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# CANINE GOOD CITIZEN – CGC Test Items

**Accepting a friendly stranger**

* This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to approach it and speak to the handler in a natural, everyday situation.

**Sitting politely for petting**

* This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to touch it while it is out with its handler.

**Appearance and grooming**

* This practical test demonstrates that the dog will welcome being groomed and examined and will permit someone, such as a veterinarian, groomer or friend of the owner, to do so. It also demonstrates the owner’s care, concern and sense of responsibility.

**Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)**

* This test demonstrates that the handler is in control of the dog.

**Walking through a crowd**

* This test demonstrates that the dog can move about politely in pedestrian traffic and is under control in public places

**Sit and down on cue and Staying in place**

* This test demonstrates that the dog has training, will respond to the handler’s cues to sit and down and will remain in the place cued by the handler until released.

**Coming when called**

* This test demonstrates that the dog will come when called by the handler

**Reaction to another dog**

* This test demonstrates that the dog can behave politely around other dogs.

**Reaction to distraction**

* This test demonstrates that the dog is confident at all times when faced with common distracting situations.

**Supervised separation**

* This test demonstrates that a dog can be left with a trusted person if necessary, and will maintain training and good manners.