



DOG CARE

Merit Badge Requirements

- 1) Do the following:
 - A) Briefly discuss the historical origin and domestication of the dog.
 - B) Describe some common characteristics of the dogs that make up each of the seven major dog groups.
 - C) Tell some specific characteristics of seven breeds of dogs (one from each major group), OR give a short history of one breed.

- 2) Point out on a dog or a sketch at least 10 body parts. Give the correct name of each one.

- 3) Do the following:
 - A) Explain the importance of house-training, obedience training, and socialization training for your dog.
 - B) Explain what "responsible pet ownership" means.
 - C) Explain what issues (including temperament) must be considered when deciding on what breed of dog to get as a family pet.

- 4) For two months, keep and care for your dog. * Maintain a log of your activities during this period that includes these items: feeding schedule, types of food used, amount fed, exercise periods, training schedule, a weekly body weight record, grooming and bathing schedules, veterinary care, if necessary, and costs. Also include a brief description of the type of housing/shelter arrangements you have for your dog.

- 5) Explain the correct way to obedience train a dog and what equipment you would need. Show with your dog any three of these commands: "come", "sit", "down", "heel", "stay", "fetch" or "get it", and "drop it".

- 6) Do the following:
 - A) Discuss the proper vaccination schedule for a dog in your area from puppyhood through adulthood.
 - B) Discuss the control methods for preventing fleas, ticks, heartworms, and intestinal parasites (worms) for a dog in your area from puppyhood through adulthood.
 - C) Explain the importance of dental care and tooth brushing to your pet's health.
 - D) Discuss the benefits of grooming your dog's coat and nails on a regular basis.
 - E) Discuss with your counselor any seasonal conditions (like hot summers, cold winters, or extreme humidity) where you live that need to be considered for your dog.

- 7) Do the following:
 - A) Explain the precautions to take in handling a hurt dog.
 - B) Show how to put on an emergency muzzle.
 - C) Explain how to treat wounds. Explain first aid for a dog bite.
 - D) Show how to put on a simple dressing and bandage the foot, body, or head of your dog.
 - E) Explain what to do if a dog is hit by a car.
 - F) List the things needed in every dog owner's first-aid kit.
 - G) Tell the dangers of home treatment of a serious ailment.
 - H) Briefly discuss the cause and method of spread, the signs and symptoms and the methods of prevention of rabies, parvovirus, distemper, and heartworms in dogs.

- 8) Visit a veterinary hospital or an animal shelter and give a report about your visit to your counselor.

- 9) Know the laws and ordinances involving dogs that are in force in your community.

** The activities used to fulfill the requirements for the Dog Care merit badge may not be used to help fulfill the requirements for other merit badges.*

Requirement 1

Give a brief description of the historical origin and domestication of the dog: _____

Describe some common characteristics of the dogs that make up each of the seven major dog groups:

Do ONE of the following:

Tell some specific characteristics of seven breeds of dogs (one from each major group)

Dog Breed: _____ Specific Characteristics: _____

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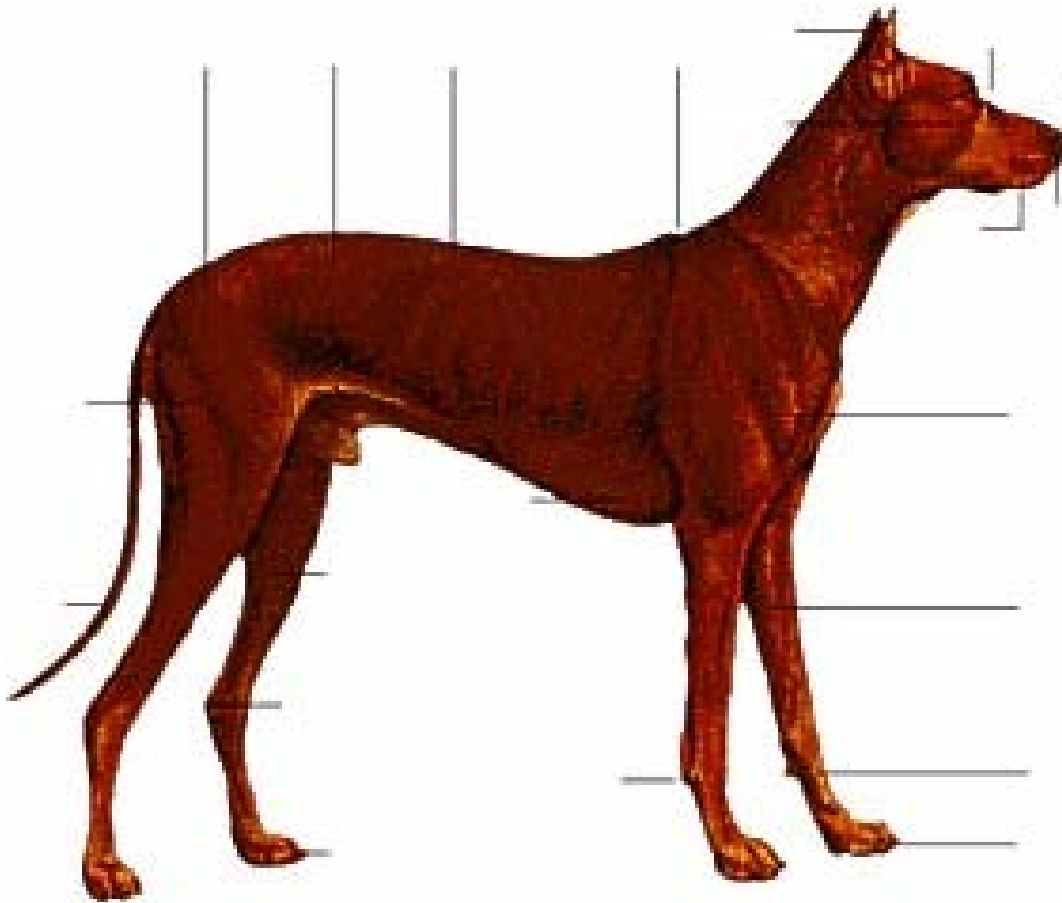
OR

Give a short history of one breed

Dog Breed: _____ History: _____

Requirement 2

Using the picture below or a live dog, point out and properly name at least 10 parts:



Requirement 3

Explain the importance of house-training: _____

Explain the importance of obedience training: _____

Explain the importance of socialization training for your dog: _____

Explain what "responsible pet ownership" means: _____

Explain what issues (including temperament) must be considered when deciding on what breed of dog to get as a family pet: _____

Requirement 4

For two months, keep and care for your dog.* Maintain a log of your activities during this period that includes these items: feeding schedule, types of food used, amount fed, exercise periods, training schedule, a weekly body weight record, grooming and bathing schedules, veterinary care, if necessary, and costs. Also include a brief description of the type of housing/shelter arrangements you have for your dog. * The activities used to fulfill the requirements for the Dog Care merit badge may not be used to help fulfill the requirements for other merit badges.

Dog Care Report

2 Month Period - Begin Date: _____ End Date: _____

Week #1: _____

Week #2: _____

Week #3: _____

Week #4: _____

Week #5: _____

Week #6: _____

Week #7: _____

Week #8: _____

Notes: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Requirement 5

Explain the correct way to obedience train a dog and what equipment you would need: _____

Show with your dog any three of the following commands. Check off the commands you demonstrated.

"Come" "Sit" "Down" "Heel" "Stay" "Take It" "Drop It" "Get It"

Requirement 6

Describe the proper vaccination schedule for a dog in your area from puppyhood through adulthood: _____

Describe the control methods for preventing fleas, ticks, heartworms, and intestinal parasites (worms) for a dog in your area from puppyhood through adulthood: _____

Explain the importance of dental care and tooth brushing to your pet's health: _____

Describe the benefits of grooming your dog's coat and nails on a regular basis: _____

Describe any seasonal conditions (like hot summers, cold winters, or extreme humidity) where you live that need to be considered for your dog: _____
