

3-30-20 Novice Rally – Week 2

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SPECIAL CORONAVIRUS RALLY NOVICE CLASS WEEK 2 - 3-30-20.

TODAY'S COURSE: <http://www.k9rally.com/Documents/2020Mar30XVIIINov2.pdf>

New Novice Signs: 6,16,18,23,24,34,41

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:

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=LNqFrQlKUXw>

...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 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!

TIPS FOR PERFORMING THESE SIGNS:

New Novice Signs: 18,19,23,24,41

18 & 19. FAST AND NORMAL SIGNS – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILrv6m5btxA>

These are changes of pace signs. Remember to accelerate at the fast sign and to go back to a normal at the normal sign. If the judge does not see a change of pace on either of these signs, it will be an IP (improperly performed 10 pts off). You do not have to run in Rally on the fast, but you MUST walk faster than your normal.

23. STRAIGHT FIGURE 8 WEAVE TWICE – AKC Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=652txE_kElk

This exercise takes an average of about 12 seconds to perform. You will always enter on the right side of the first cone in this exercise. The first cone may or may not have the sign on it. Once you are finished performing it, and you have passed the last cone, the next sign can be almost anywhere. But it should not be behind you to the right. So, you really need to know what the next number is. Because it takes so long to perform, when your dog is with you, say the number to yourself as you begin this exercise so you remember where you are. You will have done a walk through, so you will probably know where to go. However, when your dog is with you, you may get distracted.

Make sure you give your dog a wide enough birth to not hit the cones as you are weaving. Practice this during the walk through. If you knock over a cone, you can replace it if you need to use it again.

24. SERPENTINE WEAVE ONCE - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R1LOW7FE25c>

You will always enter on the right side of the first cone in this exercise. The first cone may or may not have the sign on it.

Once you are finished performing it, and you have passed the last cone, the next sign can be almost anywhere. But it should not be behind you to the left. Make sure you give your dog a wide enough birth to not hit the cones as you are weaving. Practice this during the walk through. If you knock over a cone, you can replace it if you need to use it again.

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41. OFFSET SERPENTINE RIGHT – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1AJvVg1Fxi8>

This is a new cone exercise in 2017. On this sign, you will enter to the left of the first cone in order to turn right on this first cone. The second cone is 3-4 ft. to the right. You will turn left around the 2nd cone. Then on the 3rd cone you will go right to go around it and pass that cone turning right. Then you will move towards the next sign. In this case, it is the finish sign.

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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.

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ENJOY & AND STAY SAFE!!!

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