SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

Dog Care Merit Badge Workbook

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Scouts participating in a Scoutmaster Bucky merit badge opportunity, whether online or in person, should consider using the Dog Care merit badge pamphlet for discovery and knowledge, along with the class preparation pages for clarifications, insights, and expectations. These resources are available here:

https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/dog-care/

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 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:	
Group Name:	
Common Characteristics:	
GROUP #2:	
Group Name:	
Common Characteristics:	
GROUP #3:	
Group Name:	
Common Characteristics:	

GROUP #4:
Group Name:
Common Characteristics:
GROUP #5:
Group Name:
Common Characteristics:
GROUP #6:
Group Name:
Common Characteristics:

GROUP #7:
Group Name:
Common Characteristics:

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

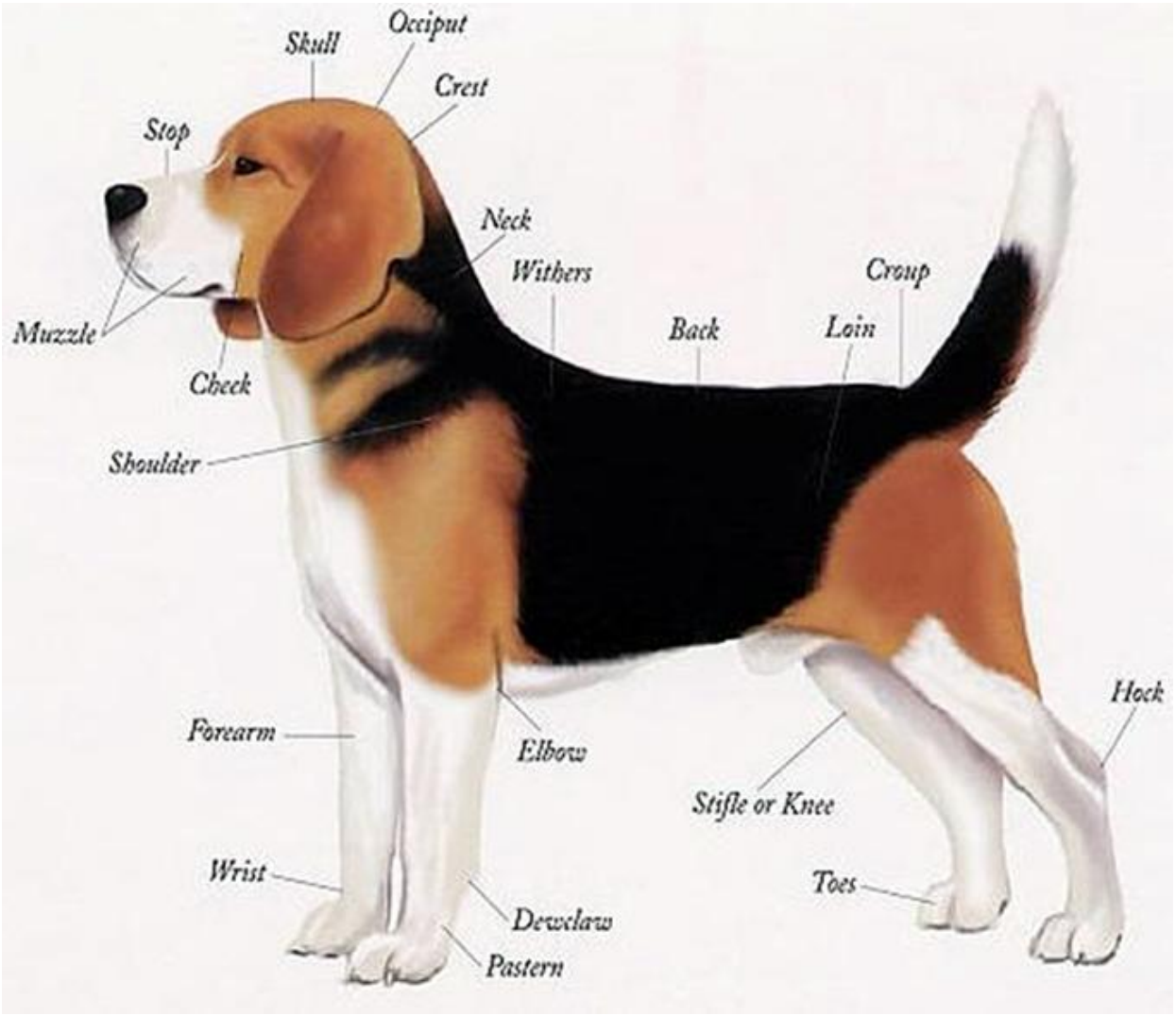
HERDING DOGS GROUP:
Specific Breed:
Characteristics of this Breed:

TOY DOGS GROUP:
Specific Breed:
Characteristics of this Breed:

SPORTING DOGS GROUP:
Specific Breed:
Characteristics of this Breed:
HOUND DOGS GROUP:
Specific Breed:
Characteristics of this Breed:
NON-SPORTING DOGS GROUP:
Specific Breed:
Characteristics of this Breed:

WORKING DOGS GROUP:
Specific Breed:
Characteristics of this Breed:

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



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

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

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

Notes:

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," "get it," "drop it.".

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This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

BE PREPARED!

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.

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

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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.

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

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REQUIREMENT 7c:	Explain how to treat wounds.

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

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

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

Notes:

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

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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:

PARVOVIRUS:
Cause:
Method of Spread:
Signs and Symptoms:
Method of Prevention:

DISTEMPER:
Cause:
Method of Spread:
Signs and Symptoms:
Method of Prevention:

HEARTWORMS:
Cause:
Method of Spread:
Signs and Symptoms:
Method of Prevention:

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	
Place and Location Visited:	
Person's Name and Position that you spoke with at the location:	
Notes:	
REQUIREMENT 9:	Know the laws and ordinances involving dogs that are in force in your community.
Notes:	

DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (10A or 10B) FOR REQUIREMENT 10

REQUIREMENT 10a:	Identify three career opportunities that would use skills and knowledge in working with dogs.
Career Opportunity #1:	
Career Opportunity #2:	
Career Opportunity #3:	
REQUIREMENT 10a:	Pick one and research the training, education, certification requirements, experience, and expenses associated with entering the field.
Selected Career Opportunity:	
Training Requirements:	
Education Requirements:	
Certification Requirements:	
Experience Requirements:	

Expenses Associated with:

REQUIREMENT 10a:	Research the prospects for employment, starting salary, advancement opportunities and career goals associated with this career.

Prospects for Employment:

Starting Salary:

Advancement Opportunities:

Career Goals:

REQUIREMENT 10a:	Discuss what you learned with your counselor and whether you might be interested in this career.

Notes:

REQUIREMENT 10b:	Identify how you might use the skills and knowledge in working with dogs to pursue a personal hobby and/or healthy lifestyle.
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REQUIREMENT 10b:	Research the additional training required, expenses, and affiliation with organizations that would help you maximize the enjoyment and benefit you might gain from it.
Training:	
Expenses:	
Affiliated Organizations:	

REQUIREMENT 10b:	Discuss what you learned with your counselor and share what short-term and long-term goals you might have if you pursued this.

Notes:

Short-Term Goals:

Long-Term Goals: