

# Canine Good Citizen Test In A Day For Dummies: A Comprehensive Guide

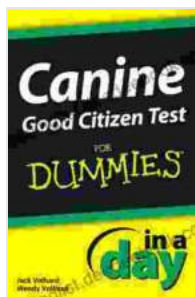
The Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Test is a widely recognized obedience and good manners test for dogs. It was developed by the American Kennel Club (AKC) in 1989 to promote responsible dog ownership and to help dogs become more well-behaved members of society.

The CGC Test consists of 10 exercises that evaluate a dog's basic obedience skills, as well as its ability to interact politely with other dogs and people. The exercises are:

1. Accepting a friendly stranger
2. Sitting politely for petting
3. Appearance and grooming
4. Out for a walk (leash manners)
5. Walking through a crowd
6. Sit and down on command
7. Stay in place
8. Come when called
9. Reaction to another dog
10. Reaction to distractions

To pass the CGC Test, a dog must perform all 10 exercises to the satisfaction of the evaluator. Dogs that pass the test are awarded a

certificate and a CGC medallion.



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There are many benefits to getting your dog certified as a Canine Good Citizen. Some of these benefits include:

- **Improved obedience:** The CGC Test can help you to improve your dog's obedience skills. By practicing the exercises in the test, you can teach your dog to respond to your commands reliably and consistently.
- **Better socialization:** The CGC Test can help your dog to become more comfortable interacting with other dogs and people. By exposing your dog to different situations and environments, you can help it to learn how to behave appropriately in a variety of settings.
- **Increased confidence:** The CGC Test can help to increase your dog's confidence. By passing the test, your dog will learn that it is capable of performing well in new and challenging situations.
- **Eligibility for certain activities:** Some activities, such as therapy dog work and agility competitions, require dogs to be certified as Canine

## Good Citizens.

The best way to prepare your dog for the CGC Test is to start training early and to practice regularly. You can start by teaching your dog the basic obedience commands, such as sit, stay, come, and heel. Once your dog has mastered these commands, you can begin practicing the CGC Test exercises.

Here are some tips for preparing your dog for the CGC Test:

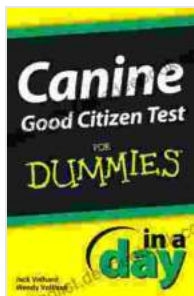
- Start training early. The sooner you start training your dog, the more time it will have to learn and practice the exercises.
- Practice regularly. The more you practice, the more confident your dog will become in performing the exercises.
- Make training fun. Keep training sessions short and positive. Reward your dog for good behavior, and don't get discouraged if it makes mistakes.
- Use positive reinforcement. Dogs learn best when they are rewarded for good behavior. Avoid using punishment, as this can damage your relationship with your dog and make it less likely to want to cooperate.
- Be patient. Training a dog takes time and patience. Don't get discouraged if your dog doesn't learn as quickly as you would like. Just keep practicing and be consistent with your training.

On the day of the CGC Test, you will need to bring your dog, a leash, and a copy of your dog's AKC registration papers (if applicable). You will also need to pay a testing fee.

The test will be conducted by a certified evaluator. The evaluator will observe your dog as it performs the 10 exercises. The evaluator will be looking for your dog to perform the exercises calmly and confidently, and to interact politely with other dogs and people.

If your dog passes the test, you will be awarded a certificate and a CGC medallion. You can then proudly display the certificate and medallion to show that your dog is a well-behaved member of society.

The Canine Good Citizen Test is a great way to show off your dog's training and socialization skills. It can also be a lot of fun for both you and your dog. If you are thinking about getting your dog certified as a Canine Good Citizen, I encourage you to do so. It is a rewarding experience that will benefit both you and your dog.



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