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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|  | **Handler and dog have earned both the Letterboxing 1 and Letterboxing 2 badges** |
|  | **Handler and dog have interpreted clues to find a total of 50 letterboxes (including those found for the Letterboxing 1 & 2 badges) in at least 3 different states where one is the home state OR including at least 2 boxes a minimum of 250 miles from home (boxes clearly identified on log sheet and mileage noted)** |
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|  | **Handler and dog have planted a total of 10 boxes (including the 5 planted for the Letterboxing 1 & 2 badges), including all required components; handler has written clues and recorded the clues on the letterboxing web site; copies of the clues printed from the web site along with copies of the stamps are enclosed for verification (boxes planted at camp follow special rules)** |
|  | **At least 4 of the boxes planted include hand carved stamps and copies of the stamps are enclosed for verification** |
|  | **Handler and dog must attend a letterboxing event and collect the special event stamp provided by the host** |

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