



AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC)

- Established and governed by the American Kennel Club
- AKC establishes their own rules (these are not Best Paw Forward rules but AKC rules)
- Test has 10 elements. You can read about each element at www.akc.org. Search for Canine Good Citizen test.
- Test is a pass/fail test. If you fail one exercise you do not pass the test. You can retest at a later date and not have to take the class again. The cost to retest is \$10. If you are retesting you must call in advance of test date to schedule.
- Evaluator is a certified AKC Evaluator. They may also be an employee of Best Paw Forward but on test day they are acting on behalf of AKC and therefore must follow the guidelines and rules established by AKC.

WHAT DO WE DO?

This 8-week course focuses on training your dog to have good manners around other people and other dogs and helps build confidence and control. You work on being a team with your dog. You are tested on how well you work together at succeeding at each test parameter. Each week we work on the different parameters that comprise the CGC test. Dogs must be friendly around other dogs and people. On the 8th week of the class the Canine Good Citizen Test will be administered by a Certified AKC Evaluator and those dogs which pass will receive a certificate from the AKC. **Basic Obedience is a Prerequisite. Level 2 Obedience is highly recommended!**

BENEFITS OF CGC?

- You will have worked very hard building your relationship with your dog and that always pays off.
- Your dog will have improved manners.
- When you pass the test, the certificate may be used to get better rates on your renters/homeowners insurance. Some companies give discounts if you have passed the test.
- Passing the test may open your options if you rent an apartment/condo. Some landlords require or will look more favorably on you if you have passed the test.