

Dog Scouts of America

Activity check-off sheet

Puissance Jumping:

Handler needs to have control and responsiveness of the off-leash dog while performing this activity. It would be extremely dangerous to attempt to train or compete in this activity on leash. Dog should willingly perform jump correctly (no more than 2 refusals on course). All behaviors must have been taught using only positive reward-based methods.

- _____ Handler can use a positive reward based method that uses incremental steps to teach their dog how to jump increasingly higher jumps
- _____ Handler understands that this activity uses extreme muscle exertion, and knows how to properly condition the dog for this sport
- _____ Handler knows how to warm up and cool down the dog for this type of activity
- _____ Handler knows how to use an object of attraction (motivator, tug toy, target etc.) to get dog over the jump in a safe manner
- _____ Handler understands how to teach proper jump take-off (set point) to minimize impact upon landing
- _____ Handler uses the proper equipment for this sport (adequate landing area with soft material or foam pad)
- _____ Handler understands why a dog's growth plates should be closed before taking any jump at height (above their dog's elbow height)
- _____ **Dog willingly and safely will approach and jump the jump at increasing heights**
- _____ **After proper conditioning, training, and practice, dog will jump a height at least twice the dog's shoulder height (by building the height incrementally with each round)**
- _____ **Dog must compete a jump at a height at least twice his shoulder height twice in order to qualify for the badge**