

# CANINES FOR CHRIST

A CHRISTIAN  
COMMUNITY SERVICE  
MINISTRY REACHING  
PEOPLE FOR JESUS

<https://canines4christ.org>

# CANINES FOR CHRIST MISSION AND PROGRAMS

- C4C mission is letting Christ's love shine through us and our canines as His disciples when we visit people who need love, hope and compassion that only God's message can provide. We want them to know that God loves them. Millions of people have been touched by this saving message as we bring God's light of love into the darkness.
- Create small group(s) to foster community within the C4C volunteers.
- Junior Handler Program for youth 5th-12th grade to help equip, encourage and engage the next generation.

# AREAS WHERE C4C CAN SUPPORT THEIR COMMUNITY

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- Veterans Groups
- Hospital Visits
- Grief Support
- Homeless Ministries
- Special Needs Events
- Disaster Relief Care and Support
- Hospice / Nursing Homes
- Partner with Your Local Church Ministries
- Reading Buddies for Children
- Libraries and Public forums

# BECOMING A CANINES FOR CHRIST AMBASSADOR

- Have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior (John 3:16), read and agree to C4C Statement of Belief.
- Complete and submit the “Canines for Christ Volunteer Application Form”.
- Must have current vaccine record of dog on file with the completed application.
- The dog must be a minimum of 12 months old and owned for 6 months by the handler.
- Provide the AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluation Form and the C4C Temperament Test.
- Submit a headshot picture of your dog for use on your business cards.
- Follow the guidelines in the Volunteer Manual to include wearing C4C shirt and/or identification on their person and the dog is wearing their C4C vest or bandana.
- Agree to pass out, as appropriate, the card with your dog’s picture and the message of God’s plan of salvation.
- Agree, as appropriate, to listen and offer to share God’s message of love and hope.

# AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZEN REQUIREMENTS

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- Accepting a Friendly Stranger
- Sitting Politely for Petting
- Appearance and Grooming
- Out for a Walk (walking on a loose lead)
- Walking Through a Crowd
- Sit and Down on Command and Staying in Place
- Coming When Called
- Reaction to Another Dog
- Reaction to Distraction
- Supervised Separation
- Cost for evaluation is \$20



# C4C Temperament Test Requirements

## 1. Physical Touch Test

Evaluator's Action	Dog's Response		
	Excellent	Satisfactory	Fail
Forcefully pets the head			
Clumsy Petting			
Vigorously rubs/scratches back, ribs, neck			
Holds Ears			
Touches Paws			
Scratches/rubs throat			
Lightly pulls tail			
Briefly restrains with a hug			

- Excellent: The dog stands or sits and remains calm.
- Satisfactory: The dog moves or steps away from the examiner.
- Fail: Dog jumps up, jumps away, mouths, barks, or snaps.

## 2. Crowded Petting Test

Evaluator's Action	Dog's Response		
	Excellent	Satisfactory	Fail
Evaluator + 4 others surround & pet dog			

- Excellent: The dog stands or sits and remains calm.
- Satisfactory: Visibly uncomfortable or lightly stressed in the situation (lowering head, dropping tail, looking to handler for help), but the dog tolerates/accepts petting.
- Fail: Barks, mouths, snaps, cowers.

## 3. Leave It Test

Evaluator's Action	Dog's Response		
	Excellent	Satisfactory	Fail (List item(s) here.)
Evaluator records dog's reactions to a treat, food, & tissue placed by the evaluator along a path 6 feet away.			
Evaluator offers treat in an open palm.			

- Excellent: The dog ignores the item and does not attempt to take it (unless the release word is given).
- Satisfactory: The dog shows interest in the item but does not move toward it.
- Fail: The dog lunges /pulls towards &/or takes the item into the mouth. For training purposes, list the item(s) that resulted in Failure in the box marked "Fail" above.

## 4. Bumping Test

Evaluator's Action	Dog's Response		
	Excellent	Satisfactory	Fail
Evaluator lightly bumps into dog's rear from behind.			

- Excellent: The dog ignores the bump.
- Satisfactory: The dog startles, looks, but does not mouth or snap.
- Fail: The dog lunges &/or vocalizes, mouths, snaps.

## 5. Angry Yelling Test

Evaluator's Action	Dog's Response		
	Excellent	Satisfactory	Fail
Evaluator + 1 person, or 2 people observed by the evaluator, shout at each other, NOT the dog, approximately 8 to 10 ft away from dog.			

- Excellent: The dog ignores the yelling or quietly observes.
- Satisfactory: The dog startles, looks at the yelling pair, but does not pull away, lunge, or otherwise act out.
- Fail: The dog lunges /pulls towards &/or away from the pair, vocalizes, cowers.

## 6. Initiating Contact & Engagement Test

Evaluator's Action	Dog's Response		
	Excellent	Satisfactory	Fail
Evaluator steps back from dog, invites, waits, & observes.			

- Excellent: Without invitation from evaluator or command by the handler, the dog interacts with and allows petting from the evaluator.
- Satisfactory: With invitation from evaluator and no command from the handler, the dog made eye contact and came to the evaluator when beckoned.
- Fail: When invited by evaluator and commanded by handler, the dog refused to engage or offer eye contact.

# PARTICIPANT COSTS

- Pet Health Certificate – Current vaccine records apply
- Join AKC Canine Partners Program
  - Special Listing Application reduces price to \$39 see coordinator for details and form
- Canine Good Citizen Evaluation - \$20
  - Cost for Canine Good Citizen Class varies by location
- The initial C4C member's fee is \$125; annual membership renewal fee is \$50
  - Includes custom C4C dog vest, business cards, ID's, t-shirt, mask and liability insurance
  - Membership available to non-dog owners that want to share the Gospel and participate in group activities. Fee is \$50
- **Average Cost is \$184 excluding training class if needed**

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