



Dog Scouts of America  
Merit Badge Check-Off Sheet

SAR Directional Control 1

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 understands how to use back chaining to teach the dog to target while using multiple targets
- Handler and dog can perform a random pattern with targets at gradually increasing distances
- Dog will go away from handler on cue
- Dog will readily get up on the target platform
- Dog will sit, stand or down on the target until the next cue is given, or for at least 5 seconds
- Dog knows a “hup” or “get up” onto a target such as a low table or platform**
- Dog demonstrates the “sit”, “down”, “stay” and “come” cues while completing the exercise**
- Dog can be directed in a random pattern between targets spaced 25’ apart on the diagonal**
  - Dog demonstrates a “go out” from the center target to the 2<sup>nd</sup> base target
  - From the 2<sup>nd</sup> base target the dog is always directed to move to the middle target
  - Dog moves as directed from side to side between the middle target and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base targets
  - Exercise ends with a recall to handler

