

# Dog Scouts of America

## Activity check-off sheet

### Scent Hurdle Racing:

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

This sport is set-up and run like flyball, except that the dogs on the teams retrieve a dumbbell with their handler's scent (out of 3 others) instead of tennis balls. Someone is needed at the scent box for each team to set a new dumbbell in the box before each dog's run.

### The Articles:

- Dog finds scented article all by itself (placed)
- Dog finds and retrieves scented article with one unscented article nearby, then two, then three
- Dog finds and retrieves scented article with three unscented articles on scent board
- Dog finds and retrieves scented article with three scented articles on scent board
- Dog finds and retrieves scented article among three scented articles

### The Hurdles:

- runs past finish line to "focus" (motivator)
- using restrained recall and the concept of **back chaining** the handler has taught the dog to go over all four jumps and go past finish adding one element at a time
- picks up dumbbell off ground and goes over four jumps
- using **back chaining** the handler has taught the dog to go over four jumps, pick up the dumbbell and take all four jumps back to finish adding one element at a time.
  
- Dog does all 4 jumps down to the scent box, quickly retrieves the dumbbell with his/her handler's scent out of three others, and does the 4 jumps back to the handler without any side barriers. Check off run should be done with another dog as though that dog was on the dog's own team.**