

Boy Scouts. Girl Scouts. Dog Scouts?

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Dogs and their owners work together to earn merit badges.

Your dog may be able to earn a merit badge. Mart Ratliff is a troop leader in North Texas for the Dog Scouts of America. He says he got the idea while watching Animal Planet.

"We were like 'That would be so cool to be able to have a vacation and have your dog involved with you the whole time!'"

He says dog scout camps are not only a fun time for dogs and owners, but they are a way for dogs to become better pets.

"The badge system is fun but each new thing that the dog is learning makes them more confident and as they are more confident, they are better behaved," says Ratliff.

Ratliff says they'll hold a dog scout camp this fall in the Ft. Worth area.

Like the Boy Scouts, dogs get badges for new achievements going from Pup Scout, to Dog Scout and finally Honor Scout which is the equivalent of an Eagle Scout. Dogs even learn how to paint pictures!

Ratliff says a San Antonio troop doesn't exist yet but they're hoping someone will start one soon.