



## APDT Rally Is The Dog Sport Where:

- All dogs, purebred and mixed breeds, are encouraged to participate.
- Dogs of all ages can participate. Many senior dogs have gotten their start in competition with Rally!
- Handlers can encourage their canine teammates using food rewards at the end of individual exercises.
- You can improve your dog's focus and teamwork through learning to navigate challenging and unique courses.
- Anyone can compete! Reasonable exercise accommodations can be made for dogs and handlers with physical challenges.
- Everyone has a "Rally" good time!

## How To Get Involved!

- Enroll in a Rally Class
- Become a Competitor
- Become a Representative
- Become a Judge
- Offer Rally Classes
- Host a Trial



Please visit the APDT Web site for additional information.

The Rally Calendar of Events, Forms, Applications, Rules and National Rankings are available online at [www.apdt.com/rally](http://www.apdt.com/rally)

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Rally Obedience for All Dogs

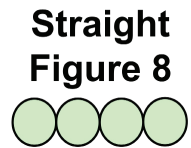


**Join the fun dog sport that's sweeping the nation!**

# START



Sit-Down Sit

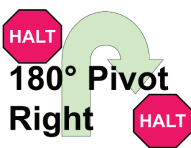


Straight Figure 8



Send Over Jump

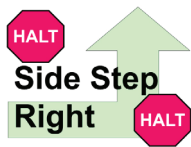
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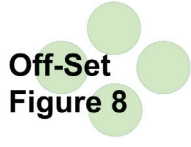
180° Pivot Right



Spiral Right Dog Outside



Side Step Right



Off-Set Figure 8



Leave Call Front While Running

## What Is APDT Rally?

APDT Rally is a fun and exciting team sport for dogs and their handlers! Dog and handler teams navigate a course with numbered signs indicating different exercises to perform such as Sit-Down-Sit, Straight Figure Eight, Send Over Jump, Pivot 180° Right, Spiral Right with Dog on the Outside, Side Step Right, and Drop on Recall.

APDT Rally is different from traditional obedience competition, in that it is fresh and new every time you try it—every course is a new challenge for the dog and handler. APDT Rally combines the “Functional” with “Fun” because all of the behaviors in the course are useful in “real life” situations with your dog.

Teams navigate the course at a brisk, continuous pace without direction from the judge. Handlers are allowed, and in fact encouraged, to talk to their dogs while they are running a trial course. Rally is a terrific team sport as the focus is truly on the teamwork between dog and handler.

An APDT Rally competitor enters the ring with a perfect score of 200 points. Point deductions are made as the judge notes faults that occur during the course, similar to how traditional obedience competition is scored. However, in APDT Rally minor faults that would be scored as a 1/2-point deduction in traditional obedience are not scored as faults. The minimum score deduction is one point.

## Rally Trials and Titles



Rally trials can be hosted by any organization, and they can be held indoors or outdoors. Trials typically include Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 courses and can also include Puppy, Veteran and Junior courses. A team earns a Rally title after successfully completing three course runs with qualifying scores earned under two different judges.

Titles can be earned at each Level and teams may also earn several different Championship titles, National Ranking Awards and a special Award of Excellence. APDT Rally offers fourteen different titles, plus Junior titles.

The APDT held its first Rally trials in September 2001 in Ellenville, NY. Since then, the number of trials has steadily grown and in 2008, 319 trials were held with 1549 titles earned throughout the US and Canada.

## Junior Division Competition

APDT Rally supports the growing trend to involve all family members, including children, in the raising and training of their pet dogs. APDT Rally has a Junior Division for competitors ages 8 to 18. Children under the age of 8 may also compete in the Pre-Jr. Division when accompanied by a parent.



## Why Should You Try APDT Rally?



- APDT Rally is challenging and fun. Dog owners in Rally are given a chance to show off their teamwork with their dog.
- APDT Rally is a sport that anyone can do, regardless of physical limitations.
- APDT Rally allows teams the chance to add extra points to their score by performing an optional exercise at the end of each trial course.
- APDT Rally trials are friendly events where everyone cheers for each other and there’s a real sense of camaraderie among competitors.
- APDT Rally allows dogs trained with positive, reward-based methods to truly shine!



## Why Should You Host a Trial?

- APDT Rally is a great way to introduce your clients and students to the world of dog sports in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.
- APDT Rally trials are good fundraisers for your organization.
- APDT Rally is making its way across the country—you can be one of the first organizations in your area to offer this exciting new sport!
- APDT Rally is fun for *all* trained dogs—family dogs, teams beginning show careers, teams retiring from more physically taxing sports and teams who just enjoy a good challenging competition!