



AKITA CLUB OF AMERICA

SHOW COMMITTEE

POSITION OUTLINES

CANINE GOOD CITIZENS

GENERAL INFORMATION

CGC Committee must work through the Show Chair but it is up to the Committee to secure the judge. There are several ACA members that are qualified as CGC Evaluators

(Note: get up to date list)

The CGC will be run on the Monday of the Specialty if there is Agility and if not it will be run on Tuesday (the Performance Day). The CGC can overlap the Obedience or Rally to some degree but cannot be held in between if we are at an indoor venue with only one ring available (per Obedience/Rally rules)

CGC – does not have to be approved by the AKC but there **MUST** be a qualified evaluator. Good idea to have it listed on the AKC application under Special Attractions

The CGC needs to have a pre-registration form included on the website and in the flyer package. In the past we have charged ACA members \$10.00 if they pre-register

Equipment needed:

- ❖ Test forms, patches and certificates (order from the AKC)
- ❖ 20 foot long line
- ❖ timer/stopwatch
- ❖ poop bags
- ❖ clipboard
- ❖ Maybe refreshments (water & coffee)
- ❖ Place for owner to “hide” for 3 minute separation

Staffing:

- ❖ Evaluator
- ❖ 5-6 people for the crowd
- ❖ Neutral dog and handler

Allow 10-15 minutes a dog

Run in several issues in the Update and also on the ACA mail list. Coordinate posting info with Maria.

All information should be given to the Publicity Chair & Show Chair so it can also be sent with the ACA show information

Sample Newsletter Insertion

ACA will once again offer a Canine Good Citizen Test during the National Specialty. The test will be held on **Tuesday, October 12, 2003 at 11 am**. The cost is \$10.00 and checks are to be payable to the Akita Club of America (ACA).

The purpose of the CGC is to ensure that our Akitas can be respected members of the community. We all know how important it is to show that our dogs are great companions and that we are responsible dog owners.

The AKC's Canine Good Citizen's (CGC) Program was started in 1989. CGC is a certification program that is designed to reward dogs that have good manners at home and in the community. The Canine Good Citizen's Program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. All dogs that pass the CGC test receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club.

You can start working now and be ready to earn this important award. The requirements are listed below. All participants will be required to show a current proof of Rabies vaccination and if your dog has an AKC number or an ILP number, please bring this information also, but it is not required.

All tests are done on lead (we supply the 20' lead for the stay and recall exercises). The tests include:

- ❖ Accepting a friendly stranger
- ❖ Sitting politely for petting
- ❖ Appearance and grooming (you may bring your own brush/comb)
- ❖ Out for a walk (walking on a loose leash including a halt, right and left turns and an about turn)
- ❖ Walking through a crowd
- ❖ Sit and down on command/staying in place
- ❖ Coming when called
- ❖ Reaction to another dog
- ❖ Reactions to distractions (noise and movement)
- ❖ Supervised separation

No food is permitted during the testing and dogs must be on either a well-fitting buckle, quick snap, martingale no-slip or slip collars in order to pass (made of leather, fabric or chain). Leads should be made of either leather or fabric and it is recommended that they do not exceed 6' in length.

Registration Form

**CANINE GOOD CITIZENS TEST
ENTRY APPLICATION
PRE- REGISTRATION FORM**

Pre-register and Save \$\$!

Pre-registration Fee—ACA Member \$10.00 (US Funds)

Pre-registration Fee—Non-members \$12.00 (US Funds)

Dog's Name _____

Dog's AKC or ILP Number _____

Dog's Breed _____

Date of Birth/Age _____

Owner's Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

ACA Member? (circle one) Yes No

Signature _____

Please make checks payable to the Akita Club of America, Inc.

Mail to:

**Akita Club of America, Inc.
c/o Jo Ann S. Charnik, CGC Chair
4070 Blue Ball Rd.
Elkton, MD 2192-1746**

Enter on line at <http://www.akitaclub.org/web/shows/cgc-preregister.html>