



TRAINING / TESTING INFORMATION

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

Participants must be 18 yrs. or older with a valid Driver's License. They must also be a member of CFBC to participate. Please Review the Angel PAWS Visitation Rules prior to investing time and money into this program. It is important you understand the commitment you are making.

Dogs must be minimum age of 6 months. All Dogs must be trained to CGC Standards (Canine Good Citizen). Please refer to these standards listed below. Once pet has been CGC Certified by CFBC designated Evaluator, member must attend the Specialty Training Session and the CFBC Policy and Spiritual Witness Training Session before therapy visits can begin. All classes will be held at the Champions Campus. These sessions will be offered at various times of the year.

Members must complete and submit the Membership Application and their Veterinarian must complete the Veterinary Evaluation form prior to beginning CGC Training / Testing. Submission must be made to Debbie Benningfield, Angel PAWS Pet Therapy Leader.

Members will be notified via email or US Mail that their pet has been approved to attend the CGC Testing and/or CGC Training program sessions.

CGC TRAINING

This is a 7 week CGC class offered to those who want to train their pet to CGC Standards. The fee for this class is \$100.00 due on first day of class. Training fee also includes the CGC Test and the Specialty Class. Check or cash made payable to Mary Kegaris. Dogs will be CGC Tested during the 6th week. Class size is limited to 15 dogs.

NOTE: CGC Training is not required, however CGC Testing is required. If you feel your dog needs training you may choose to attend CGC Training offered by CFBC for a fee; or you may attend a CGC Training course of your own choosing. **However, it is important to remember the CGC Test must be performed by CFBC CGC Evaluator.** Because each CGC Trainer has diverse ways of training, it is requested, if you sign-up for training offered by CFBC CGC Trainer, that you attend all training sessions.

Make-up for missed classes is at discretion of the Evaluator.

Class Schedule:

- WEEK 1-5: CGC Training (1 hr each week)
- WEEK 6: CGC Testing (2 hrs) See above CGC Test Requirements listed below)

- WEEK 7: Specialty Training Session (2 hours)

Please bring the following to each class:

- Leash no longer than 6ft (NO retractable leashes)
- Regular collar or harness (NO prong or chain collars)
- Dog brush
- Dog Treats
- Oops bag for accident clean up
- Also due on the first day of class is your class fee of \$100.00. The fee covers both the CGC test and the Specialty Training Session (done on a separate date). Checks or cash only. Make checks payable to Mary Kegarise.

CGC Test

The CGC test is for those who feel their dog is ready to be tested and can pass all the requirements listed below. TIME: 2 hours session.

Please bring the following to class:

- Leash no longer than 6ft (NO retractable leashes)
- Regular collar or harness (NO prong or chain collars)
- Dog brush
- Oops bag for accident clean up
- Also due on the first day of class is your class fee of \$25.00. The fee covers both the test and the Specialty Training Session (done on a separate date). Checks or cash only. Make checks payable to Mary Kegarise.

AKC RULES REGARDING TYPES OF COLLAR PERMITTED FOR TESTING:

- All tests must be performed on leash. For collars, dogs should wear well-fitting buckle or slip collars made of leather, fabric, or chain. Special training collars such as pinch collars, head halters, and electronic collars are not permitted in the CGC test.
- As of November 4, 2010, body harnesses may be used in the CGC test. The evaluator should check to make sure the harness is not of a type that completely restricts the dog's movement such that it could not pull or jump up if it tried.
- We recognize that special training collars such as head collars and no-jump harnesses may be very useful tools for beginning dog trainers, however, we feel that dogs are ready to take the CGC test at the point at which they are transitioned to equipment that allows the evaluator to see that the dog has been trained.

- The evaluator supplies a 20-foot lead for the test. The owner/handler should bring the dog's brush or comb to the test.

AKC RULES REGARDING ENCOURAGEMENT DURING TEST:

- Owners/handlers may use praise and encouragement throughout the test. The owner may pet the dog between exercises. **Food and treats are not permitted during testing, nor is the use of toys, squeaky toys, etc. to get the dog to do something.** We recognize that food and toys may provide valuable reinforcement or encouragement during the training process but these items should not be used during the test.

AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZENS (CGC) PROGRAM TEST

Required Items for Test:

1. Accepting a friendly stranger

Evaluator approaches, shakes hands with handler. Does not touch dog. 2.

Sitting politely for petting

Evaluator pets dog, dog must show no shyness or resentment.

3. Appearance and grooming

Evaluator inspects dog, combs or brushed lightly, examines ears and each front foot.

4. Out for a walk

Handler takes dog for a short walk including right turn, left turn, about turn and stop.

5. Walking through a crowd

Dog and handler walk close to several people; dog may show casual interest but not jump up.

6. Sit and down on command/Staying in place

Handler shows dog can do a sit and down, then chooses a position, leaves dog and goes to the end of a 20 ft line and return immediately.

7. Coming when called

With dog still on 20 ft line from test 6, handler walks out 10 ft and calls the dog

8. Reaction to another dog

Two handlers and dogs approach, shake hands, exchange pleasantries, move on. Dogs can show casual interest.

9. Reaction to distractions

Distractions are presented; dog may not panic or show aggression

10. Supervised separation

Handler goes out of sight for 3 minutes. Dog is held on a 6 ft leash by an evaluator.

NOTE: No dog treats can be used during the CGC Testing.

Specialty Training This will teach special skills needed during a pet therapy visit. This class is given upon the successful completion of the CGC Test. Session time: 1 hour.

Policy & Spiritual Witness Training This course is the final course and follows the successful completion of the CGC Test and Specialty Training Sessions. It will cover the Rules and Requirements for participating in the program. Participants will also receive instruction for spiritual witnessing to adults and to children. Session time: 2 hours. (NOTE: It is highly recommended, but not required, to attend a "Life On Mission" Witnessing Program offered through CFBC).

No visits can begin until the below requirements are met:

- Completed Membership and Veterinarian Application submitted and approved
- Successful CGC Test (2 hr session)
- Specialty Training (1 hr session)
- Policy and Spiritual Witness Class (2 hr session)

Any questions, please email Debbie Benningfield at cfbcangelpaws@gmail.com