PETS

“Enhancing our youths’ competitive edge through merit badges”
Requirements

1. Present evidence that you have cared for a pet for four months. Get approval before you start.*

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. Discuss with your counselor what you have learned from what you read.

4. Do any ONE of the following:
   a. Show your pet in a pet show.
   b. Start a friend raising a pet like yours. Help your friend get a good start.
   c. Train a pet in three or more tricks or special abilities.

*Work done for other merit badges cannot be used for this requirement.
Resources for Pets

Scouting Literature
Animal Science, Bird Study, Dog Care, Fish and Wildlife Management, Horsemanship, Mammal Study, Reptile and Amphibian Study, and Veterinary Medicine merit badge pamphlets

Visit the Boy Scouts of America’s official retail website at http://www.scoutstuff.org for a complete listing of all merit badge pamphlets and other helpful Scouting materials and supplies.

Books


CATS


DOGS


BIRDS


FISH


SMALL ANIMALS


OTHER PETS


Organizations and Other Resources

*Aquarium USA, Bird Talk, Cat Fancy, Dog Fancy, and Reptiles* magazines

I-5 Publishing
3 Burroughs
Irvine, CA 92618
Telephone: 213-385-2222
Website: http://www.animalnetwork.com

American Cat Fanciers Association
P.O. Box 1949
Nixa, MO 65714-1949
Telephone: 417-725-1530
Website: http://www.acfacat.com

American Humane Association
1400 16th St. NW, Suite 360
Washington, DC 20036
Toll-free telephone: 800-227-4645
Website: http://americanhumane.org

American Kennel Club
Telephone: 212-696-8200
Website: http://www.akc.org

The Humane Society of the United States
2100 L St., NW
Washington, DC 20037
Telephone: 202-452-1100
Website: http://www.hsus.org

SPAY/USA
25 Davis Ave.
Port Washington, NY 11050
Toll-free telephone: 800-248-7729
Website: http://www.spayusa.org