



Canine Good Citizen

4-H Requirement

What:

1. Required for all dog/handler teams who begin their 4-H experience in 2025 and beyond
2. Can be found on the AKC website <https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/>
3. It can be an official title for all AKC registered dogs tested by a recognized CGC Evaluator. More information on this below.

Who - Youth:

1. It is required of all members who are new to dog training.
2. Going forward anyone who begins dog training in 2025 and beyond must pass the AKC Canine Good Citizen Test.
3. It is not required for dog/handler teams who have participated previously, but it is encouraged.

Who – Adults

1. Responsible adults may choose to become AKC CGC Evaluators by having previous experience teaching dog training and taking test on the program. More information is available on the website.
2. Youth who choose to register their neutered dogs for free with a special 4-H registration may add the title to their dog/s names. The form to register a 4-H member's dog can be requested by emailing kbook@illinois.edu
3. Youth who take the CGC test with an AKC recognized Evaluator is eligible to add the title to their dog's name. They should complete the official form provided by their evaluator.



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4. If a recognized AKC evaluator is not available in your area, dog training instructors may do the test components with the youth/dog teams. The team must still take and pass all sections of the test and the tester must provide a note that the team passed all sections of the test. They may compete in 4-H events, but not are eligible to add the title CGC after the dog's name.

Who-Dogs

1. All dogs who can be handled safely by the 4-H member are welcome to show at the appropriate level. The CGC must be earned or the test passed as a youth/dog team. This is one indicator that with due respect and safety, the team can handle a show situation.
2. Dogs do not need to be registered with any organization. If the dog belongs to the 4-H member, any neutered dog can be registered with the AKC for free. Purebreds and mixed breeds are equally welcome.
3. Members in the 4-H dog project may register their dog/s for free. Some titles may also be added to their official name at no charge.
4. Some AKC titles may be earned using a video sent to the AKC for evaluation by a licensed AKC judge.

Who-County 4-H

1. All record keeping is your responsibility. That includes medical records/immunizations and the CGC requirement. Since this is not done online, we can't verify that it has been completed. When promoting a member to the state level please be sure send proof of completion to certify that the CGC requirement has been met.



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