

UNDERSTANDING an OBEDIENCE COMPETITION

Obedience trial events are often held in conjunction with Confirmation Shows. Not only do these sports encourage the use of a dog's natural ability, but also the remarkable qualities of an animal-human team.

OBEDIENCE

Obedience trials test a dog's ability to perform a group of obedience exercises at different levels of competition. However, at each level you must score more than 50% of the possible points (ranging from 20-45) to get a total score of at least 170/200 points. Each time your dog gets 170 or over, it has obtained a qualifying score ("leg") toward an obedience title. Three "legs" is an obedience title.

CD and CDX competition include "A" (beginners) and "B" (experienced handlers, trainers, and for those whose dogs have obtained previous titles). There are 3 levels of obedience, from Novice to Utility. Dogs competing in the Novice classes obtain a CD title, the Open class a CDX title, and the highest level is Utility.

RALLY OBEDIENCE

"Rally is a sport newly recognized by the CKC, intended to introduce owners and dogs to basic obedience training skills. CKC Rally Trials enable owners to have fun earning official titles in a competition while interacting with their dogs naturally, using praise, encouragement, and petting. In a trial, owner and dog teams individually execute a timed and scored course consisting of 10 - 20 required "stations" or exercises, with a sign at each indicating what is to be done. The judge designs different courses for each event. In the Novice level, all exercises are performed on leash. In Advanced and Excellent, all work is off leash, and more difficult stations are added. Dogs have to be able to heel under control, sit, down and stand, perform a variety of turns in heel position, and recall to sit in front, and then return to heel. Advanced exercises include low jumps, requiring a dog to back up at heel, and weave in and out of obstacles, or ignore food on the ground. Dogs need to pass in three separate trials to win a certificate at each level. Rally enables owners of all ages and skills to demonstrate the useful skills they have taught their dogs. Marion Postgate"

RALLY NOVICE A & B must have between 10 – 15 stations (Start and Finish not included) with no more than five (5) stationary exercises per class.

NOVICE A - Dogs competing in this class may not have won a CKC Rally Novice (R.N.) title or any CKC Obedience title. The handler of any dog in this class must be the owner, co-owner, or member of their immediate family. A dog may not be exhibited in this class after official notification from the CKC that the dog has won the title. No dog may be entered in Rally Novice A & B in any one trial. A person may enter more than one dog in this class.

NOVICE B – Any dog may compete in this class until a qualifying score in the Rally Advanced class is earned. The owner or any other person may handle a dog in this class. A person may enter more than one dog in this class

RALLY ADVANCED A & B must have the R. N. title and the course must have between 12 – 17 stations (Start and Finish not included) with no more than seven (7) stationary exercises per class.

ADVANCED A – This class shall be for dogs that have won the Rally Novice (R.N.) title but have not won the Rally R.A. title or any CKC Novice Obedience title. The handler of any dog in this class must be the owner, co-owner, or member of their immediate family. No dog may be entered in Rally Advanced A & B in any one trial. A person may enter more than one dog in this class.

ADVANCED B – This class will be for dogs that have won the Rally RN title. A dog may continue to compete in this class indefinitely. The owner or any other person may handle a dog in this class. A person may enter more than one dog in this class.

RALLY EXCELLENT A & B must have the R. A. title and the course must have between 15 – 20 stations (Start and Finish not included) with no more than seven (7) stationary exercises per class. Two jumps must be used in these classes. An honour Exercise must be included in the Rally Excellent Class.

EXCELLENT A – This class shall be for dogs that have won the Rally Advanced (R.A.) title but have not won the Rally R.E. title or any CKC Novice Obedience title. The handler of any dog in this class must be the owner, co-owner, or member of their immediate family. No dog may be entered in Rally Excellent A & B in any one trial. A person may enter more than one dog in this class.

EXCELLENT B – This class will be for dogs that have won the Rally RA title. A dog may continue to compete in this class indefinitely. The owner or any other person may handle a dog in this class. A person may enter more than one dog in this class.