

# Canine Good Citizen

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The CGC visitation program offers many growing opportunities for your student. All of which help develop desirable traits. This means that the program will help teach your student life long skills and assets, utilizing their project.

Students will be learning to volunteer and provide service to the community. They will also learn the patience to teach their dog lifelong good citizen skills while at the same time earning a certificate that evaluates these skills.

## 1. Eligibility

Dogs and Handlers must be enrolled in El Paso County 4-H.

Dogs must be at least one year of age.

The handlers dog must be owned by the family and live in the family household

The dog must be current on all shots/vaccinations and licensing required by County and his City of residence. Copy must be provided at class registration.

The dog may not be pregnant or nursing puppies, nor may bitches be in season during class. This rule also applies to all community visits.

## 2. Participation Requirements:

Complete the required training necessary to earn a CGC Certificate, either by enrolling in a CGC class, or ordering the CGC training information from [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) and training your dog.

Pass the required AKC CGC test to earn your CGC certificate from a registered AKC CGC Evaluator. **All dogs going on field trips/community visits must pass this test.**

Complete and turn in state record book by designated date (Record books online)

Participate in a minimum of 3 nursing home visits. 2 of which need to be different locations.

Dogs must be cleaned and groomed for all visits.

Student must follow 4-H dress code.

All junior participants (ages 8-11) must have a parent or guardian present at all activities and classes.

Complete a demonstration per county requirements to be preformed on one of your three field trips.

Submit a tri-fold poster board at county fair per county requirements.

## 3. Standard Equipment

2, 4, or 6 foot leather or nylon lead. Equipment length should be based on size of dog and handler for best control. NO retractable leashes! All equipment will be approved by leader.

Buckle or slip (choke) collar for best control.

Handlers must wear rubber soled shoes completely closed. No slip on, crocs, sandals etc.

Must have proof of CGC and shot records when performing visits.

Must bring clean up supplies and poop bags for any accidents.

Must have drinking water and container for dog.