



# Puppy Kindergarten Checklist

At Elite Pet University, you have an opportunity to not only pass Puppy Elite, but also earn your puppy's AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy certificate. Use this chart to help you keep track of your progress towards reaching those goals. Check boxes when you feel your puppy can perform the behaviors When you are ready to test out, attend a "Test Out" day.

## AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Requirements



### Owner Behaviors

- Maintains health and brings proof of vaccines to each class
- Describes adequate daily play and exercise plan
- Brings poop bags to class for cleaning up after puppy
- Obtained & brought proof of identification (I.D. tags, microchip, etc)

Owner & puppy attend minimum of 6 classes. (Orientation doesn't count)

### Puppy Behaviors

- Free of aggression towards people for a minimum of 6 classes
- Free of aggression towards other puppies in class
- Tolerates collar or body harness
- Owner can hug or hold puppy (depending on size)
- Puppy allows owner to take away a treat or a toy

### Pre-Canine Good Citizen Test Behaviors

- Allow petting by person other than owner
- Grooming - Allows owner handling & brief exam
- Walk on loose leash 15 steps
- Walk on leash past other people 5 ft away
- Sit on cue - may use food lure
- Down on cue - may use food lure
- Come when called from 5 ft away
- Reaction to distraction from 15 ft away
- Calm and stays on leash with another person while owner walks away 10 steps and comes back



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To pass Puppy Elite, you will need to attend a test out day and there will be some overlap for the Puppy Elite graduation with the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy, but there may be additional skills your puppy should learn to be prepared for freshman-level classes. Once your puppy turns 20 weeks old, you will need to go up to freshman-level classes beginning with the freshman orientation whether you have graduated or not. You can earn your AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy anytime before your puppy turns one year old. Just make sure to sign up for a "test out" day.

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## Puppy Elite Requirements

### Puppy Focus

- Puppy looks at owner on cue
- Puppy hand targets on cue
- Puppy can play with owner for 15 seconds
- Puppy will remain calm when other puppies enter the room

### Puppy Recalls

- Puppy comes when called from 5 ft away
- Puppy lets owner grab collar, harness or scruff (gently) when recalling puppy

### Puppy House Manners

- Puppy sits on cue
- Puppy lays down on cue
- Puppy drops a toy on cue
- Puppy lets owner handle puppy. Should be able to pick up or hug puppy, touch feet, play with ears, and lift up a lip

### Puppy Leash Manners

- Puppy walks with a loose leash 15 steps
- Puppy walks past another owner and puppy within 5 ft and ignores them/continues to walk on a loose leash

### Puppy Public Manners

- Puppy keeps all four paws on the ground while someone else pets the puppy
- Puppy remains calm on a mat for 30 seconds
- Puppy calmly stays next to owner with another puppy 5 ft away while owners say "hello"
- Puppy can recover and react calmly from a bowl being dropped from 15 ft away