



Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Testing - 2017

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: \$20.00

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 test dates, we 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. Testing starts promptly at 6:30.

The Canine Good Citizen Program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a certificate or a title from the American Kennel Club (AKC). You will be able to choose to get the certificate only (\$8.00) or have CGC as an official title to your dog's registered name. The processing fee for the title is \$20 and includes a certificate with your most recent AKC titles listed. TCKC now gives beautiful blue ribbons to the dogs who pass the Canine Good Citizen test.

All dogs, including both purebred and mixed breed dogs are welcome to participate in the AKC's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Program. Dogs must be old enough to have received necessary immunizations such as rabies vaccines. There is no age limit for the CGC test. Puppies who have completed all immunizations and boosters may be tested.

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 21, 2017 May 30, 2017 September 5, 2017 November 21, 2017

Items on 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.