



## **All Breed Obedience Club, Inc.**

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**Rally Class Application - Information**

*The following are ABOCI's prerequisites for Rally Class. If you have questions about these prerequisites, please feel free to discuss them with the instructor, Joan McAdam, ([agilitynewf@yahoo.com](mailto:agilitynewf@yahoo.com)):*

***No aggression towards people or other dogs ■ Up-to-date Rabies inoculation or titer ■ Handler & dog should be familiar with basic obedience commands, i.e. loose leash walking, sit, down, stand, stay.***

**This Rally Class includes 5 weekly 1-hour lessons. Classes are Monday evenings outdoors at the Allied Gardens Recreation Center, 5155 Greenbrier Ave., San Diego; cross street Waring Road, which turns off Interstate 8.**

Since January 1, 2005, American Kennel Club has recognized Rally as a titling event in Obedience Trials. It is a competitive sport that was partly based on the heeling "doodling" exercises to maintain a dog's interest and sharpen heeling skills. Rally is fun for handler/dog teams who may already be at any level of competition.

The various signs and symbols are what make Rally unique. Once the Judge gives the command to the handler to go forward, no further instruction is given. The handler and dog move smoothly to each sign, immediately follow its instruction, and then move on to the next. Signs and their explanations may be found on the AKC website and various Rally publications.

The following quote is from the AKC website, "Unlimited communication from the handler to the dog is to be encouraged and not penalized. Unless otherwise specified in these Regulations, handlers are permitted to talk, praise, encourage, clap their hands, pat their legs, or use any verbal means of encouragement. Multiple commands and/or 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. The handler may not touch the dog or make physical corrections. At any time during the performance, loud or harsh commands or intimidating signals will be penalized."

The "Unless otherwise specified in these Regulations..." applies to the Excellent level of Rally. Clapping of hands or patting the leg is not allowed at this level. Handlers may still talk to and praise their dogs, and give multiple verbal cues or hand signals.

The dog must be under control of the handler, on the left side, but perfect heel position is not required. [This might change as the sport becomes more competitive!] The pace should be normally brisk, with dog and handler moving continuously with teamwork.

The Association of Pet Dog Trainers, APDT, and UCK also host RallyO for all breeds and mixed breed dogs. The rules and signs are similar to AKC, and there are some differences of which to be aware. APDT RallyO information may be found at <http://www.apdt.com/po/rally/default.aspx>; AKC RallyO information can be found at <http://www.akc.org/events/rally/index.cfm>; UKC RallyO information may be found at <http://www.ukcdogs.com/Web.nsf/WebPages/DogEvents/RallyObedience>.



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Registration Deadline: \_\_\_\_\_

Nonmembers: **\$80 per dog** Members: **\$60 per dog**

Checks only. No cash. Classes held outdoors at

Allied Gardens Recreation Center in San Diego

**Make Check or Money Order Payable to "All Breed Obedience Club".**

**E-mail Joan McAdam, [agilitynewf@yahoo.com](mailto:agilitynewf@yahoo.com) to reserve a space.**

**Bring Application, proof of rabies and check to the first class**

***ABSOLUTELY NO AGGRESSIVE DOGS!!***

Your Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about these classes? \_\_\_\_\_

### INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DOG

Breed (or approximate mix to give indication of size) \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Neutered? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you had this dog? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you trained a dog before? \_\_\_\_\_

How and/or why did you acquire this dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any specific behavior problems with this dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you consider the dog aggressive? \_\_\_\_\_ Towards other dogs? \_\_\_\_\_ People? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your dog ever bitten? \_\_\_\_\_ Another dog? \_\_\_\_\_ A person? \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly state what you hope to accomplish in this class: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in obedience competition or other dog sports? \_\_\_\_\_

### DOG'S MEDICAL INFORMATION

Describe any disabilities, health problems, or allergies this dog may have that we should know about: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian or Veterinary Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Rabies vaccination date \_\_\_\_\_ **\*Attach proof of Rabies vaccination or titer with this form\***

If you have any questions, please email [agilitynewf@yahoo.com](mailto:agilitynewf@yahoo.com).

*I will not hold Allied Gardens Recreation Center, All Breed Obedience Club, Inc., or any of its members responsible for any injury to myself or to my dog that could occur while I am taking this class. I agree to keep my dog on leash and under my control at all times. I represent that my dog is not a hazard to other persons or dogs. ABOCI reserves the right to remove from class any dog deemed dangerous to other class members or their dogs.*

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_