

### Test 10 – Reaction to distractions

This test demonstrates that the dog is confident at all times when face with common visual and auditory distractions found in everyday life, such as a person carrying a ladder, a person on roller blades or in a wheelchair.

### Test 11 – Supervised isolation

This test demonstrates the dog's ability to be left alone with a trusted person other than its handler, while maintaining a calm acceptance of the situation.

### TEST 12 – Walking through a door/ gate

This test demonstrates the dog's response to the handler's commands as well as the handler's ability to control the dog in a restricted area while moving ahead of the dog and through a door or gate.

### Training and Preparation for the Canine Good Neighbour Program

Most dog trainers and obedience clubs are familiar with the CGN Program and can assist you with the basic training needed for you and your dog to meet the requirements for the CGN certificate. Dog owners are welcome to a drop in for an informal practice or a mock test at K9HQ, 478-2273.

The following things are required to register for the Canine Good Neighbour Program:

- Proof of vaccination certificate
- The CKC Registered name/ number in the case of a purebred dog
- Current dog license
- Test fee (\$20.00)
- A leash no longer than 6 feet (2 meters) in length.
- A well fitted slip collar, flat buckle collar or martingale made of fabric, leather, or chain.
- A grooming tool (either a brush or comb).
- A plastic bag for picking up after your dog.

For information on registration and times available, e-mail [cgnc@citizencanine.org](mailto:cgnc@citizencanine.org) or telephone **Nelda at 721-2963**. The cost per dog for the evaluation and certificate is \$20.00. All proceeds will go to support the work of Citizen Canine.

# Canine Good

Obedient dogs and their owners are invited



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# Neighbour



# Program





**Citizen Canine presents  
The CKC CANINE GOOD NEIGHBOUR  
PROGRAM**

**A way to promote and reward responsible  
dog ownership in Victoria.**

The Canine Good Neighbour Program has been developed by the Canadian Kennel Club to encourage responsible dog ownership and to improve dogs' acceptance as valued members of the community. The program is a series of twelve tests that assess your relationship with your dog and your dog's manners in a variety of everyday situations. Tests cover such things as politely meeting a stranger, passing another dog, walking on a loose leash, and going through a gate. Dogs and their handlers are assessed by CKC certified evaluators. Those dogs that meet the expectations for each of the twelve situations will be awarded a CKC Canine Good Neighbour Certificate.

**Any dog can participate, so long as it is friendly with people and other dogs and is capable of performing basic exercises like "sit" "down" and "stay."**

**Citizen Canine offers the CGN program several times a year in different locations around Victoria.** We offer this program as part of our public education and canine community building efforts. Citizen Canine encourages all dog owners to work with their dogs on the principles of the Canine Good Neighbour Program. This is an important way that we can make sure that our beloved canine companions are welcomed and respected members of the community.

#### **Information and Registration**

More information about the 12 tests and training tips for each situation is available on our website at [www.citizencanine.org](http://www.citizencanine.org) Information is also available at the CKC website, [www.ckc.ca](http://www.ckc.ca) Pre-registration is recommended, but there may also be openings on a walk-in basis.

## **CANINE GOOD NEIGHBOUR TESTS**



### **TEST 1 – Accepting a friendly stranger**

This test demonstrates the dog's ability to allow a friendly stranger to approach and speak to the handler in a natural, everyday manner.

### **TEST 2 – Politely accepts petting**

This test demonstrates the dog's ability to allow a friendly stranger to pet it while it is out with its handler.

### **TEST 3 – Appearance and grooming**

This practical test demonstrates that the dog will accept being groomed and examined and will permit a stranger (veterinarian, groomer, friend) to do so.

### **TEST 4 – Out for a walk**

This test demonstrates the ability of the dog to walk politely on a loose leash as well as the handler's ability to control the dog.

### **TEST 5 – Walking through a crowd**

This test demonstrates the ability of the dog to walk politely beside the handler in pedestrian traffic while remaining under control at all times.

### **TEST 6 – Sit/ Down on command and stay in place (dog is on a long line)**

This test demonstrates the dog's ability to respond to the handler's commands to sit and down and to remain in place on command.

### **TEST 7 – Come when called (dog is on a long line)**

This test demonstrates the dog's ability to come when called by the handler.

### **TEST 8 – Praise/ Interaction**

This test demonstrates that the dog can be easily calmed following play or praise.

### **Test 9 – Reaction to passing dog**

This test demonstrates the dog's polite behaviour while in the presence of another friendly dog and its handler.