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.

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|  | **Dog and handler have earned the Letterboxing 1 badge** |
|  | **Handler and dog have interpreted clues to find a total of 20 letterboxes (including those found for the Letterboxing 1 badge) in at least 7 different areas/parks separated by driving distance; handler presents copies of the 15 new stamps collected along with the log sheet showing the names and locations of the boxes** |
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|  | **One of the planted boxes includes a hand carved and a copy of the stamp is enclosed for verification** |

Special rules that apply to any boxes planted at the DSA Michigan camp property:

* No box may be placed closer than 100 yards from the lodge or behind the line of the trees if the woods are closer than 100 yards
* Boxes may not be ‘hidden in plain sight’. They cannot be visible without requiring a search.
* A $5 fee is charged for every box placed
* Clues must be typed into the computer in the lodge, saved in the clues folder, and a copy of the clue must be placed in the Letterbox notebook
* An experienced letterboxer must find the box with the clues provided before the box can be counted
* Boxes placed on the property may NOT be posted as available to the general public on atlasquest.com
* Any boxes which fail to follow these rules or are found to be deficient will be removed and returned to the handler for replanting if they were counted towards one of the Letterboxing badges