

# Pet Dog Rally Obedience

*Common errors and score deductions are shown in italics for guidance.*

## BRONZE LEVEL

### 1. Stop, Sit, Stand



**SIT**

**STAND**

Bronze 20, Dec 10 The team halts and the dog Sits. The handler asks the dog to go directly to Stand from the Sit. The dog should not move in the Stand. The team moves off from the Stand.

*Errors: Dog moves on stand (MOS 2) Handler error: Dog is lured forward (1) and may touch handlers hand (not scored, just the lure is scored). A/C's. Handler may move out of position to cue position but must move back to heel position before exercise is considered complete and team move forward.*

### 2. Stop, Sit, Down, Sit



**SIT**

**DOWN**

**SIT**

Bronze 20, Dec 10 The team halts and the dog Sits. The handler asks the dog to go directly to Down from Sit, and then cues the dog to return to the Sit. The team moves off from the Sit.

*Handler errors: repeat cues (1 each occurrence), t/l (1), leadjerk (5), hand signal to floor for down (luring 1)*  
*Dog errors : Failure to stop (NCC 5), O/P's 1, 2 and 3 is scored for both sit and down and sit if out of position, failure to have elbows on floor (NCC 5), delay to perform position (flow 1)*

### 3. Stop, Sit, Down, Walk round Dog



**SIT**

**DOWN**

**Walk**

**Round Dog**

Bronze 27, Dec 10 The team halts and the dog Sits. The handler asks the dog to

go directly to Down from Sit. The handler walks a complete circle to the left around the dog, who remains in the Down. The team moves off from the Down.

*Errors: as above for other position exercises.*

*Maintaining a constant hand signal for wait (NCC 5). Dog moves on walk around (NCC 5) plus additional cues.*

#### **4. Sit, 1 Step Sit, 2 Steps Sit, 3 Steps Sit**

**SIT**

**1 STEP** **SIT**

**2 STEPS** **SIT**

**3 STEPS** **SIT**

Bronze 28, Dec 13

At the sign the team stops and the handler cues the dog to Sit. The handler takes one step forward, cueing the dog to move with them. The dog Sits. The handler takes two steps forward cueing the dog to move with them. The dogs Sits. The handler takes three steps forward cueing the dog to move with them. The dog Sits. The team moves off from the Sit.

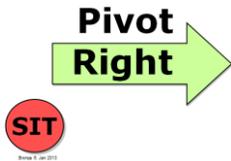
*Errors : The intention of this exercise is to show that the dog will move with the handler and sit when the handler halts. It comprises four elements. Therefore the handler must stop four times and the dog sits four times. The handler must perform the number of steps required. If less steps are performed, the element is scored (NCC 5). If more steps are taken by the handler (Flow 1 – 3 points is scored. Each element can be cued. If dog performs position other than sit (NCC 5) is scored each occurrence.*

**PDRO Pivots** are changes of direction performed on the spot.

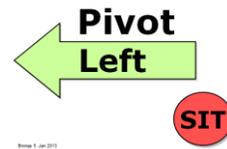
NCC will be scored if the handler does not turn on the spot. For a 90° pivot the handler may start with either foot. They may move each foot only once. They may take these two steps in any order and in any direction. They may also swivel on the heel. There is no requirement for the handler to have both feet together.

The dog must move with the handler, that is, the dog gets up if in sit and moves as the handler turns – the dog cannot wait until the handler has changed direction and then move into place. Failure to move or NCC may be scored depending on the delay to move, additional cueing and out of position. The dog should remain facing forward. (SOP) The dog should remain on the spot, moving it's back feet (rear end) to maintain heel position. Out of positions may be scored if the dog is outside of the heel limits.

**5. Sit, Pivot Right**

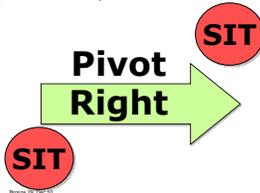


**6. Sit, Pivot Left**

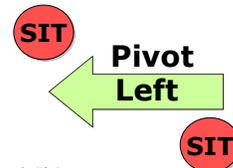


The team stops moving forward together and the handler cues the dog to Sit. The handler makes a pivot (turn on the spot) 90° to the right/ left, the dog moves with the handler. The team move forward.

**7. Sit, Pivot Right, Sit**

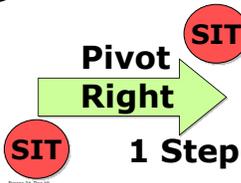


**8. Sit, Pivot Left, Sit**

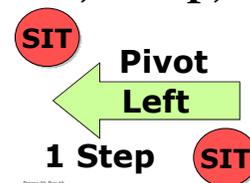


This pivot has an additional sit before the team move off.

**9. Sit Pivot Right, 1 Step, Sit**



**10. Sit Pivot left, 1 Step, Sit**



This pivot, the handler takes a full step after the turn, before asking the dog to sit.

## 11. Moving Diagonal Side Step Right

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Bronze 10, Dec 10

This exercise is performed behind the sign. The team passes the exercise sign and the handler takes a diagonal step to the right. The dog must move with the handler. The team proceeds on a new line in normal pace.

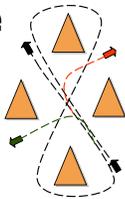
*Handler error: makes too large step, fails to cue dog .*

*Dog Position: Dogs head and shoulders must remain in heel position. (NCC 5)*

*Dog's body ideally is parallel to handler. Up to 45° not scored. 45° – 90° O/P (1) more than 90° (SOP 2) Movement should flow (F 1)*

## 12. Figure of 8, 4 Cones

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Bronze 14, Dec 10

Four cones are positioned with two opposites being 6 feet apart, the other two being 10 feet apart, in a flattened diamond pattern. The exercise sign is placed adjacent to the 1<sup>st</sup> cone, being one of the cones placed 10 feet apart. The team enter the pattern with the 1<sup>st</sup> cone on their left and proceed over the center point to the other cone placed 10 foot apart, circling this cone clockwise, then passes across the center point again to the 1<sup>st</sup> cone which is circled anti-clockwise returning back to the center point before exiting in the direction of the next exercise. The dog should not touch the cones. The handler may cue the dog to leave the cones.

*Handler error: Enter with first cone not on dogs left shoulder (NCC 5) Exit between wrong cones (OF 2 )off course.*

**Harsh cues to leave (HC 3)** HC Cues given abruptly, or in a threatening or excessively loud tone. Intimidating cues that cause an obvious adverse reaction in the dog, cowering, tail down etc.

## Bonus 1 - Bronze Level. Stop, Sit, Down, Sit, Stand

This exercise is performed on lead and the bonus sign is not required.



**SIT**  
**DOWN**  
**SIT**  
**STAND**

Bonus Bonus 1, Dec 10

At the exercise sign the team stops and the handler commands this sequence of four positions.

*Dog error: Additional position in moving to required cued position (Flow 1 – 3)  
If incorrect position performed corrected by handler (NCC 5) This exercise has four elements ( 4 x 5 points deductions maybe scored) and all must be performed in correct order. A/C's and Out of Positions scored on four elements.*

## Bonus 2 - Bronze Level. Stop, Sit, Leave dog + Call to Heel, Sit

For this exercise the bonus sign is placed up to two foot in front of the bonus exercise first sign. The handler should remove the dogs lead at the bonus sign. The handler should not restrain the dog by the collar (TP 20) or give a tug on the collar (TP20). The team proceed in heel to the first bonus exercise.



**SIT**

**Leave Dog**

Bonus Bonus 2, Dec 10

**Call to Heel**



Bonus Bonus 2, Dec 10

This exercise requires two signs. At the first sign the team stops and the dog Sits. The handler cues and leaves the dog. At the second sign the handler, without turning to face the dog, calls over the left shoulder to the dog to come to the heel position. Exercise finishes with the dog in the Sit at the heel position.

*Handler error:*

*Constant hand signal for wait (NCC 5) On/off hand signal for wait = A/C.*

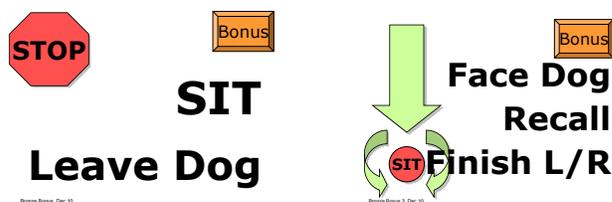
*Dog error:*

*Dog stands, fails to remain in sit but does not proceed to handler (NCC 5)*

***Dog fails to remain at exercise sign or anticipates recall (NCC 10)***

## Bonus 3 - Bronze Level. Stop, Sit, Leave dog+ Face dog, Recall, Finish L/R

For this exercise the bonus sign is placed up to two foot in front of the bonus exercise first sign. The handler should remove the dogs lead at the bonus sign. The handler should not restrain the dog by the collar (TP 20) or give a tug on the collar (TP20). The team proceed in heel to the first bonus exercise.



This exercise requires two signs. At the first sign the team stops and the dog Sits. The handler cues and leaves the dog. At the second sign the handler turns to face the dog and calls the dog to Sit in front of the handler. The handler does not move. The handler then commands the dog to the heel position by passing to the right and behind, or to the left and into the heel position, where the dog Sits. Exercise is complete when the dog sits.

*Handler error:*

*Constant hand signal for wait (NCC 5) On/off hand signal for wait = A/C.*

*Handler moves to position in front of dog (NCC 5)*

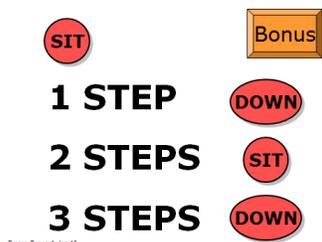
*Dog error :*

*Dog stands, fails to remain in sit but does not proceed to handler (NCC 5)*

***Dog fails to remain at exercise sign or anticipates recall (NCC 10)***

*Must sit in front of handler (OP or SOP) handler must be able to touch head (OP or SOP)*

### **Bonus 4 - Bronze Level. Stop, Sit, 1 Step Down, 2 Steps Sit, 3 Steps Down.**



From the Sit, the handler takes one step and cues the dog to Down. The dog must move with the handler. Take two steps, the dog Sits, take three steps the dog Downs.

*Dog error: Additional position in moving to required cued position (Flow 1 – 3) If incorrect position performed corrected by handler (NCC 5) This exercise has four elements ( 4 x 5 points deductions maybe scored) and all must be performed in correct order. A/C's and Out of Positions scored on four elements.*

**Retries are not permitted on bonus exercises.**