



Dog Scouts of America
Merit Badge Check-Off Sheet

Naked Dog Obedience

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 demonstrates an understanding of operant conditioning
- ☐ **Handler has taught the dog at least 1 new behavior while the dog is off leash**
- ☐ **Dog will walk off leash in heel position for at least 10 steps**
- ☐ **Dog will correctly perform 5 different behaviors in random order, on cue using only one cue per behavior. Dog chooses to stay at least 5 feet away while handler remains in place. No items of any kind may be used to aid behaviors**
 - Behaviors must be cued in quick succession
 - Behaviors must not be pattern trained and cues may not be given dependent on order
 - Behaviors happen in response to a given hand signal and/or verbal cue
 - Both hand signals and verbal cues are allowed and when given simultaneously equate to one cue
 - Dog is fluent and needs only one cue per behavior
 - Dog may not creep forward