

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN TRAINED

CGC-Trained Dog vs. Untrained Dog

Training Category	CGC-Trained Dog	Untrained Dog ✖
Obedience Commands	Responds reliably to sit, stay, come, down, and leave it	Inconsistent response or ignores commands
Loose-Leash Walking	Walks calmly without pulling	Pulls on the leash, may lunge or zigzag
Greeting Strangers	Sits politely when approached	Jumps, barks, or reacts aggressively
Reaction to Distractions	Remains calm around loud noises, other dogs, and people	Easily startled, reactive, or fearful
Public Manners	Stays composed in stores, restaurants, and crowded areas	May bark, whine, or show signs of stress
Separation Anxiety	Handles being left alone calmly	May whine, bark, chew, or exhibit destructive behavior
Vet & Grooming Behavior	Allows handling, grooming, and vet visits with minimal stress	Struggles with grooming and vet exams, may bite or resist
House Manners	No jumping on furniture, waits at doors, no excessive barking	Jumps on guests, rushes out doors, barks excessively
Socialization	Comfortable with people, other dogs, and new environments	May be fearful, aggressive, or overly excitable
Safety Awareness	Waits at curbs, avoids unsafe behaviors	May run into the street, ignore handler's calls
Trust & Bond with Handler	Strong bond, follows guidance	May be independent or ignore commands
Overall Behavior in Public	Well-behaved, calm, and predictable	Unpredictable, may cause disturbances

Why CGC Training Matters

A **CGC-trained dog** is not just well-mannered but also **safer, more reliable**, and **prepared for service work or therapy roles**. A dog without training can be difficult to control, leading to stress for both the dog and owner.