

## **AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) - Title from AKC**

The purpose of the program is to ensure the dog can be a respected member of the community because it has been trained to behave in the home, public places, and in the presence of other dogs

There are 10 test items that dogs will need to pass. This is not as formal as an obedience competition. Handlers can talk to their dogs throughout the test. No food or toys are allowed during test time. All dogs will be tested on leash. You can use body harnesses, however **NO** pinch or training collars, or head halters are permitted.

If you sign up for the CGC test, you must provide your own brush or comb for Appearance and Grooming portion of the test. If you fail to bring one, you will not pass the test.

There are no age requirements for the CGC. Puppies to senior dogs can take the test.

## **AKC Trick Dog – Title from AKC**

The purpose of trick dog, is just to have fun teaching your dog new tricks.

The titles you can earn are:

Novice

Intermediate

Advanced

Performer

Elite Performer

For the Novice Class – if you have your CGC on record with AKC, then you will only need to do 5 tricks to get your novice title. If you do not have a CGC, then you will need to do 10 tricks for your novice title. Each trick must be performed 2x.

You can take your CGC tonight, and if pass, send it into AKC. When they record it, then you can send in for your Novice Tricks title if you pass that tonight.

You may use lures and food rewards during this test.

There are 22 tricks items listed on the AKC website. Go to their site at:  
<https://www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/resources/trick-dog-applications/>