

4-13-20 Novice Rally – Week 4

FYI - All Novice Signs + Jump & Sit-Stay will be covered in 6 Mondays beginning March 23.

<http://www.k9rally.com/Documents/Signs%20used%20weekly%20beginning%203-23-20.pdf>

Please view the following link for more information about these classes. <http://www.k9rally.com/index.htm>

SPECIAL CORONAVIRUS RALLY NOVICE CLASS WEEK 4 – 4-13-20.

****TODAY'S COURSE:** <http://www.k9rally.com/Documents/2020Apr13-XVIIIVNov4.pdf>

New Novice Signs: 14, 17, 31, 35, 38, 40

****SEE TIPS FOR TODAY'S SIGNS BELOW**

If you do not have our K9Rally app, please download it FREE onto your iOS or Android phone from your phone's app Play Store. This app will give you all of the signs, their descriptions, an AKC video demo of the signs and more.

Here is a link to current sign descriptions.

<http://www.k9rally.com/.../FlipSigns%20-%202020Jan%20-%20Desc...>

Here's a link to current signs. <http://www.k9rally.com/.../2017Sept%20RALLY%20SIGN%20SET-upda...>

Things to know as a Novice Handler: See Week 1 March 23.

TIPS FOR PERFORMING THESE SIGNS:

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PLEASE ask questions you may have. You can post here or message me. No question is silly and we all learn a lot by asking them.

14. Call Dog Front – Finish Left – Forward – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3TIVTyoYEpU>

This is similar to Sign #13 from Week 1, except you are doing a finish LEFT – forward. When you stop your forward motion, you can take several steps back, if you wish, to get a good front from your dog. Make sure to don't move your feet on the finish until your dog clears your path. THEN heel forward before dog returns to heel position.

17. Slow Pace – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J25gFYS0xzA>

The execution of the SLOW begins at the SLOW sign. It ends when you get to the NORMAL sign. You need to go slower at the slow sign and then normal at the normal sign. There needs to be a change of pace for BOTH. If not, it will be an IP (-10 pts.).

31. HALT – Down – Walk Around – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnTxiiLzL3c>

The most common mistake in this exercise is for the handler NOT to pause after going around the dog. Please remember to pause when going around your dog. It's helpful to have a routine when you do this. Maybe say the word "pause" while you're pausing, or say "1001", which both give you enough time for a pause. MAKE SURE that your dog remains down until you move forward to the next sign. If your dog anticipates and gets up too soon, it is an IP (-10 pts.). Some dogs go down slowly. What the judge is looking for is the dog to immediately begin to go down on your command, now how fast the dog goes down.

35. Call Front – Return to Heel – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XD3hd-lujdU>

This is one of many Call Front signs. You may take several steps back on the call front. Just give your dog the opportunity to give you a straight front. Dog then stays while you walk around behind your dog to heel position. Then you MUST PAUSE in heel position!!!

38. Loop Left – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRR1YWsWxXQ>

This is similar to a 270 left, but is only 225 degrees. It's a diagonal that was designed to help judges design courses more accurately. Make sure you remember the course path on your walkthrough.

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40. Diagonal Left – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJK6k3XsQos>

This is a 45 degree diagonal turn to the left that has been designed to help judges design courses more accurately. Again, make sure you know where the course goes during the walkthrough.

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ENJOY & AND STAY SAFE!!!

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