

## Canine Good Neighbour Test

The Canadian Canine Good Neighbour Test™ is a certification program that tests and identifies dogs that have the training and demeanor to be reliable family members as well as good-standing community members. The program tests dogs in simulated everyday situations in a relaxed atmosphere and is open to both purebred and mixed-breed dogs.

The Canadian Canine Good Neighbour Test™ must take place in a busy public area such as a shopping mall, hotel or community centre lobby, NOT a regular dog training hall. Vaccination certificate, licence, grooming tool, plastic bag and leash with a plain buckle collar are required for this test. A dog straining on its lead, or touching anyone with teeth or feet is unacceptable, and therefore a failure.

1. **Accepting a friendly stranger:** a key in good neighbour relations with adults and children. Owner shakes hand with a friendly stranger
2. **Patiently sitting for petting:** a test for shyness and resentment
3. **Appearance & grooming:** owner's care & sense of responsibility show in how he keeps his dog
4. **Out for a walk:** illustrates handler's control of the dog
5. **Walking through a crowd:** shows that the dog moves around in a crowd without being unduly distressed and is under handler control
6. **Commands:** sit, down, stay, come: this illustrates that the dog has been trained and responds well to its handler/owner
7. **Praise/interactions:** shows the dog's relationship with its owner and that it can be calmed down easily
8. **Reaction to passing dogs:** this test demonstrates that the dog behaves politely around other dogs
9. **Distractions:** shows that the dog is confident when faced with common distractions
10. **Supervised isolation:** this test shows that the dog can be left with someone other than its usual handler & will maintain its training & good manners

Good manners are expected at all times. Any dog that jumps up on a person, lunges at another dog or displays unruly behaviour is automatically disqualified.

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Our policy states that a banned dog may be reinstated if the owner and dog take the Canine Good Neighbour Test and pass it. A brochure is available in the club office.

The Canadian Kennel Club certifies testers and there are two in Whitehorse – Rosanne Konrad and Al Alcock. Rosanne would be most available for ski related incidents.

There are also authorized testers present at the annual dog show which has been held at Mt Mac the last several years.

A person who wishes to take the test must pay a \$25 fee to the evaluator and fill out a form for the Canadian Kennel Club.