

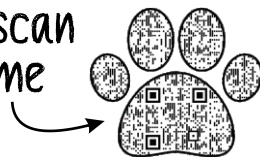
# CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

## WHAT IS CANINE GOOD CITIZEN?

KUSA Canine Good Citizen promotes responsible dog ownership and allows owners to experience the benefits of having a well-mannered dog. This 3-level programme (with an optional 4<sup>th</sup> level) rewards well-mannered dogs with certificates, rosettes and titles upon successful completion of required tests. The tests are not competitive.



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## Reasons why you should consider CGC

- You will learn about dogs and gain the knowledge necessary to ensure your dog is not a nuisance to others.
- Your dog will enjoy the challenge of practicing various scenarios and will make new friends.
- You build a strong relationship with your dog.
- It is the responsible thing to do.

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**How do I  
*get started?***

Visit [www.kusa.co.za](http://www.kusa.co.za) --> Responsible Ownership --> CGC Programme and view the Booklets for more information.

Find a training Club by visiting [www.kusa.co.za](http://www.kusa.co.za) --> Clubs --> KUSA Club List A-Z. You can start training at any stage but generally the sooner the better.

Initially dogs work on-lead but will eventually be required to work off-lead.

Handlers can talk to their dogs throughout the levels but excessive talking will be penalised in the higher levels.

Dogs do not need to be registered with KUSA and handlers do not need to be members of KUSA but all dogs must be microchipped.

## CGC PUPPY

This optional level is for puppies 4-9 months of age. It sees the puppy being assessed on basic manners such as taking a treat nicely, walking on a lead, playing with a toy and giving up that toy (very useful when puppy has the TV remote!)

The handler is also questioned on what best to feed puppy, how much exercise puppy should get, the importance of vaccinations etc.

## CGC BRONZE

For dogs 9 months or older. A more rigorous test than Puppy where dogs are required to greet strangers, greet other dogs and handle distractions as would be found in everyday life – kids playing, items being dropped on the floor, umbrellas opening etc. Handlers are questioned on the equipment they use (leads, harness, collar etc.), grooming their dog etc.

## CGC SILVER

This level builds on Bronze. Dogs are tested under higher levels of distraction and need to willingly get in and out of vehicles. Handlers are tested on the good citizenship of their dog at home – why would your dog be barking, what to do when visiting children want to pet your dog etc.

## CGC GOLD

The elite test looks for a dog's ability to cope when out and about at a park, a farmer's market, a restaurant etc. Handlers must demonstrate a more in-depth knowledge of caring for their dog.

**For pedigreed & crossbreed dogs**