



**Dog Scouts of America**  
**Merit Badge Check-Off Sheet**

**Parkour 2**

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.

- Dog and handler must have previously earned the Parkour 1 badge**
- Training should be completed in a variety of different training environments (grassy area, woods, playground, urban, etc.); badge requirements must cover at least 3 different types of environments**
- Handler must understand and abide by all safety requirements at all times, including using a non-restrictive harness and a maximum 6' leash where appropriate**
- During badge check off, the handler/dog team must demonstrate a parkour skill where the handler is required to spot the dog when mounting an object rather than dismounting; In all exercises, it must be clear to the evaluator that the dog willingly and confidently performs the behavior, and does not jump off the obstacle immediately after mounting**
- Dog must demonstrate each of the following behaviors, putting 4 paws on 2 different objects where:**
  - The object moves when the dog places his paws on it
  - The object is at least 1 ½ times the dog's height at the withers
- Dog must crawl under an object that is no more than 2-3" higher than the dog's body when his belly is touching the ground; the dog must clear the object completely to the tip of the tail**
- Dog must demonstrate the balance skill under each of the following circumstances:**
  - On two objects simultaneously where front paws are on one object and back paws are on the other, and one object is higher than the other (back paws up)
  - Walk on an elevated object (beam, tree, etc.) at least 3 times the dog's body length from the neck to the base of the tail, and narrower than the dog's shoulder width (6 inches maximum)
  - Execute a 180 degree turnaround on the elevated object
- Dog must perform 2 of the following advanced parkour behaviors:**
  - Gap jump between 2 objects that are at least as far apart as 1 ½ times the dog's length; objects may be the same or varied in height, but if they are not the same height the dog must always be jumping up
  - Walk double rails from one elevated object to another using rails that are 4" wide or no more than twice the width of the dog's paws for small breeds (under 30 pounds); rails should be set at a width equal to the dog's shoulder width (at the points) and the paws on each side of the body must stay on the appropriate rail
  - Back up a ramp placed at a 60 degree angle; the dog must back up to the point where his front paws come up to but not onto the ramp
- Dog must perform a scramble by jumping up onto an object (like a large boulder or wood pile) that is at least ½ his height at the withers at its lowest point and then scramble up to the highest point of the object, rising to at least 2 times the dog's height; once at the top, the dog should be directed to turn around and return the same way he climbed up; object should be uneven with varied footing, though not so challenging to be inherently dangerous**