



**Dog Scouts of America**  
**Trails Titling Program**

**Geocache Dog Titles**

The Geocache Dog program allows you to log various geocache activities toward DSA Geocache Dog titles. With these titles, the dog performs the useful functions of accompanying the handler, serving as an example of a well-mannered and training companion, and carrying geocaching supplies including tradable items.

**Geocache Dog Title Log Requirements**

Use a GPS unit or program to find geocaches with your dog and use the log to keep track of your finds. You may count multiple caches in the same hike or outing, providing they are not serial, where the location of one cache is dependent on one found before it. As with all DSA trails titles, you must practice responsible dog ownership, including abiding by [Leave No Trace](#) principles while geocaching.

Found geocaches can be of any size and/or type, including non-traditional caches such as Earth, Puzzle, Gadget and Virtual. Multi-caches count only as one find. Travel bugs do not count as traditional caches.

Photos of geocaches are required for evaluation purposes. Photos must be included in the appropriate location on the log. Though you are not required to use the specific log we provide, we strongly encourage its use as it makes evaluation quicker and easier. Any log you choose to use must contain the same information as the log we provide. You must maintain separate logs for Geocache Dog, Letterbox Dog, Pack Dog, Trail Dog, and Cycle Dog.

Your dog must be wearing his backpack containing all of the required items as well as his tradable items in order to count any find or plant towards a geocache title.

All titles beyond Geocache Dog have the prerequisite of the title that comes immediately before it.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Traditional Finds</b>	<b>Plants</b>	<b>ONE of these at EACH level</b>	<b>TWO of these at EACH level</b>	<b>Awards</b>
Geocache Dog (GEOD)	100	15	Attend 2 Geocache Events	Find 5 Travel Bugs	GEO D title certificate and title patch
Geocache Dog Advanced (GEOA)	GEO D title + 100	GEO D title + 10			OR
Geocache Dog Excellent (GEOX)	GEO A title + 100	GEO A title + 10	Plan 1 Geocache Event	OR	
Geocache Dog 500 (GEO500)	GEO X title + 200	GEO X title + 10			OR
Geocache Dog 750 (GEO750)	GEO500 title +250	GEO500 title + 10	Plant 5 additional geocaches**		
Geocache Dog 1K (GEO1K)	GEO750 title + 250	GEO750 title + 10			GEO(x)K title certificate
Geocache Dog (x)K (GEO(x)K)*	GEO1K + 1000, 2000, etc.	GEO1K title + 10 per level			

\*Additional titles are awarded for each increment of 1000 found geocaches.

\*\*When meeting the requirements for planting additional boxes or finding Earth or Mystery/Puzzle caches, these are over and above the required plants for that level.



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### Planting Geocaches

Coordinates for geocaches you place must be logged online at [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com). Depending on size, all caches must include at least a logbook. Larger caches must additionally contain a pen or pencil and tradable items. All caches must be marked as such so that if they are found accidentally, they will not be considered to be trash. Photos and coordinates for your planted caches must be included with your log. A minimum of 5 of your planted caches at each level must have a positive training (or DSA) theme. Always follow the [guidelines](#) for planting.

### Events

Take photos of events you attend or plan to include as evidence with your title submission. Events you attend must be distinct and separate from those that you plan. Events that you plan must have a positive training (or DSA) theme. Events may be either live or virtual.

Anyone who performs a significant role in planning and executing an event may count it as their own. Participation could include selecting and securing an event location, collecting and planting event caches, creating clues and handouts for attendees, etc. To count an event as your own you must be in attendance on the day of the event.

Events must be advertised to the public via [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com) and must be posted at least 30 days in advance of the event. Any event you log as your own must have a positive training (or DSA) theme. A copy of the online event listing must be submitted with your log.

For information about tradable items, Travel Bugs, Earth caches, Gadget caches and Mystery/Puzzle caches please go to [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com). New geocachers will find the “[Start Here](#)” section to be helpful in learning more about geocaching and may want to refer to the [glossary of terms](#) as well. The “[Help Center](#),” found using the dropdown menu under the arrow on the right of the landing page, allows you to perform a keyword search for additional information on any topic. Make sure that you completely understand this hobby and its governing principles before you begin any aspect of geocaching.