



Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Testing - 2021

Town and Country Kennel Club
2507 Fox Creek Road; Bloomington, IL 61704

Doors open at 6:00 P.M. Testing starts at 6:30 P.M. Cost: \$10.00

TCKC performs evaluations of dog/handler teams wishing to take the Canine Good Citizen Examination. Read all about it on our web page: <http://www.tckc.org/> On the test dates listed below, we will open the doors at 6:00 p.m. for those who want to take the test. The floor is available for the dog and handler teams to practice until 6:25 p.m. Teams are to register and pay for the test during this time as well. CGC testing starts promptly at 6:30. TCKC club members may take the CGC test for free.

The Canine Good Citizen Program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. TCKC gives out beautiful blue ribbons to all dogs that pass the Canine Good Citizen test. Owners who pass the test may choose to obtain a certificate or a title from the American Kennel Club (AKC). You can choose to get the certificate only (for an \$8.00 fee) or have CGC as an official title added to your dog's registered name. The processing fee for the title is \$20.00 and includes a document with the listing of the most recent AKC titles for this dog.

All dogs, including both purebred and mixed breed dogs are welcome to participate in the AKC's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Program. *(You can apply for a Canine Partners Number for non AKC registered dogs when ordering a Canine Good Citizen title of record, which becomes a part of your dog's official name.)* Dogs must be old enough to have received necessary immunizations such as rabies vaccines. Puppies that have completed all immunizations and boosters may be tested. There is no age limit for the CGC test.

Be sure to bring your dog's registration number with you and a proper collar for the test. Acceptable collars are well-fitting buckle or a slip collar. AKC now allows non-restricting harnesses to be used for testing. The leash should be either leather or fabric. TCKC performs evaluations of dog/handler teams wishing to take the CGC Examination on the following dates.

March 16, 2021 May 25, 2021 September 7, 2021 November 23, 2021

Stations of the Canine Good Citizen Test include:

Test 1: Accepting a Friendly Stranger: Dog will allow a stranger to approach in everyday situations.

Test 2: Sitting Politely for Petting: The dog must not show shyness or resentment.

Test 3: Appearance and Grooming: This demonstrates that the dog will welcome being groomed and shows the owner's care and sense of responsibility.

Test 4: Out for a Walk (walking on a loose lead): This test demonstrates that the handler is in control of the dog.

Test 5: Walking Through a Crowd: This test shows the dog can move about politely and is under control in public places.

Test 6: Sit and Down on Command and Staying in Place: Dog will respond to handler's commands.

Test 7: Coming when Called: This test demonstrates that the dog will come when called.

Test 8: Reaction to Another dog: This test demonstrates that the dog can behave politely around other dogs.

Test 9: Reaction to Distraction: This test demonstrates that the dog is confident at all times when faced with common distracting situations.

Test 10: Supervised Separation: This test demonstrates that a dog can be left with a trusted person for 3 minutes and will maintain training and good manners.