

## Dog Scouts of America

### Activity check-off sheet

#### Earthdog (Go-to-Ground)

All behaviors must have been taught or re-taught to the dog (preferably using a new cue), using only positive reward based methods.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Dog will go through a straight tunnel above ground.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dog will go through a tunnel above ground with a 90 degree turn in it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dog will "work" (bark and/or claw at) a rat in a cage above ground.  
Almost anything can be considered "working" except for staring.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dog will allow the handler to remove the dog from the rat.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dog will run through a short, straight tunnel underground.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dog will go through the underground tunnel with a 90-degree turn.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dog will continuously work the rat underground for at least 30 seconds.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Dog will willingly enter a tunnel underground, follow the tunnel, including a 90 degree turn, until locating the caged rat and working for at least 15 seconds.**

#### Other Useful Behaviors

- \_\_\_\_\_ Dog will remain under the handler's control at all times: it is expected and hoped that the dog will get excited about the rat, but the dog should not become so excited that it "turns" on another dog or the person holding it.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ A dog should **NOT** leave its quarry when working, but because the dog and its handler may disagree on what is legitimate prey, it is very useful if your dog has a solid Leave It cue response.