

# 4-27-20 Novice Rally – Week 6

Today completes ALL of the Rally Novice signs!!

SPECIAL CORONAVIRUS RALLY NOVICE CLASS WEEK 6 – 4-27-20.

Here's Signs that were 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>

**\*\*TODAY'S COURSE:** <http://www.k9rally.com/Documents/2020Apr27-XVIIINov6.pdf>

Demo of Today's Course by Jason: <https://youtu.be/MoYgNr3AXQY>

**Critique of this Demo. Not counting treating dog. Jason is not ready for competition:**

You can see how I rushed off the start and left my dog in the dust!

Sign 1: #15. 1 pt. off for "delay" on finish.

Sign 2: #20. Nice side step. He moved with me.

Sign 3: #6. Nice

Sign 4: #25. Dog should move with handler and is not principal,

1 pt. off for him not stepping off with me on 1 step forward. (out of position)

1 pt. off scratching (out of position)

Sign 5: #9. Nice

Sign 6: #103 (jump) – Nice job going to heel after jump.

Sign 7: #22. A few things happened her...

He went for the bowl of food I was going to release him to at the end of the course. Let's say he lunged for "something" and the leash got tight (-1 pt.) and he was out of position (1-2 pts.). What I needed to do was to warn him with an "easy" command before that happened.

Sign 8: #24. Nice

Sign 9: #11. I got too close to the sign and he hit it. (-1 pt.). I then repositioned it, but would not have done this at a Trial because I didn't need to use it again.

Sign 10: #10 – I put a right turn there by mistake.

Sign 11: #17 – good slow from a normal

Sign 12: #19 – good normal out of a slow

Sign 13: #7 - nice

Sign 14: #34 – I rushed turning left after the halt and he did lag a bit.

Sign 15: #298 - Handler error! I began to reach for his leash before going around him, but remembered and went around him. There would not be a leash on the dog in the Excellent class, so I'm not scoring that. If he had been off leash, I would not have put the leash on the dog until after the judge said "exercise finished".

**TIPS FOR PERFORMING THESE SIGNS:**

**New Novice Signs: 7,10,22,25**

**7. About Turn – Right** – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wO1q4vkFyQ>

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

**10. 270° Left Turn** – AKC Video Version 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yxCvO3K0e8Y>

AKC Video Version 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Ze-OvfCsjo>

Keep dog in heel position. Dogs tend to forge in this exercise. If your dog interferes with your freedom of motion, you will be penalized.

**22. Spiral Left - Dog Inside** – AKC Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kN\\_AF6x8hAA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kN_AF6x8hAA)

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. If your dog** interferes with your freedom of motion, you **will be penalized**.

**25. HALT - 1, 2 and 3 Steps** – AKC Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMVZcnssYdw>

*Dog MUST move with Handler. There are 4 halts in this exercise. Your dog must sit 4 times in this exercise.*

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/>.

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