Canine Good Citizen Test Items

1. Accepting a friendly stranger
   Evaluator approaches and pretends to shake hands with handler (hands 6-12” apart). Evaluator does not touch dog.

2. Sitting politely for petting
   Evaluator pets dog; dog must show no shyness or resentment.

3. Appearance and grooming
   Evaluator inspects dog, combs or brushes lightly, examines ears and each front foot.

4. Out for a walk
   Handler takes dog for a short walk including right turn, left turn, about turn and stop.

5. Walking through a crowd
   Dog and handler walk close to several people; dog may show causal interest but not jump up.

6. Sit and down on cue/Staying in place
   Handler shows that dog can do both sit and down, then chooses a position, leaves dog and goes to the end of a 20 ft. line, and returns immediately.

7. Coming when called
   With dog still on 20 ft. line from Test 6, handler walks out 10 ft. and calls the dog.

8. Reaction to another dog
   Two handlers and dogs approach, pretend to shake hands (hands 6-12” apart), exchange pleasantries, then move on.

9. Reaction to distractions
   Distractions are presented; dog may not panic or show aggression.

10. Supervised separation
    Handler goes out of sight for 3-min. Dog is held on a 6-ft. leash by an evaluator.