



CGC Testing

(Canine Good Citizen)

Get Your Test At The Classic K9 Training Center. Saginaw, MI 48609

Our CGC Evaluators are sanctioned and certified by the American Kennel Club.

A CGC title is required for many disciplines that you may want to train after basic obedience. A CGC Title may also lower your homeowners insurance. Our 'Good Dog' class is recommended first, as we cover all of the aspects of the CGC Title however, if your dog has already completed obedience training, you may test with us for CGC by appointment.

A CGC passing grade requires your dog to successfully pass all 10 elements:

1. **Accepting a Friendly Stranger** – This test demonstrates that your dog will allow a stranger to approach and speak to the handler in a natural, every day situation. Evaluator approaches and shakes hands with the handler; does not touch the dog.
2. **Sitting Politely for Petting** – This test demonstrates that your dog will allow a friendly stranger to touch it while it is out with its handler. Evaluator pets the dog and then leaves. Your dog must not show any sign of shyness or resentment.
3. **Appearance and Grooming** – This test demonstrates that your dog will welcome being groomed, examined and permitting such a stranger as a veterinarian, groomer or friend to do so. Evaluator inspects the dog, combs or brushes lightly and examines ears and each front foot.
4. **Out for a walk** – This test demonstrates that the handler is in control of the dog. The dog may be on either side of the handler. There must be a right turn, left turn and about turn, with one stop in between and one at the end.
5. **Walking through a crowd** – This test demonstrates that your dog can move about politely in pedestrian traffic. Dog and handler walks close to several people. Dog may show some interest without appearing over-exuberant, shy or resentful.
6. **Sit and Down on command/staying in place** – This test shows that your dog has training and will respond to the handler's command to sit and down and will remain in place. Dog does sit and down then handler walks to the end of the 20 ft. long lead and returns. Handler may choose to put the dog in a sit or down for the stay.
7. **Coming when called** – This test demonstrates that your dog will come when called. With a 20 ft. long lead, handler walks about 10 ft. away, faces the dog and calls the dog.
8. **Reaction to another dog** – This test demonstrates that your dog can behave politely around other dogs. You and your dog and a second dog and handler approach each other, shake hands, exchange pleasantries and continue on. Dogs should show no more than a casual interest in each other.
9. **Reaction to distractions** – This test shows that your dog is confident at all times when faced with common distractions. Dog may show casual interest but may not panic, show aggression or bark.
10. **Supervised Separation** – This test shows that your dog can be left with a trusted person and will remain in good manners. On a 6 ft. leash, Evaluator holds your dog as you leave sight of your dog for 3-minutes.

Testing is held by appointment only. You must call or email Ken Scarnegie to make an appointment. The cost is only \$20 plus you will pay the CGC certificate fee to the AKC.

Make your appointment NOW by calling (810) 210-5315

Or email Ken: CK9SHOW@YAHOO.COM

We support the Saginaw County Animal Care Center, supplying FREE training to help get their adoptable dogs forever homes!