

## AKC URBAN CGC<sup>SM</sup>

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Dogs who pass the AKC Urban CGC test are eligible to earn the AKC's "CGCU" title. To earn the CGCU title, the dog must 1) be registered or listed with AKC (AKC number, PAL, or AKC Canine Partners number) and, 2) already have a Canine Good Citizen<sup>®</sup> award/title on record.

1. Exit/enter doorway with no pulling in dog-friendly buildings.
2. Walk through a crowd on a busy urban sidewalk.
  - People come toward the dog from 1-ft. away
3. Appropriate reaction to city distractions. This includes movement, noises, and walking on a variety of surfaces (e.g., horns, traffic noise, bikes, surfaces such as concrete, grass).
4. Crossing street: Stop at corner, stand or sit to wait and cross with no pulling (on leash, with owner). Crosses street under control.
5. Ignore food on sidewalk. (Dropped food, or cups, bags, cans, in which food was wrapped).
6. Person walks up and pets the dog. May be carrying an item such as a small dog in a bag, a computer bag, etc.
7. Public Building (that is dog friendly). Walks under control in building (slick surface, carpeted floor). Down stay (3 min) in lobby or outdoor area, or waits while owner has a meal or snack.
8. Stairs, steps, or elevator under control (choose one).
  - Steps (at least 3 - up and down)
  - Elevator (Enters under control, exits, rides under control)
9. Housetrained for apartment, condo, city living. Owner may verify this item. Evaluator may also observe in public buildings, or have observed in training classes.
10. Transportation. Owner's choice depending on transportation needs.
  - Car. Enters/exits, remains under control during the ride. (Crate? Seatbelt?)
  - Subway. Small dog in bag for ride. (large dogs are not always permitted; know and abide by the Transit Policies in your area).
  - Dog friendly (enters/exits or allows to be put in/taken out) under control.

To pass the CGCU test, dogs must pass all 10 items of the test.



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AKC Urban Canine Good Citizen  
The CGCU Title



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### What is it?

#### AKC URBAN CGC<sup>SM</sup>

AKC Urban CGC is a title in the Canine Good Citizen® family of awards and titles that also include AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy®, Canine Good Citizen and AKC Community Canine<sup>SM</sup>. AKC Urban CGC requires that the dog demonstrate CGC skills and beyond in an “urban” setting.

As with Canine Good Citizen, AKC Urban CGC has 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.



#### THE SETTING

All skills in the test are tested on leash. AKC Urban CGC should be administered in a place where there are cars, streets to be crossed, noises, and distractions. This test is administered in the real world; it should not be simulated in a ring at a dog show.

When test items (such as riding on an elevator) are administered in public buildings, the buildings must be dog friendly or evaluators must have permission in advance from the business owners, managers, etc.

The goal of AKC Urban CGC is to test the dog’s skills in an urban (city) setting. The “urban” setting does not have to be large metropolitan city. As long as the dog can be tested around traffic, sidewalks, and the other test items, every dog can earn the Urban CGC title.



### How It Works

You can attend a basic training class to teach your dog the CGCU behaviors, or if you have the skills and knowledge, you can teach your dog the CGCU skills yourself. When your dog is ready, contact an AKC Approved CGC Evaluator. Urban CGC tests are held in the community. When your dog passes the CGCU test, the evaluator will give you the paperwork to send to AKC® to request the CGCU title certificate.

To find an evaluator near you, see:  
[www.akc.org/events/cgc/cgc\\_bystate.cfm](http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/cgc_bystate.cfm)



## WHAT YOU NEED TO BEGIN

To earn the AKC Urban CGC (CGCU) title, dogs must meet the following two requirements:

1. Must already have a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate or title on record at AKC. While the CGC and CGCU may be tested on the same day, the dog owner should request the CGC first.
2. Must have an AKC number of one of 3 types:
  - 1.) AKC registration number, 2.) PAL number, or 3.) AKC Canine Partners number). All dogs, including mixed breeds, can get an AKC number. The reason for the AKC number requirement is that this is how we create titles at AKC; we attach the titles to the dog’s number. To get an AKC Canine Partners number at the same time you submit your CGCU title application, see: <http://cdn.akc.org/PDF/2015-CP-Application.pdf>



Watch the video of the AKC Urban CGC test in action:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=35GxWa\\_Sbyg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=35GxWa_Sbyg)