**Dog Scouts of America**

**Activity check-off sheet**

**K9 Nutrition**

All behaviors must have been taught or re-taught to the dog (preferably using a new cue), using only positive reward based methods.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ Handler must demonstrate the ability to read nutritional labels on dog food**

 **products.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ Handler understands and can describe the role of nutrition in disease prevention and**

 **management, including allergies.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ Handler can describe signs that a dog is/is not at a normal, healthy weight.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dog must be at a normal, healthy weight for its breed and/or size. If there is a**

 **medical reason why the dog is not at a normal, healthy weight, handler must provide**

 **a diagnosis from licensed veterinarian explaining the reason for the dog being**

 **over/underweight.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ Handler can describe in detail the diet chosen for their dog and the nutritional**

 **rational for choosing that particular diet.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dog must demonstrate willingness to step onto a veterinary scale and remain still so**

 **that an accurate weight can be measured.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ Handler must keep a record of the dog’s weight and provide this record for the past**

 **year. Record must include a baseline measurement and a minimum of 3 other**

 **weights recorded throughout the year.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ Handler and dog must conduct a healthy dog food drive, collecting donations of food**

 **from the public and delivering them to a qualified shelter or rescue organization. The**

 **food drive must follow stated guidelines and must include an element of public**

 **education.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ Handler and dog must perform a minimum of 2 hours of public education on**

 **nutrition in addition to time spent on the food drive. These hours can be a part**

 **of what's included at a booth or table for another purpose, or community event. The**

 **dog must be involved in educating the public.**