

DOG CARE MERIT BADGE



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Use the space below to list specific characteristics of each of the seven dog breeds OR write a short history of one breed.

Label the dog parts below.



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Explain the importance house training your dog.

Explain the importance obedience training your dog.

Explain the importance socialization training 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.

For two months, keep and care for your dog. Use the next pages to log your activities.

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Name of Dog: _____ Vet's Name: _____

For two months, keep and care for your dog. Use the questions below and the log on the next page to help you.

How many times a day does your dog get fed? _____

What type(s) of food does your dog eat? _____

How much food does your dog eat? (Be specific, ex. 1 cup in the morning, 1 cup at night) _____

How often do you bathe your dog? _____

With the help of your parents, determine your average weekly expenses for your dog. What are they?

Item	Cost
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Does your dog get enough exercise? _____

How can you increase the level of exercise your dog gets?



Explain the correct way to obedience train a dog.

What equipment do you need to obedience train a dog?

Show with your dog any three of these commands:

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Come" | <input type="checkbox"/> "Stay" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Sit" | <input type="checkbox"/> "Take It" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Down" | <input type="checkbox"/> "Get It" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Heel" | <input type="checkbox"/> "Drop It" |

What is the proper vaccination schedule for a dog from puppyhood through adulthood?

How do you prevent fleas, ticks, heartworms, and intestinal parasites (worms) for a dog from puppyhood through adulthood?

Fleas

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Ticks

Heartworms

Intestinal Parasites (worms)

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

What are the benefits of grooming your dog's coat & nails on a regular basis.

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

What are the advantages of spaying or neutering your dog?

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Briefly describe the cause, method of spread, signs and symptoms, and the methods of prevention of rabies, parvovirus, distemper, and heartworms in dogs.

	Rabies	Parvovirus	Distemper	Heartworms
Cause				
Method of Spread				
Signs & Symptoms				
Methods of Prevention				

Visit a veterinary hospital/animal shelter. What did you learn about? What did you find interesting?

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What are the laws and ordinances involving dogs that are enforced in your community?

List three career opportunities for working with dogs

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Pick one of the above and learn about the education, training, and experience required for this profession.

Why does this career in robotics interest you?

This worksheet will not be turned in and for your own use to demonstrate knowledge of dog care.