

## Dog Titles & Certifications



### **\*AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program!** (No evaluator fee for the test)

The Next Steps-

Attend an AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy class for at least 6 weeks. The target age for this class is 8 weeks to one year. When you fulfill the 6-week course, you will have the opportunity to test for the AKC S.T.A.R. puppy test at the end of the course. After passing the test, you'll get an application to send to AKC for enrollment in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program. All dogs are welcome to participate in the program, including purebreds and mixed breeds. Your puppy will receive the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Medal (for display or memento purposes; not suitable as a collar tag). You and your puppy will be listed in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy records. In addition, so that you can continue learning, you'll receive an AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy package that includes:

- A beautiful, frameable certificate designating your puppy is in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy records at AKC
- Ongoing Monthly Email Newsletter: Your AKC. This includes training tips and up-to-date information every dog owner needs to know. We want you and your puppy to continue learning beyond puppy classes.

**S.T.A.R** stands for **S**ocialization, **T**raining, **A**ctivity and a **R**esponsible owner

**Class prerequisite- None.**



## **Canine Good Citizen!** (Evaluator fee is \$150.00. \$125.00 if class is taken @ HF).

The Next Steps-

The AKC Canine Good Citizen™ (CGC) program is designed to help you and your dog be the best team you can be. It just takes some positive training and a strong bond.

Passing the CGC test will guide you toward responsible dog ownership and help prepare your dog for further training, like AKC Trick Dog or becoming a Therapy Dog.

But perhaps most importantly, it will teach your dog useful life skills that will benefit you both, no matter where you are or what you're doing. You and your dog will need to pass a 10-skill test that focuses on obedience, manners, confidence, and social skills.

**Class prerequisite- Basic Obedience.**



## **AKC Community Canine!“CGCA”** (Evaluator fee is \$150.00. \$125.00 if class is taken @ HF)

The Next Steps-

AKC Community Canine is the advanced level of the AKC's Canine Good Citizen

Program. Dogs who pass the AKC Community Canine test earn the official AKC

Community Canine title, which is designated by the letters “CGCA” (Advanced CGC) on the dog's title record.

**Class prerequisite- AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC)**



## AKC Trick Dog! (Evaluator fee is \$150.00. \$125.00 if class is taken @ HF)

The Next Steps-

There are five AKC Trick Titles you and your dog can earn:

- AKC Novice Trick Dog (TKN)- Your dog performs 10 skills from the Novice list. (see link to “Application” below for lists of skills). If a dog has a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate or title on record at AKC, it can do 5 Novice tricks (CGC + 5) to earn the Novice title. [See the list of tricks here.](#)
- AKC Intermediate Trick Dog (TKI) – Your dog must have the Novice title, plus perform 10 Intermediate tricks. [See the list of tricks here.](#)
- AKC Advanced Trick Dog (TKA) – Your dog must have the Intermediate title, plus perform 10 tricks from the Advanced list. [See the list of tricks here.](#)
- AKC Trick Dog Performer (TKP) – In this title, handlers perform a short routine with at least 10 tricks, with at least 3 tricks using props. [See the requirements here.](#)
- AKC Trick Dog Elite Performer (TKE) – In the highest level of Trick Dog, the Elite Performers perform a routine that has a story/script. At least 5 props are used. [See the requirements here](#)

**Class prerequisite- AKC Canine Good Citizen™ (CGC) or Advanced Obedience**



## **AKC Urban CGC!** (Evaluator fee is \$150.00. \$125.00 if class is taken @ HF)

### The Next Steps-

AKC Urban CGC requires that the dog demonstrate CGC skills and beyond in a setting that includes traffic, crowds, noises, smells, and other distractions that are present in a city or town. As with Canine Good Citizen, AKC Urban CGC is a 10-step test of skills that dogs must pass to earn the official AKC Urban CGC title. This is a title that appears on the dog's title record at AKC.

AKC Urban CGC is a public access test that demonstrates dogs are well-behaved and well-trained when in public settings. The Urban CGC test can be used by dog-friendly businesses (e.g., lodging, retail, transportation, and public facilities) to recognize and accept dogs with good manners.

**Class prerequisite- AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC).**