

# The Dog Scout Scoop

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# 2018, THE YEAR OF THE EARTH DOG

Welcome to the Dog Scouts of America Year of the Dog celebration! February 16, 2018 ushers in the Year of the Brown Earth Dog, according to the Chinese lunar calendar. The Dog Scouts plan to celebrate all year.

Take a look at our Facebook page: DSA Year of the Earth Dog.

We invite you to join us at camp and outings, share your troop activities, accomplishments and every day fun with your dogs on this page. Show us your photos too.

We are offering an opportunity to order our camp t-shirts by using the order form shown. It's a lime green, 100% cotton t-shirt. It's a great way to show your Dog Scout spirit and get others interested in our mission.

We celebrate and honor our dogs every day, but 2018 is officially their year!

## Year of the Earth Dog t-shirt order form

We are offering a pre-camp order of the 2018 Dog Scout camp shirts so everyone can start the year right and celebrate the Year of the Earth Dog.

**\$20** per short-sleeved  
shirt (100% cotton)  
Sizes S-5X available  
PRICE INCLUDES SHIPPING

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Shirt size(s)

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Mail order form and check, payable to Dog Scouts of America to:

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# Badge Bulletin & Title Tales

Kelly Ford—Troop Leader, CRN Secretary and Trails Titling Program Coordinator



## THANK YOU SO MUCH!

*Thank you all for participating in the 2017 Sparky's Turkey Trot. I have had a wonderful time running this event and hope to continue for many years to come.*

*See you next turkey time!*

***Sparky's 2017 Turkey Trot raised \$1,604.53.***

***Medals were sent in batches to the Team Leaders, wrapped like Christmas gifts with name tags.***

***Cudos to Texas troop 119—Lone Star Paws Squad lead by Maureen Callahan. Who had 19 Turkey Trotters! A pathtag was included with their medals as a token for our appreciation of their DSA community spirit.***

# Badge Processing Changes

by Sally Hoyle, Vice President

It's been two year since we made major changes to how we process badges. During that time we have processed more badges than in previous years and have improved overall processing time, especially for video evaluations. Despite the success we've had there have been some bumps and we have been making changes behind the scenes to correct the issues we've had. Now we're ready to tell you about some important things that you'll need to do differently when submitting badges for processing.

The changes are all about how you will submit videos for evaluation. You will follow this process anytime you have completed work with your dog on a badge and are ready for evaluation. The only exception to this is with badges that require only a log or other documentation.

When requesting a video evaluation please send links to your video to [DSAVideoEval@gmail.com](mailto:DSAVideoEval@gmail.com). Any additional documentation required for the badge should be included in the same email. At the same time send the completed badge form along with payment for the badge to Julie Benson at her published address.

Your video will most often be evaluated within 10 days and once the evaluation is complete Julie will be notified to complete the processing and send out the badge. Processing can be delayed for a number of reasons including broken video links or links posted as "private", unclear video that doesn't clearly show badge requirements, incomplete or improperly filled out badge form, or missing payment. If any of these situations occur you will be notified and asked to correct the problem.

Badge forms for badges requiring logs and/or other written documentation should be sent directly to Julie. These include badges like Community Service, Therapy, Letterboxing, Geocaching, Clean Up America, etc. Additionally, badges where you have a form signed by an in person evaluator are likewise sent to Julie.

Our badge forms are not yet updated on our web site and it will take some time to get this done. In the meantime please ignore the information on the forms regarding video evaluation and follow the process outlined above. As always, the most current information regarding badge processing can be found on the web site and this is the best source of information on the topic.

**If you submitted a badge for video evaluation in the last few months of 2017 and have not yet received a response** please resubmit using the process outlined above. We have tried our best to make the back end of the process seamless yet there is a possibility that some submissions have not been addressed.

Questions about badge processing, requirements for any badge and general questions about badges should be addressed to

Julie Benson, Merit Badge Recording Secretary, [bensonjulie@earthlink.net](mailto:bensonjulie@earthlink.net) and/or Sally Hoyle, Badge Program Administrator, [sally.hoyle@yahoo.com](mailto:sally.hoyle@yahoo.com).

Chris Kloski remains responsible for **evaluator certification** and can be reached at [chrisbill1966@gmail.com](mailto:chrisbill1966@gmail.com).

*Happy Scouting!*

# Agility Badges Clarification

by Sally Hoyle, Vice President

Since we continue to get questions about the requirement for the chute in agility badges, we are republishing this information as a reminder.

Recently many competition agility venues have eliminated the chute as an obstacle on regulation courses. However we have decided not to make changes to the requirements for the Obstacles 2 badge. We have made this decision for a number of reasons.

First, the Obstacles 2 badge requires that the dog complete a 3 obstacle mini course. The obstacles for this badge are the dog walk, a variety of jumps and the chute. Because this is a mini course and we are not driving for the speeds seen in competition agility we do not see a danger in continuing to use this obstacle. We also take the position that controlling a dog on the course, including teaching a “slow down” cue, should be a part of any agility experience.

Next, the chute can be altered if the evaluator has particular concerns about the obstacle. Alterations would include shortening the chute to the standard of 12 feet for the *entire* obstacle, or using a tarp over the barrel so the chute does not completely surround the dog.

Finally, for the Agility 1 & 2 badges the evaluator may build a course that does not include the chute. Depending on the course design and handler skills being tested, we have found that it's quite common for the chute not to be used on course. If the chute is included the evaluator positions in in the course design with safety in mind.

Questions about agility and any other badges can be directed to Julie Benson, Merit Badge Program Recording Secretary or Sally Hoyle, Badge Program Administrator.



# Rainbow Bridge

## ANNIE'S STORY The Best Little Brown Dog

I have had dogs just about all of my life. It started when I was about 10 when we bought a “farm” puppy back in the day when people didn’t spay or neuter so farm dogs had litters pretty frequently. I loved our Jet, a black cocker spaniel whom I helped to housebreak, taught to sit, shake, and walk on a leash all by myself.....eventually, Jet escaped our yard and was hit by a car. After our family searched for him for 24 hours, I came home from school to find him in our garage. Sadly, he had come home to die as he had gotten hit by a car and was bleeding internally. My parents took him to the vet where he was euthanized. Our second dog was a blonde cocker (a distant relative of Jet and named Captain). He was eventually “returned to the farm” because he liked to bite people (although, I never was one of them). I have a strong suspicion that was just what my parents told us; I expect I know what really happened. By then, I was a teenager and my parents decided that we didn’t need a dog because of all the other priorities in our lives.

I was without a dog until I grew up, got married and had children of my own. We adopted a dog from the humane society and I have had at least one dog ever since then. My menagerie often included fosters, several of which ended up moving in permanently; yes, I was a sucker! I have been fortunate enough to share my home with Jet, Captain, Artie (lab/terrier mix), Pepper (lab), Wolf (white shepherd), Shep (rough collie), Wooly (cock-a-poo), Freckles (English springer), Chief (Golden Retriever), Hobbes (rescued greyhound), Annie (terrier mix), and Odie (Golden Retriever). I have had the honorable but painful responsibility of saying good-bye to all but Odie on this list. Dogs bring us joy, humor, fun, exercise, wonder, exasperation, befuddlement, and lots of other experiences and emotions but there is not one who hasn’t taught me something valuable about life, love, devotion, and, most important of all, how to be a better human.

Annie came into my life on October 18, 2008 when she was about 6 years old. In the two months prior to meeting her, I had lost Chief, (my first therapy dog and Dog Scout) and Hobbes who had been trained in a prison program after rescue from the track and showed great promise in future pet therapy activities. Chief was almost 14 and Hobbes had a severe case of inflammatory bowel disease when I adopted him but no one knew it from his vague symptoms. He spent almost two months at my house losing weight with severe diarrhea. After multiple trips to the vet trying different things plus an intestinal biopsy, his colon perforated because the tissue was so thin and delicate. We made a quick trip to the emergency vet in the middle of the night and there was nothing that could be done to save him.

My home was way too empty without a dog. At any rate, a friend told me there was supposed to be a young Golden available at an adoption at one of the large pet supply stores so I decided to go look. I drove 64 miles to meet the Golden (who hadn’t arrived) but instead, there was this little (usually not my type of dog) 13 pound scruffy brown

## Rainbow Bridge (cont.)

dog with dry, frizzy fur; not-so-good teeth; tiny, short legs; and rough looking bald patches on her chest, tummy, and back. Annie was in sad condition because she had had fleas and was terribly allergic to them. She was sitting in her crate shivering and whimpering in spite of the warmish fall sun. I asked if I could take her out and try to calm her down. She eagerly hopped out plus she instantly stopped shaking and crying so we proceeded to sit together on the grass to get acquainted. It turned out that she was great around other dogs, liked children, and was friendly with everyone. She had been returned to the rescue group after a year because the woman that adopted her needed to move to a place where dogs weren't allowed. We walked around together at the event, walking fairly close to the other dogs and she wasn't afraid or aggressive with any of them, she calmly watched as children ran back and forth with excitement, and seemed not to be overly anxious about being touched just about everywhere. The foster mother said a couple was supposed to be coming to meet her so I went to see if the golden had arrived. He had; unfortunately he was heartworm positive and needed extensive surgery on a back leg that had been fractured but had not healed properly. Needless to say, I could not afford that financially or emotionally after the loss of two dogs within a month of each other. I decided to get some lunch while I waited to see if the people would want the little brown dog; if she was still available after lunch maybe she was supposed to come home with me!

Well come home she did and I often wondered if her head was spinning with everything we learned together. First step was to the vet who prescribed special shampoo to help with the skin problem, good flea control, and the healthiest diet possible. She thrived and turned into a really cute little girl once her fur all grew back in properly. Second step: obedience classes, CGC, and possible therapy dog testing. Over the course of a few months, we managed to pass obedience but not without a few days of reckoning.....sometimes, during class, Annie would seem to decide she had been doing "heel, sit, and stay quite long enough, thank you", and would just park herself in the middle of the ring! After I learned to deal with her occasional terrier stubbornness, we came to an agreement (food rewards always got a lot of points) and by February, 2009 she became a certified therapy dog. Over several summers, we went to Dog Scout Camp where she earned a few badges but her favorite thing was meeting people, lying on their lap, or snuggling close to them in their beds. One of my favorite visits was a little 5 year old girl who had recently been admitted to a local hospital newly diagnosed with a fatal, inoperable tumor. Naturally, her parents were devastated and she was afraid of everything and everyone. Annie and I happened to be walking down the hall and had stopped in the room across the hall to visit with someone else as the door to the little girl's room was closed. The doors had big windows so her dad saw us and asked if I could come to see his daughter because she "loved dogs". I walked in with Annie and asked if she could get on the child's bed. The little girl's eyes lit up as she began to pat Annie who turned in a circle and sat very close to the child. A huge smile grew on the child's face as Annie settled in to relax next to her. The mom's eyes got all teary and she said to me, "That is the first time she has smiled all week".

Another favorite time was while we were working at the Festival of Trees just a little over a year ago. Annie looked pretty grey by then and her eyes were getting cloudy but she still loved being around people. One busy afternoon, an elderly woman was resting



## Rainbow Bridge (cont.)

on a bench while her family was walking around. Annie and I went up to her and Annie put her front paws on the bench next to the woman. I asked if the lady wanted to sit with Annie and pat her and she agreed. The next thing I knew, Annie climbed onto her lap (usually she waited for permission) and she sat there for almost a half-hour while the woman and I visited. Somehow, it seems that every now and then these loving, special dogs know just which people need a little extra boost to their day and although I know how really cool my dogs are, it surprises me when they pick out that one individual.

Annie made an average of two, sometimes three visits a month from 2009 – 2017 when she finally retired at around 15 years of age. What a lifetime of loving she gave to others (including me, of course). Little did she know what she was getting herself in for when we met that day 9 years ago, but I think she loved every minute of it. After she retired, her aging seemed to progress even more rapidly than before so in November, I knew what was coming but I really wasn't ready just yet. She had had pancreatitis in September but bounced back after some good nursing care on my part. Then for several weeks, she seemed to be

really slowing down. She had been not eating much of anything for about 4 days in spite of strained meat and other goodies so I decided I would call the vet to schedule that last appointment on the day after Thanksgiving. However that afternoon (11/22) she had a brief seizure. I was able to get a vet appointment right away and she slipped away very peacefully and quickly after the injection. I am glad she no longer has to walk into the furniture and walls, walk around in confusion, and be out in the rain/snow to go potty (which she absolutely hated).

Annie had a rags to riches story but she brought 8 years of joy, lots of love, and broad smiles to many people (children and the elderly alike) as she loved to visit everywhere, especially if people let her sit on their lap or cuddle with them in their bed. Until we meet again rest in peace, my scruffy little brown dog. You were a very good and true friend.

Diane Schuler  
01/08/2018



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*Danny D*

# 2018 GOALS

## 2018 Goals (cont.)



Abby DSA (Troop 230) is hoping to play on the agility field with her human. She secretly hopes for a massage class too. Abby's human is a great asset to the troop so Abby is very proud.



Alex plans to complete the requirements for her Nutrition and Puissance badges. She also hopes her mom will get all her paperwork together & submitted for her Community Service 1 badge. She's hoping to get involved in agility classes again this year, too.

~ Mart & Cindy Ratliff, Troop 119



My prayer is that I'm hoping we have the "come" command down by the end of 2018! Ugh! And, if the weather doesn't go from 10 to 100 degrees outside, we could probably pickup 50 piles of stray poo on our walks but I'm not making any promises.

~ Cheryl Bales, Troop 119



2018 goals for Biscuit & Mom:

1. Stay healthy!!!
2. Finish phoDOgraphy, sign language and first aid badges;
3. Hike more - 200-250miles in one year;
4. Mini camp;
5. More shaping skills.

~ Cheryl Nava, Troop 119

2018 Goals (cont.)

# Blitzen



Blitzen will be working on basic manners and obedience. He will also work towards becoming a Dog Scout. Blitzen will continue in agility training and compete in a few trials this year. He loves the water and will be swimming with his siblings at the lake. Hiking and camping are also on his agenda.

~ Kathy Tucker, Troop 119

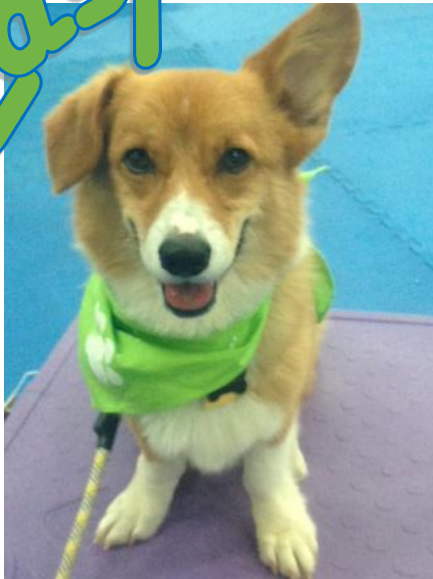


# Bonita

Finish up the sign language and phoDOgraphy badges. Brag for Bonita... at almost 7 years old she obtained her Obstacle 2 badge at mini-camp. This is the only times she has been exposed to the obstacle course, at camp.

~ Becky Paxson, Troop 119

# Casper

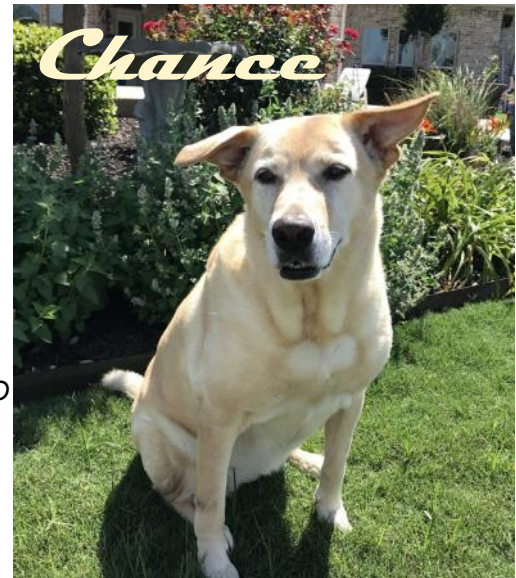


Casper will continue the lure coursing he was introduced to at mini-camp; Attend a nose work trial and practice for it! Continue K9 fitness; Obtain intermediate trick dog title; Get Letterboxing 3 badge - he has the finds and event, just needs carve and plants.

~ Marcia Odal, Troop 119

Chance decided on the following goals for 2018... Get Karen to take me on more walks (my most favorite thing to do!); Learn to "heel" on Karen's right side; Master at least 5 Rally-O Level 1 skills; Earn Fundraising 1 badge; Attend Mini Camp 2018 - I had sooo much fun at 2017 Mini Camp! We didn't turn in goals for 2017...but if we did it would have been to earn the Dog Scout badge, and we did it!

~ Karen Phillips, Troop 119



# Chance

## 2018 Goals (cont.)



Cooper will be starting agility classes this year and looking to excel in agility  
~ Donna Dutkofski, Troop 119

Goal for Cosmo this year is to become a Dog Scout!  
~ Jeff & Christina Blue, Troop 119



Cutter, DSA and I will be working on the Clean-Up America Badge and the Hiking Badge. We may work towards the Trail Dog title. I might get Kathy to assist me and Cutter in training for the PhoDOGraphy Badge. Cutter will continue in his agility classes and enter a few trials. I want to practice rally moves and possibly enter a CWAGS rally trial.  
~ Becky Roberts, Troop 119



We are working on the Carting badge and Treibball. Specifically, we are learning the forward and backup commands, and learning to be comfortable with the shafts touching her sides before we try connecting to the cart. In Treibball we are working on keeping an object between us and going out to a mat at a greater distance.

~ MarSue Freeman, Troop 119



Jake

Goals for me and Jake...Get out and do more things this year that replicate our camp experience. He really loves nature walks and swimming at the lake. We will work to incorporate more of these things in the new year.

~ Tammy Doak, Troop 119



Jango

To work towards our Geocaching badges  
~ Tammy & John Onufreiczuk,  
Troop 119

Jasper



Jasper wants to continue doing agility and earn his Agility 2 badge. He also wants to earn his Trail Dog title, maybe even Trail Dog Excellent but that 10 mile hike seems a little daunting. Jasper also is interested in retrying for his Hiking badge so he can get rid of his nickname "Runs with Deer". He is interested in working on the Advanced Scent Discrimination badge because he's part beagle and it just makes scents (scents, sense...get it?). What mom wants...would like both dogs to take and pass the American Temperament Test if it is offered close to us. And of course we'll do the Turkey Trot again. 2018 will be the best year ever!

~ Maureen Callahan, Troop 119

2018 goals for Jet:  
Become a Dog Scout; Complete beginner agility class; Learn to swim; Earn DSA Backpacking badge; and earn the Novice-level FAST CAT  
~ Victoria Severns, Troop 119

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## 2018 Goals (cont.)



# Franklin

Franklin's goal is to gain more confidence while out in public and work towards becoming a Dog Scout!  
~ Alicia Schordine, Troop 119



# Gracie

Gracie DSA (Troop 230) completed her 2017 goal of conquering the teeter. She also was able to participate in a couple of lure coursing and steeple chase races. She wants to do more agility, lure coursing/steeple chase, and geo-caching in 2018. Her human wants to work with her to get even more comfortable with swimming so that she can get her water safety and boating badges. She loves being on the water but hasn't developed the joy of being in the water.



# Gretel

Gretel (Troop 230) is hoping to overcome some of her tepidness so that she can participate in more scouting events. While she will never be the social butterfly that her sister Gracie is, she would like to get more cookies by training more.

Our most important FUN goal is to improve ("master" may be too much to hope for) our flyball skills.  
~ Donna Dutkofski, Troop 119



# Jaime

**2018 Goals (cont.)**



*Joey*

*Joey's goal is to become a Dog Scout and go to camp.  
~ Donna Francis,  
Troop 119*

*Our goals are Pack Dog title; Obstacles and agility badges; work on letterboxing 2 badge; Continue TDAA agility, intermediate trick Dog title; and go to our first mini-camp! (Justin finally decided to blossom this last year and not be shy. He went to this exact same agility trial and venue in the past and stood in the ring shaking so I had to withdraw him! He went again December 2017 and got 1 standard Q , 4 games Qs and his TG2 title. And he stayed in a motel! It's not the title, it's the fact that he could do this at all. Thanks to DSA and to his Monday night agility class where they make a point of petting and rewarding him. If you have a shy dog don't give up!! His goal for 2018 is to be brave enough to go to mini camp!)*

*~ Marcia Odal, Troop 119*

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*Katie (pictured left) achieved most of her goals for 2017 and accomplished some new things that we didn't foresee at the beginning of the year. There are a couple of things we are still working on, but she didn't achieve her goal of getting a puppy. She's very happy that a new addition will be joining us late spring/early summer!*

*Katie's goals for 2018 include a nice, long winter vacation in Florida, learning some new agility handling drills, doing some Parkour and continuing to perform with the Rock & Roll K9 Performance Team. She also wants to spend more time doing some letterboxing and geocaching with her friends and spend plenty of time hanging out and cuddling her mama.*

*~ Sally Hoyle, Troop 217*





## 2018 Goals (cont.)

*Kay-cee will be 15 in a few months but is going strong. She continues to train and compete in agility but at a much lower jump height and less frequency. We might try entering some scent trials. She loves to swim. We will make some lake trips this year. Maybe she will get her Puppy Paddler Badge. We will continue hiking/backpacking and work on the backpacking badge. We will have fun doing whatever Kay-cee decides to do.*

*~ Kathy Tucker, Troop 119*



*Kay-cee*



*Keenan*

*Keenan's 2018 goals are: Earn AKC Open Agility and Open JWW titles; earn Novice FAST CAT; Finish DSA Geocaching 2 badge; Complete creation of new DSA badge for Geoscenting.*

*~ Victoria Severns, Troop 119*



*Lacey*

*Lacey wants to continue doing agility and earning the Agility 2 badge. Her favorite thing is Treibball and she wants to earn some of the Treibball badges. She only needs 10 more miles and she is done with the Trail Dog and Trail Dog Excellent mileage. She did the 10 miler in December. Lacey wants to re-visit scent work and earn her Scent Discrimination and possibly earn the Advanced Scent Discrimination badge because you don't have to be a beagle to find things with your nose. Maybe do Tricks. And Rally...she's been doing Rally and is getting better at "performing" in front of other people and dogs. Oh, and carting. She loves her cart. Lacey also wants to earn her Puppy Paddler badge so she can go on to earn Boat Safety and other water badges. (Okay...her mom made her put that one on the list.) What mom wants...is for both dogs to take and pass the American Temperament Test if it is offered close to us. And of course we'll do the Turkey Trot again. 2018 will be the best year ever!*

*~ Maureen Callahan, Troop 119*



*Leia*

*We will work on our Geocaching badges.  
~ Tammy & John Onufreiczuk,  
Troop 119*



2018 Goals (cont.)



Our goals for 2018 are to complete levels 2-3 obedience certification and level 1-2 nosework.  
~ Katrena Drake, Troop 119



Luke DSA (Troop 230) is hoping to hang with his mom more around the water. Being a lab he enjoys the water and hopes to be able to pick up some water sport badges. He also thinks that he might be good in agility too.



*Marla & Mason with their BFF Rouen*

Marla and Mason are going to work on completing their Trail Dog title with their BFF, Rouen.  
~ Lisa Hamilton Troop 119

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Maurice's goal for 2018 is to attend a Dog Scout camp!  
~ Kristie Iwamoto, Troop 237

## 2018 Goals (cont.)

**Max Odal** - bicycling badge; community service II badge; and disaster preparedness badge; continue in TDAA Agility.  
~ Marcia Odal, Troop 119



**Max**



**Mentor**

My goal for Mentor this year is to be able to greet a friendly stranger. I think she can pass the rest of the Dog Scouts exam if she can do that, but anxiety work is so slow I don't want to be too ambitious.  
~ Colleen James, Troop 119



Millie, DSA and I will try for the Agility 2 badge this year. Need a little more work on her weaves. I will enter her in a few agility trials this year. Hope she will get over her ring nerves this year. We will go for the Clean-up America 2 badge. She loves to swim so we can try for the Puppy Paddler badge too. We'll work on the hiking/backpacking badges. We'll see what else piques our interest.  
~ Kathy Tucker, Troop 119



**Millie**



## *Nala and Lana*

Nala and Lana (Troop 230) will continue our efforts in socialization. Both dogs did remarkably well last year. They are both getting more comfortable being around other dogs and humans. One went to Petco camp with their human child which was a lot of fun. Both Nala and Lana shocked us all by showing off their ability to heel during the "balance the cheese puff" game at the Christmas Party.

## 2018 Goals (cont.)



Merit Badge goals for Nim this year:

- Agilure
- Lure Coursing
- Manners
- Obstacles
- Scent Discrimination

Our other 2018 goals are

- AKC Scent Work Buried & Exterior Novice
- AKC ACT 1 (Agility Course Test for newbies, we'll try for ACT 2 if/when we get weavepoles)
- All Dog Parkour Level 1
- Re-focus on AKC Open obedience (once the new regulations kick in)

~ Shirley Conley, Troop 183



## Quinn

DSA (Troop 230) is a little lady so she isn't as adventuresome as some of her long legged friends but she enjoys the socialization. She hopes to join Zana in massage, help her mom learn CPR, learn the aspects of travel safety and potentially dip her paw into water sports. She thinks tagging along in Geocaching might be fun too; anything to get out of the house.



## Quinn

Our most important goal is to take better care of our dogs teeth! Gotta brush more often.  
~ Donna Dutkokski, Troop 119



## R e m i

For Remi and I, we are going to be working on getting his therapy dog badge. He just did his first official visit as a Pet Partner and did awesome. I also want to come to camp again and work on a few of the obstacle badges. Remi is not a confident boy, so this year we will be working on confidence building.

~ Robin Terrell, Troop 119

## 2018 Goals (cont.)



*Reveille DSA (Troop 230) is keeping his same goals from last year and adding in continued improvement with lots of fun.*

# Rory



*Rory DSA (Troop 230) is a new dog scout and has so much to look forward to. Some of Rory's goals are boating safety, agility badges and manners.*

# Rosie



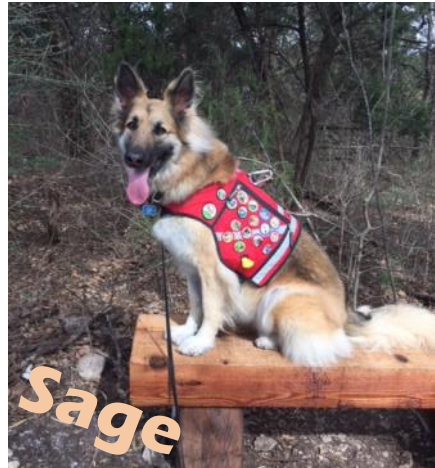
*I met my goal for 2017 which was Rosie becoming a Dog Scout. My goal for 2018, will be to work on Rosie's painting skills.  
~ Nancy Strack, Troop 119*

*Well another year is upon us. I have set new goals for Rouen and I to see if it helps finish some started badge requirements. Every month we are going to work on a previously started merit badge, and try to complete it by the end of that month. Rouen is still active and doing her monthly Therapy dog visits at two libraries now, and recently sent in for Therapy 1 badge. Next goal, hospital visits this year.  
~ Debbie Baker, Troop 119*



## 2018 Goals (cont.)

**Sage Lanter** - Sage's goals are: Take a fun agility class; Hike off leash and pay attention to where my people are (and ignore other 4-footed creatures); Attend minicamp; Find a random badge to earn outside of camp.  
~ Nita Lanter, Troop 119



Sam achieved all of his 2017 goals! We think it's gone to his head a little, especially since he was recently named Outstanding Volunteer for his therapy work. Sam says that since he did so much in 2017 he wants to relax more and spend lots of time napping, eating snacks and splashing in the pond at camp. Katie thinks her brother lacks motivation. Sam says Katie doesn't know how to chill. We will help Sam to set some goals that challenge him a little more.  
~ Sally Hoyle, Troop 217

Sassy and I have a goal to continue and increase our community service. We love being involved and giving back to our community and we want to continue that in 2018.  
~ Michelle Neu,  
Troop 217

Sassy



My goal this year for Scarlet is to get her Dog Scout certifications!  
~ Lenda Curtis, Troop 119

## 2018 Goals (cont.)

### Shadow



My goal this year for Shadow is to get his Dog Scout certifications!  
~ Lenda Curtis, Troop 119



### Ting Ting



Goal for Ting Ting is to earn the Clean Up America 2  
~ Jay & Brenda Garris, Troop 119

### Stevie Ray



We continue our goal of Stevie Ray earning his Art of Shaping badge this year. Hopefully this will be the year of Art! He is less motivated to learn than his sister, Alex, and he has a spinal deformity that keeps him from doing a lot of physical activities but he loves his nature walks and they're good for him, so we plan to do more of those in 2018.  
~ Mart & Cindy Ratliff, Troop 119



### Tachi



My goals with Tachi in 2018 . . .

#### DSA Merit Badges

- Agilure
- Art of Shaping
- Dock Diving
- Lure Coursing
- Manners Badges
- Obstacles
- Rally 1

#### Other goals

- All Dog Parkour Level 1
- AKC Rally Novice
- AKC Scent Work Interior Novice

~ Shirley Conley, Troop 183

2018 Goals (cont.)



# Tripoli

*My goal for 2018 is for Tripoli to become a Dog Scout.  
~ Becky Paxson, Troop 119*

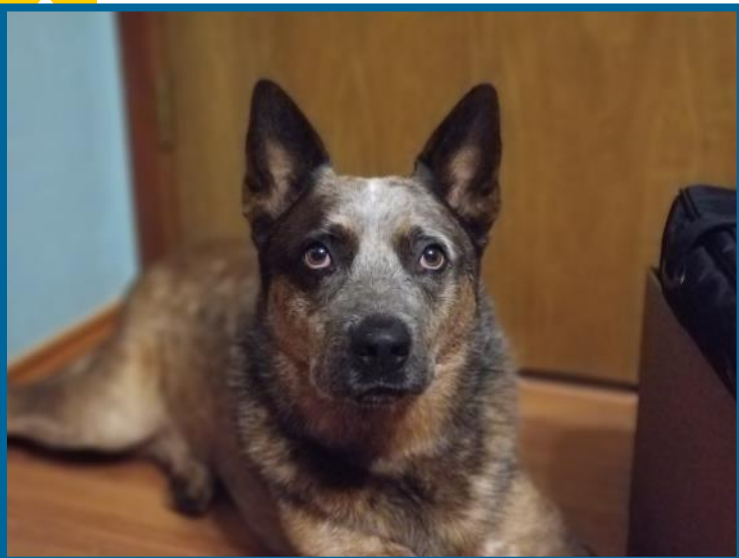
# Turtle

*Clean Up America 2—poop  
pick up and Obstacles 2  
~ Donna Dudley*



# Tyler

*Work on Doga.  
~ Nancy Strack, Troop 119*





## 2018 Goals (cont.)



*2017 Achieved Goals: Westen and I achieved our goal of earning the PDX title on Dec. 29, 2017. Mommy said that 10 mile hike almost killed her but I had no problem (Westen). Westen earned the RN, RNX & RNC ASCA rally titles and the CW-SR & CW-Zoom1 CWAGS rally titles.*

*2018 Goals: Westen will continue working towards titles in ASCA rally & CWAGS rally and possibly AKC rally. We will continue working on the PhoDOGraphy Badge; Continue in agility training and competing in agility; Train for carting; Continue hiking to work towards the UP Packdog title. May try scent training and barn hunt training. Go more often to the lake with his siblings.*

*~ Kathy Tucker, Troop 119*

*Zana DSA (Troop 230) is a special little girl with physical disabilities, but that doesn't stop her! She hopes to attend Texas Mini Camp again and explore additional merit badges. She has a keen interest in learning canine massage with her human as she thinks that as her disabilities increase, it may give her comfort. She is hoping that Geocaching will be present more for her troop in 2018. Her human is going to getting more involved in leadership assisting with record keeping for the troop.*



2017 was a great year for **Troop 230**. We have grown a good deal in the last 18 months. We have some excellent members that are hands on and that really makes our troop a success. We would like to incorporate a local leadership retreat at least 2 times a year for our leaders to plan together. We look forward to an even better 2018 with lots of memorable events, more troop patches and even more growth. We have gotten a commitment from a business leader in Longview Texas to help us expand our troop into Longview. This furthers our goal of being a troop for more of East Texas.

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Learning new things that we may be more helpful

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If you believe that dogs really enjoy learning new things and spending time with their owners, you're our kind of dog person. Dogs were not meant to be "furniture." Working dogs want to work. Without having an acceptable activity in which to use up all of the energy that comes "built-in" with a dog, our canine companions often get into trouble.

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