

4-20-20 Novice Rally – Week 5

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

Here's Signs covered each week: <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 5 – 4-20-20.

****TODAY'S COURSE:** <http://www.k9rally.com/Documents/2020Apr20-XVIINov5.pdf>

New Signs: 15,26,32,37,39

****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 all current signs. <http://www.k9rally.com/.../2017Sept%20RALLY%20SIGN%20SET-upda...>


Things to know as a Novice Handler: See Week 1 March 23 - <http://www.k9rally.com/>.

TIPS FOR PERFORMING THESE SIGNS:

****TIPS FOR THIS WEEK'S NEW SIGNS:**

New Novice Signs: 15,26,32,37,39

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.

NOTE: In all exercise names that begin with the words "Call Front", handler will immediately do a Call Front when they get to the sign, just like in these first two signs below. If the first word is "HALT", a Halt icon  will be in the upper left corner of the Sign.

15. Call Front – Finish Right – SIT– AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZiJdNc-kC84>

Don't get this sign confused with sign #110. For some reason, handlers often do. This exercise begins with a Call Front. You may take several steps back to do this. Your feet will not move again until after your dog is in heel position. Moving your feet during the finish is an IP (-10 pts.)

26. Call Front – 1, 2 and 3 Steps Backward - Forward – AKC Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcUDP2_bPuM

This is another Call Front exercise. Dog MUST move with Handler. Your dog must sit 4 times in this exercise. Your dog may finish in either direction. Make sure all of your steps are counted for – no ½ steps! The biggest mistake handlers make is to not do the 3 steps back properly. Most people will take the third step as a 1/2 step - and this is Improperly Performed! Take BIG steps on this portion of the exercise. At a Trial, you are nervous and your steps will get smaller. Make your steps clear and precise.

32. Figure 8 – No Distractions – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MwGL5Pki8Yw>

This Figure 8 goes around two pylons and you must cross the center exactly 3 times or it is an IP. Beginning this exercise is important. The direction you cross the center the first time is the same direction as the third time you cross. So, approach the center the first time in the direction which will give you the smoothest transition to the following sign. During a walkthrough, I will approach this sign the first time and walk through to the next sign at first to find the smoothest path. At a Trial, the judge will probably tell you how to approach this sign. But think it through and make sure it's the best for you and your dog. You can actually enter any way you want and not get a deduction. You just need to cross the center 3 times. If you

or your dog touches a cone, there will be a deduction.

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37. Loop Right - AKC Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXTPq1_HAho

This is similar to a 270 right, 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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39. Diagonal Right – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2ZWmKplyWU>

This is a 45 degree diagonal turn to the right 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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