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Dogs who pass the AKC Community Canine<sup>SM</sup> test are eligible to earn the AKC's "CGCA" title. To earn the CGCA title, the dog must 1) be registered or listed with AKC (AKC number, PAL, or AKC Canine Partners number) and, 2) already have a Canine Good Citizen<sup>®</sup> award/title on record.

1. **Dog stands, sits or lays down and waits under control** while the owner sits at the registration table and fills out paperwork, or, while the owner sits and has a snack or visits with someone (e.g., at a park).
2. **Walks on a loose leash in a natural situation (not in a ring)-does not pull.**  
 left and right turn    stop    fast and slow pace
3. **Walks on a loose leash through a crowd.**  
This item is tested in a real crowd, not in a ring.
4. **Dog walks past distraction dogs present; does not pull.**
5. **Sit-stay in small group (3 other people with dogs).**  
Owners and dogs are in an informal group while owners have a conversation.
6. **Dog allows person who is carrying something** (e.g., purse, computer case, backpack) **to approach and pet it.** "May I pet your dog?" (Item is put on floor/ground before person pets dog)
7. **"Leave it."** Dog walks by food and follows owner instructions, "Leave it."
8. **Down or sit stay (owner's choice) at a distance.**
9. **Recall with distractions present (coming when called).**  
Handler goes out 20-ft. (off center) and calls dog. Dog comes past a distractor to return to handler.
10. **Dog enters/exits a doorway or narrow passageway (on leash, with owner) in a controlled manner.**



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## American Kennel Club

The American Kennel Club is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its Registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Founded in 1884, the AKC and its affiliated organizations advocate for the purebred dog as a family companion, advance canine health and well-being, work to protect the rights of all dog owners and promote responsible dog ownership.

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The Advanced  
Canine Good Citizen<sup>®</sup> (CGCA) Title



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## What is It?

### AKC COMMUNITY CANINE<sup>SM</sup>

AKC Community Canine<sup>SM</sup> is the third and most advanced level of the Canine Good Citizen Program. In AKC Community Canine, dogs can earn the CGCA (Advanced CGC) title.

The goal of AKC Community Canine is to test the dog's skills in a natural setting. For example, rather than the dog being tested in a ring, in AKC Community Canine, the "walks through a crowd" test item will involve the dog walking through a real crowd at a dog show, on a busy sidewalk, at a training club or in a local park.



### WHAT YOU NEED TO BEGIN

To earn the AKC Community Canine (CGCA) title, your dog must have:

- 1) a Canine Good Citizen test on record at AKC. CGC is a prerequisite for the AKC Community Canine (CGCA) title.
- 2) an AKC number, or PAL number, or AKC Canine Partners number. We attach titles to a dog's number at AKC. All dogs, including mixed breeds, can earn titles. See: [images.akc.org/cgc/number.pdf](https://images.akc.org/cgc/number.pdf)



## How It Works

You can attend a basic training class to teach your dog the CGCA behaviors, or if you have the skills and knowledge, you can teach your dog the CGCA skills yourself.

When your dog is ready, sign up for a CGCA test administered by an AKC Approved CGC Evaluator. Tests are held in the community, at AKC dog shows, at training classes, and at some pet supply stores.

When your dog passes the CGCA test, the evaluator will give you the paperwork to send to AKC to request the CGCA title certificate.

To find an evaluator near you, see:  
[www.akc.org/events/cgc/cgc\\_bystate.cfm](https://www.akc.org/events/cgc/cgc_bystate.cfm)



The AKC Community Canine testing level is all about responsible dog ownership and having a well-behaved dog in the community. Your role as a responsible dog owner begins the moment you decide to add a new dog or puppy to your family.

## The AKC's Canine Good Citizen<sup>®</sup> Program

### FROM PUPPIES TO THE COMMUNITY

With the introduction of AKC Community Canine, the Canine Good Citizen Program now provides a comprehensive 3 level training program for you and your dog.



### AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy: The First Step in Training

You and your puppy attend a class at least 6 weeks long to earn the STAR certificate and gold medal. S.T.A.R. stands for Socialization, Training, Activity and Responsible dog ownership.

[www.akc.org/puppies/training/star/index.cfm](https://www.akc.org/puppies/training/star/index.cfm)



### Canine Good Citizen: Responsible Owners, Well-Mannered Dogs

The AKC's Canine Good Citizen program is recognized as the gold standard for dog behavior. In CGC, dogs who pass the 10 step CGC test can earn a certificate and/or the official AKC CGC title.

[www.akc.org/dogowner/training/canine\\_good\\_citizen/index.cfm](https://www.akc.org/dogowner/training/canine_good_citizen/index.cfm)



### AKC Community Canine: Advanced CGC

AKC Community Canine extends the skills learned in CGC to the community. Dogs who pass the AKC Community Canine test are eligible for the "CGCA" (Advanced CGC) title.

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