



# CGCA Community Canine Test Items

**Pre-Requisites: Be Registered or Listed with AKC & have CGC Title on Record**

## TEST 1: DOG WAITS UNDER CONTROL

**Test:** Dog stands, sits or lies down and waits under control while the owner:

- Sits at the registration table and fills out paperwork, or
- If the test is done in the community, dog waits while owner sits and has a snack or visits with another person

**Requirement:** Dog waits under control for 3 minutes

## TEST 2: LOOSE LEASH IN NATURAL SITUATION

**Test:** Dog walks on loose leash in a natural situation and does not pull.

Includes: left turn, right turn, stop, fast and slow pace

**Requirements:** Left turn, right turn, stop, walk fast, walk slow

## TEST 3: LOOSE LEASH THROUGH A CROWD

**Test:** Loose leash through a crowd with distractions

- at a show or in class, this is tested in a real crowd not in a ring
- in the community, dog walks on sidewalk, through a crowd at a community fair, park on a trail through a busy hallway, etc.

**Requirement:** no pulling

## TEST 4: WALK PAST OTHER DOGS AT 2 FEET

**Test:** Walk past other dogs 2 feet apart

- at a show or class, dog walks by dogs waiting in the crowd – dogs 2 feet apart
- in the community, dog walks by other dogs on trail, sidewalk, hallway, etc.

**Requirement:** no pulling, no visiting other dogs

## TEST 5: SIT STAY IN GROUP

**Test:** Sit & stay in a small group (3 other people with dogs).  
Owners and dogs are in an informal circle while owners have a conversation  
Dogs are all on owner's left side, on least; 3 ft apart (at least 30 seconds)

**Requirements:** Dogs can change position, but cannot visit another dog

## TEST 6: PERSON CARRYING SOMETHING APPROACHES & PETS

**Test:** Dog allows person who is carrying something (backpack, computer bag) to approach and pet it  
"May I pet your dog"; item placed on ground before person pets the dog

**Requirements:** Item placed 2-3 ft from dog, dog should not shy away from the bag or lunge toward it, or put their head inside

## TEST 7: LEAVE IT

**Test:** Dog walks by food and follows owner instructions, "leave it."  
can be food placed on ground or food in dish with wire cover

**Requirements:** food is 2-3 feet from dog

## TEST 8: DOWN OR SIT STAY

**Test:** Dog is on 20 ft line, owner walks away with back to dog, picks up an item, and returns to dog

**Requirements:** Dog is on 20 foot line, owner turns back to dog to go pick up item and returns to dog & hands item to evaluator.

## TEST 9: RECALL WITH DISTRACTIONS - 20FT

**Test:** Recall with distractions present (coming when called).  
Handler goes out 20 ft off center (not straight line) and calls dog

**Requirements:** distractions present (person, items, not teasing the dog)

## TEST 10: WAIT AT DOORWAY

**Test:** Dog will sit or stand stay (owner choice) while owner enters / exits a doorway or narrow passageway. Owner calls dog through door when ready.

Owner may also choose to send the dog through first and have the dog wait for the owner, or

Owner may choose to have the dog go through the doorway at the owner's side

## 10 OPTIONAL BONUS ITEMS

### A. Car Safety

1. Gets in crate & tolerates seatbelt
2. Unloads safely: waits for handler's cue, does not jump out on own

### B. Public Buildings (that allow dogs)

3. Enters safely (automatic doors with handler)
4. Down stay in lobby or outdoor area
5. Walks under control (on leash) while in building
6. Elevator (enters, remains under control, exits)
7. Stairs (up, down, under control by handler)

### C. Restaurants / Outdoor Cafes (that allow dogs)

8. Remains under control under/ beside table while owner has meal

### D. Off Lead Skills

9. Walking off leash by owner
10. Off lead recall (20 ft)