

Pet Dog Rally Obedience

GOLD STAR LEVEL. (performed off lead)

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”.

Stationary exercises, Call Front exercises and Recalls from all levels may be required to be performed from both positions. (No additional Call Front signs will be issued, handlers will call dog to front from the right side if the dog is in Side). Recalls and Call fronts can be used as a change of position from side to heel.

A course will require 4 or 5 changes of position.

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 'arms 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



Gold Star 1, Jan 13

Dog is at heel.

The dog and handler make a parallel about 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 2

Change Sides

Parallel Left



Gold Star 2, Jan 13

Dog is at side.

The dog and handler make a parallel about turn to the left, 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 3

Change Sides

Parallel Right



Gold Star 3, Jan 13

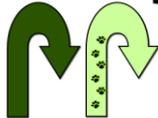
Dog is at heel.

The dog and handler make a parallel about turn to the right, 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



Gold Star 4, Jan 13

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



Gold Star 5, Jan 13

Dog is at heel.

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

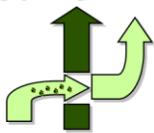


Gold Star 6, Jan 13

Dog is at side.

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.

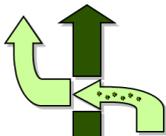
Gold Stars 7
Change Sides
Weave Thru



Gold Star 7, Jan 13

The dog makes a change of side from the left to the right by weaving/crossing through the handler's legs. The handler may be stationary and either leg may be forward.

Gold Stars 8
Change Sides
Weave Thru



Gold Star 8, Jan 13

The dog makes a change of side from the right to the left by weaving/crossing through the handler's legs. The handler may be stationary and either leg may be forward.

Gold Stars 9
Change Sides
Cross Front



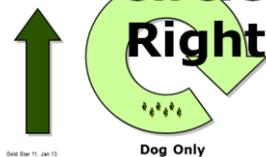
The dog makes a change of side (right or left) by crossing in front of the handler. The dog may turn to its right or left to take up position next to the handler.

Gold Stars 10
Change Sides
Cross Back



As above, but the dog crosses behind the handler.

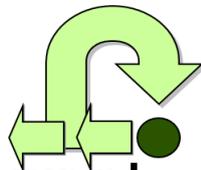
Gold Stars 11
Circle
Right



With the dog on the right side, the dog only makes a circle to the right. The handler may be stationary or walking forward in Normal Pace. The dog must effect a 360 degree turn back to side position before the handler continues. No reward may be given at this sign.

Gold Stars 12

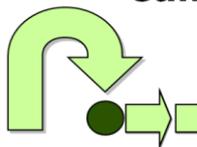
Call Front
Two
Steps
Left
Right Forward



With the dog on either side, without stopping the handler calls the dog to stand front and together the team take two sideways steps to the handlers left. The handler cues the dog to his right and to heel left and forward.

Gold Stars 13

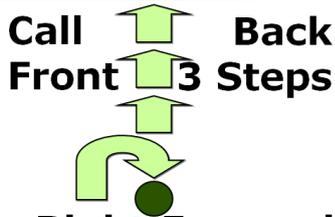
Call Front
Two
Steps
Right
Right Forward



As above, but the side steps are made to the

handler's right.

Gold Stars 14



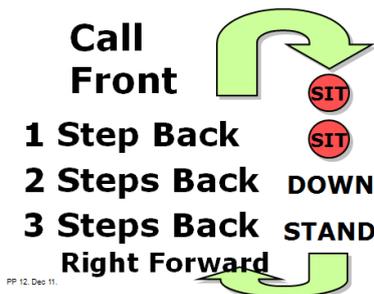
Right Forward With the dog on either side, without stopping the handler calls the dog to stand front and together the team take three steps. The dog is going backward as the handler goes forward. The handler cues the dog to his right and to heel left and forward.

Gold Stars 15



With the dog in side position and without stopping, the team take three backward steps together before moving forward in normal pace.

Gold Stars 16

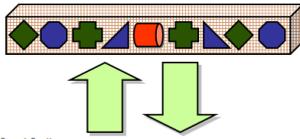


At the sign the handler cues the dog to sit front. The handler takes a step backwards, the dog moves forward with the handler. The dog sits. Together the team take two steps and the dog downs. Together the team take three steps and the dog stands. The handler cues right forward and the team move off together.

Gold Stars

Bonus 1

Retrieve Yours



PP Bonus 1, Dec 11.

This sign is paired with a Sit Leave Dog sign. The handler will leave the dog at the first sign and place the dog's own toy in a box with eight others items before returning to the dog. The handler may cue wait. The handler will send the dog to 'find'. The dog must take its own item only from the box. The handler may cue leave. Exercise ends when dog returns to the handler with its own item, sits front and presents.

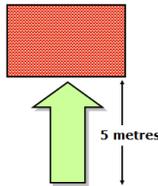
Handler error: Repeated cues to find. (AC 1) Harsh cue for leave. (HC 3) Handler should not move (NCC5)

*Dog Error: Dog **removes** incorrect item (II 10) Flow 1 -3 Dropping/knocking over box Dog does not wait to be sent NC (10)*

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Bonus 2.

Send to Mat

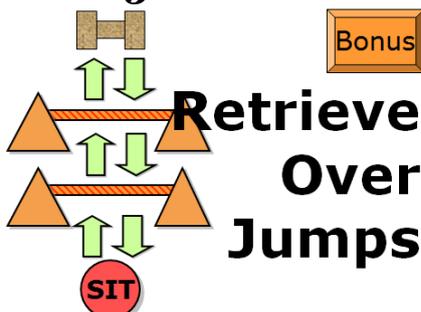


PP Bonus 2, Dec 11.

The judge will place a mat if bonus is elected prior to the team commencing their round. The mat will be placed approx. 5 mtrs from the bonus exercise sign, but not directly adjacent to other signs on the course. At the sign the handler will send the dog to 'mat'. The dog must go directly to the mat and down. Exercise ends when dog is in a down.

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Bonus 3.



PP Bonus 3, Dec 11.

This sign is paired with a Sit Leave Dog sign. The handler will leave the dog at the PDRO GOLD STARS

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first sign and place the dog's article before returning to the dog. The handler may cue wait. The handler sends the dog to retrieve the article. The dog must take the jumps, pick up the article and return over the jumps. The dogs Sits front, and the handler takes the article. No finish is required.

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Bonus 4.



STAND

Leave Dog

PP Bonus Jan 12

Face Dog 

Distance

**SIT, DOWN
SIT, STAND**

Return to Dog

PP Bonus 4 Jan 12

This bonus exercise requires two signs. At the first sign the handler commands the dog to remain in the stand and leaves the dog. At the second sign placed 3 mts away, the handler turns to face the dog and commands the dog to sit, down, sit, then stand from the distance. Exercise is complete when handler has returned to the heel position.