



Dog Scouts of America
Merit Badge Check-Off Sheet

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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.

- Handler can teach the dog simple behaviors using positive shaping methods
- Handler understands the 'old cue' to 'new cue' transition
- Handler can effectively help the dog transition from an old cue to a new one
- Handler understands and can explain the concept of social learning and how it differs from shaping**
- Handler can describe the protocol for facilitating social learning**
- Handler can explain how social learning can be used to teach the dog 3 helpful tasks**
- Dog can demonstrate 3 behaviors on verbal cue ONLY, with no handler body movement**
- Dog/handler team can demonstrate 3 known behaviors using the 'Do It' protocol. This means – the dog copies the behaviors with NO other cues (verbal, head bob, eye flick, pinkie wiggle, etc.)**
- Dog/handler team can demonstrate 2 NEVER BEFORE INTRODUCED behaviors using the 'Do It' protocol. This means – the first time the dog attempts the behaviors is in front of the evaluator during badge check off**
- Dog/handler team can demonstrate a total of 5 behaviors using the 'Do It' protocol (3 known behaviors and 2 never before introduced)**