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**Rules and Regulations for
Exhibitors, Judges and Stewards**

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Introduction

Rally is a sport in which the dog and handler complete a course that has been designed by the rally judge. The judge tells the handler to begin, and the dog and handler proceed at their own pace through a course of designated stations (10 – 20, depending on the level). Each of these stations has a sign providing instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. Scoring is not as rigorous as traditional obedience.

The team of dog and handler moves continuously at a brisk, but normal, pace with the dog under control within a 2-foot area at the handler's left side. There should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and handler both during the numbered exercises and between the exercise signs; however, perfect "heel position" is not required. Any faults in traditional obedience that would be evaluated and scored as a one point deduction or more should be scored the same in Rally, unless otherwise mentioned in this document. After the judge's "Forward" order, the team is on its own to complete the entire sequence of numbered signs correctly.

Unlimited communication from the handler to the dog is to be encouraged and not penalized. Unless otherwise specified in these Regulations, handlers are permitted to talk, praise, encourage, clap their hands, pat their legs, or use any verbal means of encouragement. Multiple commands and/or signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. **The handler may not touch the dog or make physical corrections. At any time during the performance, loud or harsh commands or intimidating signals will be penalized.**

Rally promotes fun and enjoyment and teamwork for dogs and handlers at all levels of competition.

Chapter 1 - General Procedures and Equipment

Section 1 - Space Requirements

The suggested minimum area for a rally course is 40 x 50 feet, however 40 x 60 feet is recommended. The floor covering or ground surface must be the same as would be suitable for traditional AKC obedience trials; to include grass, dirt, concrete or rubber flooring. If competing on concrete, it is recommended to use non-slip rubber matting under all jumps for the safety of the dog.

Section 2 - Armbands

Exhibitors shall be provided armbands or stickers, which must be worn on the upper left arm, indicating their dog's order in the class.

Section 3 - Signs and Holders

- The designated wording and symbols must be used.
- Signs must be a minimum of 8-1/2 x 11 inches and a maximum of 11 x 17 inches.
- Weather conditions should be considered when securing signs and holders.
- Colors used are optional.
- Thirty exercise sign holders are required.
- All sign holders or signs (not including those for Start and Finish) will be clearly and sequentially numbered on the course, with numbers approximately 3 inches high.
- Two of each of the signs marked with an asterisk (numbers 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 19, 103 and 299) must be available for the judge's use.
- All other signs may only be used once.
- Two of the following signs must be made available, 206, 207, 208, 209, 311, 317 and 318 for course design purposes.

Section 4 - Placement of Signs

- Signs will be placed to the right of the handler's path except for those indicating a change in direction, in which case the sign will be directly in front of the handler to aid in that change.
- Exercises using cones may require entry with the sign on the left.
- Signs indicating a change in direction should be placed directly in front of the team.
- Signs that require the handler and dog to sidestep to the right will be placed in the initial path of the team.
- Pylon signs may be placed on the first pylon.
- Signs for the jumps may be placed on the jump or to the right of the handler's path.
- The duplicate signs made available for 206, 207, 208, 209, 311, 317 and 318, may be paired with the sign holder on the backside of the original sign.
- Directional signs 301A, 302A and 303A, may be placed on the backside of the jump or in such a way to indicate the path the dog and handler should continue.
- Directional signs for 306A, 307A and 308A may be paired with the sign holder on the backside of the original sign.
- Stationary exercises are any signs indicating a "Halt" or no forward motion.
- Exact placement of signs is made by the judge while walking the course along the path that will be taken by the handlers.
- The course for each class will be posted at the ring prior to the familiarization time (see below).
- If possible, copies will be given to exhibitors but this is not required.

Section 5 - Location of Performance in Relation to Signs.

Except for exercises requiring entry with the sign on the left, exercises are performed near the designated signs, either directly in front, or in front and to the left of said signs.

Section 6 – Jumps

- There will be no jumps in Novice or Intermediate classes.
- Advanced class will have one (1) jump and may only use
 - Sign #103: Send Over Jump; Handler Passes By. The jump used can be Broad, Bar, or High.
- Excellent class will have two (2) jumps and may use
 - Sign #103: Send Over Jump; Handler Passes By
 - Sign #210: Send to Jump
- Masters class will have one (1) jump and may only use
 - Sign # 301: HALT; Recall Over Jump; Finish; Right Turn; Forward. This sign must be used with Sign #301A: Directional Arrow Right
 - Sign #302: HALT; Recall Over Jump; Finish; Left Turn; Forward. This sign must be used with Sign 302A: Directional Arrow Left
 - Sign #303: HALT; Recall Over Jump; Finish; About Turn; Forward. This sign must be used with Sign 303A: Directional Arrow About Turn

Section 6A – Types of Jumps

The **broad jump** will consist of three telescoping hurdles, each approximately 8 inches wide. The largest board will measure about 4 feet 10 inches long (if from a 5 foot set) and about 5 inches at the highest point. In the ring, broad jump boards will be arranged in order of size from smallest to largest. They will be evenly spaced, covering a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump set for each dog. Three boards will be used for a jump of 32 inches, two boards for a jump of 16 or 24 inches, and one board will be used for a jump of 8 inches. When decreasing the number of hurdles in the jump, the highest will be removed first.

The **high jump** will consist of two uprights and solid boards of varying widths that combine to make each dog's required jump height.

The **bar jump** also has two uprights. These are constructed to support only a striped bar, which is set at the dog's required jump height. The bar jump may be used in the same way as the high jump. However, if the bar jump is to be used as a jump in both directions, the uprights must be offset to allow the bar to be knocked off from either direction.

Send to Jump. (Sign #210) The sign for this station will be placed at least 10 feet before the jump. The sign for this station and the one after it will be set so that the handler maintains at least a 3 foot path away from the jump while the dog performs the jump and returns to the handler.

The set up and performance of this sign should not be confused with sign #103 *Send Over Jump-Handler Passes By.

Note: After sending the dog to the jump the handler may pause as needed, but must not pass the jump until the dog has returned to the heel position.

Section 6B - Jump Heights.

<i>Height of Dog at Withers</i>	<i>Height to be jumped</i>	<i>Number of Boards Used (Broad Jump)</i>
Less than 10 inches	4 inches	1
10 inches to less than 15 inches	8 inches	2
15 inches to less than 20 inches	12 inches	2
20 inches and over	16 inches	3

Note: There is no Veteran's height allowances for any dog in Rally. Dogs must be able to jump their required height in order to compete.

- Various colors and decorations are allowed; however, there must be nothing hanging from the jump.
- It is the judge's responsibility to see that the jumps are set for each dog in accordance with these regulations.

Section 7 – Familiarization Time

- Prior to the start of each class, a 15-minute walk-through (longer if the judge allows) is allowed for handlers, without their dogs.
- If needed, the judge may split the class for the walk-through and adjust the time accordingly.
- The judge must be available in the ring during this period to answer any questions the handlers might have.
- The judge may also choose to brief the handlers on the course during this period.

Section 8 – Judging

The judges' orders will be, "Are you ready?" followed by, "Forward." No other orders are necessary.

Section 9 - General Scoring

- Times will be recorded but not posted.
- Times for the Advanced/Excellent class will be written separately, but added together to be used as a tie-breaker if needed.
- Times will be used only to break ties for Champion and Reserve Champion awards.
- Scoring for all levels is based on a maximum score of 100 points per each class run (200 possible points for Advanced/Excellent)

Section 10 - Timing

- All dogs will be timed.
- Times will be used only in the event of ties.
- Timing will begin when the Judge gives the order, "Forward" and will end when dog and handler cross the finish line.
- In the case of tie scores, the dog and handler completing the course in the least amount of time will receive the higher placement and a plus (+) after the score. The original scores will not be changed.
- In the event that both the score and time are the same, the dog and handler teams will repeat the course and be judged and timed again.

Section 11 – Ribbons

- Any score 70 or above is considered a qualifying score toward State Fair Dog Trial participation.
- Scores below 70 are Non Qualifying, although members should be told what the score is so they may work to improve.
- Any score of 70 or above earned at the State 4H Dog Trial requires the dog/handler team to move up to the next level class for the following year. The exception to this rule is once the dog/handler team has reached the Advanced/Excellent class level, moving up to Masters level class is optional. However, if the dog/handler team chooses to move up to Masters, that team is no longer eligible to compete at any lower class level.
- Rally High In Trial: This award will be for the highest score from the following classes:
 - Excellent A
 - Excellent B
 - The Excellent score from Advanced/Excellent A
 - The Excellent score from Advanced/Excellent B
 - Masters A
 - Masters B

- If the member/dog team is showing in Masters A or B, three (3) points will be added to their score only for the calculation of High In Trial. This is due to the added difficulty of the class.

Chapter 2 Classes

Section 1 - Rally Novice Class

All exercises are judged ON LEASH, and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash and not being carried by the handler.

The leash must be made of fabric or leather and needs to be long enough to provide adequate slack. Rally Novice must have 10 – 15 stations (Start and Finish not included) with no more than five (5) stationary exercises per class. . A person may enter more than one dog in this class.

Section 1A – Eligibility

Rally Novice A class is for members and their dogs in their first year of Rally Obedience, who have not received a blue ribbon at any State 4-H Dog Trial in Rally Novice, and/or have not received an RN title from any national dog association. A member may only compete in the A class for 1 year.

Rally Novice B class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally Obedience with the dog they used in Rally Novice A, or who is starting a dog which has never competed in Rally. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a blue ribbon at State 4-H Dog Trial, or the dog being shown has received a RN title from a national dog association.

Section 2 – Rally Intermediate Class

All exercises are judged ON LEASH, and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash and not being carried by the handler.

The leash must be made of fabric or leather and needs to be long enough to provide adequate slack. Rally Intermediate must have 12 to 17 signs (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary signs. Intermediate courses will have a minimum of three Advanced level signs. **There are no jumps in this class.** A person may enter more than one dog in this class.

Section 2A – Eligibility

Rally Intermediate A class is for members and their dogs in their first year of Rally Intermediate level training, who have not received a blue ribbon at any State 4-H Dog Trial in Rally Intermediate, and/or have not received an RI title from any national dog association. A member may only compete in the A class for 1 year.

Rally Intermediate B class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally Intermediate with the dog they used in Rally Intermediate A, or who is competing with a different dog than the one they showed in Rally Intermediate A. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a blue ribbon at State 4-H Dog Trial, or the dog being shown has received a RI title from a national dog association.

Section 3 - Rally Advanced Class

***Please note the Colorado State 4-H rules for Advanced Rally have changed to match with AKC rules (Nov 2017).**

All exercises are judged **OFF LEASH**. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash and not being carried by the handler. Rally Advanced A and B must have between 12 – 17 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three (3) and no more than seven (7) stationary exercises per class. A dog is required to jump once in the Advanced class and any of the three jumps may be used. A person may enter more than one dog in this class.

Section 3A – Eligibility

Rally Advanced A is for members in their first year of Rally Advanced training, who have not received a blue ribbon in Rally Advanced at any State 4-H Dog Trial, and/or have not received an RA title from any national dog association. A member may only compete in the A class for 1 year.

Rally Advanced B class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally Advanced Obedience. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a blue ribbon at State 4-H Dog Trial, or the dog being shown has received a RA title from a national dog association.

Section 4 - Rally Excellent Class

All exercises are judged OFF LEASH. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash and cannot carry the dog either into or out of the ring.

Rally Excellent must have between 15 – 20 stations (Start and Finish not included) with no more than seven stationary exercises per class. Unlike in the Rally Novice and Advanced Classes, in Rally Excellent handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage the dog.

A person may enter more than one dog in this class.

Section 4A - Eligibility

Rally Excellent A is for members who are in their first year of Rally Excellent training, who have not received a blue ribbon in Rally Excellent at any State 4-H Dog Trial, and/or have not received an RE title from any national dog association. A member may only compete in the A class for 1 year.

Rally Excellent B class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally Excellent Obedience.

Section 5- The Rally Advanced Excellent Class

This class will be judged as a combined score of the Advanced B pattern and the Excellent B pattern. Members will perform both patterns during the time they are set up. The scores will then be combined, adding both scores from the patterns and the times run on each pattern. The highest combined score will be the highest class placement, and the combined times will break any ties. A member must earn a qualifying score of 70 or above on each pattern (Advanced and Excellent) in order to have their score be considered qualifying for the class. If one of the scores is below 70, the team is considered not to have qualified, and will not be eligible for placement ribbons.

Members must enter and exit both classes on lead and cannot carry their dog into or out of the ring. The Advanced class will be judged OFF LEAD as all Advanced classes are, the Excellent pattern will be judged OFF LEAD as all Excellent patterns are. Members may enter more than one dog in this class.

Section 5A - Eligibility

Rally Advanced Excellent A is for members who are in their first year of Rally Advanced Excellent training, who have not received a blue ribbon in Rally Advanced Excellent at any State 4-H Dog Trial, and/or have not received an RAE title or the equivalent from any national dog association. A member may only compete in the A class for 1 year.

Rally Advanced Excellent B class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally Advanced Excellent or who have received an equivalent title from a national dog organization. ***Members are allowed to compete in this class for their remaining years with the same dog.***

Section 6 - Rally Masters

This class is **optional** for any member who has earned a qualifying score in the Advanced/Excellent class at a previous State Dog Trial. The Master class must have 15 to 20 signs (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary signs. Courses will have a minimum of four Master level signs plus the one required jump (301, 302 or 303), a minimum of three Excellent level signs and a minimum of three Advanced level signs. There are no retries for any of the signs on the Rally Master course. Unlike in the Rally Novice, Intermediate and Advanced classes, in the Rally Master class handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage the dog without penalty. Verbal encouragement, multiple commands and/or inaudible signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. Handlers may not touch their dog or make any physical corrections without penalty.

Section 6A - Eligibility

Rally Masters A is for members who are in their first year of Rally Masters training, who have not received a blue ribbon in Rally Masters at any State 4-H Dog Trial, and/or have not received an RM title or the equivalent from any national dog association. A member may only compete in the A class for 1 year.

Rally Masters B class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally Masters or who have received an equivalent title from a national dog organization. ***Members are allowed to compete in this class for their remaining years with the same dog.*** If the member chooses to move into Rally Masters they are no longer eligible for any lower level class with that same dog.

Chapter 3 – Handler Procedures

Section 1: Judging Procedures for the Handler

Verbal encouragement, multiple commands, and/or inaudible signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. Handlers may not touch their dog or make any physical corrections.

Sit Stay Exercise. (Sign #298) The judge will designate the area or person in charge of the leash prior to the excellent walkthrough.

All exhibitors must be informed of where they need to go to retrieve their leash or from whom during the walkthrough. Immediately following the Finish Sign the handler and dog will go to the Sit Stay sign. The handler will sit the dog, and command and/or signal the dog to sit stay. The handler will then walk forward at least fifteen (15) feet, retrieve the leash from any of the following; gate steward, judge or designated area next to the ring exit, and return to heel position by walking around and behind the dog. The judge will order "Exercise Finished" at which time the judging of the Sit Stay Exercise will be complete. The handler will then attach the leash and exit the ring. The Sit Stay Exercise is not considered to be one of the stationary exercises on the course.

Minor Deduction (1-2 points) for each of the following:

- Tight leash
- Dog interfering with handler
- Poor sits
- Slow or delay or resistance to respond
- Touching or ticking a jump or pylon
- Knocking over a sign or holder
- Touching the handler
- Out of position

Minor or Substantial Deduction (1-10 points) for each of the following:

- Retry of a sign — only one (1) retry of each sign will be allowed unless otherwise stated. Retry of a sign is an automatic 3-point deduction.
- Pylon knocked over on Figure Eight, Spiral, Serpentine or Cloverleaf
- Lack of control
- Lack of teamwork
- Lack of briskness
- Handler error
- Loud command or intimidating signal
- Excessive barking
- Hitting the jump
- Patting/clapping in Excellent and Master – per occurrence

Substantial Deduction (6-10 points) for each of the following:

- Incorrectly performed sign (Automatic 10-point deduction)
- Failure to complete the Sit Stay (IP) – no retries allowed
- Failure of the dog to clear the jump properly on the first attempt (IP) – no retries allowed
- Knocking over the jump or upright or knocking a bar off (IP) – no retries allowed
- Luring/pleading with the dog
- Lack of natural manner

Non-qualifying (NQ) scores will be given for:

- Minimum requirements not met
- Dog unmanageable
- Uncontrolled barking
- Consistently tight lead
- Dog that eliminates while in the ring for judging
- Handler error
- Non-qualifying errors may not be re-tried
- Sign not attempted by handler

A sign will be considered not attempted if:

- Handler completely passes the sign
- Handler approaches sign but does not attempt it. (see "Glossary of Terms")

Chapter 4 - Judging Guidelines

Section 1 - Purpose:

Rally, like other 4-H Dog activities, is a sport in which all participants should be guided by the principles of good sportsmanship both inside and outside the ring. Rally trials demonstrate the usefulness of the dog as a companion of mankind, not merely the dog's ability to follow specified routines in the ring. All participants in the rally classes are required to perform the same exercises in substantially the same way so that the quality of the various performances may be compared and scored. The basic objective of Rally is to provide an activity that does not require extensive precision for success. Dogs who participate in Rally are dogs that have been trained and conditioned to behave in the home, in public places, and in the presence of other dogs. Dogs in rally events should demonstrate willingness and enjoyment. To that end, handlers may use encouragement, praise and body language throughout the rally course.

Section 2 - Know the Rally Regulations

Rally Regulations are the basic guide to judging, however, not every possible fault or error is covered, only the more common and serious ones.

Rally Regulations (and sign descriptions) clearly define the exercises, their order and the standard by which they are to be judged.

The Rally Regulations set the standard for a perfect score of 100 points by which each dog's performance is judged. Rally Regulations give the judge guidelines for how an exercise is to be performed. While rally is not judged with the same precision as formal obedience, rally judges must make decisions based on a mental picture of the perfect performance within the framework of the Rally Regulations.

Judges are given full discretionary authority within the framework of the Regulations, and they must exercise this authority impartially. Judges are required to make their own decisions and accept the responsibility this implies. If a decision depends on the exact wording of the Regulations, the judge is expected to consult the book before making the decision. A judge may not discard, modify, or require anything not specified in the Rally Regulations.

If the State 4H Dog Trial Rules do not specify a rule or regulation, the closest AKC Rally or Obedience regulation or rule will apply.

A rally level passed is intended to evoke admiration. Therefore, the accomplishment must be based on performances that fully meet the requirements of the Rally Regulations. Scores for each exercise must be amply justified by the performance of the dog and handler. The 4-H'er handler of any dog receiving a ribbon in rally has every reason to be proud. Earning a qualifying score should indicate a credible performance that fully justifies the achievement level of both the dog and the child.

Section 3 - Preparation for judging

Upon arrival, the judge should post the course(s) outside the ring. It is at the discretion of the Superintendent of the show and the judge as to whether each member gets a copy of the pattern map. This is to be a privilege, not a right as the cost of printing map copies can be difficult for some counties. The judge may alter the course because of unforeseen ring conditions and post the change(s) prior to the scheduled judging time. The judge should inspect the ring, which must meet all the requirements of the Rally Regulations. Size shall be determined by means of the judge pacing the ring. Checking the ring also requires the judge to:

- examine the signs and sign holders to ensure they are secure.
- examine the distractions used in the Offset Figure 8 to determine that they can be seen and smelled but not consumed.
- Measure the jumps in the Advanced and Excellent Classes to ensure they meet the requirements.

Section 4 - Order of exhibitors – the judge should review the Entry List and respond to exhibitors requesting a change of order for class conflicts and re-order as they are able. They should review procedures with the Ring Steward to accommodate entrants in other classes, but not to the point of delaying classes. The judge may also arrange entries according to the dog's jump heights, either low to high or high to low. Judges are not required to wait beyond the completion of each class for dogs/handler teams.

Chapter 5 – Steward Guidelines

Introduction

Stewarding functions in the rally ring are broken down into four general categories: gate steward, table steward, ring steward, and time steward. In Rally Novice, Rally Intermediate and Rally Advanced, you will need three stewards, as one person can serve as both the ring steward and the time steward. The time steward will monitor and report each dog's time to the table steward. Each steward's functions are described below. Additionally, it is essential that all stewards be at ringside at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of judging to receive any specific instructions from the judge and to assist in setting up the rally ring as directed by the judge.

Section 1 - Gate Steward

- The primary responsibility of the gate steward is to ensure that the next dog to be judged is immediately available when the judge indicates that he/she is ready.
- As soon as the judge begins judging the dog in the ring, this steward calls the next dog and ensures the handler is ringside before the dog in the ring has completed the rally exercises.
- Dogs may not enter the ring until the judge invites them in.
- It is the responsibility of the gate steward to ensure that the class judging is not delayed because the judge is waiting for dogs.
- If the dog listed next on the entry list is not at ringside, the steward should not hesitate to call the next dog in order.
- Stewards are not required to seek out handlers. It is the 4-H'er's responsibility to be present and ready when they are called.
- The steward should report any absences to the judge at the end of the class. The judge will decide if the 4-H'er is to be marked absent. This procedure should be followed, even if the 4-H'er has checked in.
- It is also normally the duty of the gate steward to check in exhibitors. The steward should ask the exhibitor's name and the name of the dog or their armband number, and then check the entry list or board.
- Exhibitors may make requests for special consideration, such as asking to be judged out of order or disabled 4-H'ers may have an attendant help them.
- The gate steward is also charged with noting and checking the jump heights for each dog.

Section 2 - Table Steward

- The extent to which a judge uses a table steward varies greatly. Some judges prefer to do their own bookwork and do not feel it is necessary to have the steward perform many of these duties.
- The steward must receive specific instructions from the judge as to what will be required.
- Judges must use score sheets to communicate with the member how well they performed the pattern. The judge may ask the table steward to prepare and have the score sheet ready for the next dog.
- The steward should ensure that the class, proper armband number, and breed of dog are entered correctly on the sheet.
- The table steward must double-check to see that the scores on the score sheet have been added correctly.
- The table steward then initials the worksheet and transfers the score and time to the show Superintendent.
- If an error is detected, the steward should bring it to the attention of the judge, and then enter the corrected score and time on the score sheet.

Section 3 - Ring Steward

Each judge in Rally will have at least one ring steward. It is particularly important for the ring steward to report to the ring at least 30 minutes prior to judging to assist in setting up the rally course and to receive specific instructions from the judge.

The duties of ring stewards should include:

- Assisting in setting up the rally courses initially and from class to class as needed.
- Assisting in the posting of unofficial scores if needed by the rally table steward.
- Being aware of any problems with the dogs on the course and ready to follow instructions given by the judge.
- Making sure that jumps in the Rally Advanced, Excellent and Masters classes are set at the correct jump height for each dog entered in the classes.
- Assisting with the leash in the Rally Advanced, Excellent and Masters classes, making sure that the leash is returned to the handler and that the dog is on leash before leaving the ring.
- Performing any other duties as assigned by the judge.

Section 4 - Time Steward

As previously stated, in the Rally Novice and Advanced classes, the ring steward and the time steward may be the same person, but in the Rally Excellent and above classes, two separate stewards are needed for these functions.

If two or more dogs in a class earn the same score, the tie is broken by time. The timer is positioned outside the ring in a place specified by the judge. The timer should be lined up with the Start sign. When the judge gives the order "Forward," the timer starts the stopwatch and stops it when the dog and handler cross the Finish station. Times are reported immediately to the table steward after each dog completes the course.

Glossary of Terms

Brisk, briskly – keenly alive, alert, energetic

Command – verbal order from handler to dog

Deductions:

- **Minor deduction** – 1 to 2 points
- **Minor or Substantial deduction** – 1 to 10 points
- **Substantial deduction** – 6 to 10 points
- Re-tries of a sign are an automatic 3-point deduction (not permitted in the Master Class or for jumps or Sit Stay)
- Incorrectly Performed signs are an automatic 10-point deduction

Directly – immediately, without deviation or hesitation

Down – the dog's body is on the ground; the dog's weight is off the feet and legs

Finish – the dog moves smartly to heel position

Front – a dog sits in front of the handler, close enough that the handler can touch the dog's head

Guiding Gently by the Collar – control of the dog by holding any part of the collar with minimal pressure on the dog's neck

Handler Returns to Heel Position – the handler must return to heel position by walking around behind the dog (unless otherwise stated in these Regulations)

Heel Position – the dog is at the handler's left side, facing the same direction the handler is facing; the dog's body is within the area of the handler's left hip; and the dog should be close to, but not crowding its handler so that the handler has freedom of motion at all times

Incorrectly Performed Sign (IP) – one or more principal parts of a sign not performed or performed incorrectly

Lame – irregularity or impairment of the function of locomotion, irrespective of the cause or how slight or severe

Lack of briskness – a handler walking slowly to accommodate and/or adapt to their dog

Luring – the appearance of having a reward to tempt the dog along or into position. No reward needs to be present

Natural Manner – not artificial, free of affectation; what is customarily expected in the home or public places

Order – direction from judge to handler, either verbal or nonverbal

Out of position – a dog that is forging, lagging, wide or not facing the same direction the handler is facing

Pause – a complete stop of forward motion by the handler

Pivot – turning in the circle occupied by the handler before they started the turn; a turn in place together

Pleading – repeated urgent commands and/or signals to elicit the proper behavior from the dog while the dog remains unresponsive to handler's commands and/or signals

Regularly Trained or Instructed – where a dog and/or handler meet on a regular basis for instruction. A regular basis is considered a set pattern of dates, such as monthly, or more often

Retry a Sign – a sign that is redone in its entirety, including the approach, before beginning the next sign

Signal – nonverbal direction from the handler to dog

Sit – the dog has its rear and/or hocks on the ground

Sign – Not Attempted By The Handler – a sign skipped/missed by the handler before attempting the next sign

Smartly – quickly, vigorously

Tight leash – a leash without slack; pulling

Training – as related to where a student-handler/teacher-judge relationship is established, with or without compensation

Turn in Place – turning in a circle that was occupied by the handler before they started to turn; a pivot
Withers – highest point of the dog's shoulder

Suggested Resources

American Kennel Club: www.akc.org: information and rules

“The Rally Course Book” by Janice Dearth: information, training tips, patterns

www.rallyobedience.com: information, full sized signs, patterns

www.jjdog.com: equipment

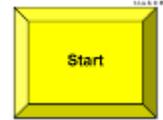
Check with your local AKC based kennel club for trainers, classes and other help. A list of these clubs can be found on the AKC website.

AKC RALLY SIGNS AND DESCRIPTIONS

THE FOLLOWING SIGNS MAY BE USED IN ALL CLASS LEVELS.

The Principal Parts are **boldface and underlined**.

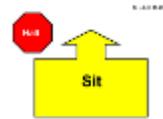
1. **START** - Indicates the beginning of the course. The dog does not have to be sitting at the start.



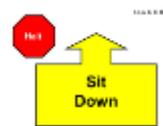
2. **FINISH** - Indicates the end of the course - timing stops.



3. **HALT - Sit** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits** in heel position. (Stationary)



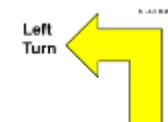
4. **HALT - Sit - Down** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits** in heel position. **The dog must then down** in heel position. (Stationary)



5. * **Right Turn - 90° turn to the right**.



6. * **Left Turn - 90° turn to the left**.



7. * **About Turn - Right - 180° turn to the right**.



8. *About "U" Turn - 180° turn to the left.



9. 270° Right Turn - While heeling, the dog and handler make a tight 270° turn to the right.



10. *270° Left Turn - While heeling, the dog and handler make a tight 270° turn to the left.



11. 360° Right Turn - While heeling, the dog and handler make a tight 360° turn to the right.



12. 360° Left Turn - While heeling, the dog and handler make a tight 360° turn to the left.



13. **Call Front – Finish Right – Forward** – While heeling, the handler stops forward motion and calls the dog to front. The handler may take several steps backward. The dog must come and sit in front. Without the handler moving their feet, the dog must finish to the right. As the dog clears the handler's path, the handler will heel forward before the dog returns to heel position.(Stationary)



14. **Call Front – Finish Left – Forward** – While heeling, the handler stops forward motion and calls the dog to front. The handler may take several steps backward. The dog must come and sit in front. Without the handler moving their feet, the dog must finish to the left. As the dog clears the handler's path, the handler will heel forward before the dog returns to heel position. (Stationary)



15. **Call Front – Finish Right – Sit** – While heeling, the handler stops forward motion and calls the dog to front. The handler may take several steps backward. The dog must come and sit in front. Without the handler moving their feet, the dog must finish to the right and sit in heel position. (Stationary)



16. **Call Front - Finish Left - Sit** - While heeling, **the handler stops forward motion** and calls the dog to front. The handler may take several steps backward. **The dog must come and sit** in front. **Without the handler moving their feet, the dog must finish to the left and sit** in heel position. (Stationary)



17. **Slow Pace** - **The dog and handler must slow down noticeably.** This must be followed by a normal pace sign unless it is the last station on the course.



18. **Fast Pace** - **The dog and handler must speed up noticeably.** This must be followed by a normal pace sign.



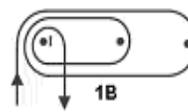
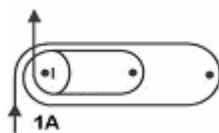
19. ***Normal Pace** - **The dog and handler walk briskly.** This sign is only used after a slow or fast pace sign.



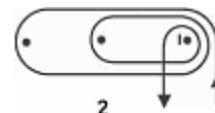
20. **Moving Side Step Right** - While heeling, **the handler takes one step to the right, leading with the right foot**, and continues heeling along the newly established line. **The dog must move with the handler.** This sign will be placed directly in line of the team's path requiring the handler and dog to sidestep to the right to pass the sign.



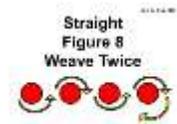
21. **Spiral Right - Dog Outside** - This sign requires three pylons placed in a straight line with spaces between them of approximately 6-8 feet. **The dog and handler must turn to the right to move around each of the pylons.**



22. **Spiral Left - Dog Inside** - This sign requires three pylons placed in a straight line with spaces between them of approximately 6-8 feet. **The dog and handler must turn to the left to move around each of the pylons.**



23. **Straight Figure 8 Weave Twice** - This sign requires four pylons placed in a straight line with spaces between them of approximately 6-8 feet. **The dog and handler will enter into the weave with the first pylon on their left side. They must complete the entire weave twice.**



24. **Serpentine Weave Once** - This sign requires four pylons placed in a straight line with spaces between them of approximately 6-8 feet. **The dog and handler will enter into the weave with the first pylon on their left side. They must complete the entire weave once.**



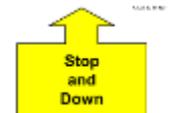
25. **HALT - 1, 2 and 3 Steps** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits** in heel position. **The handler takes one step forward, halts and the dog sits** in heel position. **The handler takes two steps forward, halts and the dog sits** in heel position and then **three steps forward, halts and the dog sits** in heel position. The dog moves with the handler each time. (Stationary)



26. **Call Front - 1, 2 and 3 Steps Backward - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler stops forward motion** and calls the dog to front. The handler may take several steps backward. **The dog must come and sit** in front. **The handler takes one step backward and halts. The dog must move with the handler and sit** in front as the handler halts. **The handler takes two steps backward and halts. The dog must move with the handler and sit** in front as the handler halts. **The handler takes three steps backward and halts. The dog must move with the handler and sit** in front as the handler halts. The handler may command/signal the dog to finish. As the dog clears the handler's path, the handler will heel forward before the dog returns to heel position. (Stationary)



27. **Stop and Down** - While heeling, **the handler stops forward motion and the dog downs** in heel position. **The dog must stay down until the handler moves forward.** (Stationary)



28. **HALT - Fast Forward from Sit** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits** in heel position. **The dog and handler** then heel forward **at a fast pace.** This must be followed by a normal pace sign. (Stationary)



29. **Left About Turn** – While heeling, **the handler will make an about turn to the left**, while at the same time **the dog must move around the handler to the right** and into heel position.



30. **HALT - Walk Around** – While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits** in heel position. **The dog must stay while the handler walks around behind the dog, returns** to heel position **and pauses**. The handler must pause before heeling forward. (Stationary)



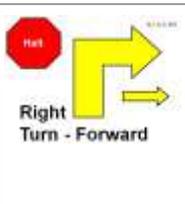
31. **HALT - Down - Walk Around** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits** in heel position. **The dog must then down and stay while the handler walks around behind the dog, returns** to heel position **and pauses**. The dog and handler then heel forward. (Stationary)



32. **Figure 8 - No Distractions** - This sign requires two pylons spaced approximately 6-8 feet apart. The Figure 8 may be entered with the pylons on either the left or right side. **The dog and handler will perform a complete figure 8 around the pylons, crossing the center line three times**.



33. **HALT - Right Turn - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits** in heel position. **The handler and dog turn right** together and heel forward. (Stationary)



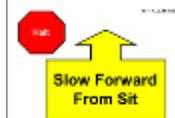
34. **HALT - Left Turn - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits** in heel position. **The handler and dog turn left** together and heel forward. (Stationary)



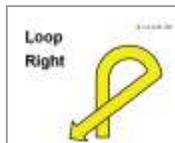
35. **Call Front - Return to Heel** – While heeling, **the handler stops forward motion** and may command/signal the dog to front. The handler may take several steps backward. **The dog must come and sit** in front. **The dog must stay while the handler walks around behind the dog to return** to heel position. **The handler must pause before heeling forward**. (Stationary)



36. **HALT – Slow Forward From Sit** – While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits** in heel position. **The dog and handler** then heel forward **at a slow pace**. This must be followed by a normal pace sign unless it is the last sign on the course. (Stationary)



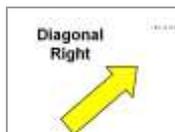
37. **Loop Right** - While heeling, **the dog and handler loop right crossing over the original path**.



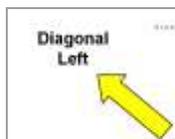
38. **Loop Left** - While heeling, **the dog and handler loop left crossing over the original path**.



39. **Diagonal Right** – While heeling, **the dog and handler make an open angle turn to the right**. **The dog must move with the handler**. This sign will be placed directly in line of the team’s path.



40. **Diagonal Left** – While heeling, **the dog and handler make an open angle turn to the left**. **The dog must move with the handler**. This sign will be placed directly in line of the team’s path.



41. **Offset Serpentine Right** - This sign requires three pylons. The center pylon will be offset to the right by 3-4 feet with the other two spaced approximately 6-8 feet apart. **The dog and handler will enter into the weave with the first pylon on their right side**. **They must complete the entire serpentine together**.

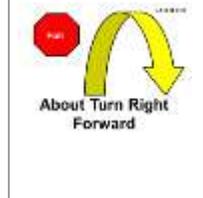


42. **Offset Serpentine Left** - This sign requires three pylons. The center pylon will be offset to the left by 3-4 feet with the other two spaced approximately 6-8 feet apart. **The dog and handler will enter into the weave with the first pylon on their left side**. **They must complete the entire serpentine together**.

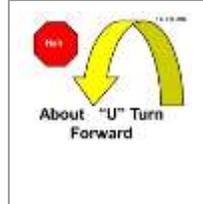


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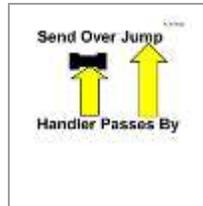
101. **HALT - About Turn Right - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog and handler turn 180° to the right** and heel forward. (Stationary)



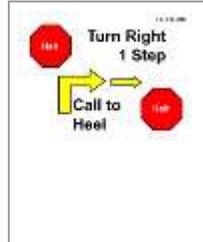
102. **HALT - About "U" Turn - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog and handler turn 180° to the left** and heel forward. (Stationary)



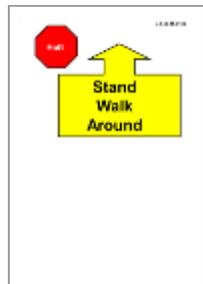
103. **Send over Jump - Handler Passes By** - **The dog must clear the jump on the first attempt, in the proper direction** without stopping, while **the handler passes by without stopping.**



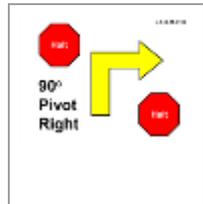
104. **HALT - Turn Right One Step - Call to Heel - HALT** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog must stay sitting while the handler turns, takes one step to the right, halts and calls the dog to heel. The dog must then return to the handler** to heel position **and sit.** (Stationary)



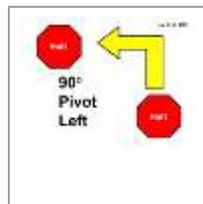
105. **HALT - Stand - Walk Around** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog must then stand and stay while the handler walks around behind the dog, returns** to heel position **and pauses.** The dog and handler then heel forward. The handler may move forward with the dog to stand it. In the Intermediate and Advanced classes the handler may touch the dog to stand it. **In the Excellent and Master classes the handler may not touch the dog to stand it.** (Stationary)



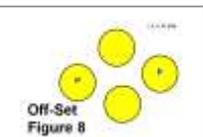
106. **HALT - 90° Pivot Right - HALT** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog and handler pivot 90° to the right together and the dog sits** in heel position. (Stationary)



107. **HALT - 90° Pivot Left - HALT** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog and handler pivot 90° to the left together and the dog sits** in heel position. (Stationary)



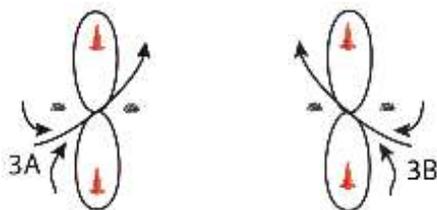
108. **Offset Figure 8** - 108. **Offset Figure 8** - This sign requires two pylons spaced about 6 -8 feet apart. The two distractions will be placed to the sides about 5-6 feet apart. The Figure 8 may



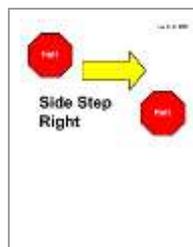
be entered with the pylons on either the left or right side.

The dog and handler and will perform a complete figure 8 together around the pylons, crossing the center line three times without disturbing the distractions.

The distractions will be securely covered containers with tempting dog treats or dog safe toys may be used in place of dog treats.



109. **HALT - Side Step Right - HALT** - While heeling, **the handler halts in front of the sign and the dog sits. The dog and handler move one step directly to the right together. The handler halts and the dog sits** in heel position. This sign will be placed directly in line of the team's path requiring the dog and handler to sidestep to the right to pass the sign. (Stationary)



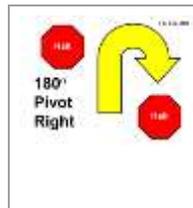
110. **HALT - Call Front - Finish Right** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog must then come and sit** in front. **Without the handler moving their feet, the dog must finish to the right and sit** in heel position. (Stationary)



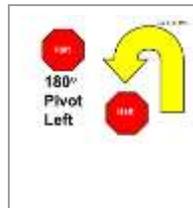
111. **HALT - Call Front - Finish Left** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog must then come and sit** in front. **Without the handler moving their feet, the dog must finish to the left and sit** in heel position. (Stationary)



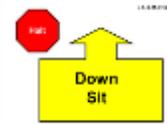
112. **HALT - 180° Pivot Right - HALT** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog and handler pivot 180° to the right together and the dog sits** in heel position. (Stationary)



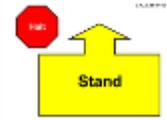
113. **HALT - 180° Pivot left - HALT** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog and handler pivot 180° to the left together and the dog sits** in heel position. (Stationary)



114. **HALT - Down - Sit -** While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog must then down and sit.** (Stationary)



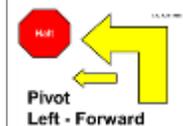
115. **HALT - Stand -** While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog must then stand** in heel position. The handler may move forward with the dog to stand it. In the Intermediate and Advanced classes the handler may touch the dog to stand it. **In the Excellent and Master classes the handler may not touch the dog to stand it.** (Stationary)



116. **HALT - Pivot Right - Forward -** While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog and handler pivot 90° to the right together** and heel forward. (Stationary)



117. **HALT - Pivot Left - Forward -** While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog and handler pivot 90° to the left together** and heel forward. (Stationary)



118. **HALT - Leave 2 Steps - Call to Heel - Forward -** While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog must stay while the handler takes two steps forward and pauses.** The handler begins to heel forward and commands the dog to heel. **The dog must speed up noticeably** to return to heel position. (Stationary)



119. **Right Turn - Dog Circles Right - Forward -** While heeling, **the handler turns right and the dog circles around the handler to the right** returning to heel position and heeling forward.



120. **Left Turn - Dog Circles Right - Forward -** While heeling, **the handler turns left and the dog circles around the handler to the right** returning to heel position and heeling forward.



121. **HALT - Step in Front - Finish Right - Forward -** While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The handler steps in front to face the dog. Without the handler moving their feet, the dog must finish right.** As the dog clears the handler's path, the handler will heel forward before the dog returns to heel position. (Stationary)



122. **HALT - Step in Front - Finish Left - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The handler steps in front to face the dog. Without the handler moving their feet, the dog must finish left.** As the dog clears the handler's path, the handler will heel forward before the dog returns to heel position. (Stationary)

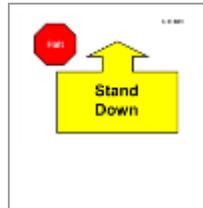


123. **2 Side Steps Right - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler will take two side steps to the right, leading with the right foot,** and continue heeling along the newly established line. **The dog must move with the handler.** This sign will be placed directly in line of the team's path requiring the dog and handler to side step to the right to pass the sign.

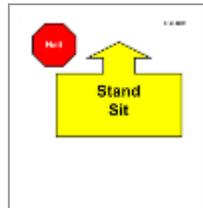


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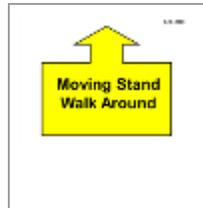
201. **HALT - Stand - Down** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog must stand and then down without the handler moving their feet or touching the dog. The dog must remain down until the handler moves forward.** (Stationary)



202. **HALT - Stand - Sit** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog must stand and then sit without the handler moving their feet or touching the dog. The dog must remain sitting until the handler moves forward.** (Stationary)



203. **Moving Stand - Walk Around** - While heeling, **the dog must stand and stay as the handler, without pausing, walks around behind the dog, returns** to heel position **and pauses.** The dog and handler then heel forward. (Stationary)



204. **Moving Down - Walk Around** - While heeling, **the dog must down and stay as the handler, without pausing, walks around behind the dog, returns** to heel position **and pauses.** The dog and handler then heel forward. (Stationary)



205. **Backup 3 Steps** - While heeling, **the dog and handler reverse direction walking backward at least 3 steps together** and then continue heeling forward. **The dog must remain standing throughout.**



206. **Down While Heeling - Call to Finish - Sit** - While heeling, **the dog must down and stay as the handler, without pausing, continues about 6 feet to the Call sign and turns to face the dog. Without moving their feet**, the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish** to the right or left **and sit** in heel position. (Stationary)



207. **Stand While Heeling - Call to Finish - Sit** - While heeling, **the dog must stand and stay as the handler, without pausing, continues about 6 feet to the Call sign and turns to face the dog. Without moving their feet**, the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish** to the right or left **and sit** in heel position. (Stationary)



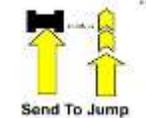
208. **Stand - Leave - Sit - Call Front - Finish - Sit** - While heeling, **the handler will stop forward motion; the dog must stand and stay. The handler will walk about 6 feet to the Call sign and turn to face the dog. The dog must then sit, come and sit** in front. **Without moving their feet**, the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish** to the right or left **and sit** in heel position. (Stationary)



209. **Stand - Leave - Down - Call Front - Finish - Sit** - While heeling, **the handler will stop forward motion; the dog must stand and stay. The handler will walk about 6 feet to the Call sign and turn to face the dog. The dog must then down, come and sit** in front. **Without moving their feet**, the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish** to the right or left **and sit** in heel position. (Stationary)



210. **Send to Jump** - **At the sign the dog must leave the handler to jump. The dog must clear the jump on the first attempt, in the proper direction** without stopping. **The handler must remain at least 3 feet away from the jump and may not pass the jump until the dog has returned** to heel position. (See Chapter 2, Section 23)



211. **Double Left About Turn** - While heeling, **the handler will make an about turn to the left**, while at the same time **the dog must move around the handler to the right** and into heel position. The handler will take two or three steps before **the dog and handler make a second about turn to the left**.



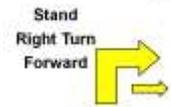
212. **About Turn Right - About U Turn** - While heeling, **the dog and handler turn 180° to the right**, take two or three steps forward and then **turn 180° to the left**.



213. **About U Turn - About Turn Right** - While heeling, **the dog and handler turn 180° to the left**, take two or three steps forward and then **turn 180° to the right**.



214. **Stand - Right Turn - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler stops and without touching the dog, the dog stands** in heel position. **The dog and handler turn right** and then heel forward. (Stationary)



215. **Stand - Left Turn - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler stops and without touching the dog, the dog stands** in heel position. **The dog and handler turn left** and then heel forward. (Stationary)



216. **HALT - Dog Circles Right - SIT** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog circles around the handler to the right**, returns to heel position **and sits**. (Stationary)



298. **Sit Stay** - **The dog must remain in the sit position while the handler gets the leash, walks around behind the dog** to return to heel position and **until** the judge says "**Exercise Finished.**" (See Chapter 2, Section 23)



299. ***Call** - This sign will be used as a marker for associated signs. (See Chapter 2, Section 23)



THE FOLLOWING SIGNS MAY BE USED IN THE MASTER CLASS

301. **HALT - Recall over Jump - Finish - Right Turn - Forward** - This sign will be placed at least 10 feet before the jump. While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The handler will leave the dog, walk to the other side of the jump and turn to face the dog. The dog must remain sitting until called over the jump. The dog must clear the jump on the first attempt, in the proper direction** without stopping, **come and sit** in front. **Without moving their feet**, the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish** to the right or left. As the dog clears the handler's path, **the handler will turn right** and heel forward before the dog returns to heel position. (Stationary) ***Sign 301A must be used with this sign.***



301-A

Directional Arrow



302. **HALT - Recall over Jump - Finish - Left Turn - Forward** - This sign will be placed at least 10 feet before the jump. While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The handler will leave the dog, walk to the other side of the jump and turn to face the dog. The dog must remain sitting until called over the jump. The dog must clear the jump on the first attempt, in the proper direction** without stopping, **come and sit** in front. **Without moving their feet**, the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish** to the right or left. As the dog clears the handler's path, **the handler will turn left** and heel forward before the dog returns to heel position.

(Stationary) *Sign 302A must be used with this sign.*



302-A

Directional Arrow



303. **HALT - Recall over Jump - Finish - About Turn - Forward** - This sign will be placed at least 10 feet before the jump. While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The handler will leave the dog, walk to the other side of the jump and turn to face the dog. The dog must remain sitting until called over the jump. The dog must clear the jump on the first attempt, in the proper direction** without stopping, **come and sit** in front. **Without moving their feet**, the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish** to the right or left. As the dog clears the handler's path, **the handler will make an about turn** and heel forward before the dog returns to heel position. (Stationary) *Sign 303A must be used with this sign.*



303-A

Directional Arrow



304. **Call Front - Move 2 Side Steps Right - Finish Forward** - While heeling, **the handler stops** and calls the dog to front. The handler may take several steps backward. **The dog must come and sit** in front. **The handler will take two steps to the right and the dog must move with the handler.** When the handler stops moving **the dog must sit** in front. **Without moving their feet**, the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish** to the right or left. As the dog clears the handler's path, the



handler will heel forward before the dog returns to heel position.
(Stationary)

305. Call Front - Move 2 Side Steps Left - Finish Forward - While heeling, **the handler stops** and calls the dog to front. The handler may take several steps backward. **The dog must come and sit** in front. **The handler will take two side steps to the left and the dog must move with the handler.** When the handler stops moving **the dog must sit** in front. **Without moving their feet**, the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish** to the right or left. As the dog clears the handler's path, the handler will heel forward before the dog returns to heel position.
(Stationary)



306. HALT - Send Away Sit - Return - Follow Arrow Forward - The pylon will be placed approximately 6 feet away from the sign. While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits.** **When sent, the dog must go to the area of the pylon and sit.** **The dog must stay while the handler returns** to heel position. The handler may return to heel position by going directly to heel or walking around behind the dog. **The handler must pause** before heeling forward in the direction of the arrow. **Sign 306A must be used with this sign.** (Stationary)



306-A



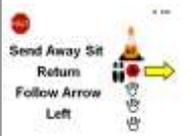
307. HALT - Send Away Sit - Return - Follow Arrow Right - The pylon will be placed approximately 6 feet away from the sign. While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits.** **When sent, the dog must go to the area of the pylon and sit.** **The dog must stay while the handler returns** to heel position. The handler may return to heel position by going directly to heel or walking around behind the dog. **The handler must pause** before heeling to the right in the direction of the arrow. (Stationary) **Sign 307A must be used with this sign.**



307-A



308. HALT - Send Away Sit - Return - Follow Arrow Left - The pylon will be placed approximately 6 feet away from the sign. While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits.** **When sent, the dog must go to the area of the pylon and sit.** **The dog must stay while the handler returns** to heel position. The handler may return to heel position by going directly to heel or



walking around behind the dog. **The handler must pause** before heeling to the left in the direction of the arrow. (Stationary) **Sign 308A must be used with this sign.**

308-A

Directional Arrow



309. **Backup 3 Steps - Right Backup 1 or 2 Steps - Forward** - While heeling, **the dog and handler reverse direction walking backwards at least 3 steps**, and without stopping, **take one or two steps backwards 90° to the right** and then heel forward. **The dog must move with the handler.**



310. **Backup 3 Steps - Left Backup 1 or 2 Steps - Forward** - While heeling, **the dog and handler reverse direction walking backwards at least 3 steps**, and without stopping, **take one or two steps backwards 90° to the left** and then heel forward. **The dog must move with the handler.**



311. **Backup 3 Steps - Stand & Leave - Call to Finish - Forward** - The Call sign will be placed approximately three feet away from this sign. While heeling, **the dog and handler reverse direction and walk backwards at least 3 steps**. The handler may pause to stand and leave the dog. **The dog must stand and stay until called. The handler will walk to the Call sign and turn to face the dog. Without moving their feet**, the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish** to the right or left. As the dog clears the handler's path, the handler will heel forward. (Stationary)



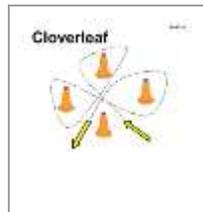
312. **Dog Spins Right - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler stops and the dog, without sitting, spins in a circle to the right alongside the handler**. When the dog returns to heel position, the dog and handler heel forward. (Stationary)



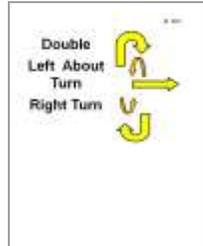
313. **Dog Spins Left - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler stops and the dog, without sitting, spins in a circle to the left alongside the handler**. When the dog returns to heel position, the dog and handler heel forward. (Stationary)



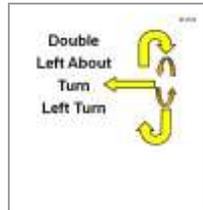
314. **Cloverleaf** - This sign requires the pylons be spaced approximately 6 feet apart. **The dog and handler must complete the cloverleaf by crossing the center line four times.** The pylons will be numbered in the order they are to be performed. This is a change of direction sign and upon exiting the team may go in any direction to the next sign.



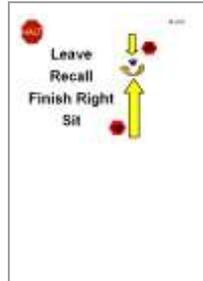
315. **Double Left About Turn - Right Turn** - While heeling, **the handler will make an about turn to the left**, while at the same time **the dog must move around the handler to the right** and into heel position. The handler will take two or three steps before **the dog and handler make a second about turn to the left.** **The dog and handler then turn right** and heel forward.



316. **Double Left About Turn - Left Turn** - While heeling, **the handler will make an about turn to the left**, while at the same time **the dog must move around the handler to the right** and into heel position. The handler will take two or three steps before **the dog and handler make a second about turn to the left.** **The dog and handler then turn left** and heel forward.



317. **HALT - Leave - Recall - Finish Right - Sit** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits.** **The dog must stay while the handler leaves and walks approximately 15 feet** to the Call sign, **turns and faces the dog.** When called, **the dog must go directly to the handler and sit** in front. **Without moving their feet,** the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish right and sit** in heel position. (Stationary)



318. **HALT - Leave - Recall - Finish Left - Sit** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits.** **The dog must stay while the handler leaves and walks approximately 15 feet** to the Call sign, **turns and faces the dog.** When called, **the dog must go directly to the handler and sit** in front. **Without moving their feet,** the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish left and sit** in heel position. (Stationary)



319. **Side by Side 360° Right Circle** - While heeling, **the dog and handler will stop forward motion and make a 360° side by side right circle.**



320. **Side by Side 360° Left Circle** - While heeling, **the dog and handler will stop forward motion and make a 360° side by side left circle.**



321. **Dog Circles Right Around Handler - Handler Circles Left** - While heeling, **the dog and handler will stop forward motion. The dog must circle right around the handler and the handler will circle left at the same time the dog is moving right.** The dog and handler heel forward. This is a 360° circle with the dog and handler moving in opposite directions.



322. **Stand - Leave 2 Steps - Call to Heel** - While heeling, **the handler stops and without touching the dog, the dog stands** in heel position. **The dog must stand and stay while the handler takes two steps forward and pauses.** The handler begins to heel forward and then commands the dog to heel. **The dog must speed up noticeably** to resume heel position.

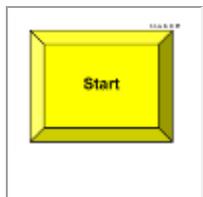


AKC RALLY SIGNS AND DESCRIPTIONS

THE FOLLOWING SIGNS MAY BE USED IN ALL CLASS LEVELS.

The Principal Parts are **boldface and underlined**.

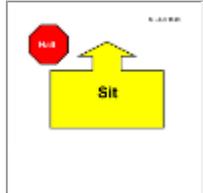
1. **START** - Indicates the beginning of the course. The dog does not have to be sitting at the start.



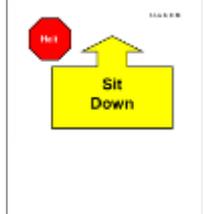
2. **FINISH** - Indicates the end of the course - timing stops.



3. **HALT - Sit** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits** in heel position. (Stationary)



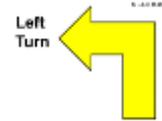
4. **HALT - Sit - Down** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits** in heel position. **The dog must then down** in heel position. (Stationary)



5. * **Right Turn** - **90° turn to the right.**



6. * **Left Turn - 90° turn to the left.**



7. ***About Turn - Right - 180° turn to the right.**



8. ***About "U" Turn - 180° turn to the left.**



9. **270° Right Turn - While heeling, the dog and handler make a tight 270° turn to the right.**



10. ***270° Left Turn - While heeling, the dog and handler make a tight 270° turn to the left.**



11. **360° Right Turn - While heeling, the dog and handler make a tight 360° turn to the right.**



12. **360° Left Turn - While heeling, the dog and handler make a tight 360° turn to the left.**



13. **Call Front - Finish Right - Forward - While heeling, the handler stops forward motion and calls the dog to front. The handler may take several steps backward. The dog must come and sit in front. Without the handler moving their feet, the dog must finish to the right. As the dog clears the handler's path, the handler will heel forward before the dog returns to heel position.(Stationary)**



14. **Call Front - Finish Left - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler stops forward motion** and calls the dog to front. The handler may take several steps backward. **The dog must come and sit** in front. **Without the handler moving their feet, the dog must finish to the left.** As the dog clears the handler's path, the handler will heel forward before the dog returns to heel position. (Stationary)



15. **Call Front - Finish Right - Sit** - While heeling, **the handler stops forward motion** and calls the dog to front. The handler may take several steps backward. **The dog must come and sit** in front. **Without the handler moving their feet, the dog must finish to the right and sit** in heel position. (Stationary)



16. **Call Front - Finish Left - Sit** - While heeling, **the handler stops forward motion** and calls the dog to front. The handler may take several steps backward. **The dog must come and sit** in front. **Without the handler moving their feet, the dog must finish to the left and sit** in heel position. (Stationary)



17. **Slow Pace** - **The dog and handler must slow down noticeably.** This must be followed by a normal pace sign unless it is the last station on the course.



18. **Fast Pace** - **The dog and handler must speed up noticeably.** This must be followed by a normal pace sign.



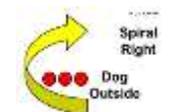
19. ***Normal Pace** - **The dog and handler walk briskly.** This sign is only used after a slow or fast pace sign.

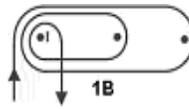
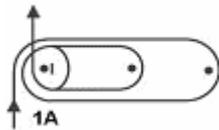


20. **Moving Side Step Right** - While heeling, **the handler takes one step to the right, leading with the right foot,** and continues heeling along the newly established line. **The dog must move with the handler.** This sign will be placed directly in line of the team's path requiring the handler and dog to sidestep to the right to pass the sign.

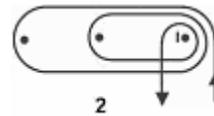


21. **Spiral Right - Dog Outside** - This sign requires three pylons placed in a straight line with spaces between them of approximately 6-8 feet. **The dog and handler must turn to the right to move around each of the pylons.**

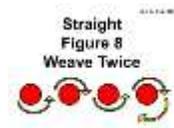




22. **Spiral Left - Dog Inside** - This sign requires three pylons placed in a straight line with spaces between them of approximately 6-8 feet. **The dog and handler must turn to the left to move around each of the pylons.**



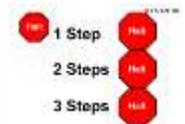
23. **Straight Figure 8 Weave Twice** - This sign requires four pylons placed in a straight line with spaces between them of approximately 6-8 feet. **The dog and handler will enter into the weave with the first pylon on their left side. They must complete the entire weave twice.**



24. **Serpentine Weave Once** - This sign requires four pylons placed in a straight line with spaces between them of approximately 6-8 feet. **The dog and handler will enter into the weave with the first pylon on their left side. They must complete the entire weave once.**



25. **HALT - 1, 2 and 3 Steps** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits** in heel position. **The handler takes one step forward, halts and the dog sits** in heel position. **The handler takes two steps forward, halts and the dog sits** in heel position and then **three steps forward, halts and the dog sits** in heel position. The dog moves with the handler each time. (Stationary)



26. **Call Front - 1, 2 and 3 Steps Backward - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler stops forward motion** and calls the dog to front. The handler may take several steps backward. **The dog must come and sit** in front. **The handler takes one step backward and halts. The dog must move with the handler and sit** in front as the handler halts. **The handler takes two steps backward and halts. The dog must move with the handler and sit** in front as the handler halts. **The handler takes three steps backward and halts. The dog must move with the handler and sit** in front as the handler halts. The handler may command/signal the dog to finish. As the dog clears the handler's path, the handler will heel forward before the dog returns to heel position. (Stationary)



27. **Stop and Down** – While heeling, the handler stops forward motion and the dog downs in heel position. The dog must stay down until the handler moves forward. (Stationary)



28. **HALT – Fast Forward from Sit** – While heeling, the handler halts and the dog sits in heel position. The dog and handler then heel forward at a fast pace. This must be followed by a normal pace sign. (Stationary)



29. **Left About Turn** – While heeling, the handler will make an about turn to the left, while at the same time the dog must move around the handler to the right and into heel position.



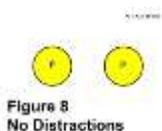
30. **HALT - Walk Around** – While heeling, the handler halts and the dog sits in heel position. The dog must stay while the handler walks around behind the dog, returns to heel position and pauses. The handler must pause before heeling forward. (Stationary)



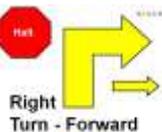
31. **HALT – Down – Walk Around** - While heeling, the handler halts and the dog sits in heel position. The dog must then down and stay while the handler walks around behind the dog, returns to heel position and pauses. The dog and handler then heel forward. (Stationary)



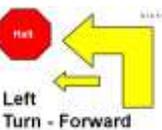
32. **Figure 8 – No Distractions** - This sign requires two pylons spaced approximately 6-8 feet apart. The Figure 8 may be entered with the pylons on either the left or right side. The dog and handler will perform a complete figure 8 around the pylons, crossing the center line three times.



33. **HALT – Right Turn – Forward** - While heeling, the handler halts and the dog sits in heel position. The handler and dog turn right together and heel forward. (Stationary)



34. **HALT – Left Turn – Forward** - While heeling, the handler halts and the dog sits in heel position. The handler and dog turn left together and heel forward. (Stationary)



35. **Call Front - Return to Heel** - While heeling, **the handler stops forward motion** and may command/signal the dog to front. The handler may take several steps backward. **The dog must come and sit** in front. **The dog must stay while the handler walks around behind the dog to return** to heel position. **The handler must pause before heeling forward.** (Stationary)



36. **HALT - Slow Forward From Sit** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits** in heel position. **The dog and handler** then heel forward **at a slow pace.** This must be followed by a normal pace sign unless it is the last sign on the course. (Stationary)



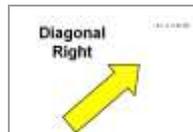
37. **Loop Right** - While heeling, **the dog and handler loop right crossing over the original path.**



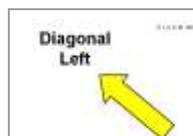
38. **Loop Left** - While heeling, **the dog and handler loop left crossing over the original path.**



39. **Diagonal Right** - While heeling, **the dog and handler make an open angle turn to the right.** **The dog must move with the handler.** This sign will be placed directly in line of the team's path.



40. **Diagonal Left** - While heeling, **the dog and handler make an open angle turn to the left.** **The dog must move with the handler.** This sign will be placed directly in line of the team's path.



41. **Offset Serpentine Right** - This sign requires three pylons. The center pylon will be offset to the right by 3-4 feet with the other two spaced approximately 6-8 feet apart. **The dog and handler will enter into the weave with the first pylon on their right side.** **They must complete the entire serpentine together.**

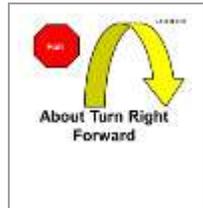


42. **Offset Serpentine Left** - This sign requires three pylons. The center pylon will be offset to the left by 3-4 feet with the other two spaced approximately 6-8 feet apart. **The dog and handler will enter into the weave with the first pylon on their left side. They must complete the entire serpentine together.**

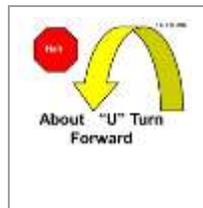


THE FOLLOWING SIGNS MAY BE USED IN THE INTERMEDIATE, ADVANCED, EXCELLENT AND MASTER CLASSES

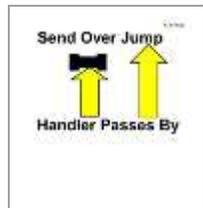
101. **HALT - About Turn Right - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog and handler turn 180° to the right** and heel forward. (Stationary)



102. **HALT - About "U" Turn - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog and handler turn 180° to the left** and heel forward. (Stationary)



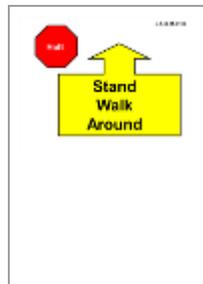
103. **Send over Jump - Handler Passes By** - **The dog must clear the jump on the first attempt, in the proper direction** without stopping, while **the handler passes by without stopping.**



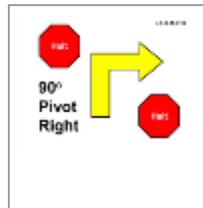
104. **HALT - Turn Right One Step - Call to Heel - HALT** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog must stay sitting while the handler turns, takes one step to the right, halts and calls the dog to heel. The dog must then return to the handler to heel position and sit.** (Stationary)



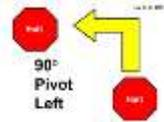
105. **HALT - Stand - Walk Around** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog must then stand and stay while the handler walks around behind the dog, returns** to heel position **and pauses.** The dog and handler then heel forward. The handler may move forward with the dog to stand it. In the Intermediate and Advanced classes the handler may touch the dog to stand it. **In the Excellent and Master classes the handler may not touch the dog to stand it.** (Stationary)



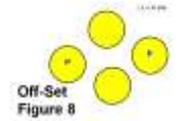
106. **HALT - 90° Pivot Right - HALT** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog and handler pivot 90° to the right together and the dog sits** in heel position. (Stationary)



107. **HALT – 90° Pivot Left – HALT** – While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog and handler pivot 90° to the left together and the dog sits** in heel position. (Stationary)

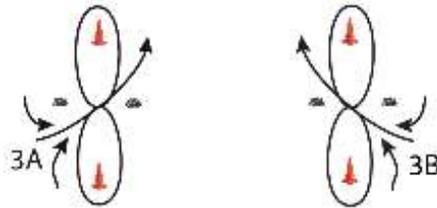


108. **Offset Figure 8 – 108. Offset Figure 8** – This sign requires two pylons spaced about 6 –8 feet apart. The two distractions will be placed to the sides about 5-6 feet apart. The Figure 8 may be entered with the pylons on either the left or right side.

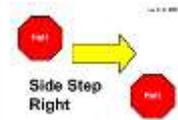


The dog and handler and will perform a complete figure 8 together around the pylons, crossing the center line three times without disturbing the distractions.

The distractions will be securely covered containers with tempting dog treats or dog safe toys may be used in place of dog treats.



109. **HALT – Side Step Right – HALT** – While heeling, **the handler halts in front of the sign and the dog sits. The dog and handler move one step directly to the right together. The handler halts and the dog sits** in heel position. This sign will be placed directly in line of the team's path requiring the dog and handler to sidestep to the right to pass the sign. (Stationary)



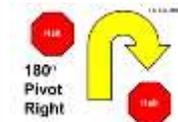
110. **HALT – Call Front – Finish Right** – While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog must then come and sit** in front. **Without the handler moving their feet, the dog must finish to the right and sit** in heel position. (Stationary)



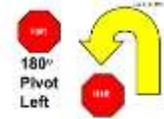
111. **HALT – Call Front – Finish Left** – While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog must then come and sit** in front. **Without the handler moving their feet, the dog must finish to the left and sit** in heel position. (Stationary)



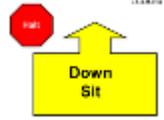
112. **HALT – 180° Pivot Right – HALT** – While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog and handler pivot 180° to the right together and the dog sits** in heel position. (Stationary)



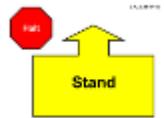
113. **HALT - 180° Pivot left - HALT** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog and handler pivot 180° to the left together and the dog sits** in heel position. (Stationary)



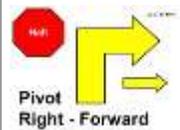
114. **HALT - Down - Sit** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog must then down and sit.** (Stationary)



115. **HALT - Stand** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog must then stand** in heel position. The handler may move forward with the dog to stand it. In the Intermediate and Advanced classes the handler may touch the dog to stand it. **In the Excellent and Master classes the handler may not touch the dog to stand it.** (Stationary)



116. **HALT - Pivot Right - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog and handler pivot 90° to the right together** and heel forward. (Stationary)



117. **HALT - Pivot Left - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog and handler pivot 90° to the left together** and heel forward. (Stationary)



118. **HALT - Leave 2 Steps - Call to Heel - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog must stay while the handler takes two steps forward and pauses.** The handler begins to heel forward and commands the dog to heel. **The dog must speed up noticeably** to return to heel position. (Stationary)



119. **Right Turn - Dog Circles Right - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler turns right and the dog circles around the handler to the right** returning to heel position and heeling forward.



120. **Left Turn - Dog Circles Right - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler turns left and the dog circles around the handler to the right** returning to heel position and heeling forward.



121. **HALT - Step in Front - Finish Right - Forward** – While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The handler steps in front to face the dog. Without the handler moving their feet, the dog must finish right.** As the dog clears the handler’s path, the handler will heel forward before the dog returns to heel position. (Stationary)



122. **HALT - Step in Front - Finish Left - Forward** – While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The handler steps in front to face the dog. Without the handler moving their feet, the dog must finish left.** As the dog clears the handler’s path, the handler will heel forward before the dog returns to heel position. (Stationary)

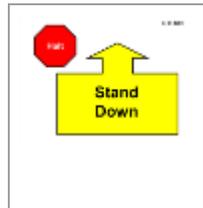


123. **2 Side Steps Right - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler will take two side steps to the right, leading with the right foot,** and continue heeling along the newly established line. **The dog must move with the handler.** This sign will be placed directly in line of the team’s path requiring the dog and handler to side step to the right to pass the sign.

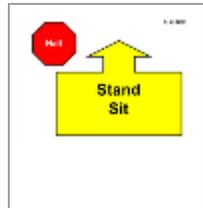


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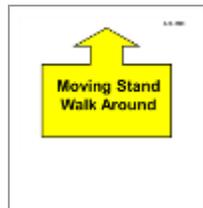
201. **HALT – Stand – Down** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog must stand and then down without the handler moving their feet or touching the dog. The dog must remain down until the handler moves forward.** (Stationary)



202. **HALT – Stand – Sit** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog must stand and then sit without the handler moving their feet or touching the dog. The dog must remain sitting until the handler moves forward.** (Stationary)



203. **Moving Stand – Walk Around** – While heeling, **the dog must stand and stay as the handler, without pausing, walks around behind the dog. returns** to heel position **and pauses.** The dog and handler then heel forward. (Stationary)



204. **Moving Down – Walk Around** – While heeling, **the dog must down and stay as the handler, without pausing, walks around behind the dog. returns** to heel position **and pauses.** The dog and handler then heel forward. (Stationary)



205. **Backup 3 Steps** – While heeling, **the dog and handler reverse direction walking backward at least 3 steps together** and then continue heeling forward. **The dog must remain standing throughout.**



206. **Down While Heeling - Call to Finish – Sit** - While heeling, **the dog must down and stay as the handler, without pausing, continues about 6 feet to the Call sign and turns to face the dog. Without moving their feet,** the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish** to the right or left **and sit** in heel position. (Stationary)



207. **Stand While Heeling - Call to Finish – Sit** - While heeling, **the dog must stand and stay as the handler, without pausing, continues about 6 feet to the Call sign and turns to face the dog. Without moving their feet,** the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish** to the right or left **and sit** in heel position. (Stationary)



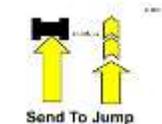
208. **Stand - Leave - Sit - Call Front - Finish - Sit** - While heeling, **the handler will stop forward motion; the dog must stand and stay. The handler will walk about 6 feet to the Call sign and turn to face the dog. The dog must then sit, come and sit** in front. **Without moving their feet,** the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish** to the right or left **and sit** in heel position. (Stationary)



209. **Stand - Leave - Down - Call Front - Finish - Sit** - While heeling, **the handler will stop forward motion; the dog must stand and stay. The handler will walk about 6 feet to the Call sign and turn to face the dog. The dog must then down, come and sit** in front. **Without moving their feet,** the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish** to the right or left **and sit** in heel position. (Stationary)



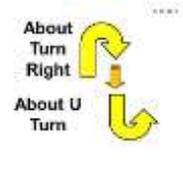
210. **Send to Jump** - **At the sign the dog must leave the handler to jump. The dog must clear the jump on the first attempt, in the proper direction** without stopping. **The handler must remain at least 3 feet away from the jump and may not pass the jump until the dog has returned** to heel position. (See Chapter 2, Section 23)



211. **Double Left About Turn** - While heeling, **the handler will make an about turn to the left,** while at the same time **the dog must move around the handler to the right** and into heel position. The handler will take two or three steps before **the dog and handler make a second about turn to the left.**



212. **About Turn Right - About U Turn** - While heeling, **the dog and handler turn 180° to the right**, take two or three steps forward and then **turn 180° to the left**.



213. **About U Turn - About Turn Right** - While heeling, **the dog and handler turn 180° to the left**, take two or three steps forward and then **turn 180° to the right**.



214. **Stand - Right Turn - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler stops and without touching the dog, the dog stands** in heel position. **The dog and handler turn right** and then heel forward. (Stationary)



215. **Stand - Left Turn - Forward** - While heeling, **the handler stops and without touching the dog, the dog stands** in heel position. **The dog and handler turn left** and then heel forward. (Stationary)



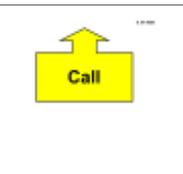
216. **HALT - Dog Circles Right - SIT** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog circles around the handler to the right**, returns to heel position **and sits**. (Stationary)



298. **Sit Stay** - **The dog must remain in the sit position while the handler gets the leash, walks around behind the dog** to return to heel position and **until** the judge says "**Exercise Finished.**" (See Chapter 2, Section 23)

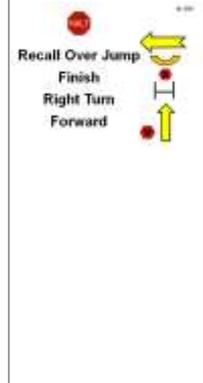


299. ***Call** - This sign will be used as a marker for associated signs. (See Chapter 2, Section 23)



THE FOLLOWING SIGNS MAY BE USED IN THE MASTER CLASS

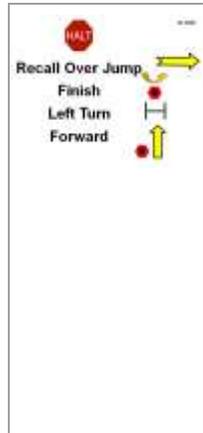
301. **HALT - Recall over Jump - Finish - Right Turn - Forward** - This sign will be placed at least 10 feet before the jump. While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The handler will leave the dog, walk to the other side of the jump and turn to face the dog. The dog must remain sitting until called over the jump. The dog must clear the jump on the first attempt, in the proper direction** without stopping, **come and sit** in front. **Without moving their feet**, the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish** to the right or left. As the dog clears the handler's path, **the handler will turn right** and heel forward before the dog returns to heel position. (Stationary) *Sign 301A must be used with this sign.*



301-A



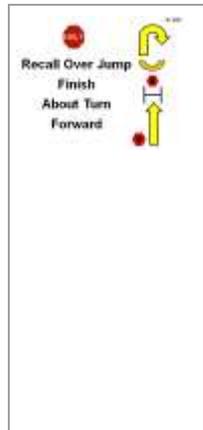
302. **HALT - Recall over Jump - Finish - Left Turn - Forward** - This sign will be placed at least 10 feet before the jump. While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The handler will leave the dog, walk to the other side of the jump and turn to face the dog. The dog must remain sitting until called over the jump. The dog must clear the jump on the first attempt, in the proper direction** without stopping, **come and sit** in front. **Without moving their feet**, the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish** to the right or left. As the dog clears the handler's path, **the handler will turn left** and heel forward before the dog returns to heel position. (Stationary) *Sign 302A must be used with this sign.*



302-A



303. **HALT - Recall over Jump - Finish - About Turn - Forward** - This sign will be placed at least 10 feet before the jump. While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The handler will leave the dog, walk to the other side of the jump and turn to face the dog. The dog must remain sitting until called over the jump. The dog must clear the jump on the first attempt, in the proper direction** without stopping, **come and sit** in front. **Without moving their feet**, the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish** to the right or left. As the dog clears the handler's path, **the handler will make an about turn** and heel forward before the dog returns to heel position. (Stationary) *Sign 303A must be used with this sign.*



303-A

Directional Arrow



304. **Call Front - Move 2 Side Steps Right - Finish Forward** - While heeling, **the handler stops** and calls the dog to front. The handler may take several steps backward. **The dog must come and sit** in front. **The handler will take two steps to the right and the dog must move with the handler.**

When the handler stops moving **the dog must sit** in front. **Without moving their feet**, the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish** to the right or left. As the dog clears the handler's path, the handler will heel forward before the dog returns to heel position.

(Stationary)



305. **Call Front - Move 2 Side Steps Left - Finish Forward** - While heeling, **the handler stops** and calls the dog to front. The handler may take several steps backward. **The dog must come and sit** in front. **The handler will take two side steps to the left and the dog must move with the handler.**

When the handler stops moving **the dog must sit** in front. **Without moving their feet**, the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish** to the right or left. As the dog clears the handler's path, the handler will heel forward before the dog returns to heel position.

(Stationary)



306. **HALT - Send Away Sit - Return - Follow Arrow Forward** - The pylon will be placed approximately 6 feet away from the sign. While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. When sent, the dog must go to the area of the pylon and sit. The dog must stay while the handler returns** to heel position. The handler may return to heel position by going directly to heel or walking around behind the dog. **The handler must pause** before heeling forward in the direction of the arrow. **Sign 306A must be used with this sign.** (Stationary)



306-A

Directional Arrow



307. **HALT - Send Away Sit - Return - Follow Arrow Right** - The pylon will be placed approximately 6 feet away from the sign. While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. When sent, the dog must go to the area of the pylon and sit. The dog must stay while the handler returns** to heel position. The handler may return to heel position by going directly to heel or walking around behind the dog. **The handler must pause** before heeling to the right in the direction of the arrow. (Stationary) **Sign 307A must be used with this sign.**



307-A

Directional Arrow



308. **HALT - Send Away Sit - Return - Follow Arrow Left** – The pylon will be placed approximately 6 feet away from the sign. While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. When sent, the dog must go to the area of the pylon and sit. The dog must stay while the handler returns** to heel position. The handler may return to heel position by going directly to heel or walking around behind the dog. **The handler must pause** before heeling to the left in the direction of the arrow. (Stationary) ***Sign 308A must be used with this sign.***



308-A

Directional Arrow



309. **Backup 3 Steps - Right Backup 1 or 2 Steps - Forward** - While heeling, **the dog and handler reverse direction walking backwards at least 3 steps**, and without stopping, **take one or two steps backwards 90° to the right** and then heel forward. **The dog must move with the handler.**



310. **Backup 3 Steps - Left Backup 1 or 2 Steps - Forward** - While heeling, **the dog and handler reverse direction walking backwards at least 3 steps**, and without stopping, **take one or two steps backwards 90° to the left** and then heel forward. **The dog must move with the handler.**



311. **Backup 3 Steps - Stand & Leave - Call to Finish - Forward** - The Call sign will be placed approximately three feet away from this sign. While heeling, **the dog and handler reverse direction and walk backwards at least 3 steps**. The handler may pause to stand and leave the dog. **The dog must stand and stay until called. The handler will walk to the Call sign and turn to face the dog. Without moving their feet**, the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish** to the right or left. As the dog clears the handler's path, the handler will heel forward. (Stationary)



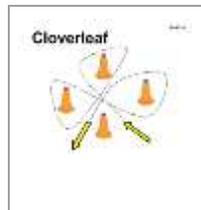
312. **Dog Spins Right - Forward** – While heeling, **the handler stops and the dog, without sitting, spins in a circle to the right alongside the handler.** When the dog returns to heel position, the dog and handler heel forward. (Stationary)



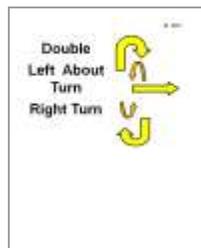
313. **Dog Spins Left - Forward** – While heeling, **the handler stops and the dog, without sitting, spins in a circle to the left alongside the handler.** When the dog returns to heel position, the dog and handler heel forward. (Stationary)



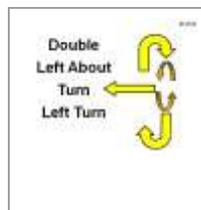
314. **Cloverleaf** - This sign requires the pylons be spaced approximately 6 feet apart. **The dog and handler must complete the cloverleaf by crossing the center line four times.** The pylons will be numbered in the order they are to be performed. This is a change of direction sign and upon exiting the team may go in any direction to the next sign.



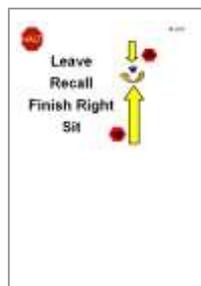
315. **Double Left About Turn - Right Turn** - While heeling, **the handler will make an about turn to the left,** while at the same time **the dog must move around the handler to the right** and into heel position. The handler will take two or three steps before **the dog and handler make a second about turn to the left.** **The dog and handler then turn right** and heel forward.



316. **Double Left About Turn - Left Turn** - While heeling, **the handler will make an about turn to the left,** while at the same time **the dog must move around the handler to the right** and into heel position. The handler will take two or three steps before **the dog and handler make a second about turn to the left.** **The dog and handler then turn left** and heel forward.



317. **HALT - Leave - Recall - Finish Right – Sit** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog must stay while the handler leaves and walks approximately 15 feet** to the Call sign, **turns and faces the dog.** When called, **the dog must go directly to the handler and sit** in front. **Without moving their feet,** the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish right and sit** in heel position. (Stationary)



318. **HALT - Leave - Recall - Finish Left – Sit** - While heeling, **the handler halts and the dog sits. The dog must stay while the handler leaves and walks approximately 15 feet** to the Call sign, **turns and faces the dog.** When called, **the dog must go directly to the handler and sit** in front. **Without moving their feet,** the handler may command/signal the dog to finish. **The dog must finish left and sit** in heel position. (Stationary)



319. **Side by Side 360°Right Circle** - While heeling, **the dog and handler will stop forward motion and make a 360° side by side right circle.**



320. **Side by Side 360°Left Circle** - While heeling, **the dog and handler will stop forward motion and make a 360° side by side left circle.**



321. **Dog Circles Right Around Handler - Handler Circles Left** - While heeling, **the dog and handler will stop forward motion. The dog must circle right around the handler and the handler will circle left at the same time the dog is moving right.** The dog and handler heel forward. This is a 360° circle with the dog and handler moving in opposite directions.



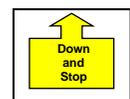
322. **Stand - Leave 2 Steps - Call to Heel** - While heeling, **the handler stops and without touching the dog, the dog stands** in heel position. **The dog must stand and stay while the handler takes two steps forward and pauses.** The handler begins to heel forward and then commands the dog to heel. **The dog must speed up noticeably** to resume heel position.



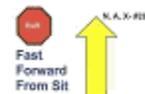
26. **Call Front - 1, 2 and 3 Steps Backward** - While heeling, the handler stops forward motion and calls the dog to the front position (**dog sits in front** and faces the handler). The handler may take several steps backward as the dog turns and moves to a sit in the front position. With the dog in the front position, the **handler takes one step backward and halts**. The **dog moves with the handler and sits** in the front position as the handler halts. This is followed by the **handler taking two steps backward and a halt**, and **three steps backward and a halt**. **Each time, the dog moves with the handler to the front position and sits as the handler halts.** The handler then commands and/or signals the dog to resume heel position. When returning to the heel position, the dog does not sit before the handler moves forward. **(Stationary exercise)**



27. **Down and Stop** – While moving with the dog in heel position, the handler commands and/or signals the **dog to down** as **the handler comes to a stop** next to the dog. Once the **dog is completely down**, the handler moves forward, commanding **the dog to move forward from down position**. **(Stationary exercise)**



28. **HALT - Fast Forward from Sit** - The **handler halts and the dog sits** in heel position. With the dog sitting in heel position, the **handler commands and/or signals the dog to heel and immediately moves forward at a fast pace**. This must be followed by a normal pace. **(Stationary exercise)**



29. **Left About Turn** - While moving with the dog in heel position, the **handler makes an about turn to the left**, while at the same time, the **dog must move around the handler to the right** and into heel position. The **dog does not sit** before moving forward in heel position with the handler.



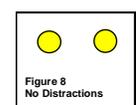
30. **HALT and Walk Around Dog - Handler halts and dog sits.** With the dog sitting in heel position, the handler commands and/or signals the **dog to stay**, then proceeds to **walk around the dog to the left**, returning to heel position. The **handler must pause** in heel position before moving forward to the next station. **(Stationary exercise)**



31. **HALT - Down - Walk Around Dog - Handler halts and dog sits.** With the dog sitting in heel position, the handler commands and/or signals the **dog to down and stay**, then proceeds to **walk around the dog to the left**, returning to heel position. The **handler must pause** in heel position before moving forward to the next station. The **dog heels forward from the down position**. **(Stationary exercise)**

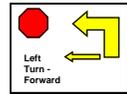


32. **Figure 8 - No Distractions** – Two pylons or posts spaced approximately 6-8 feet apart. The team enters the sequence with the posts on either left or right and will perform a complete figure 8 around the

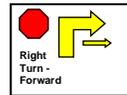


posts or pylons, **crossing the center point three times.**

33. HALT - Left Turn - Forward - Handler halts, dog sits. With the dog sitting the handler commands and/or signals the dog to heel, as the handler turns to the left and continues to move forward in the new direction without hesitation. **The dog must turn with handler as the handler turns.** (Stationary exercise)



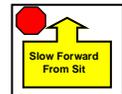
34. HALT - Right Turn - Forward - Handler halts, dog sits. With the dog sitting the handler commands and/or signals the dog to heel, as the handler turns to the right and continues to move forward in the new direction without hesitation. **The dog must turn with the handler as the handler turns.** (Stationary exercise)



35. Call Front - Return to Heel - While heeling the handler stops forward motion and calls the dog to the front position. The handler may take several steps backward as the dog turns and moves to sit in the front position. **Dog sits in front** and faces the handler. The handler will then walk around behind the dog and return to the heel position and pause. **Dog must remain sitting as handler walks around dog.** (This is a 180° change of direction, about turn.) **(Stationary exercise)**

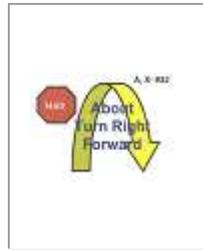


36. Halt-Slow Forward From Sit- **The handler halts, and the dog sits** in heel position. The handler then commands and/or signals the dog to heel and moves forward at a slow pace. **The dog must maintain heel position as handler slowly moves forward.** This must be followed by a normal pace, unless it is the last station on the course. **(Stationary exercise)**

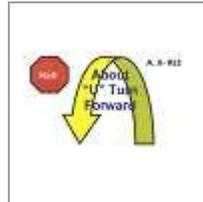


EXERCISES THAT MAY BE USED IN ADVANCED AND EXCELLENT CLASSES ONLY

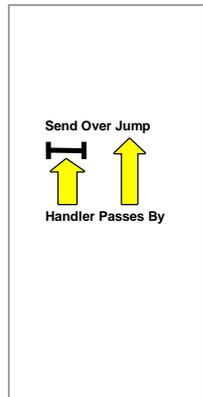
101.HALT - About Turn Right and Forward - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting in heel position, the team turns 180° to the right and immediately moves forward.
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102.HALT - About "U" Turn and Forward - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting in heel position, the team turns 180° to the left and immediately moves forward.
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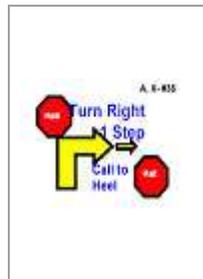


103.*Send Over Jump - Handler Passes By -While moving with the dog in heel position, the handler directs the dog to take the jump as the handler passes by the jump without any pause, hesitation or stopping. When the dog has completed the jump in the proper direction, it is called to heel position and the team continues to the next exercise.

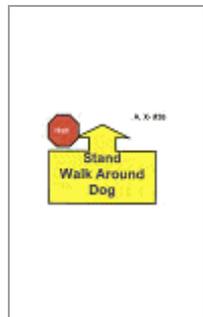


Jump Heights: Under 10"	4"	Broad Jump: 8"
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20" or more	16"	32"

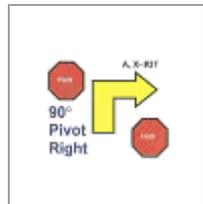
104.HALT - Turn Right One Step - Call to Heel - Halt - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting, the handler commands and/or signals the dog to stay. The handler then turns to the right, while taking one step in that direction, and halts. The dog is directed to heel position and must move and sit in the new location before moving forward to the next station. **(Stationary exercise)**



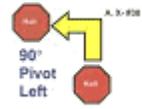
105.HALT - Stand Dog - Walk Around - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting in heel position, the handler stands the dog commands and/or signals the dog to stay as the handler walks around the dog to the left, returning to heel position. The handler must pause in heel position before moving forward to the next station. In the Advanced Class, the handler may touch the dog, move forward to stand the dog, and may pose the dog as in the show ring. **(Stationary exercise)**



106.HALT - 90° Pivot Right - HALT - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting in heel position, the handler pivots 90° to the right and halts. The dog moves with the handler and sits in heel position. **(Stationary exercise)**

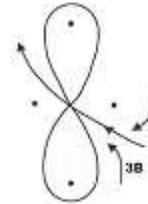
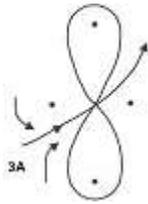
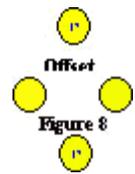


107. HALT - 90° Pivot Left - HALT - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting in heel position, the **handler pivots 90° to the left and halts.** The **dog moves with the handler and sits** in heel position.
(Stationary exercise)



108. Offset Figure 8–This exercise requires two pylons or posts placed about 8–10 feet apart, around which the **team will perform a complete Figure 8, crossing the center point three times without disturbing the distractions.**

Two distractions will be arranged to the sides of the figure 8 about 5–6 feet apart. Entry may be between the pylons or posts and the distraction on either side (see 3A and 3B). The distractions will consist of two securely covered containers with tempting dog treats; however, dog toys may replace one or both containers, or may be placed next to the containers. The exercise sign may be placed on or near the cone where entry is made into the Offset Figure 8. **Pylons or posts may not be shared with other exercises.**



109. HALT - Side-step Right - HALT - The **handler halts in front of the station sign and dog sits.** With the dog sitting in heel position, the **handler moves one step directly to the right and halts.** The **dog moves with the handler and sits** in heel position when the handler halts. The exercise shall be performed just before the exercise sign. This exercise shall be considered a change of direction and the sign shall be placed directly in line with the handler's path, requiring the handler and dog to sidestep to the right to pass the sign. **(Stationary exercise)**



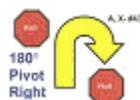
110. HALT - Call Dog Front - Finish Right - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting in heel position, the handler calls the **dog to front** and the **dog sits** in the front position, facing the handler. On command, the **dog then moves** from the front position **around the right of the handler and sits** in heel position. **Handler must not step forward or backward** to aid the dog during the exercise. **(Stationary exercise)**



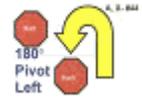
111. HALT - Call Dog Front - Finish Left - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting in heel position, the handler calls the **dog to front** and the **dog sits** in the front position facing the handler. On command, the **dog then moves to the handler's left and sits** in heel position. **Handler must not step forward or backward** to aid dog during exercise. **(Stationary exercise)**



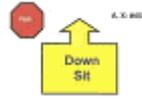
112. HALT - 180° Pivot Right - HALT - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting in heel position, the **handler pivots 180° to the right and halts.** The **dog moves with the handler and sits** in heel position. **(Stationary exercise)**



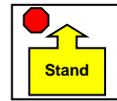
113. HALT - 180° Pivot Left - HALT - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting in heel position, the **handler pivots 180° to the left and halts.** The **dog moves with the handler and sits** in heel position. **(Stationary exercise)**



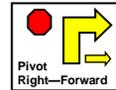
114. HALT - Down - Sit - Handler halts and dog sits. With dog sitting in heel position, the handler commands and/or signals the **dog to down, then to sit.** **(Stationary exercise)**



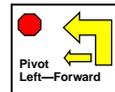
115. HALT - Stand - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting in heel position, **the handler will stand the dog**. Handler may touch the dog, move forward to stand the dog and may pose the dog as in the show ring. Handler then resumes heel position **while the dog stands in place**. Handler pauses before moving forward. **(Stationary exercise)**



116. Halt-Pivot Right-Forward- **The handler halts and the dog sits** in heel position. The **handler** commands and/or signals the dog to heel, **then pivots to the right and dog and handler move forward**. **(Stationary exercise)**



117. Halt-Pivot Left-Forward- **The handler halts and the dog sits** in heel position. The **handler** commands and/or signals the dog to heel, **then pivots to the left and dog and handler move forward**. **(Stationary exercise)**

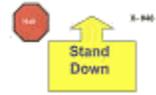


118. Halt-Leave Dog-2 Steps-Call to Heel- Forward - **The handler halts, and the dog sits** in heel position. **While the dog remains sitting the handler takes two steps forward and pauses. The handler moves forward** and commands the dog to resume heel position. The dog must move briskly. **(Stationary exercise)**

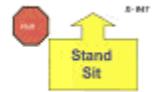


EXERCISES THAT MAY BE USED IN THE EXCELLENT CLASS ONLY

201. HALT - Stand - Down - Handler halts and dog sits. With dog sitting in heel position, the **handler will stand the dog (without physical handling or moving forward)**, then command and/or signal the **dog to down.** The handler then commands and/or signals the **dog to heel forward from the down position.** (Stationary exercise)



202. HALT - Stand - Sit - Handler halts and dog sits. With dog sitting in heel position, the **handler will stand the dog (without physical handling or moving forward)**, then command and/or signal the **dog to sit.** The handler then commands and/or signals the **dog to heel forward from the sitting position.**(Stationary exercise)



203. Moving Stand - Walk around dog - While heeling and without pausing, the **handler will stand the dog and walk around the dog to the left,** returning to heel position. The **handler must pause** in heel position after returning to the dog. **Dog must move forward from the standing position.**



204. Moving Down - Walk around dog - While heeling and without pausing, the **handler will down the dog and walk around the dog to the left,** returning to heel position. The **handler must pause** in heel position after returning to the dog. The **dog must move forward from the down position.**



205. Backup 3 steps - While heeling, the handler reverses direction walking backward at least 3 steps, without first stopping, then continues heeling forward. The **dog moves backward with the handler** and maintains heel position throughout the exercise **without sitting.**



206. Down While Heeling – While moving forward, without pause or hesitation, the handler will command and/or signal **the dog to down and stay as the handler continues forward about 6 feet to the Call to Heel marker.** The handler will turn and face the dog, **pause** and then



command and/or signal the dog to heel. This is a 180° change of direction, about turn. (This sign will be followed within 6 feet by the Call to Heel marker.) **Dog must return to heel position and sit, the handler must pause before moving forward. (Stationary exercise)**

207. Stand While Heeling – While moving forward, **without pause or hesitation**, the handler will command and/or signal **the dog to stand and stay as the handler continues forward about 6 feet to the Call to Heel marker. The handler will turn and face the dog, pause** and then command and/or signal the dog to heel. This is a 180° change of direction, about turn. (This sign will be followed within 6 feet by the Call to Heel marker.) **Dog must return to heel position and sit, the handler must pause before moving forward. (Stationary exercise)**



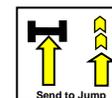
208. Stand – Leave Dog – Sit Dog – Call Front – Finish – While heeling, **the handler will stop** and command and/or signal the dog to stand. The **dog must stand and stay without sitting first**. Then the handler will **walk forward approximately 6 feet to the Call to Heel marker. The handler will turn to face the dog** and command and/or signal the **dog to sit**. When the dog sits, the handler will command and/or signal the **dog to front**. The **dog sits** in the front position facing the handler. On command and/or signal, the dog will move to heel position. **Dog must sit** in heel position before moving forward with the handler. **(Stationary Exercise) (This exercise reverses the direction of the team.)**



209. Stand – Leave Dog – Down Dog – Call Front – Finish – While heeling, the **handler will stop** and stand the dog using a command and/or signal, then **walk forward approximately 6 feet to the Call to Heel marker**. The **dog must stand and stay without sitting first**. The handler will turn to face the dog and command and/or signal the **dog to down**. When the dog downs, the handler will command and/or signal the **dog to front**. The **dog must sit in the front position** facing the handler. On command and/or signal, the dog will move to heel position. The **dog must sit** in heel position before moving forward with the handler. **(Stationary Exercise) (This exercise reverses the direction of the team.)**

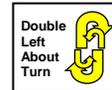


210. Send to Jump – **At the sign for this station, the handler will command and/or signal** the dog to leave heel position to execute the jump. The dog must leave the handler immediately and execute the jump. The **handler must maintain a straight path of at least a 3 foot distance away from the jump and may not pass the jump until the dog has**



returned to heel position. The dog must jump the jump in the proper direction and return to heel position without pause, hesitation, or **stopping**. The team then continues to the next station.

211. Double Left About Turn - While moving with the dog in heel position, **the handler makes an about turn to the left** while at the same time, **the dog must move around the handler to the right and into heel position**. The handler must take one or two steps forward before performing the exercise a second time. The handler will end up turning 360° to the left as the dog turns 360° to the right around the handler. **The dog does not sit at any time during this exercise.**



298. Sit Stay – This sign will be used as a marker for the sit stay exercise. **The dog must remain in the sit position while the handler retrieves the leash and returns to heel position and the judge says “exercise finished.”**



299. *Call to Heel Marker - This sign will be used as a marker for associated exercises.

