

3-23-20 Novice Rally – Week 1

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SPECIAL CORONAVIRUS RALLY NOVICE CLASS WEEK 1 - 3-23-20.

<http://www.k9rally.com/Documents/2020Mar22XVIIINov1.pdf>

New Novice Signs: 1,2,3,5,8-9,12-13,19-20,27,29-30,33,36

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...>

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Things to know as a Novice Handler:

1. You and your dog should have some basic foundation skills before attempting Rally.

...one would be platform training: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNqFrQIKUxw>

...two would be pivot bowl training: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHpikko8h0s&feature=youtu.be>

2. Rally is more about the Handler than the Dog. If you know what you are doing, your dog will have a reliable teammate and be able to follow your clear verbal & signal instructions without any extra body language on your part.

3. Having said this, you must FIRST do a course walkthrough, without your dog, in order to get your instructions/body language down before adding your dog to the picture.

4. This should all done on a loose leash (or no leash during training) with no leash corrections. Your dog is being shaped and is praised for making right decisions. Only do a few signs at a time, or even only 1 sign. Keep it happy and fun for both you and your dog!

Helpful Tips:

1. **START** – AKC Video 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gXH5VegJ4ZA> (dog sits at start)

AKC Video 2: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QM3gOA_Z6RE (dog stands at start)

As shown in the video, you can see that your dog does not have to be sitting at the start. Timing begins on the judge's order "Forward".

2. **FINISH** – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=401oeHGNqUk>

You must pass to the left of this sign. The timer does not stop until both you and your dog pass this sign.

3. **HALT - Sit** – AKC Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OttEEy_coY4

Make sure your dog is sitting before you continue.

5. **Right Turn** – AKC Video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9Q7Fc_RcEI

Make sure you acknowledge this sign! Don't take a short cut to the following sign because you can NQ if the judge thinks you did not perform or attempt to perform a sign.

8. **About "U" Turn** - AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VWqYUDCY8Ko>

Keep dog in heel position. Dogs tend to forge in this exercise. If your dog pushes you out, your dog is crowding you and it will be penalized.

9. **270° Right Turn** – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hq6rl2g87NQ>

Keep dog in heel position. Dogs tend to lag in this exercise.

12. **360° Left Turn** – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8XuNbLUj2I>

Keep dog in heel position. Dogs tend to forge in this exercise. If your dog pushes you out, your dog is crowding you and it will be penalized.

13. **Call Dog Front–Finish Right–Forward** – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIDPppbMJ6s>

Move forward as soon as your dog clears your path on the finish. Waiting for your dog to get to heel position before moving forward will be penalized.

19. **Normal Pace** - When coming out of a slow or fast, your pace will noticeable change to your normal pace. This is a sign you can't take for granted. If you are still going the same as you were on the slow/fast, it will be an IP (-10 pts).

20. **Moving Side Step Right** – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=huuBUrd6bfo>

Help your dog move with you to the right with your voice. A pat on the leg can also be used in the Novice and Advanced class without a penalty.

27. **Stop and Down** – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ze5tWp2c4tA>

To be safe, tell your dog to down "as you stop".

29. **Left About Turn** – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WgjsubQbW6M>

Give your dog the command to go 'around' just before you commit to your left turn.

30. **HALT - Walk Around** – AKC Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=39_laymG6HI

Make sure to pause in heel position after going around your dog. To be safe, bring feet together and say the word "pause" before continuing.

33. **HALT – Right Turn – Forward** – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KiSsL2rywTc>

Keep your dog with you on this turn by saying "heel" before you turn.

36. **HALT – Slow Fwd From Sit** – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WWbRI3IzJO4>

Make sure you go from the slow to a normal at the Normal sign so the judge can see the change of pace.

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.

ENJOY & AND STAY SAFE!!!

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