

## 4-6-20 Novice Rally – Week 3

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 3 – 4-6-20.

**\*\*TODAY'S COURSE:** <http://www.k9rally.com/Documents/2020Apr6XVIIIVNov3.pdf>

**New Novice Signs:** 4,11,21,28,42, **PLUS intro to 103,298**

Here is a link to current sign descriptions.

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

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### TIPS FOR PERFORMING THESE SIGNS:

**4. HALT – Sit - Down** – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ni-DGjLPzq4>

Make sure your dog is down before you continue.

**11. 360° Right Turn** – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ivc93PP9rJg>

Dogs tend to lag in this exercise. Don't go too fast.

**21. Spiral Right - Dog Outside** – AKC Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMW-Y9\\_gldU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMW-Y9_gldU)

When doing this exercise, think of a paper clip design. Go around cones 1-2-3, and then cones 1-2, then cone 1. Make sure to leave enough space between the cones and your dog to perform the exercise without bumping the cones. Bumping a cone will result in a scoring deduction. If you knock over a cone, you may reset it. Keep dog in heel position. Dogs tend to lag in Spiral Right.

**28. HALT – Fast Forward from Sit** – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3fnzuHWUzM>

As easy as this sign seems, it's easy to forget to do the Halt! I've seen many students do this in class.

**42. Offset Serpentine Left** – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cCqP1qsb9ZE>

These cones are pretty close together. The first and third cone are only 6 feet apart with the 2<sup>nd</sup> cone offset by 3-4 feet.

Make sure you enter on the right of the first cone. Give your dog enough room not to hit cones 1 & 3. Take it ease and slow down a bit to help you keep it smooth.

**103. \*\*Send over Jump – Handler Passes By** – AKC Video Version 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1osSI9QQsYI>

AKC Video Version 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJwgTXlwjO8>

This sign needs to be introduced in Novice so you can have it down by the time you get your Novice title. Your dog cannot fail on the first attempt at a Trial. This sign cannot be retried/repeated at a Trial. It is an automatic IP (-10 pts) if the dog does not jump on the first attempt. You should know what height your dog jumps. Jump heights: If your dog is Less than 10" tall at the withers (shoulders) - dog jumps 4"; 10" to less than 15" – dog jumps 8"; 15" to less than 20" – dog jumps 12"; 20" and over – dog jumps 16". Broad Jump is twice the distance of high jump.

\*\*If you have not taught your dog to jump, the first time you want to have a very low jump (a few inches) and walk over the jump with your dog at your side. If your dog is not startled, do it again. If your dog is startled, take the bar away and just walk again together between the two stanchions. You want your dog to be comfortable with this setting before adding height. It's amazing how many dogs will not be comfortable. Possibly it's just the jump or maybe the pole "moves"! This can be scary to some dogs. Build slowly and you'll get a good foundation where your dog will eventually be flying over the jump.

**298. Sit Stay** – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9PpbCmd6njE>

It would be good handling if you sat your dog next to this sign facing the direction you will be going to get the leash. After getting your leash, you will then return and go around your dog to heel position and wait for the judge to say “exercise finished” before attaching the leash. When first starting out, only go a short distance and then increase the distance as your dog understands. You’ll probably have a leash on your dog when practicing this in the Novice class. Just drop the leash when you go out to get the “pretend” leash. Get your dog used to you touching the collar by rewarding this action. It will be important down the line when you are in the Intermediate or Advanced etc. classes that require you to remove the leash after entering the ring.

ENJOY & AND STAY SAFE!!!

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