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## Dog Care Merit Badge

SCOUTS PARTICIPATING IN A SCOUTMASTER BUCKY MERIT BADGE OPPORTUNITY (ONLINE OR IN PERSON), PLEASE CONSIDER ALSO USING THE DOG CARE MERIT BADGE CLASS PREPARATION PAGE FOR CLARIFICATIONS, INSIGHTS, AND EXPECTATIONS.

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/dog-care/class-prep/>

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 MERIT BADGE WORKBOOK

**REQUIREMENT 1a:** Briefly discuss the historical origin and domestication of the dog.

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**REQUIREMENT 1b:** Describe some common characteristics of the dogs that make up each of the seven major dog groups.

GROUP #1

Name:

Common Characteristics:

GROUP #2

Name:

Common Characteristics:

GROUP #3

Name:

Common Characteristics:



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GROUP #4

Name:

Common Characteristics:

GROUP #5

Name:

Common Characteristics:

GROUP #6

Name:

Common Characteristics:

GROUP #7

Name:

Common Characteristics:



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**REQUIREMENT 1c:** Tell some specific characteristics of seven breeds of dogs (one from each major group), OR give a short history of one breed.

### HERDING DOGS GROUP

**Specific Breed:**

**Characteristics of this breed:**

### TOY GROUP

**Specific Breed:**

**Characteristics of this breed:**

### SPORTING GROUP

**Specific Breed:**

**Characteristics of this breed:**



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### HOUND GROUP

**Specific Breed:**

**Characteristics of this breed:**

### NON-SPORTING GROUP

**Specific Breed:**

**Characteristics of this breed:**

### WORKING GROUP

**Specific Breed:**

**Characteristics of this breed:**

### TERRIER GROUP

**Specific Breed:**

**Characteristics of this breed:**

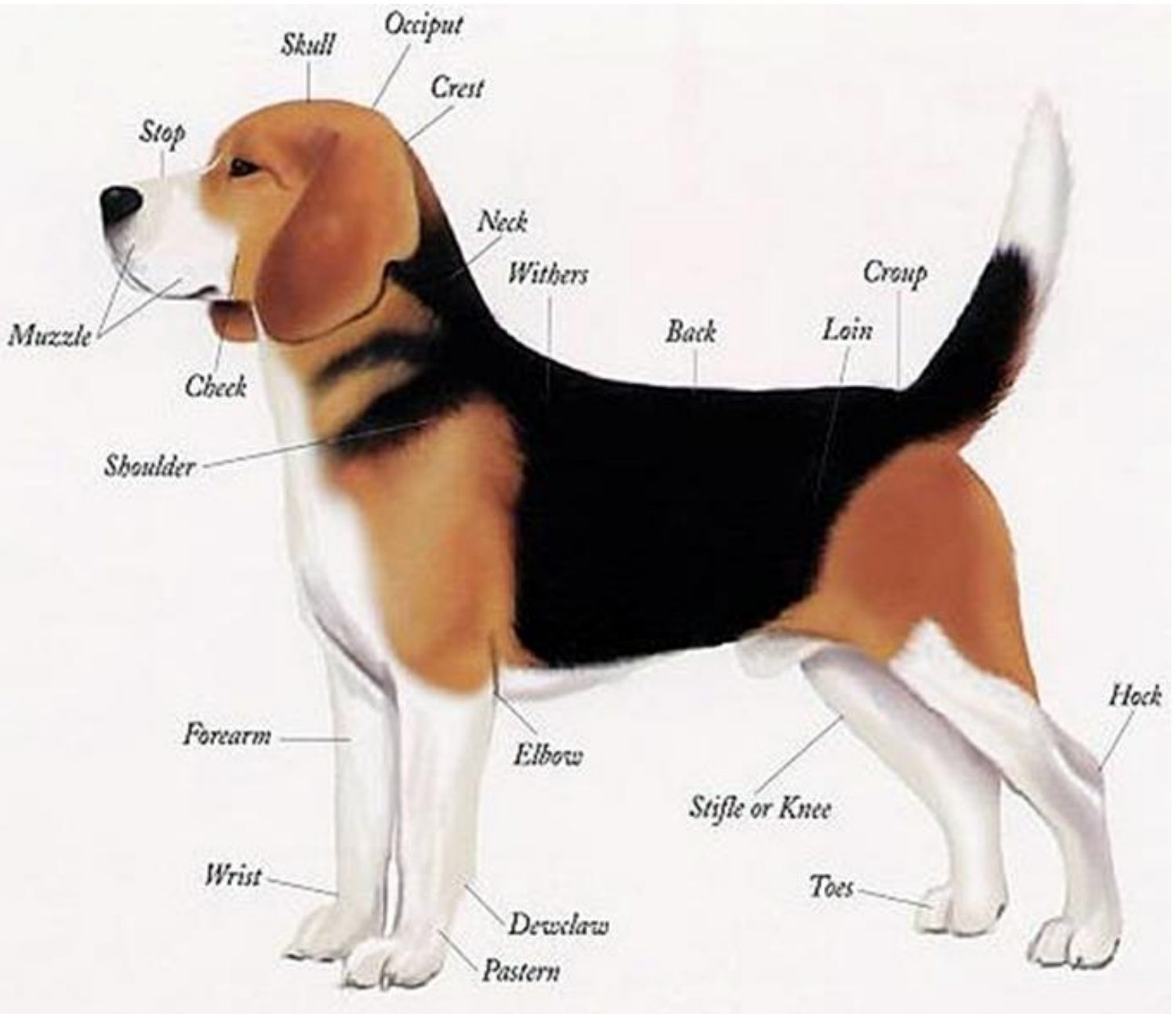


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**REQUIREMENT 2:** Point out on a dog or a sketch at least 10 body parts. Give the correct name of each one.



YOU MAY USE THIS GRAPHIC TO ASSIST YOU IN YOUR SKETCH OR IDENTIFICATION ON AN ACTUAL DOG



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**REQUIREMENT 3a:** Explain the importance of house-training for your dog.

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**REQUIREMENT 3a:** Explain the importance of obedience training for your dog.

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**REQUIREMENT 3a:** Explain the importance of socialization training for your dog.

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**REQUIREMENT 3b:** Explain what “responsible pet ownership” means.

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**REQUIREMENT 3c:** Explain what issues (including temperament) must be considered when deciding on what breed of dog to get as a family pet.

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**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.

### DOG CARE LOG SHEET

Date	Time	Feeding		Weight	Fitness		Beauty		Health	
		Type	Amount		Training	Exercise	Bathing	Grooming	Vet	Cost



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**REQUIREMENT 4:** Include a brief description of the type of housing/shelter arrangements you have for your dog.

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**REQUIREMENT 5:** Explain the correct way to obedience train a dog and what equipment you would need.

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**REQUIREMENT 5:** Show with your dog any three of these commands: “come,” “sit,” “down,” “heel,” “stay,” “fetch” or “get it,” and “drop it.”

**This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.**  
Be sure to bring your dog or video to show your merit badge counselor.

**REQUIREMENT 6a:** Discuss the proper vaccination schedule for a dog in your area from puppyhood through adulthood.

**Notes:**

**REQUIREMENT 6b:** Discuss the control methods for preventing fleas, ticks, heartworms, and intestinal parasites (worms) for a dog in your area from puppyhood through adulthood.

**Notes:**



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**REQUIREMENT 6c:** Explain the importance of dental care and tooth brushing to your pet's health.

Notes:

**REQUIREMENT 6d:** Discuss the benefits of grooming your dog's coat and nails on a regular basis.

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**REQUIREMENT 6e:** 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.

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**REQUIREMENT 6f:** Discuss with your counselor the considerations and advantages of spaying or neutering your dog.

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**REQUIREMENT 7a:** Explain precautions to take in handling a hurt dog.

Notes:

**REQUIREMENT 7b:** Show how to put on an emergency muzzle.

**This requirement component must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.**  
Be sure to bring your dog and muzzle or a video to share with your merit badge counselor.

**REQUIREMENT 7c:** Explain how to treat wounds.

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**REQUIREMENT 7c:** Explain first aid for a dog bite.

Notes:

**REQUIREMENT 7d:** Show how to put on a simple dressing and bandage the foot, body, or head of your dog.

**This requirement component must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.**

Be sure to bring your dog and bandage or a video to share with your merit badge counselor.

**REQUIREMENT 7e:** Explain what to do if a dog is hit by a car.

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**REQUIREMENT 7f:** List the things needed in every dog owner's first-aid kit.

Notes:

**REQUIREMENT 7g:** Tell the dangers of home treatment of a serious ailment.

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**REQUIREMENT 7h:** 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.

### RABIES

**Cause:**

**Method of Spread:**

**Signs and Symptoms:**

**Method of Prevention:**



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### PARVOVIRUS

**Cause:**

**Method of Spread:**

**Signs and Symptoms:**

**Method of Prevention:**



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**DISTEMPER**

**Cause:**

**Method of Spread:**

**Signs and Symptoms:**

**Method of Prevention:**



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### HEARTWORMS

**Cause:**

**Method of Spread:**

**Signs and Symptoms:**

**Method of Prevention:**



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**REQUIREMENT 8:** Visit a veterinary hospital or an animal shelter and give a report about your visit to your counselor.

CONSIDER TAKING A PHOTO DURING YOUR VISIT TO SHARE WITH YOUR MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR

Veterinary Hospital or Animal Shelter and Location:

Person's Name and Position that you spoke with:

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**REQUIREMENT 9:** Know the laws and ordinances involving dogs that are in force in your community.

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**REQUIREMENT 10:** Learn about three career opportunities for working with dogs.

Career Opportunity #1:

Career Opportunity #2:

Career Opportunity #3:

**REQUIREMENT 10:** Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this career.

Selected Career Opportunity:

Educational Requirements:

Training Requirements:

Experience Requirements:

**REQUIREMENT 10:** Explain why this profession might interest you

Notes: