



EKC Rally Beginner-Advanced Class

Rally (also known as Rally-O or Rally Obedience) is a fun, low-pressure companion dog sport for you and your dog to enjoy. It is a great way to ease into the world of competitive dog obedience or just simply create a stronger bond between you and your canine companion. At the judge's command of "forward", the dog/handler team heels throughout a course of "stations", each with a different challenge, many of which are relatable to real-life heeling experiences. Unlimited communication from handler to dog is encouraged and not penalized. AKC offers three levels of Rally competition: Novice, Advanced and Excellent, and 4 levels of titling: RN, RA, RE and RAE.

This class is designed for those who have begun competing in AKC Rally, have the ability to maintain control of and execute basic commands with their dog off-lead and wish to begin preparing for competition in AKC's Rally Advanced class. Although Rally Excellent signs may be discussed, focus will primarily fall to the AKC Rally Advanced station signs (#1-31, #101-118).

- ❖ **Friday** evenings from **8PM-9PM**
- ❖ Classes will run for 6 weeks.
- ❖ This **class is limited to 6 participants** and is by pre-registration only. (Please see registration form for details.) This limitation is to allow each dog/handler team minimal down-time between course runs.

You will learn:

- ✓ what the Advanced Rally signs are and how to perform them
- ✓ how you are scored, why deductions are taken, causes for an NQ score

Prerequisite:

- ✓ your dog must be able to heel off-lead and understand sit and down commands
- ✓ your dog must also perform a 6' recall (on-lead), as well as have both right and left finishes
- ✓ this course does NOT teach you basic obedience exercises; you must work on your own to teach your dog whatever exercise needed
- ✓ you must participate in putting the equipment away at the end of class
- ✓ your dog must be crated in the building or in your car during set up and tear down
- ✓ dogs crated in the building must NOT be allowed to bark excessively either while crated or while working

Please bring with you:

- ✓ your registration form and payment if not yet submitted (space is limited, therefore, those who choose to bring registration and payment to the first night of class cannot be guaranteed a spot; participants will receive confirmation of their spot in class once these items have been received by the instructor) a tired, hungry dog (a tired dog is easier for you to work with and learns more quickly; a hungry dog sees more value in the treats you offer them during class)
- ✓ a crate (for use while setting up, tearing down and walking the course)
- ✓ small, high-value treats (small bits of chicken or steak, cut-up pieces of Pup-Peroni or any of the "small dog" treats made by Bil-Jac, such as Lille-Jacks, Breakfast Jacks or Little Gooberlicious); treats should be cut down to the size of an eraser head
- ✓ 4' or 6' lead (leather is preferable, **chain or metal leads are NOT allowed**), an additional short lead, such as a traffic lead is acceptable (no tab leads, please)
- ✓ training collar (this can be a standard "street" collar, traditional training collar, martingale or martingale hybrid collar; it is preferable for your dog not to work on a headcollar, as these are not allowed in competition. The use of a body harness or prong collar will NOT be allowed; if this is your only collar bring to class, you will be asked to observe class that week but not participate.)
- ✓ a water dish and fresh water
- ✓ your Rally three ring binder from the introductory class