

DSA Service:

Using dog's talents to further DSA and its mission

- ___ Dog has raised a minimum of \$1000 for DSA National
- ___ 20 events/activities: Member education and/or leading troop member activities (not counted toward other badges)
- ___ 10 events: Public or media appearances representing and promoting DSA and its mission to members of the general public. Need at least 10 members of the public for the event/activity to count. These hours can also be counted toward the Community Service badge and/or the Humane Education badge.

Qualifying events include:

- Member education/activities:
 - Presentations/activities must be at least 15 minutes in length, and dog must assist in some way, demonstrating tasks or training steps, participating in public events as a role model of public manners, or demonstrating the dog's ability to be "stationed" (see materials for Humane Education merit badge.)
 - Leading other members in training for any skill or task covered by a merit badge (with dog assisting/demonstrating.)
 - Leading activities such as hikes, "field trips" to events, or skill-building games.
 - Demonstrating skills, games, or exercises (with the dog) learned at a workshop or seminar the handler attended.
 - Leading a community service project where the dogs take an active role.
 - Becoming certified as an evaluator for a merit badge (which includes earning the badge with the dog), and evaluating at least one member.
- Public/media appearances
 - In all cases, dog and handler must both participate, and be clearly representing/promoting DSA.
 - Being interviewed (both dog and handler present with interviewer) for newspaper, magazine, TV, or other news outlet.
 - Can take 1 hour credit for each instance of the handler authoring an article or creating a video clip that gets published in a public news outlet, with either video of your dog or a posed photo of your dog clearly promoting DSA. This can include materials published by DSA "staff" in DSA's own media outlets, and also personal blogs with public readership that are submitted to DSA for potential publishing to our FaceBook page or other outlet.

Submit:

- Log including date, location, activity, how dog was involved, dollar amount for fundraising or hours for other activities.
- Documentation for each event, in one of the following methods:
 - Name and signature of one of the following: Troop Leader (or troop member if you are the troop leader), representative or leader of public event or cooperating organization.
 - OR other documentation of event (copy of news article, copy of check to DSA or FirstGiving fundraising page, photo of you and your dog at event, copy of troop sign-in roster.) Ensure photos and other documentation are clearly labeled with event date.