



# AKC S.T.A.R. PUPPY<sup>SM</sup>

Socialization★Training★Activity★Responsibility

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The “R” in S.T.A.R. PUPPY stands for Responsibility. Every puppy deserves a responsible owner. The AKC’s Canine Good Citizen® Responsible Dog Owner’s Pledge is for S.T.A.R. puppy owners too. After S.T.A.R. PUPPY, we hope you’ll go on to earn the CGC award with your wonderful puppy!

## AKC CGC<sup>TM</sup> RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER’S PLEDGE<sup>®</sup>

All dogs deserve a responsible owner. I agree to maintain my dog’s health, safety, and quality of life.

### **I will be responsible for my dog’s health needs. These include:**

- routine veterinary care including check-ups and vaccines
- adequate nutrition through proper diet; clean water at all times
- daily exercise and regular bathing and grooming

### **I will be responsible for my dog’s safety.**

- I will properly control my dog by providing fencing where appropriate, not letting my dog run loose, and using a leash in public.
- I will ensure that my dog has some form of identification when appropriate (which may include collar tags, tattoos, or microchip ID).
- I will provide adequate supervision when my dog and children are together.

### **I will not allow my dog to infringe on the rights of others.**

- I will not allow my dog to run loose in the neighborhood.
- I will not allow my dog to be a nuisance to others by barking while in the yard, in a hotel room, etc.
- I will pick up and properly dispose of my dog’s waste in all public areas such as on the grounds of hotels, on sidewalks, parks, etc.
- I will pick up and properly dispose of my dog’s waste in wilderness areas, on hiking trails, campgrounds and in off-leash parks.

### **I will be responsible for my dog’s quality of life.**

- I understand that basic training is beneficial to all dogs.
- I will give my dog attention and playtime.
- I understand that owning a dog is a commitment in time and caring.

Owner’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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