

Points	Activity
5	For each new member
Training:	
1	For every 2 Dog Scouts in your troop between Jan 1 and Dec. 31 st of the reporting year.
3	For each new Dog Scout or specialty badge (or pack dog title) earned by a troop member (including badges earned at camp/mini-camp) This is a measure of the person's interest in teaching their dog new skills. This can include the number of badge forms that get signed, indicating a satisfactory performance of the badge skills. Those badge forms do NOT need to get turned into DSA to get the patch unless the person chooses to do so.
1	For each person in the troop with a dog that has/had issues, that the troop designates as having made great progress with the dog's issues during the reporting year. Help, moral support and training advice for people that have dogs with issues may be what keeps that dog from being put down or turned into a shelter if all it needs is a parent that understands how to communicate humanely.
1	For each organized training day – a time set-up just for troop members to specifically to work on training. This could be a time to work on badge skills, basic obedience or even cute tricks. It can also include an educational dog training video night or “guest speaker” presentation.
Education:	
1	For each organized troop meeting that includes some type of education or training for the attendees.
3	Troop member attends a positive dog training seminar or camp and shares knowledge gained with the troop members. Or the troop has a “movie night” to watch and discuss a dog training DVD or DVD of a dog training seminar. A troop member presents a free seminar or TV spot (or gets an educational news article published) for the public.
1	Troop member attends a Dog Scout camp (incl. mini-camps) or other pos. training camp
1	Troop Leader (or designated troop member) attends the Leadership retreat
1	For each event where the troop has a booth or info table to tell people about DSA
Community Service:	
2	For each block of 10 hours of dog related Community Service/public education by troop members <i>and their dogs</i> . Includes any activity that helps dogs/people in the community from which the troop doesn't profit monetarily- fundraising for a dog related cause (local shelter, K-9 vests, pet oxygen masks, etc.), demonstration of training for the public, free dog training session(s) or sessions that only benefit a local non-profit dog organization, cleaning up a dog park, therapy dog visits, walk-a-thons, etc.
2	For each block of 10 hours of general community service by troop members <i>without their dogs</i> . Includes any activity that helps dogs/people in the community from which the troop doesn't profit monetarily- volunteering at an animal shelter, dog or car washes to benefit a shelter, training shelter dogs to increase adoption rates, helping provide food/items to pets of meals-on-wheels recipients, etc
2	For every \$100 raised by troop members (representing DSA or the troop) for dog related non-profit organizations or for equipment, like bullet proof vests for police K-9's or pet oxygen masks.) Can also include fundraising by the troop for the Salvation Army or other non-profit group that helps people and/or animals.
1	For every 10 “piles” left behind by an irresponsible dog owner that a troop member cleans up and disposes of properly. To count, it would need to be a pile that has the same criteria as the ones that “count” toward the clean-up America badge. (No wild animal poop, no piles in areas like dog shows where someone is “hired” to clean-up, your own dog's pile doesn't count, have to be an abandoned pile, etc.) Common locations these are found: trails, dog friendly hotels, and rest stops/dog parks that don't have a designated clean-up person.

If a troop has 5 or less members, multiply the total points earned by 3.

If a troop has 6 to 15 members, multiply the points earned by 2.

Of course the program has rules to follow and deadlines to be met. These are spelled out in the “Troop Recognition Guide.”