

Criteria for Badges Guidelines for Evaluators

Herding Badge

This badge shows that the dog has basic herding instinct, and with some guidance and management by the owner, can move the herd in a direction indicated by the handler, keeping them together, and keeping them moving toward the handler.

Dog Requirements: Dog must be able to do a down and a call off while in with the stock. Dog must show an interest in the stock and be able to move them about the pen as directed.

Owner Requirements: Handler must be able to move stock by directing dog as needed.

Equipment Needed: Livestock (Ducks, Sheep, Cattle, or Goats)—the ducks must be clipped or otherwise kept from flying away; Containment fence; Long line, or other means of preventing dog from savaging the stock.

Allowable:

Dog can be any breed, but no “roughing” of the stock will be allowed by dogs who have too much prey drive and not enough herding instinct.

Handler can use a crook for direction indicating purposes only.

Ducks, Sheep, Goats, or Cattle are acceptable livestock. In most cases, stock would be ducks.

A dog could completely pass this badge with no herding instinct whatsoever, but with precise commands and control of the owner to place the dog where he needs to be to have the stock move away from him.

A herd can be as few as three animals.

Proximity to the stock means in WITH the stock; not on the outside of the fence.

Not Allowable:

Dogs that pull feathers or injure stock will be eliminated immediately.