

Humane Education

Awarded for dog and handler working together to educate the public.

- ___ Dog has earned all three of the following badges: travel safety, dog care and maintenance, first aid – showing the handler's commitment to their own learning, and showing the dog's skills at various tasks such as being handled by their owner and others.
- ___ Dog and handler present educational information to the public at a minimum of 25 events. At least 10 of these events must be active presentations, classes, or workshops where the handler and dog educate an audience, at least 15 minutes in length (i.e. not all events may be the same i.e.: event booths, info tables, or manned displays.) Hours may also be counted for the Community Service badge.
- ___ Dog demonstrates the ability to be sent to a "station" at least 5' away (waiting quietly in a designated area, but handy for when the dog is required) while handler interacts with people/audience. The station can be a mat, target, platform or open crate. The dog must choose to remain in place while the handler is talking to the audience for at least 3 minutes and until cued back to work or cued that the stationing is complete.
- ___ Dog must demonstrate a high level of manners while assisting with educational events.

Qualifying educational events include:

Note: educational events must be done on an unpaid volunteer basis to count toward the badge, and be presented to the general public or other groups (audience should not be comprised mostly of DSA members.)

- Actively man event booths – booth must have educational materials/theme on at least one specific topic (not just promotional materials for DSA).
- Handler presents educational info to at least 10 members of the public with the dog demonstrating or assisting in some way.
- Educate at least 10 members of the public on topics such as: dog bite prevention, travel safety, dog care and maintenance, first aid, spay-neuter, teaching basic manners, socialization, topics covered within The Dog Scout Laws, etc.

Submit:

- Log including date, location, activity/event, educational topic(s) covered, how dog was involved, length of event (hours), and a description of who was receiving the education (group, organization, or event attendees) and how many people received the education.
- Documentation of each event in one of the following ways:
 - Obtain name and signature of one of the following: Troop Leader (or other designated troop member if you are the troop leader), representative or leader of public event or cooperating organization.

- OR other documentation of event such as a copy of news article, event program with your class/activity listed, photo of you and your dog conducting the educational event. Ensure photos and other documentation are clearly labeled with event date.
- Handler will either submit a video clip, or a Troop Leader may submit a short letter about the dog's public manners. Clip(s) or letter must clearly indicate that the dog:
 - Does not jump on dogs or people, lunge toward dogs or people, bark at dogs or people, and is comfortable and calm in the presence of both dogs and people. (Dog's behavior does not have to be "100% perfect," but any "mistakes" should be extremely infrequent and well-managed by the handler, and there should be no safety issues whatsoever.)
 - Can be "stationed" either on a reliable stay, on a mat, in a nearby crate, or in some other way. Whatever method is used, it should allow the handler the ability to freely interact with the audience, and without needing to provide regular reminders to the dog or interrupt their presentation to manage the dog. The dog should demonstrate clear understanding of their "job" during stationing, and then immediately respond to the handler's request when cued to leave their station to assist with the presentation.