



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB

You're Invited to



An AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB Program

Join an AKC® Club Near You!

Congratulations on your dog training success! Now that you and your dog have experienced the joys of training, an AKC club near you can introduce you to exciting and fun dog activities and help you with future training.

Top 10 Benefits of Joining An AKC® Club

1. Learn new training skills — for you and your dog!
2. Learn from experienced, qualified instructors who have successfully trained hundreds of dogs and dog owners. If your dog has a behavior problem, you can find help at an AKC club.
3. Even if you already have a trainer, at AKC club meetings, you can meet other “dog people” who share your interests. Everyone is welcome!
4. Train with expert trainers. Get puppy raising advice that only an experienced dog person can give. Or meet and learn from nationally ranked dogs and their owners.
5. Get started in fun activities such as agility, obedience, rally, tracking, or therapy dog work.
6. Meet new training friends — this includes people and dogs!
7. If you have a purebred dog, meet other people with your breed and breed experts. If you have an All American dog, meet others who have a dog like yours.
8. Whether you attend classes or not, everyone can participate in a club’s meetings and community activities. Participate in a community parade, help educate the public, or get involved with AKC Rescue Network.
9. AKC offers a great new place to train and socialize your dog. Train beyond your own back yard!
10. Get the guidance and training you need for your dog to earn titles. From competitive titles to titles you can earn in your own community in Canine Good Citizen®, AKC Community CanineSM, and AKC Therapy DogSM events, earning titles will ensure the dog you love will be listed in the American Kennel Club records forever.

To Find a Club Near You: <http://www.akc.org/clubs/search/index.cfm>

We've Got Your Number!

How to Get An AKC® Number So Your Dog Can Earn an Official Title

To compete or earn AKC titles, your dog must have AKC number. We create titles at AKC by attaching the title to the dog's number. This number can be one of 3 types:

1. an **AKC registration number** (your purebred dog has "papers." You would have gotten these from the breeder), or,
2. a **PAL Number (Purebred Alternative Listing)** for purebred dogs of AKC breeds with no papers (such as rescue or shelter dogs), or,
3. an **AKC Canine PartnersSM number** for mixed breed dogs, or dogs otherwise ineligible for AKC registration such as purebreds from other countries that are not AKC recognized breeds. All dogs can enroll in the AKC Canine Partners program.

For PAL (which used to be called ILP), see: www.akc.org/reg/ilpex.cfm

For AKC Canine Partners, see: www.akc.org/canine_partners/



Canine Good Citizen is Now a Title!

Beginning in January 2013, CGC is a title that can be listed on your dog's record provided the dog has passed the CGC test and has an AKC number (of one of the 3 types above).

For CGC, owners may choose to pay \$8.00 for the CGC certificate only, or the \$20 title fee for having CGC listed as a title on the dog's record. AKC Community Canine (CGCA), the advanced level of CGC, is also an official title.

Why get a Title?

When you get an official title at AKC, you can use the suffixes such as "CGC" or "CGCA" after your dog's name for the world to see your training accomplishments. Titles are listed in show catalogs. And maybe the best part of all is that your dog's name and official titles are listed in the AKC records forever.

**For more Information on
Earning the CGC or AKC
Community Canine Titles, see:
www.akc.org/events/cgc/index.cfm**

***We're Here to Help You...*
Anytime You have a Dog Related
Question or Need,
Just Contact Us at cgc@akc.org**