AKC CGC-CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

6 CLASSES $325.00 + tax

After completing Foundation Parts 1 & 2, your dog is ready to prep to be a Canine Good Citizen in this Intermediate Level Course! We will continue to strengthen reliability in realistic distracting situations that will set you and your dog up for success anywhere you go. Hand signals are taught making commands even stronger. We will teach your dog "leave it." Much more focus will be on distance, duration & distractions. Higher-level obedience exercises & skills are applied to the sit & down stays, leash walking, & the recall. More attention is given to stopping unwanted behaviors. Off leash work is reinforced. Prepare your dog to receive certification from the AKC by passing the Canine Good Citizen test!

PREREQUISITE – DOG GONE SMART'S FOUNDATION 2 CLASS

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WHAT TO BRING: Dog on a flat collar and/or harness, Soft training treats, Regular leash (no retractable)

CLASS MEETS AS FOLLOWS:	**FRIDAY 10:30-11:30** *NO CLASS 11/27*
CLASS 1	11/6
CLASS 2	11/13
CLASS 3	11/20
CLASS 4	12/4
CLASS 5	12/11
TEST	12/18

PLEASE BE SURE TO SEE MAKE-UP AND REFUND POLICIES
Should the class have less than 3 participants, it may be postponed. We'll work with you to place you in another class.

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You MUST preregister your dog on the American Kennel Club Website in order to be able to get the certificate from the AKC at www.akc.org/register/dog/

TEST RULES:

NO ☐ showing any signs of aggression ☐ eliminating/marking ☐ using treats

ALLOWED TOOLS:

☐ A flat collar and/or harness

☐ Regular 6 foot leash (NO RETRACTABLE LEASHES)

THE CGC TEST INCLUDES:

Accepting a friendly stranger: The dog will allow a friendly stranger to approach it and speak to the handler in a natural, everyday situation.

Sitting Politely for Petting: The dog will allow a friendly stranger to pet it while it is out with its handler.

Appearance and Grooming: The dog will permit someone to check its ears and front feet, as a groomer or veterinarian would do.

Out for a Walk (walking on a loose lead): Following the evaluator's instructions, the dog will walk on a loose lead (with the handler/owner).

Walking Through a Crowd: This test demonstrates that the dog can move about politely in pedestrian traffic and is under control in public places. The dog and handler walk around and pass close to several people (at least three).

Sit and Down on Command and Staying in Place: The dog must do sit AND down on command, then the owner chooses the position for leaving the dog in the stay.

Coming When Called: This test demonstrates that the dog will come when called by the handler (from 10 feet on a leash).

Reaction to Another Dog: This test demonstrates that the dog can behave politely around other dogs. Two handlers and their dogs approach each other from a distance of about 20 feet, stop, shake hands and exchange pleasantries.

Reaction to Distraction: The evaluator will select and present two distractions such as dropping a chair, etc.

Supervised Separation: This test demonstrates that a dog can be left with a trusted person, if necessary, and will maintain training and good manners. Evaluators are encouraged to say something like, "Would you like me to watch your dog?" and then take hold of the dog's leash. The owner will go out of sight for three minutes. The dog does not have to stay in position but should not continually bark, whine, or pace unnecessarily, or show anything stronger than mild agitation or nervousness. Evaluators may talk to the dog but should not engage in excessive talking, petting, or management attempts (e.g, "there, there, it's alright").