



**Dog Scouts of America**  
**Merit Badge Check-Off Sheet**

**Geocaching 3**

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.

- Dog and handler have earned the Geocaching 1 & 2 badges**
- Dog and handler have used a GPS to find a total of 50 geocaches (including those found for the Geocaching 1 & 2 badges) in at least 3 states; handler provides photos of the 30 new caches found along with the log identifying the names and locations of the caches (multipart caches count as one cache)**
- Dog and handler have placed a total of 10 geocaches (including those placed for the Geocaching 1 & 2 badges), including all required components and have taken the coordinates for the caches; waypoints have been submitted to geocaching.com for publishing and printouts of the listings are enclosed along with photos of the caches for verification (caches placed at camp follow special rules)**
- Two of the caches placed by the dog/handler team must be specialty caches, with a theme related to positive training or Dog Scouts; proof of placement of this cache must be submitted as above**
- Dog and handler have found a total of 5 travel bugs and have provided photos for verification**
- Dog and handler have released at least 3 travel bugs and have provided photos of the bugs and documentation of the bugs and their progress**
- If a cache owned by the dog/handler team is moved or goes missing, the handler will update or remove the posting as soon as possible after the problem is brought to the handler's attention**

Special rules that apply to any geocaches planted at the DSA Michigan camp property:

- No geocache may be placed closer than 100 yards from the lodge or behind the line of the trees if the woods are closer than 100 yards
- A \$5 fee is charged for every geocache placed
- Clues and coordinates must be typed into the computer in the lodge, saved in the geocache folder, and a copy must be printed and placed in the geocache notebook
- An experienced geocacher must find the cache using the clues/coordinates provided before the cache can be counted
- Caches placed on the property may NOT be posted as available to the general public
- Any caches which fail to follow these rules or are found to be deficient will be removed and returned to the handler for replacing if they were counted towards one of the geocaching badges