**PURPOSE:** This badge demonstrates that the owner and dog can be model citizens on the trail or roadway, respecting the environment and following the principles of ‘leave no trace’ while the dog is attached to a bike. The dog and handler must successfully complete 12 miles of riding together, always using the proper safety gear and following the rules of the road.

**DOG REQUIREMENTS:** The dog must demonstrate proper manners and control next to the bike, attached using a non-restrictive harness and ‘springer’ type device. or in the basket of the bike while on the trail or roadway for 12 miles with the owner. Small dogs can complete the required mileage while riding in a bike basket. Small dogs completing the mileage requirement this way must wear a non-restrictive harness that is attached to the basket in a way that prevents the dog from falling or jumping out.

**HANDLER REQUIREMENTS:** The handler must be able to safely ride a bike including smooth turns, starts and stops. The handler must demonstrate an understanding of the safety equipment required for bike riding and always follows safety procedures when riding. The handler understands that the /she must only attach the dog to the bike AFTER he/she has straddled the bike and disconnects the dog from the bike BEFORE dismounting.

The handler understands what it means for the handler/dog team to behave as model citizens when riding on trails. The handler follows all rules and only rides with the dog on trails that are approved for both bikes and dogs. The handler always makes the dog’s safety and his physical and mental well-being the top priorities.

The handler must be able to identify poisonous plants and other hazards along the trail, especially those that might interfere with the safe operation of a bike (like downed branches, acorns, etc.) and those that might injure or have an adverse impact on the dog (like hot pavement, sharp stones, etc.). The handler always uses prescribed training methods and logs miles as they accrue.

**EQUIPMENT NEEDED:** A bike is needed with a ‘springer’ or similar attachment for the dog. The dog needs a non-restrictive harness to attach to the springer on the bike. The handler needs to wear a helmet when riding. The handler must carry water for both him/herself and the dog, as well as a minimum of outdoor survival supplies, as would be in the dog’s pack. See the Backpacking badge for a list of required items.

**PROCESS:** The evaluator willride with or otherwise observe the dog/handler team for at least a portion of the 12 miles. The evaluator will use this time to review how the handler rides with the dog and if he/she follows all safety procedures.

The handler will be asked to demonstrate the dog’s reliable and immediate ‘leave it’. This is evaluated in the same manner as the ‘leave it’ testing done for the Dog Scout badge including 3 successful passes. The dog must respond to the cue without the attachment to the bike going tight. The dog cannot be dragged past the item or be moving so fast that he doesn’t notice or can’t get to the item. The bike must be moving at about the same pace as a human who is walking. The dog must be close enough to get the very desirable item, and he must choose to leave the item alone.

The evaluator may choose to ask questions of the handler to satisfy other requirements and may ask for additional information or demonstrations where he/she feels the handler/dog team has not met a requirement.

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| ALLOWED: | NOT ALLOWED: |
| * Using treats as rewards, but not as | * Dog off leash near a roadway |
| a lure. Dog cannot be made to think | * Dog getting out of site of the handler |
| that there is a reward | * Disregarding any rules on the selected trail |
| * Miles for the Trail Dog title may be | * Failing to use a ‘springer’ type attachment |
| logged simultaneously | * Using treats as a lure for the recall exercise |
|  | * Any action which endangers the dog, the human or both |
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