

GATEWAY SLED DOG CLUB TITLES

The Gateway Sled Dog Club awards six (6) different titles to club members. Each of these titles has four (4) divisions - Level 1, Level II, Excellent, and Master. Each division requires advanced work, and each division will be recognized with a certificate, free of charge.

The individual titles are named:

- Sled Dog
- Backpack
- Weight Pull
- Public Relations
- General Working Dog
- Humanitarian

Each individual title will have its own requirements. It is up to the member/handler/owner to keep all records of each dog's accomplishments, with the original forms coming from the Title Committee or from the website.

Upon the completion of the title requirements, the form may be turned into the Title Committee, which will review it. If a test is necessary, the handler will be notified of the date and the place of the next available test.

The Sled Dog Title and the Backpack Title require tests for two (2) of its levels. It is up to the handler to follow the testing guide-lines. Mileage from the test may be used toward the next level of the title.

Failing of any of the test may occur if:

1. Handler does not arrive on time.
2. Handler does not have all the necessary equipment. (Please see individual titles for the types of equipment.)
3. The test is not finished.
4. The dog is out-of-control or vicious.
5. Dog does not respond to voice commands (for the Sled Dog Title)
6. Extreme time is taken for the test.

Judges for the test are the final decision-makers on the tests.

Any dog that fails a test may retake it as many times as necessary, provided vicious behavior is not the cause for more than two failures. Upon completion of a successful test, the certificate will be awarded.

Sled Dog Title

- Must pull a rig, scooter, or sled in harness that can be stopped by brakes for the safety of the dog. All sleds and wheeled vehicles MUST have a driver.

- One mile is the minimum distance that will be counted.

-Points:

Every mile on wheels will count as 1 point.

Every mile on a sled will count as 2 points.

Bonuses: in a race.

1st place earns 5 points for each dog.

2nd place earns 4 points for each dog.

3rd place earns 3 points for each dog.

4th place earns 2 points for each dog.

Points needed for each level:

Level I - 100 points

Level II - 300 points

Excellent - 500 points

Master - 1000 points

A test will also be given before the title for Level I and II can be awarded.

The equipment that you will need for the test is:

Collars harnesses rig gangline and necklines

Sled bag (spare snaps, lines, and harnesses, poop bags, extra gloves, pocket knife, pliers or screwdriver, first aid kit, matches, flashlight, person's ID, water, water bowl, map if provided.)

To pass:

1. You must show up on time with all equipment.

2. Dog must pull all the equipment the entire distance.

3. Sled/rig team must take voice command good enough to successfully complete the trip.

4. Not every dog on the team needs to be testing. (Ex. If you already have a title holder he/she may be a member of the tester's team.)

5. All markers that must be brought back should be returned. (Ex. Cones, scarves, etc.)

Backpack Title:

- Must carry own (dog) items in a dog-type backpack (poop bag necessary), any items necessary for the trip you are taking at that time (library books, letters, grocery items, picnic lunch, etc.), plus any items the handler deems necessary.

- One mile is the minimum distance that will be counted. If the trip is in a park that has mileage maps, exact mileage should be kept. If you know exact mileage by using your car on other trips, keep the exact mileage. Belt type step counters and/or GPS may also be used. DO NOT ROUND OFF.

Points:

Every mile counts as 1 point.

Level I will include a 5-mile test, AFTER the forms are handed in.

Level II must include a minimum of two (2) 5-mile trips.

Excellent must include a minimum of one (1) 10-mile trip. A 10-mile test will be given AFTER the forms are turned in.

Master must include a minimum of two 10-mile trips (one can be the test for Excellent) or an overnight trip with 5 miles in and 5 miles out with an overnight at a campground or state park cabins - NOT motels)

Points needed: (Points are accumulative from level to level)

Level I - 30 points

Level II - 60 points

Excellent - 100 points

Master - 200 points

Equipment for the test:

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| Extra collar and leash, | first aid kit | matches | pocket knife |
| Flashlight | Person's ID | poop bags (minimum of 2) | |
| Water | Water dish | Map (if provided) | |
| Anything else the handler wants. | | | |

Weight Pull Title:

- Must be in an approved weight of freight harness
- Must pull at approved club event or another club's approved event (GSDC, IWPS, UKC, AKC, AMCA, GLAMC, WAMC, ETC.)
- must qualify and pull minimum of 10 times dog's weight.
- dog must be weighed before the event

Points:

Dog will receive 10 points for 10 times his weight plus any other (times) over that.

- (ex. 10 times weight -- 10 points
- 11 times weight -- 11 points
- 20 times weight -- 20 points

Points needed:

- Level I - 50 points
- Level II - 100 points
- Excellent - 200 points
- Master - 300 points

Public Relations Title

- This is for the dog who participates at demonstration and parades in any capacity for the Gateway Sled Dog Club.

Points awarded:

Demonstrations: - 3 points per individual demo, not each day. (ex. 3 pts for 3 demos in one day equals 9 points that day.

- If you dog “meets and greets” at a demo, it is consider part of the demo.

-If your dog demonstrates more than one thing, your dog will receive points for each item. (ex. Dog A demonstrated the harness and the wagon 2 times that day, then Dog A receives points (harness and 3 points (wagon) time 2 (demos). $3 + 3 = 6 \times 2 = 12$ for that day.)

Exception: if you and your dog are working all day (ex at Boy Scouts) and seeing multiple groups of children in several session - You would received 18 pts for a full day or 9 points for $\frac{1}{2}$ day.

Parades -

10 points per parade, regardless of distance or importance. (If the Club feels it is important enough to go, then all parades are equal.

Points needed

Level I - 75 points

Level II - 125 Points

Excellent - 200 Points

Master - 400 Points

General Working Dog Title

- may combine points from all areas, but may NOT be used towards two different titles (Once you use your points here, they cannot be used on another title.)
- All points awarded will carry the same amounts that that particular event carries. (I.e. sled, back-packing, weight-pulling, public relations.)
- Only 20% of all points may be earned from demonstrations and parades.
- Harness work or backpacking of any type will make up 80% or more of these points.
- Travois and wagon will be included as harness work in this category.
- Dashes of less than 1 mile at GSDC events may be used for points in this category. One dash will carry 1 point. (If you have a 2-dog dash team, each dog will receive 1 point.)

Points needed:

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| Level I - | 75 points |
| Level II - | 125 points |
| Excellent - | 200 points |
| Master - | 400 points |

Humanities and Services Title:

This title was added for those members who volunteered for demo, or visits to various organizations on their own, the Club not be able to attend. These might include nursing home visits, dog reading to school children, smaller demos that only one person volunteered to go to as an individual.

- Each event or visit shall count as 3 points only, regardless of the length of the visit or event.
- Dog must be present for points to count toward the title (Not just the human.)
- Walks for charity and events such as the APA's canine carnival the Humane Society's Bark in the Park qualify.
- Points from this title may not be used toward another Gateway Sled Dog Club Title.
- The event does not have to be GSDC sanctioned event to qualify for points. (Except for parades, which must ALWAYS be approved by the Club.) However, the owner cannot attend under the Name of Gateway Sled Club. It must be as an individual.

Points:

- Level I - 50 points
- Level II - 75 points
- Excellent - 100 points
- Master - 200 points