

AKC Introduces The Urban Canine Good Citizen Title

On April 24, 2015 AKC New “Urban CGC” Title announced today the new “AKC Urban CGC” to the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) training program. The new title focuses on city-dwelling dogs and the special skills they require.

Since 1989, more than 700,000 dogs and their owners have been recognized by the CGC program, which rewards the dogs’ good manners at home and in the community. As with CGC, AKC Urban CGC requires a 10-step test of skills that dogs must pass to earn the official AKC Urban CGC title. AKC Urban CGC skills dogs must possess include:

- Exits/enters doorways (of dog friendly buildings) with no pulling
- Walks through a crowd on a busy urban sidewalk
- Reacts appropriately to city distractions (horns, sirens, etc.)
- Waits on leash, crosses street under control
- Ignores food and food containers on sidewalk
- Person approaches on sidewalk and pets dog
- 3-minute down-stay in lobby of dog friendly building
- Safely negotiates stairs and elevators
- Housetrained
- Enters, exits, rides dog-friendly transportation (car, subway in a carry bag, cab)

“City dogs require a very special set of skills, including waiting to cross a street, ignoring food tossed on a sidewalk, behaving in building lobbies and riding elevators,” said Mary Burch, Ph.D., Director of the Canine Good Citizen program. “Urban CGC reinforces practical, everyday skills for the millions of dogs living in urban areas today, creating safer, more responsible communities.”

To be eligible for the AKC Urban CGC title, dogs must have a CGC certificate or title on record at AKC and must have an AKC number (AKC registration number, PAL number, or AKC Canine Partners number). Dogs passing the AKC Urban Dog test will earn the “CGCU” title.

With the introduction of AKC Urban CGC, the AKC’s CGC program now provides a variety of training options for dog owners and their dogs. Beginning with AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy, progressing to Canine Good Citizen, AKC Community Canine and now AKC Urban CGC, the CGC program trains dogs through all stages of life and in all settings to be well-behaved in society.

The CGCU Title must be applied for along with a fee of \$20. To read more about the program visit:

www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/urban-canine-good-citizen/cgcu-test-items/