

AKC Canine Good Citizen Test and AKC Trick Dog Test

Western Carolina Dog Fanciers Association will host both a **Canine Good Citizen** test and a **Canine Good Citizen Advanced** test in conjunction with this year's Bark in the Park, to be held on Sunday, October 7 at Mark Watson Park in Sylva, NC. Testing for AKC Novice and Intermediate "**Trick Dog**" titles will also be provided during the event.

The Canine Good Citizen Program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership and basic good manners for dogs. Started in 1989, CGC is a certification program that is designed to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a CGC title from the American Kennel Club. Dogs must have passed the CGC test to be evaluated for the CGCA. These two tests are open to all dogs. Some dogs entered in CGC tests have completed CGC classes or basic obedience classes, but owners who have trained their dogs themselves may also have their dogs tested.

Participants must pre-register by Monday, September 24. Testing for the CGC and the CGCA will begin promptly at 9:30 am and end by 12 noon. The cost is \$10 per dog/handler team. To pre-register, email evaluator Jane Finneran at: ncdogwich@yahoo.com. Time slots will be determined after the pre-registration period has ended. Dogs that pass the CGC may also take the CGCA at the event.

Testing for the AKC Trick Dog title will begin during the Bark in the Park event at approximately 1:30. All dogs who test in this category must have an AKC, PAL or AKC Canine Partner number to earn a title. For more information regarding registration with AKC, visit www.akc.org and look for "dog registration". Cost for Trick Dog test is \$10.

For more information about the CGC tests or the AKC Trick Dog title, visit www.akc.org; click on events; then on Canine Good Citizens or Trick Dog.

Directions to event: from Swain or Haywood County: from Hwy.23/74 take Sylva Exit 83, go right at bottom of ramp. At first stoplight, take a right; go approximately 1/2 mile and take a left at tennis courts and sign to Mark Watson Park. From 441N, take a right at the Jarrett House onto Hwy. 23 Business, and travel approximately 2 miles; turn right at the tennis courts and sign to Mark Watson field.



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