



SPCA AMBASSADOR K9 GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS MALAYSIA



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INTRODUCTION

SPCA Ambassador K9 Good Citizen Awards are based on the K9 Good Citizen movement run all over the world, from Australia to America, Africa to Europe canine supporters are working to help dogs be accepted, respected and responsibly cared for.

Let your dog be an ambassador for all dogs, help dogs to be a pleasure to be with, an asset to own and never a nuisance to neighbours or the community.

SPCA Ambassador K9 Good Citizen Awards (SPCAK9GC) is an initiative developed by SPCA (Selangor) to encourage dog owners, dog handlers and dog lovers who want to enjoy their canine companions, develop happy healthy family members and support animal welfare through responsible pet ownership.

Dogs and Dog owners/handlers of any fitness level or ability can take part the awards are non-competitive and emphasis is placed on the standard of achievement whilst having fun with your dog and enjoying the company of fellow K9 owners.

1. INFORMATION

WHAT IS SPCA9AGC?

SPCA Ambassador K9 Good Citizen Awards (SPCAK9GC) is an initiative developed by SPCA (Selangor) to encourage the responsible care and training of all types of family and companion dogs
The awards are run at three (3) levels Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each level must be successfully completed and assessed before moving on the next level.

The awards are non-competitive and the goal of the training is to have fun using positive reinforcement training principles. The awards build confidence and knowledge for the handler and confidence, good manners, and social abilities for the K9.

These awards are a great foundation from which to go on to competitive obedience, agility, trialing or career training as a working rescue/helper dog.

WHY do SPCAK9GC?

What better reason than a dog that is easy to live with and easy to be around. A dog that, brings you joy, gives you love and is a happy, healthy sociable citizen. The award teaches people how to be confident, calm and in control of their dog. It teaches the dog to be confident, calm and correctly behaved around people and other dogs.

SPCAK9GC gives you a goal to work towards a commitment to your pet to be a responsible pet owner.

WHO is SPCAK9GC for?

The awards are open to all dogs, mixed breeds, pedigrees young and old. Handlers from complete beginner to experienced, from junior to senior are welcome. Please note that junior handlers must have their registration form endorsed by a parent or guardian.

It is advised that puppies under the age of 6mths should complete a puppy training foundation course before moving on to bronze award training.

WHERE can I do my SPCAK9GC?

You can join in at any designated SPCA training event or participating training groups.

HOW to gain my SPCAK9AGC awards?

From start to finish the award process requires 3 steps as listed below.

- **Registration**

Fill in the SPCAK9GC registration form available from the SPCA Office or from participating canine training groups. Lodge your registration with the required RM50 donation to SPCA

- **Training**

You can join in classes run by various training groups or through a private trainer (*see list of participating trainers*), experienced handlers can elect to train their dog alone and then present themselves for assessment, however there is a socialization element to the training that requires regular opportunity for dogs and handlers to work in a social group.

The length of time, cost and availability of training is dependent on the needs and experience of the dog and handler. The training groups are at liberty to charge fee's as they deem fit and is not in the jurisdiction of the SPCA, we would recommend that you use training groups in our participation list.

- **Assessment**

Assessments will be done by recognised Trainers/Assessors to the agreed standard.

Assessments will be available at designated SPCA events and also through designated training providers.

REWARDS

A medal and certificate of attainment.

On completion of assessment and receipt of the verification slip to SPCA your medal and certification will be issued. All successful K9 Ambassadors will be recognised in our website every month unless you have specifically ticked the box on your verification slip requesting no publicity.

COST

A minimum donation of RM50 to SPCA covers the registration, administration and verification process.

Training costs will vary and you can contact participating canine training groups and trainers for details on their charges.

Advice & Further information

Please call us at the SPCA for further information.

Participating training groups will always be happy for you to come along and watch the classes and provide advice.

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