



Olympic Mountain Pet Pals uses the AKC's Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) as the backbone of the READ to ROVER Evaluation. For an overview of the CGC see [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canine\\_Good\\_Citizen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canine_Good_Citizen) and for a detailed description see [www.akc.org/events/cgc/training\\_testing.cfm](http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/training_testing.cfm)

In addition to the ten CGC steps, the READ to ROVER test adds the following:

1. The evaluator will instruct the handler to walk the dog on a loose leash on a diagonal across the room. A "crowd" will be assembled in the opposite corner, possibly consisting of children, people in wheelchairs or using walkers or crutches, people acting erratically or wearing a big hat, children running or skipping or bouncing a ball, and people raising an umbrella or pushing a broom. The handler and dog will pass through the crowd once, then turn and pass through again. On the first pass through, a child will ask to pet the dog. On the second pass through, a person behaving erratically will pet and hug the dog. The dog should not tug on the leash, bark, lunge, behave aggressively, or show fear.
2. The evaluator will instruct the handler to walk the dog around the perimeter of the room, past a toy and a food item on the floor. The handler may instruct the dog to "Leave it" (or similar command) and the dog should not lunge for the toy or the food. Gentle corrections are allowed. The handler is encouraged to speak firmly, but pleasantly to the dog (but no jerking of collars), as this exercise is very difficult for some dogs.
3. Continuing on around the room, the handler/dog team will encounter a sound distractions, such as one would hear in a school, a dropped book, a bell ringing, an alarm going off or children shouting. The dog may startle, but should recover quickly and should not bark, lunge or act aggressively.
4. The evaluator will instruct the handler to walk the dog to a closed doorway and wait, either sitting or standing while the handler opens the door. The dog can show interest in going through, but should not barge or pull ahead of the handler.
5. When asked to greet or sit next to other dog/handler teams, the dog needs to do so without showing aggression.

Dogs must pass all tests to be considered Olympic Mountain Pet Pals READ to ROVER Dogs. Dogs that do not pass all tests will receive an evaluation and recommendations for further training.

Cost for the OM Pet Pals READ to ROVER Test is \$25. This includes the initial annual membership in OM Pet Pals, \$2M Liability insurance and Newsletter. Yearly membership in OM Pet Pals is required for all READ to ROVER dogs. ID scarves and tags are an additional cost.

If you wish to receive the optional AKC CGC Certificate and registration, the cost is \$10 payable to the evaluator (not to Olympic Mountain Pet Pals).