



# Kansas City Area Pet Professionals Learn About Dog Scouts of America

*Heddie Leger Presents at July HEART Meeting*

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Heddie Leger of The PawZone! was the featured speaker at the July 20 meeting of the HEARTland Positive Dog Training Alliance (HEART). Leger, a longtime member of HEART and a well-known member of the Kansas City area training community spoke to fellow HEART members about the Dog Scouts of America (DSA). Dog Scouts of America provides excellent opportunities for training professionals and pet owners to spend quality time with their pets in structured situations to develop new skills for both dog and handler. HEART members from around from around the Kansas City metro area attended.

DSA troop members work with their dog cadet or dog scout to earn badges of proficiency in a range of categories including agility, community services, obedience and more. HEART members and other pet professionals can participate as a DSA troop member or can become certified Scoutmaster Evaluators who evaluate the proficiency of human-canine troop members.

**About Dog Scouts of America.** DSA is a non-profit, 501c3, educational organization dedicated to improving the lives of people and dogs of all ages through education, positive reinforcement training and community involvement. Established in 1995, DSA now has more than 900 members in 40+ troops in 22 states, Canada and Puerto Rico. DSA offers 98 different badges that dogs can earn with their human's help. For more information, visit [www.dogscouts.org](http://www.dogscouts.org).

**About Heddie Leger.** Heddie Leger (ADT, CHES, CPDT-KA) is owner of The PawZone!, President of Hero's Hope, and trainer of award winning registered therapy dogs. The PawZone! identifies and trains shelter dogs for new lives as therapy dogs, service dogs, search and rescue dogs, and companion dogs. For more information, visit [www.thepawzone.com](http://www.thepawzone.com).

**HEARTland Positive Dog Training Alliance** is a group of like-minded individuals comprised of dog trainers, pet professionals and dog enthusiasts aligning themselves to create an awareness of the importance and benefits of positive reinforcement, force free dog training. For more information, visit [www.trainerswithheart.com](http://www.trainerswithheart.com).

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