

Canine Social Citizen

Why the Canine Social Citizen Certification is important.

A well-mannered obedient dog is the key to a good relationship between owner and dog. Proof of this relationship is sometimes required by landlords before a rent/lease contract is signed. A NADSR Certification can help make the process easier.

We at NADSR are in the business of promoting responsible ownership and strong owner/canine relationships. Your award will be a Canine Social Citizen Certification and the pride in knowing you are the owner of a well-behaved dog.

Requirements

In order to receive a Certification, your dog must be capable of completing several basic obedience commands and a temperament test.

1. Tolerating and/or Accepting Strangers

The administrator will approach the owner and shake hands without touching the dog. If the dog shows no aggression, doesn't jump on the administrator but accepts the situation, the dog will pass.

2. Sitting Calmly for Petting

The dog must remain sitting and show no aggression or shyness while the administrator pets the dog.

3. Grooming Assessment

The dog must show no aggression, remain calm and tolerate the administrator brushing the coat and examining the teeth and ears.

4. Walking

The dog is evaluated as the owner takes him/her for a short walk on loose lead. The walk should include a right turn, left turn, about face and stop.

5. Walking in a Crowd

The owner must take the dog on a loose lead for a walk through a group of people. The dog must not jump up, but can show casual interest in his surroundings and the people.

6. Sit/Down/Stay

The dog must be able to follow sit and down commands. Also a sit/stay or down/stay while the owner leaves the dog and walks to the end of a 20-foot line.

7. Come when Called

The dog must respond to the owners' commands to come when he is at the 20-foot mark in previous exercise.

8. Interaction with Other Dogs

The dog must show little interest in other dogs when they approach. The owner must keep the dog on lead while walking up to and greeting other owners and their dogs.

9. Distraction Response

The dog must show no aggression or panic when a distraction is presented.

10. Separation from Owner

The dog must be left with the administrator, on a lead while the owner goes out of sight for 3 minutes.