

Chapter 6 Puppy Level

Unless stated otherwise in the following guidelines, all APDT Rally guidelines shall apply.

Eligibility

- Puppy Level is open to all puppies between the age of 6 and 12 mos.
- Puppies who have earned one or two qualifying scores at this level before reaching the age of 12 mos may continue to be shown for a maximum of six months after reaching their first birthday in the Puppy Level class in order to complete their title.
- Puppies must have an APDT Rally registration number.
- Junior handlers may enter and show in this class with a valid Junior registration number. No separate Junior's course is required.

Titles and Awards

- The title designation for this class is RLP
- In order to receive the RLP title, three qualifying scores of 170 or higher, earned under two different judges are required as per General Rules and Guidelines. The Award of Excellence can be earned as per General Rules and Guidelines.
- A Championship title may be earned in this class. The title designation is RLPX. The RLPX can be earned after earning the RLP title and requires four qualifying scores of 170 or higher.
- The RLP title is NOT a pre-requisite for the RL1 title. Dogs are not required to earn an RLP before earning an RL1.
- The RLP title and any other title may not be earned simultaneously. Puppies may not be entered in any other class while being shown in the Puppy Level.
- Qualifying ribbons, placement rosettes and Championship rosettes shall be awarded according to the guidelines set forth in Chapter 8 of the General Guidelines.

Course Design

- A Puppy Level course will consist of 10 Level 1 exercises, plus Start, Finish and a Bonus exercise.
- A Puppy Level 1 course can be the first ten exercises of a Level 1 course.
- Stationary exercises should not exceed 1/3 of the total number of exercises.
- Min. ring size is 30 x 40 ft.

Judges:

- All Level 1 judges are automatically approved as Puppy Level judges.

Scoring Guidelines:

- All Level 1 guidelines apply with the following exception:
 - Food may be given at any time during an exercise or between exercises.

This class is performed on-leash. The Bonus Exercise may be performed with the leash dragging or off-leash.