

## **Pet Dog Rally Obedience**

### **Bronze – On the Side.** (Performed on or off lead at judges discretion)

At this exciting level, the dog will be required to work on both sides of the handler.

For ease of instruction:

Dog on the **left** of the handler will be called “**heel**”.

Dog on the **right** of the handler will be called “**side**”.

A course will consist of a maximum of 12 exercises with a one element of position change, from left heel to side, and back. The attached Gold Star signs are those that will be used to change sides or performed with the dog in the side position. The remaining exercises are taken from Pink and Bronze levels.

Transitions to change sides must flow smoothly. (Point deduction 1 – 5 Flow may be scored).

The handler may use the hand as a target, though not as a lure.

#### **Heel position**

*The dog is considered to be in the heel position when level with the handler. The dog's head should remain in an 'arm's length' arc at the side of the handler. Dogs are not required to remain on the leg, but must remain within the 'arc', affording natural movement. Dogs remaining on the leg are not penalised. The pace should remain constant unless prompted to change by the exercise sign.*

*Out of position will be scored if the dog is not facing the same direction, carries its hind quarters at an angle greater than 45 degrees, forges ahead so that the dog's head and shoulders are ahead of the handler's side, lags behind the handler's side, is wide or dog is sniffing the ground.*

#### **Targeting the hand.**

*Where the hand is placed for the dog to follow/or to position the dog no deductions are made if the dog is in position but if used to correct position or behaviour, deductions will be made for additional cues.*

#### **Luring**

*Luring with the appearance of having a reward in the hand or using the hand as if it may hold a treat e.g. pinched fingers and/or using a hand directly/constantly in front of the dogs face to position the dog or cue an exercise will incur a one point deduction, each occurrence.*

Light green with paws = Dog

Dark Green = Handler

### Gold Stars 1

#### **Change Sides Parallel Left**



Dog is at heel.

The dog and handler make a parallel about u-turn to the left, effecting a change of direction with the dog changing to the right hand side of the handler. The team continue in Normal Pace.

### Gold Stars 4

#### **Change Sides Parallel Right**



Dog is at side.

The dog and handler make a parallel about turn to the right, effecting a change of direction with the dog changing to the left hand side of the handler. The team continue in Normal Pace.

### Gold Stars 5

#### **Change Sides Turn Away**

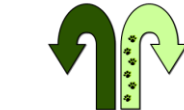


Dog is at heel. Off lead only.

With the dog on the handler's left side the dog and handler make an opposite about turn away from each other, effecting a change of direction with the dog changing to the right hand side of the handler. The team continue in Normal Pace.

### Gold Stars 6

#### **Change Sides Turn Away**



Dog is at side. Off lead only.

With the dog on the handler's right side the dog and handler make an opposite about

turn away from each other, effecting a change of direction with the dog changing to the left hand side of the handler. The team continue in Normal Pace.

**Gold Stars 9**

**Change Sides  
Cross Front**



The dog makes a change of side (right or left) by crossing in front of the handler. The dog may turn to its right or left to take up position next to the handler.

**Gold Stars 10**

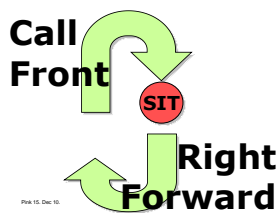
**Change Sides  
Cross Back**



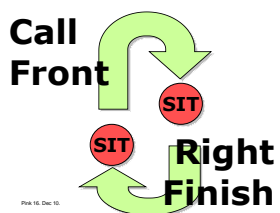
As above, but the dog crosses behind the handler.

**From Pink level the Call front exercises can be used to effect a change from side to heel.** With the dog at Side, the handlers calls the dog to sit in front position , then sends the dog to their right or left to finish or forward as indicated.

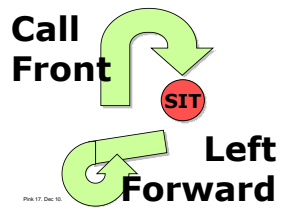
**15. Call to sit Front, Right Forward**



**16. Call to sit Front, Right Finish**



**17. Call to sit Front, Left Forward**



18. Call to sit Front, Left Finish

