

Canine Good Citizen Test Guidelines

1. **Accepting a Friendly stranger:** Approach dog and handler exchange pleasantries and shake hands, no attention to dog. Dog must remain calm and not interfere, does not have to sit the whole time.
2. **Sit politely for petting:** Must sit nicely and accepting to the attention.
3. **Grooming:** Inspect, must be clean and healthy. Brush with the handler's comb or brush, check reaction. Pick up each foot and check ears.
4. **Out for a walk:** Do a heel pattern without slow and fast. Pattern: From sit, forward (about 15 ft), halt (the dog doesn't have to sit but should stay next to handler), forward (about 10ft), left turn (about 10-15ft), about-turn(about 10-15ft),right turn(about 25ft),about-turn, halt.
5. **Walking through a crowd:** A crowd should consist of at least 3 people. The dog should remain at handler's side, no jumping, pulling....
6. **Sit, down and stay:** Dog must sit and down on command, the use of hand signals is permitted but the dog should not be forced into position. Stay should be from a distance of 20ft in and from any position, sit, down or stand then return immediately.
7. **Come when called:** Dog should come reliably from 10ft. No sit or finish required.
8. **Reaction to another dog:** Two neutral dogs and handlers are required, they are to approach from the front at a distance of 20ft. The tested dog should remain calm, handlers are to stop shake hands and exchange pleasantries. The tested dog can show casual interest and remain calm till the dogs have passed at least 10 ft behind.
9. **Reaction to distraction:** Tester can use any two distractions if tester is to drop an item(clipboard etc..) must be dropped at least 10ft away from dog.
10. **Supervised separation:** Handler leaves for 3min. Tester hold dog but does not talk to or pet dog. Looking for severe separation anxiety symptoms.

No treats are permitted or training collars. Praise is encouraged!