

CGCA TEST STATIONS

("CGCA" title)

AKC's Community Canine Test / Advanced Canine Good Citizen

1. be registered or listed with AKC (AKC #, PAL, or AKC Canine Partners #)
 2. already have a Canine Good Citizen award / title on record
 3. dogs must pass all 10 items to receive the CGCA title
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- 1 dog stands, sits, or lies down and waits under control while the owner:
sits at the registration table and fills out paperwork OR
if test is done in community, dog waits while the owner sits and has a snack or visits with another person (eg at a park)
 - 2 walks on a loose leash in a natural situation (not in a ring) – does not pull: includes:
left turn, right turn, stop, fast and slow paces
 - 3 walks on a loose leash through a crowd: at a show or in a class, this item is tested in a real crowd, not in a ring OR in the community, dogs walks on sidewalk, through a crowd at a community fair, park, on a trail, through a busy hallway, etc
 - 4 dog walks past distraction dogs present – does not pull:
(this item MAY be tested along with # 3 if there are dogs in the crowd)
at a show or class, dog walks by dogs waiting in the crowd – dogs 2 ft apart OR
in the community, dog walks by other dogs on a trail, sidewalk, in a hallway etc
 - 5 sit-stay in small group (two other people with dogs, total of 3 people + 3 dogs in group)
 - 6 dog allows person who is carrying something (eg backpack, computer bag, etc) to approach and pet it: "may I pet your dog?" (item is placed on floor before person pets the dog)
 - 7 "leave it": dog walks by food and follows owner's instructions "leave it";
this can be food placed by the evaluator on floor or ground in a food dish with a wire cover as in Rally
 - 8 down or sit stay – distance (owner's choice):
dog is on 20 ft line, owner walks away with back to dog, picks up an item (eg backpack, training bag, clipboard, folder, etc) placed on the floor / chair / ground by the evaluator and returns to the dog
 - 9 recall with distractions present (come when called): handler goes out 20 ft** (off center) and calls dog; dog is on the 20 ft line from # 8 above (see diagram)

DISTRACTION



DOG

- 10 dog will sit or stand stay (owner's choice) while owner enters / exits a doorway or narrow passageway; owner calls dog through door when ready: owner may chose to:
 1. send the dog through first and have the dog wait for owner OR
 2. the owner may choose to have the dog go through the doorway at the owner's side

WHICHEVER method is used, the dog must not pull the owner and must be under good control; think of the handler having the leash in one hand and a cup of coffee in the other

doorway or gate can be real or simulated with ring gates, two chairs, or a natural passageway (eg entrance to a trail etc) if in the community