



AKC ADDS NEW ADVANCED LEVEL TO CANINE GOOD CITIZEN® PROGRAM

As the result of so many evaluators requesting an advanced level of Canine Good Citizen, we are pleased to announce the **AKC Community CanineSM title**.

We are announcing the program now; testing will begin in October.

AKC Community Canine testing will be administered by CGC Evaluators. There will be no additional fees or testing for evaluators who wish to conduct AKC Community Canine tests.

With the introduction of AKC Community Canine, the AKC's CGC program now provides a comprehensive three- level training program for dogs and their owners. Beginning with AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy, progressing to Canine Good Citizen and now to AKC Community Canine, the CGC program trains dogs through all stages of life to be well behaved in society.

AKC Community Canine expands on CGC skills and lays the beginning foundation for obedience, rally and therapy dog work.

While Canine Good Citizen tests are simulations of real world skills, the goal of AKC Community Canine is to test the dog's abilities in a natural setting. For example, rather than the test being administered in a ring, certain elements will involve the dog walking through a real crowd, whether at a dog show or on a busy sidewalk in the community.

As with CGC, AKC Community Canine requires a **10-step test** that dogs must pass to earn the official AKC Community Canine title:

1. Dog sits or lies down and waits under control.
2. Walks on a loose leash in a natural situation (not in a ring)—does not pull.
3. Walks on a loose leash through a crowd.
4. Dog walks past distraction dogs present; does not pull.
5. Sit-stay in small group (3 other people with dogs).
6. Dog allows person who is carrying something to approach and pet it.
7. "Leave it." Dog walks by food and follows owner instructions, "Leave it."
8. Down or sit stay-distance (owner's choice).
9. Recall (coming when called) with distractions present.
10. Dog will enter/exit a doorway or passageway with owner and remain under control.

For details on test items, see the [AKC Community Canine page](#). To earn the AKC Community Canine title, dogs must have a CGC certificate or CGC title on record at AKC, and they must have an AKC number (AKC registration number, PAL number, or AKC Canine Partners number). All dogs, including mixed breeds, can get an AKC number that is used to attach titles to the dog's record. There will be a title fee of \$20.00.