

Boy Scout PET CARE Merit Badge Requirements: Please Read Carefully!



Boy Scout Motto: Be Prepared. Please arrive on time with your Pets Merit Badge Book and your signed merit badge card (from Scoutmaster).

Please bring the following with you:

- Your Signed Merit Badge Card – obtain from your Scoutmaster
- The Pet Care Merit Badge Book
- Documentation of completing:
 - Requirement 1
 - Requirement 2
 - Requirement 4

Please look at all 4 requirements before coming. All requirements except #3 will need to be met on your own, outside of the workshop. This workshop is designed to give you the most pertinent and meaningful information to help you be the best pet guardian possible. Bring your completed requirement materials with you so that I will be able to sign your card – no follow-up appointments will be made.

PETS

Merit Badge Requirements

1. Present evidence that you have cared for a pet for 4 months. Get approval before you start.
**Work done for other merit badges cannot be used for this requirement.*
2. Write in 200 words or more about the care, feeding, and housing of your pet. Tell some interesting facts about it. Tell why you have this kind of pet. Give local laws, if any, relating to the pet you keep.
3. Show that you have read a book or pamphlet, approved by your counselor, about your kind of pet.
4. Do ONE of the following:
 - Show your pet in some pet show. *(Making a pet care presentation related to your specific pet at a scout meeting would count. You need to get permission from your Scoutmaster. Please note, many pets are fragile and might become very stressed being transported from their home. Consider the weather as well. Reptiles and birds should not travel from your home in cold weather.)*

- Start a friend raising a pet like yours. Help your friend get a good start.
(I personally do not recommend this selection.)
- Train a pet in three or more tricks or special abilities.

I am an employee at the Humane Society of Missouri and have been certified as a Pet Care Merit Badge Counselor. I will be available to help you and answer any questions you may have while you are earning your badge. You may reach me at 314-951-1572 or jklepacki@hsmo.org.