

Rally Obedience for All Dogs



Sit Happens!® Companion Dog Training

APDT Rally Obedience St. Paddy's Day Trial March 13 & 14, 2010

Judges: Tammy Brooks & Sarah Jane Petti

Welcome!

APDT Rally allows all dogs including mixed breeds to compete and is committed to Rally as an obedience sport focusing on the relationship between handlers and their dogs while encouraging positive training/handling methods.

The APDT is an organization for professional dog trainers with over 5000 members worldwide. Go to www.APDT.com for more info about APDT.

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www.apdt.com - click on Rally – click on Forms – look for the Team Registration Form

Rally Obedience Description

For a complete description of the Rally rules, regulations, performance guidelines, explanation of exercises, etc. go to www.APDT.com .

Rally-O is a sport which consists of a sequence of stations, run as a heel-work course by a handler and dog, where a sign at each station indicates an obedience exercise which the team must perform. Rally is designed to be more relaxed than precision Competitive Obedience, focusing instead on attitude and enthusiasm, while the variety of exercises and courses allows you to show off your versatility and teamwork. Rally is intended to promote positive relationships between dogs and owners based on trust and mutual respect. Dogs and handlers should both appear to be enjoying the competition and each other's company.

APDT Rally encourages participation by ALL dogs – purebred or mixed breed, pets or titled champions. Handlers are allowed to encourage their dogs in the ring using verbal praise, petting, and even food rewards just as they would in a good training session. The dogs must perform the exercises correctly and there should be a practiced smooth flow to the performance.

You should be familiar with all of the different Rally-O exercise signs prior to the event. Go to APDT.com/RallyO.htm to find a detailed explanation of each of the exercise signs and have fun practicing them with your dog.

****Entries and Closing Date**

Entries must be received by the secretary no later than **midnight** Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

Mailed, couriered, telephone, e-mail, and fax entries will be accepted as long as a signed General Agreement is provided as an original prior to the trial starting. Cheques should be made payable to Sit Happens!® please.

Any changes to entries (handlers, etc.), will be accepted up to the day of the trial. Changes made are final and cannot be altered following check in. Changes must be made to the Secretary by telephone, e-mail, or in writing.

Cancellations received after March 1st, 2010 will not be eligible for a refund of any part of paid fees.

Weather

This trial will be held indoors at our heated facility on a matted surface so weather will only be a factor in case of severe traveling conditions making getting to and from the facility too dangerous. In case of **severe** weather (read hurricane, tornado or heavy heavy snow) we will reschedule the trial at a later date.

Check-In

Doors will open and check-in will begin at 900am daily. First walk-through and Judge's briefing will begin at 1000am. Subsequent walk- throughs will take place as one trial ends and the next course is set.



Awards

Qualifying ribbons will be awarded to each dog/owner team who achieves a score of 170 or better.

Awards will also be awarded to Highest Scoring Team in each Level and to the Highest Scoring Team in Trial. Special awards will given to the HIT All Canadian dog, HIT Jr. Handler, HIT Senior Dog, HIT Puppy (6mos-1 year), and the weekends High Speed Duo.

Contact Information

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Trial Committee

Chairperson:

Jill Dextrase

Secretary:

Jill Dextrase

Timer/ Scorekeeper:

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Stewards:

The Sit Happens! Team

APDT Rally Representative:

Tammy Brooks & Sarah Jane Petti

APDT Rally Judges:

Tammy Brooks & Sarah Jane Petti

*****Directions to Trial Site**

From Deerfoot Trail take 16th Ave East. Turn left (north) at the first set of traffic lights, onto 19th St NE, then turn right (east) at the lights onto 18 Ave. We are located past the Furniture Mart, on your right hand side. The address is 16-2333-18 Ave NE.

Hotel Information

Port O'Call Best Western 1- 800-661-1161 **or** 403-250-6827

www.bestwestern.com

Coast Plaza Hotel 1-800-661-1464 **or** 403-248-8888

www.calgaryplaza.com

Sheraton Cavalier (403) 291-0192

<http://sheratoncavalier.com>

Radisson (403) 291-4666

www.radisson.com

Notice to Competitors

Competitors, through submission of entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of APDT Rally Obedience rules and regulations including but not limited to the following rules regarding entry:

- This trial is open to all dogs being at least six months of age, including purebred and non-purebred, except bitches in season or dogs with disabilities, injuries or illnesses which may cause the dog pain or great discomfort, or dogs exhibiting signs of aggression that threaten the safety of other dogs or humans as determined by the Judge or APDT Rally Rep.
- **All dogs must be registered with APDT Rally prior to competing.**
- Dogs must be shown by a member of the owner's immediate family: mother, father, spouse, life partner, sibling, child, grandparent, or grandchild.
- Safety shall always be of foremost consideration in actions and conduct by handlers at all times. Handlers, through entry at this event, accept full responsibility for themselves and the actions of their dogs.
- The organizing committee may refuse any entry for any reason.

In addition,

- **THERE SHALL BE NO REFUND** for entries withdrawn after the closing date or in the event a dog and/or handler are dismissed from competition, regardless of reason for such dismissal. There will be no refunds if the trial has to be cancelled for any reason.
- Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry. There will be a \$25.00 service charge for returned checks. Payment of entry fees and service charges shall be made in cash or money order within 30 days of postmark of notice of returned check here notification is received after event date. Any fees not received within 30 days of notice result in cancellation of event results for all classes for the registration number(s) of delinquent entry/entries. No reinstatement of results is possible, and all awards must be returned within 10 days of notification, or the dog's registration may be suspended pending restitution. Any unpaid fees or shortfalls must be paid prior to the start of the event or entry is canceled without recourse by owner/handler.
- No entry fees will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, Act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, strike or any other cause beyond the control of the organizers.
- All dogs shall be shown in a flat buckle collar, plain harness, or properly fitted martingale (limited slip) collar. No choke collar, prong collars, shock collars, no-pull harnesses, head collars, or collars not named as "allowed" will be permitted.
- All competitors through entry at this event waive any and all rights relative to video broadcast of this event. Competitors shall have the right to videotape portions of this event for their personal use only. No portion of this event may be videotaped for commercial or other purposes. All video, broadcast, and telecast rights for this event are the exclusive property of the APDT or Sit Happens![®] Companion Dog Training.
- Owners with disabilities are encouraged to compete. Any necessary modifications to the exercises must be provided by the handler to the judge and approved by the judge.
- Upon successful completion of an exercise, the owner may choose to briefly pet or touch the dog as a reward or choose to give the dog food as a reward. Food may NOT be used as a lure to help the dog complete an exercise. Food rewards must be contained in pockets or hidden treat pouches and only be present in the owner's hand in between exercises. Any petting, touching, or feeding that significantly interrupts the flow of performance shall be scored accordingly.
- Dogs must remain on leash and under control at all times while attending the trial.
- Please pick up after your dog and yourself.

APDT's official Rally-O Rules and Regulations are hereby incorporated by reference, a copy of which may be obtained by going to www.APDT.com

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM APDT Rally Obedience St. Paddy's Day Trial

March 13 & 14, 2010

ENTRIES CLOSE midnight Wednesday March 10th, 2010



Dog Information:

*Rally # _____ Call Name _____

APDT Rally Registered Name _____

Breed _____ Age of Dog _____

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Owner/Handler Information:

Owner's Name _____ Jr. Handler

Address _____

City _____ Province _____ PC _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Handler's Name (if different from above) _____ Relationship to Owner? _____

Entry fees are \$20/round/dog. "A" dogs do not yet have a title at this level.

Entries

• *SATURDAY*

Level 1 Course 1

A or B (please circle) _____ T.Brooks

Level 1 Course 2

A or B (please circle) _____ SJ Petti

Level 2 Course 1

A or B (please circle) _____ T.Brooks

Level 3 Course 1

A or B (please circle) _____ T.Brooks

• *SUNDAY*

Level 1 Course 3

A or B (please circle) _____ SJ Petti

Level 2 Course 2

A or B (please circle) _____ SJ Petti

Level 2 Course 3

A or B (please circle) _____ T.Brooks

Level 3 Course 2

A or B (please circle) _____ T.Brooks

Method of Payment: cheque visa mastercard amex cash other (please circle one)

Name of Card Holder _____ Exp. Date _____

Card Number _____ Signature: _____

Fax, phone in, mail or drop off payment in Canadian Funds to:

Training @ Sit Happens! 16-2333-18 Ave NE Calgary Alberta T2E 8E6
phone 403 295-6337 fax: 403 250-3446

Entries are extremely limited and will be accepted in order of receipt.

There will be absolutely NO REFUNDS after March 1st, 2010.

www.sithappens.org

GENERAL AGREEMENT

I (we) agree that Sit Happens![®] Companion Dog Training has the right to refuse this entry for any cause which the organizing committee alone shall deem to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, of the holding of the event, and of the opportunity to have the dog participate and/or to be judged, I (we) agree to hold the organizing committee, the hosting club, the Association of Pet Dog Trainers, including their members, officers, directors, agents and employees, sponsors of the event, and owners of the premises upon which the event is held and their employees, harmless from any claim for loss or injury that may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim. I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether such loss, disappearance, appearance, theft, damage, or injury be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes. I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death resulting at any time therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, howsoever such injuries, death, or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents or any other persons.

I (we) further acknowledge that I (we) have read, understand, and will abide by the Official Rally-O Rules and Regulations of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers and the provisions for entry as set forth in the Rally Test Schedule of which this entry form is a part. I (we) acknowledge and represent that the information supplied by me (us) herein is correct to the best of my (our) knowledge; if any portion of this information is found to be invalid or insufficient to establish the validity of my (our) entry, such finding shall render my (our) entry invalid in its entirety, for which there shall be no refund of fees paid. Further, I (we) represent that I am (we are) the owner(s) of the dog listed hereon, or that I (we) am (are) a family member of the dog's owner as stated and allowed in the APDT Rally rules, and that I (we) shall hold the hosting club and APDT, including their officers, directors, employees and agents and their sponsors, harmless from any liability or claim made by dog's owner.

Further, I (we) hereby grant to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers, Sit Happens![®] Companion Dog Training, their representatives, agents, and assigns, all rights and permissions to use or appropriate my and the dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia or identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission, or distribution in any format or media now known or hereafter to become known. I (we) hereby release APDT, the hosting club, their representatives, agents, and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of personality, or any similar right.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian signature for junior entries:

Signature: _____ Date: _____