how to safely condition, train and maintain the dog**
- Dog must pull the sled 3 times successfully with graduating weight**