

Dog Scouts of America

Activity check-off sheet

Messenger Dog:

- _____ Handler is reasonably sure their dog will do the intended job and not take off after wildlife or go exploring on his own.
- _____ Dog is comfortable with an auxiliary handler and will go with that person
- _____ Dog is walked to a marked outpost location by the first (auxiliary) 200 yards from base camp
- _____ Dog will allow a small/light pouch containing a message to be attached to collar or harness, will carry it the 200 yard distance, and allow it to be removed by the searching handler (owner)
- _____ Dog is familiar with the location of the base camp and will return there for a reward from 200 yards away while out of sight of either handler
- _____ Dog can return to the outpost from base camp accompanied by the Searching (owner) handler (auxiliary handler has moved from that location)
- _____ Dog can track/trail (on lead or off) 100 yards to lead the searching (owner) handler to the new location of the auxiliary handler.
- _____ **Dog can complete the entire sequence for the badge test:**
- 1. Go out from base camp with the auxiliary handler**
 - 2. Allow a message to be attached to his harness**
 - 3. Be sent from the outpost with a message back to the base camp (at least 200 yards away and out of sight)**
 - 4. Will deliver the message to the searching handler (owner)**
 - 5. Can lead the searching handler (owner) back to the outpost**
 - 6. Will then track the auxiliary handler to their new location at least 100 yards away from the original outpost after taking scent from the article left behind**
- _____ **Exercise must be completed in heavy cover or woods so the locations are not visible to each other. Established trails can be used.**