



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

**All Dog Band**

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 has earned the Art of Shaping badge**
- ☐ Handler shapes a new behavior for playing an instrument such as a nose push for playing a piano, a head shake for a shake instrument like a tambourine or maracas, or any behavior that does not resemble painting or use the dog's foot
- ☐ Handler approaches the teaching process methodically and requiring increasing difficulty until the dog will produce and maintain the instrument playing behavior
- ☐ Handler avoids chanting "play...play...play" to the dog before he understands the cue
- ☐ **Handler puts the instrument playing behavior on cue, either a verbal cue or hand signal by adding the cue just before the behavior occurs**
- ☐ **Handler is careful with the equipment, does not damage it or allow the dog to damage it, and returns it to the location where it is stored when done**
- ☐ **Dog participates in an "All Dog Band" performance and demonstrates the instrument playing behavior while other dogs are also playing instruments**
- ☐ **Dog will perform the behavior in at least 2 different locations in addition to the location of the "All Dog Band" performance**