

Introducing the **AKC S.T.A.R. Puppysm** Program

The **AKC S.T.A.R. Puppysm** is an exciting new program to get dog owners and puppies off to a good start. It is an incentive program for dog owners who take the time to train and socialize their pups. It is open to all pups and we at A DOG'S LIFE hope you'll choose to participate! Puppies under one year of age are eligible to participate so we will be offering this in all of our Puppy Classes!

How it works:

- Attend Puppy 1 and Puppy 2 classes at A DOG'S LIFE or Puppy 1 and at least one puppy social to meet the minimum 6-week requirement.
- Meet all the requirements for Owner Behaviors and Puppy Behaviors, listed below
- Pass the Pre-Canine Good Citizen Test Behaviors, administered by an ADL instructor who is also a CGC Evaluator.

Upon passing, you'll get an application to send to AKC for recognition and enrollment in the program. Your puppy will receive an **AKC S.T.A.R. Puppysm** Medal, will be listed in the **AKC S.T.A.R. Puppysm** records, and you'll receive the **AKC S.T.A.R. Puppysm** package that includes a frameable certificate, a handbook, and other perks.

20 STEPS To Success: The AKC S.T.A.R. Puppysm Test

Socialization

Training

Activity

Responsibility

OWNER BEHAVIORS:

1. Maintains puppy's health (vaccines, exams, appears healthy)
2. Owner receives Responsible Dog Owner's Pledge
3. Owner describes adequate daily play and exercise plan,
4. Owner and puppy attend at least 6 classes by an AKC Approved CGC Evaluator
5. Owner brings bags to classes for cleaning up after puppy
6. Owner has obtained some form of ID for puppy-collar tag, etc.

PUPPY BEHAVIORS:

7. Free of aggression toward people during at least 6 weeks of class
8. Free of aggression toward other puppies in class
9. Tolerates collar or body harness of owner's choice
10. Owner can hug or hold puppy (depending on size)
11. Puppy allows owner to take away a treat or toy

PRE-CANINE GOOD CITIZEN® TEST BEHAVIORS:

12. Allows (in any position) petting by a person other than the owner
13. Grooming-Allows owner handling and brief exam (ears, feet)
14. Walks on a Leash-Follows owner on lead in a straight line (15 steps)
15. Walks by other people-Walks on leash past other people 5-ft away
16. Sits on command-Owner may use a food lure
17. Down on command-Owner may use a food lure
18. Comes to owner from 5-ft when name is called
19. Reaction to Distractions-distractions are presented 15-ft away
20. Stay on leash with another person (owner walks 10 steps and returns)



SOCIALIZATION ★ TRAINING ★ ACTIVITY ★ RESPONSIBILITY