

WINSTON SALEM DOG TRAINING CLUB
NON-COMPETITIVE TITLES AND CERTIFICATIONS
CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

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Canine Good Citizen (CGC)

Canine Good Citizen I (CGC)

Prerequisite:

Successful completion of Beginner II or Instructor Approval

In this class, you'll learn the fundamentals of control and obedience for the well-behaved dog. The class is structured around the ten requirements for the AKC's CGC certification.

1. Accepts a friendly stranger and a friendly dog.
2. Sits politely for petting.
3. Appears healthy, clean and well-groomed.
4. Walks on a loose leash.
5. Calmly and politely walks through a crowd
6. Sits, lies down and stays on command.
7. Calmly reacts to another dog
8. Minor reaction to distractions.
9. Comes when called.
10. Handles a brief separation from you

Canine Good Citizen Advanced (CGCA)

Prerequisite:

AKC Canine Good Citizen Certificate*

This class will build on the skills learned in CGC with increased distractions and in a more challenging setting. The class is structured to prepare for the American Kennel Club's Community Citizen Certification (CGCA).

NOTE: This class may be a combined class with Canine Good Citizen Advanced in some sessions

1. Dog stands, sits or lies down and waits under control.
2. Walks on a loose leash in a natural situation (not in a ring)—does not pull
3. Walks on loose leash through a crowd.
4. Dog walks past distraction dogs present; does not pull.
5. Sit—stay in small group (3 other people with dogs).
6. Dog allows person who is carrying something (backpack, computer bag, etc.) to approach and pet it.
7. Dog walks by food and follows owner instructions, "Leave it."
8. Down or sit stay—distance (owner's choice).
9. Recall with distractions present (coming when called). Handler goes out 20—ft. (off center) and calls dog.
10. Dog will sit or stand stay (owner's choice) while owner enters/exits a doorway or narrow passageway. Owner calls dog through door when ready.

*The dog must have a Canine Good Citizen Certificate to obtain advanced certification from AKC.

Canine Good Citizen Urban (CGCU)

Prerequisite:

AKC Canine Good Citizen Certificate*

The AKC Urban CGC requires that the dog demonstrate CGC skills and beyond in a setting that includes traffic, crowds, noises, smells, and other distractions that are present in a city or town. The following ten skills will be taught, and the dog/handler team should be ready to take the AKC Urban CGC test at the end of the class period.

NOTE: This class may be a combined class with Canine Good Citizen Advanced in some sessions

1. Enter and exit a doorway under control.
2. Walk through a crowd on a busy urban sidewalk.
3. Have appropriate reactions to city distractions.
4. Be able to cross streets under control.
5. Ignore food on a sidewalk.
6. Allow a stranger with a bag to pet the dog.
7. Walk under control in a public building and hold a down stay for three minutes while the owner has a snack.
8. Be under control in an elevator and climbing steps.
9. Being potty trained while visiting areas inside and outside.
10. Being able to enter/exit a car under control.

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Farm Dog

Prerequisite:

CGCA, CGCU, Instructor Approval.

The Farm Dog Class is based on the 12 elements of AKC Farm Dog Certification Test. The class is designed to assess the overall conduct of a dog within a typical farm environment. Dogs must demonstrate self-control when exposed to livestock and other unique sights, sounds, and scents. Class will be held in the WSDTC building and at outdoor sites.

1. Greet the judge
2. Walk around the farm and a passive stranger
3. Jump on hay/straw bale
4. Walk past farm animals
5. Walk over or through unusual surfaces
6. Supervised separation
7. Pass through a gate
8. Handler feeds livestock
9. Reaction to another dog
10. Reaction to noise distraction
11. Dog approaches livestock
12. Physical examination

Fetch

Pre-requisites:

Beginner II or Instructor approval

In this class we will teach or improve your dog's ability to fetch. While the class is designed to help you achieve AKC Fetch Titles, it is about more than just that and everyone is welcome whether you want to earn a title or not. Fetch is a great way to strengthen the bond you have with your dog.

In this class participants will learn

- About AKC Fetch Titles and what is needed to earn them
- How to teach or strengthen the foundation skills needed for fetch (take it, hold it, carry it, return to me, give it to me)
- How to deal with and proof for distractions during fetch
- Marking and blind hides

Fetching will be about balls, bumpers and anything else you want your dog to fetch. Participants are asked to bring their own ball, bumper or toy to class for your dog to fetch. If you are hoping to progress through the AKC Fetch Titles, I recommend you bring a bumper as balls and toys are not allowed in the higher level Fetch Titles. Tennis balls are great for beginners, bumpers can be purchased at any pet store or Amazon.

FIT Dog

FIT Dog AKC Level 1

Pre-requisites:

Beginner II

Basic fitness conditioning and strengthening following AKC Fit Dog Level 1 Class Program. Successful completion may be used for points toward Fit Dog titles.

Students will become familiar with equipment and participate in set up and breakdown for class.

FIT Dog Fun Level 1

Pre-requisites:

Beginner II

Basic fitness and conditioning exercises focusing on movement, coordination, and various enrichment experiences.

Tricks

Prerequisite:

Beginner II or Instructor Approval.

This class is for dog /handler teams looking for a way to have fun with your dog, build confidence and/or teams working toward an AKC or other Trick Dog Title.

This class covers all levels of tricks which enables teams to learn from one another.

We will cover the basics of teaching your dog a trick and how to enhance and improve tricks by adding distance, duration or chaining skills together to make complex tricks. Each week we will learn at least one new *Trick of The Week* (sometimes more) and every team will demonstrate progress.

We will discuss the requirements for AKC Tricks titles, as well as requirements from other organizations that award Tricks Titles. If the instructor is an AKC evaluator, students may test for AKC tricks titles during class or at the final session at the instructor's discretion.