

## Encouragement

Owners/handlers may use praise and encouragement throughout the test. The owner may pet the dog between exercises. Food and treats are not permitted during testing, nor is the use of toys, squeaky toys, etc. to get the dog to do something. We recognize that food and toys may provide valuable reinforcement or encouragement during the training process but these items should not be used during the test.

## Failures - Dismissals

Any dog that eliminates during testing must be marked failed. The only exception to this rule is that elimination is allowable in test Item 10, but only when test Item 10 is held outdoors.

Any dog that growls, snaps, bites, attacks, or attempts to attack a person or another dog is not a good citizen and must be dismissed from the test.

***Editor Note:** When you are ready to have your dog tested, you can use the AKC web page to find an evaluator in your area. By typing in your state, you'll be able to see the list of evaluators in areas nearest where you live. Find a [CGC evaluator](#).*

*Local specialty clubs, AKC judges, some 4-H leaders, therapy dog evaluators, veterinarians, vet techs, groomers, private trainers, kennel owners, animal control and police K-9 officers can give the test. If your trainer is not familiar with the program and would like to learn about the program, the AKC can provide the trainer with assistance in becoming an evaluator.*

*Also, be sure to check the list of [CGC tests](#) at upcoming AKC shows.*

# SCBDfC Canine Good Citizen

Training Day Practice Day with a certified AKC evaluator.

Training/Practice day - May 17, 200 at El Dorado Park in Long Beach

## Homeowners Insurance Available to Breeds Previously Excluded with CGC Certification

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The American Kennel Club is pleased to share the news that in some regions, Nationwide Insurance is issuing homeowners insurance to owners of breeds previously prohibited by the company, providing the dog passes the AKC Canine Good Citizen test. Nationwide has stated: "Nationwide has begun to allow the owners of certain prohibited dog breeds to attain homeowners insurance if they provide an original copy of a certificate demonstrating successful completion of the AKC Canine Good Citizen program. This provision is currently available in limited areas and provided the applicant meets traditional underwriting requirements. The Canine Good Citizen program demonstrates responsible dog ownership and we certainly hope this change will prove successful."

Dog owners should note that at this time, only certain specified Nationwide regions are participating.

The AKC Canine Good Citizen Program is a certification program that is designed to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a certificate from the AKC. The program continues to gain acceptance worldwide as the standard for well-trained dogs and responsible dog ownership.