

# K-9 Capers School Course Outline:

*We offer testing every quarter:*

Winter session	Jan- March	Testing last week of March
Spring Session	April- June	Testing last week of June
Summer Camps	July - Aug	Testing as needed
Fall Session	Sept- Nov	Testing 2 times November

Below are great training goals for you and your dog! The Canine Life & Social Skills or C.L.A.S.S., are a great way to build your dogs' behavior in both the home and public. C.L.A.S.S. includes a training handbook for homework practice skills. Also we offer specific training such as Therapy Dog, Service Dog and Pet Dog Training through our private or group training programs. See the ***group schedule of classes*** or e-mail us at [k9capers@gmail.com](mailto:k9capers@gmail.com) for additional information.

## **[] AKC STAR Puppy 6 week program for puppies (12 weeks - 1 year)**

Visit the web for more info at : [https://images.akc.org/pdf/star\\_puppy/6\\_Weeks\\_Class.pdf](https://images.akc.org/pdf/star_puppy/6_Weeks_Class.pdf)

We design a play and exercise plan for you, Socialize your pup with people and animals of all kinds. learn to work around distractions, basic command and loose leash walking, meeting and greeting properly.

## **[] AKC Canine Good Citizen <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vd5UK8cIB4>**

### **AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZEN TEST**

The CGC TEST consists of 10 skills needed by all well-mannered dogs.

All of the exercises are done on a leash.

- Test 1: Accepting a friendly stranger
- Test 2: Sitting politely for petting
- Test 3: Appearance and grooming
- Test 4: Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)
- Test 5: Walking through a crowd
- Test 6: Sit and down on command and Staying in place
- Test 7: Coming when called
- Test 8: Reaction to another dog
- Test 9: Reaction to distraction
- Test 10: Supervised separation

## **[] AKC COMMUNITY CANINE TEST** Advanced Canine Good Citizen (the "CGCA" title)

To earn the CGCA title, the dog must 1) be registered or listed with AKC (AKC number, PAL, or AKC Canine Partners number) and, 2) already have a Canine Good Citizen award/title on record. Dogs must pass all 10 items of the test to receive the CGCA title.

### **1. Dog stands, sits or lies down and waits under control while the owner:**

sits at the registration table and fills out paperwork, or,  
if the test is done in the community, dog waits while the owner sits and has a snack or visits with another person (e.g., at a park)

### **2. Walks on a loose leash in a natural situation (not in a ring)—does not pull.**

left turn ,right turn, stop,fast and slow pace

### **3. Walks on loose leash through a crowd at a show or in class, this item is tested**

in a real crowd, not in a ring in the community, dog walks on sidewalk, through a crowd at a community fair, park, on a trail, through a busy hallway, etc.

### **4. Dog walks past distraction dogs present; does not pull.**

This item may be tested along with #3 if there are dogs in the crowd, etc.  
at a show or class, dog walks by dogs waiting in the crowd—dogs 2 ft. apart  
in the community, dog walks by other dogs on a trail, sidewalk, in a hallway, etc.

### **5. Sit—stay in small group (3 other people with dogs).**

Owners and dogs are in an informal circle/square while owners have a conversation.

**Dogs are all on the owner's left side, on leash; 3 ft. apart. (At least 30 seconds)**

### **6. Dog allows person who is carrying something (backpack, computer bag, etc.)**

**to approach and pet it.** "May I pet your dog?" (Item is placed on floor/ground before the person pets the dog)

### **7. "Leave it." Dog walks by food and follows owner instructions, "Leave it."**This can be food placed by the evaluator on the floor or ground in a food dish with a wire cover as in Rally.

### **8. Down or sit stay—distance (owner's choice).**

Dog is on 20–ft line, owner walks away with back to dog, picks up an item (e.g., backpack, training bag, clipboard, folder etc.) placed on the floor/chair/ground by the evaluator and returns to the dog.

### **9. Recall with distractions present (coming when called).** Handler goes out 20–ft. (off center) and calls dog. Dog is on the 20–ft. line from #8 above.

### **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.**

**Owner may also choose to** 1) send the dog through first and have the dog wait for the owner, or 2) the owner may choose to have the dog go through the doorway at the owner's side. Whichever method is used, the dog must not pull the owner and must be under good control. Think of the handler having the leash in one hand and a cup of coffee in the other.

Doorway or gate can be real or simulated with ring gates, two chairs, or a natural passageway (e.g., entrance to trail) in the community.



**NEW!!!**

**What is C.L.A.S.S ?**

**C.L.A.S.S., or Canine Life and Social Skills, is an educational program to promote training focused on the use of positive reinforcement and to strengthen relationships between humans and their canine companions. C.L.A.S.S. is a three-level evaluation for dog owners to demonstrate the real-life skills of their dogs, as well as a knowledge assessment of the owners' understanding of basic dog handling and care.**

**Developed by the Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT) based on input from both dog owners and non-dog owners, shelter workers, and professional dog trainers, C.L.A.S.S. benefits pet owners, dogs, and everyone in the community!**

**The three levels of the program are named after human university degree programs:**

- B.A. for Dogs™ (Bachelor's level), <https://www.mydoghasclass.com/about/exams/ba/>**
- M.A. for Dogs™ (Master's level), <https://www.mydoghasclass.com/about/exams/ma/>**
- Ph.D. for Dogs™ (Doctorate level). <https://www.mydoghasclass.com/about/exams/phd/>**

**The skills in each level vary in the level of difficulty and distractions. For example, at the B.A. level, we allow the use of treats as rewards after the completion of an exercise, and some of the “real life” skills that are assessed are waiting at the door, drop it, and settle. In the M.A. level, dogs are asked to walk past several dogs of different sizes, breeds and genders, to wait in the car before exiting, and to allow the student to handle various parts of their body. And in the Ph.D. level, students must carry everyday objects such as a cardboard box or paper sack while walking their dogs on a loose leash, ask their dogs to back up, and have their dog demonstrate table manners during a simulated dinner session. Each level also allows for two “bonus rounds” that students may elect to try or not with their dog.**

**To learn more visit: <https://www.mydoghasclass.com/about/exams/ba/scoring/>**