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4-H Dog Project

PRE-NOVICE
For the Handler/Dog team that would compete in Beginner A or Beginner B 4-H Obedience; a dog that has earned a leg toward any Rally Novice title (or equivalent) is not eligible to compete in this class

- Any dog with a leg towards a Rally Novice title is ineligible for this level
- Performed on leash
- May wear a traditional slip collar, well-fitting plain buckle collar, or a head halter
- Must earn a blue ribbon to advance to the next level

Must include 8-12 signs, with 2 - 3 stationary signs:
3. Halt-Sit
4. Halt-Sit-Down
5. *Right Turn
6. *Left Turn
7. *About Turn-Right
8. *About “U” Turn
11. 360˚ Right
12. 360˚ Left
13a. Call Dog Front-Finish Any Direction (may only be used in Pre-Novice and Novice)
15a. Call Dog Front-Finish Any Direction-Halt (may only be used in Pre-Novice and Novice)
17. *Slow Pace
18. *Fast Pace
19. *Normal Pace
27. Down and Stop
30. Halt and Walk Around Dog
31. Halt-Down-Walk Around Dog
32. Figure 8-No Distractions
35. Call Front-Return to Heel
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4-H Dog Project

NOVICE
For the Handler/Dog team that would compete in Graduate Beginner or Novice 4-H Obedience; a dog that has earned a Rally Novice title (or equivalent) is not eligible to compete in this class.

- Any dog with a Rally Novice title is ineligible for this level
- Performed on leash
- May wear either a traditional slip collar or a well-fitting plain buckle collar
- Must earn a blue ribbon to advance to the next level
- Must include 10 – 15 signs, with 3 – 5 stationary signs, and a minimum of 3 Novice Signs
- May include any signs in Pre-Novice, plus any of the following Novice signs:

9. *270° Right
10. *270° Left
13a. Call dog front-Finish any direction (may only be used in Novice)
20. Moving Side Step
21. Spiral Right Dog Outside
22. Spiral Left Dog Inside
23. Straight Figure 8 Weave Twice
24. Serpentine Weave Once
25. Halt-1, 2, 3 Step Forward
26. Call Front-1, 2, 3 Step Backwards
28. Halt-Fast forward from Sit
29. Left About Turn
33. Halt-Left Turn-Forward
34. Halt-Right Turn-Forward
36. Halt-Slow Forward from Sit
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4-H Dog Project

PRE-ADVANCED
For the Handler/Dog team that would compete in Graduate Novice, Pre-Open or Open 4-H Obedience; a dog that has earned a leg toward any Rally Advanced title (or equivalent) is not eligible to compete in this class.

- Any dog with a leg towards a Rally Advanced title is ineligible for this level
- Performed off leash
- May wear either a traditional slip collar or a well-fitting plain buckle collar
- Must earn a blue ribbon to advance to the next level
- Must include 12 -17 signs, with 3 - 7 stationary signs, and a minimum of 3 Pre-Advanced signs
- May include any signs from Pre-Novice (except 15A) and Novice (except 13A), plus any of the following Pre-Advanced signs:

13. Call Dog Front-Finish Right-Forward
14. Call Dog Front-Finish Left-Forward
15. Call Dog Front-Finish Right-Halt
16. Call Dog Front-Finish Left-Halt
101. Halt-About Turn Right and Forward
102. Halt-About “U” Turn and Forward
104. Halt-Turn Right One Step-Call to Heel- Halt
105. Halt-Stand Dog-Walk Around Dog
106. Halt-90° Pivot Right-Halt
107. Halt-90° Pivot Left-Halt
108. Offset Figure 8
109. Halt-Side-Step Right-Halt
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4-H Dog Project

ADVANCED
For the Handler/Dog team that would compete in Graduate Open or Pre-Utility 4-H Obedience; a dog that has earned any Rally Advanced title (or equivalent) is not eligible to compete in this class.

- Any dog with a Rally Advanced title is ineligible for this level
- Performed off leash
- May wear either a traditional slip collar or a well-fitting plain buckle collar
- A 4-H’er has the option to compete in Advanced until they have earned three blue ribbons with the same dog. However, if a 4-H’er decides to compete in Excellent he/she may not move back to Advanced.
- Must include 12-17 signs, with 3-7 stationary signs, with a minimum of 2 Pre-Advanced signs, a minimum of 3 Advanced sign, and 1 jump sign (34).
- May include any signs in Pre-Novice, Novice, or Pre-Advanced, plus any of the following Advanced signs:

103. *Send Over Jump-Handler Passes By
110. Halt-Call Dog Front-Finish Right
111. Halt-Call Dog Front-Finish Left
112. Halt-180’ Pivot Right-Halt
113. Halt-180’ Pivot Left-Halt
114. Halt-Down-Sit
115. Halt-Stand
116. Halt-Pivot Right-Forward
117. Halt-Pivot Left-Forward
118. Halt-Leave Dog-2 Steps-Call to Heel-Forward

Jump Heights
The dog’s jump height shall be listed on the entry form. Entries may be arranged according to the jump height of the dogs, from either high to low, or low to high.

Height at Withers  |  Jump Height
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Less than 10 inches  |  4 inches
10 inches to less than 15 inches  |  8 inches
15 inches to less than 20 inches  |  12 inches
20 inches and over  |  16 inches
EXCELLENT

For the Handler/Dog team that would compete in Utility 4-H Obedience.

- A 4-H'er may participate in this level with the same dog indefinitely.
- Performed off leash
- May wear either a traditional slip collar or a well-fitting plain buckle collar
- Unlike the other Rally levels, in Rally Excellent, handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage the dog. Verbal encouragement, multiple commands, and/or inaudible signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler’s arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. Handlers may not touch their dog or make any physical corrections
- Must include 15-20 stations, with 3-7 stationary signs, a minimum of 2 advanced signs, 3 excellent sign, 2 jump signs, and the Sit Stay exercise per class.
- May include any sign from Pre-Novice (except 15A), Novice (except 13A), Pre-Advanced, and Advanced, plus any of the following Excellent signs

201. Halt-Stand-Down
202. Halt-Stand-Sit
203. Moving Stand-Walk Around Dog
204. Moving Down-Walk Around Dog
205. Backup 3 Steps
206. Down while Heeling
207. Stand while Heeling
208. Stand-Leave Dog-Sit Dog-Call Front-Finish
209. Stand-Leave Dog-Down Dog-Call Front-Finish
210. Send to Jump
211. Double Left About Turn
298. Sit Stay
299. *Call
VETERANS
The Veterans class is for dogs that are too old and/or unfit to jump. Dogs must be at least seven years old. If a dog under the age of seven years has been found unfit to jump (broad and high jump) by a licensed, practicing veterinarian, it will be allowed to compete in this class.

Once a dog competes in the Veterans Rally class at the county show level, it can never again be shown in any Agility class, Obedience classes Pre-Open or higher, or other Rally obedience class, even if being trained and exhibited by another 4-H’er. Showmanship participation is permitted and encouraged, along with participation in the Veterans Obedience Class in regular Obedience. A 4-H’er may participate in this class with the same dog indefinitely.

Veterans Level Course will consist of 12-15 exercises from Pre-Novice through Advanced, with the exception of #34-Send Over Jump-Handler Passes By.

Stationary exercises should not exceed 1/3 of the total number of exercises.