

AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy® Test

Socialization ★ Training ★ Activity ★ Responsibility

To receive the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy award, the owner and puppy must attend at least 6 classes taught by an Approved AKC CGCSM Evaluator. The evaluator may observe and check off the 20 items below at any time during the course. However, it is suggested that at least some of the Pre-CGC behaviors be tested during the last class as a graduation. The owner sends in the form to AKC to receive the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy medal and AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy packet.

| OWNER BEHAVIORS | Pass | Needs more Training |
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| 1. Maintains puppy's health: a) Shows proof puppy is in the care of a vet (has had exam, proof of vaccines, etc); b) Puppy appears healthy and appropriately active for breed. | ✓ | |
| 2. Owner receives CGC Responsible Dog Owners Pledge (see AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy brochure). | ✓ | |
| 3. Owner has an adequate daily play and exercise plan (describes verbally or in written homework). | ✓ | |
| 4. Owner and puppy attend at least six Puppy classes (by an Approved CGC Evaluator). | ✓ | |
| 5. Owner brings bags to classes for cleaning up after puppy. | ✓ | |
| 6. Owner has obtained some form of ID for puppy (collar tag, microchip or tattoo.) | ✓ | |
| PUPPY BEHAVIORS | | |
| 7. Free of aggression toward people during the puppy classes. | ✓ | |
| 8. Free of aggression toward other puppies in the class. | ✓ | |
| 9. Tolerates collar or body harness of owner's choice (no electronic collars). | ✓ | |
| 10. Owner can hug or hold puppy (depending on size). | ✓ | |
| 11. Puppy allows owner to take away a treat or toy | ✓ | |
| PRE-CANINE GOOD CITIZEN® BEHAVIORS | | |
| 12. Allows (in any position) petting by a person other than the owner. | ✓ | |
| 13. Grooming-allows owner handling and brief exam by owner (ears, feet). | ✓ | |
| 14. Walks on a leash-Follows owner on lead in a straight line (15 steps). | ✓ | |
| 15. Walks by other people (walks on leash past a person who is 5-ft. away). | ✓ | |
| 16. Sits on command-owner may use a food lure. | ✓ | |
| 17. Down on command-owner may use a food lure. | ✓ | |
| 18. Comes to owner from 5-ft. when name is called | ✓ | |
| 19. Reaction to Distractions-distractions are presented 15-ft. away. | ✓ | |
| 20. Stays on leash with another person (owner walks 10 steps away and returns). | ✓ | |

To Pass the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Test, puppies must pass all 20 items of the test.