RALLY Dog

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TRAINING TIME

Finding time to train specifically for Rally – especially if your program does all training in one evening – can be challenging.

You can use your obedience time to incorporate many of the Rally exercises – and then the kids can put the exercises with the signs at a later time.

Once beginners have the basics of heeling and about turns, you can add the U turn, and 360 right and left as a part of your heeling exercises.

Call fronts are a great way to begin teaching the recall and then finish. They can also be incorporated during heeling exercises.

For all levels look for opportunities to incorporate any Rally exercises you can.

Examples might by:

- The Halt, 1, 2, 3 step exercise during heeling. (Good for Rally and works on those sits!)
- Figure 8 (without or with distractions) during practice.
- Halt, Stand or Halt, Down (add the walk around) during heeling.

Be creative and tailor the exercises you incorporate to the level of the kids you're working with.

When it’s time to connect the exercises with the signs your kids will be familiar with several exercises and they will have confidence in performing them. This allows you to use your dedicated Rally time to focus on the signs that you haven’t incorporated into your other training.

Plan to have some training nights that are focused solely on Rally. This is your opportunity to be sure the kids understand the rules, and the basics of walking a course.