



**Rally Obedience
for All Dogs**



APDT Sanctioned Rally Obedience Trial

Saturday, August 15, 2009

Judges: Rachel Brostrom & Kimberly Wilson

This is a titling event under APDT Rally-O rules and regulations.

Open to all dogs of any breed – including mixed breeds

Go to apdt.com/rallyo/index.htm for more information

Host & Location: Gail Fisher's All Dogs Gym & Inn, Inc.

505 Sheffield Road, Manchester, NH 03103

Trial held indoors on rubber flooring

Contact: Nancy McDonald

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Entries open June 6, 2009 (by postmark date)

Entries must be received no later than July 18, 2009. Entries submitted via FedEx or Express Mail will be accepted only if the signature waiver is signed. No telephone, email, or fax entries will be accepted.

Closing Date July 18, 2009

Move Ups accepted at Trial

Doors Open at 7 a.m.

Judges briefing and walk through will precede each trial

(Each Trial Limited to 60 runs)

Trial 1 ▪ 8:00 a.m.

Levels Puppy, 1, 2, 3 & Veteran

Levels 1 & Puppy Judge: Rachel Brostrom, Ashburnham, MA

Levels 2, 3 & Veterans Judge: Kimberly Wilson, Saugerties, NY

Trial 2 ▪ 1:00 p.m.

Levels Puppy, 1, 2, 3 & Veteran

Levels 1 & Puppy Judge: Rachel Brostrom, Ashburnham, MA

Levels 2, 3 & Veterans Judge: Kimberly Wilson, Saugerties, NY

Trial Chairperson:

Michelle Kenney
Gail Fisher's All Dogs Gym & Inn, Inc.
505 Sheffield Road
Manchester, NH 03103
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Trial Secretary:

Nancy McDonald
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Dracut, MA 01826
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617.957.9306

Trial Committee:

Michelle Kenney, Jean MacKenzie, Nancy McDonald, Paula Miloglav-Recco, Liz Shattuck & Pam Sleeper
APDT Representatives: Rachel Brostrom & Kimberly Wilson

Facility, Check-In, Briefings and Walk-Throughs

***Please note: All Dogs Gym does not allow flexi leads in the building for safety purposes. Please come prepared with a regular, non-adjustable lead.**

Trial times: Judges briefing and walk-throughs at 7:30 am. First dog on Start line at 8 am. Start time for Trial 2 is estimated and will begin after Trial 1 is completed, but no earlier than 1:00 p.m. Each trial will start with Puppy & Level 1. Levels 2, 3 & Veterans to follow.

All Dogs Gym doors will be open at 7am. Please do not arrive prior to this time. Please respect our residential neighbors, and comply with Manchester's Noise Ordinance which includes no barking dogs prior to 7 am. We appreciate your cooperation.

Dogs may be crated in the facility. Chairs are available to competitors.

Judge's briefing and walk-throughs will precede each trial.

Move-ups will be allowed between trials both in level and class.

Food and beverages will not be provided on site. Area restaurants and fast food are within a short driving distance of the trial site.

Directions to the Show Site:

All Dogs Gym is located just outside the Manchester Airport, just two miles from Route 93 and the Everett Turnpike.

ROUTE 293/101: Take South Willow St exit for Mall of NH. Go ¾ mile past Mall of NH, staying in left hand lane. At the fork, bear left, and then take left at blinking yellow light onto Sheffield Road. All Dogs Gym is ahead on the right.

93N: Exit 5. Left at bottom of exit towards Manchester. Go 3.5 miles to blinking light (past The Yard restaurant). Turn right onto Sheffield Road.

93S: From North of Manchester, take 293/101W and follow 293 directions above. From South of Manchester, take exit 5. Take right at bottom of exit and follow directions for 93 N above

Accommodations

Holiday Inn Express: (603) 669-6800 (Manchester) 1.5 mi from site.

Comfort Inn: (603) 668-2600. (Manchester) 5 miles from site.

Holiday Inn: (603) 625-1000 (Manchester)

Residences Inn by Marriott (small dogs only) (603) 424-8100 (Merrimack) 20 min.

Motel 6: (800) 466-8356 (Nashua) 25 minutes.

Red Roof Inn: (800) 843-7663 (Nashua) 25 minutes.

Camping: Wal-Mart allows RVs to stay overnight in their parking lot, with the permission of the store manager. 5 minutes to site.

Rally Obedience Description

For a complete description of the Rally rules, regulations, performance guidelines, explanation of exercises, etc. go to APDT.com/RallyO/index.htm. To learn more and get new ideas, you can join the “all dogs” Rally chat list and talk to other APDT Rally enthusiasts by sending a message to RallyO-All-Dogs-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

APDT Rally encourages participation by ALL dogs – purebred or mixed breed, pets or titled champions. Handlers are allowed to encourage their dogs in the ring using verbal praise, petting, and even food rewards at the completion of a stationary exercise before they begin to move to the next exercise just as they would in a good training session. The dogs must perform the exercises correctly and there should be a practiced smooth flow to the performance.

Rally courses, depending on the competition level, consist of 18 to 22 stations, laid out in a numbered pattern (like an agility course), performed on-leash in Level 1 or off-leash in Level 2 and Level 3 (Level 1 title is required to compete at Level 2, Level 2 title is required to compete at Level 3). Also like agility, handlers get to walk the course and familiarize themselves with the pattern without their dog before running the course. During their run, the dog and handler move through the course in heel position, performing each exercise in turn. The highest scores will be earned by teams who move smoothly through the course, completing each exercise accurately with a minimum of commands, and with high enthusiasm and good attitude. Praise and/or verbal encouragement upon completion of exercises are allowed, and extra commands during exercises are minimally penalized. Rally is fun and interesting to watch as the individual style of each team can really show through.

There are as many as 58 different stations, which might be seen in a Rally course, primarily variations on basic heel exercises and other Obedience skills. Many of the stations involve activities you are probably familiar with; such as *Slow/Normal/Fast Pace Heel, Halt, Left/Right/About Turn, and Finish Right/Left*. Others are simple extensions, such as *270° and 360° Right/Left Turns, Straight Figure Eight, and Send over Jumps*.

This Rally-O titling event will allow competitors a chance to earn legs or points toward Rally-O titles. APDT Rally allows all breeds and mixed breeds to compete and is committed to encouraging positive training methods. The APDT is an organization for professional dog trainers with almost 6,000 members worldwide. It was founded in 1993 with the mission of

enhancing the human-dog relationship by educating trainers, other animal professionals and the public and advocating dog-friendly training. For more information visit www.APDT.com.

*You must be familiar with all of the different Rally-O exercise signs prior to the event. Go to www.apdt.com/rallyo/index.htm for an explanation of each of the exercise signs and have fun practicing them with your dog.

Puppy and Veterans Classes

Veteran Level is open to all dogs over the age of 8 with a valid APDT Rally registration number. A Veteran Level course will consist of 12 exercises from any Level, plus Start, Finish and a Bonus Exercise from any Level. Please see the APDT Rally Rules and Guidelines Chapter 7 for more info on Veterans Level regulations.

Puppy Level is open to all puppies between the age of 6 and 12 months. A Puppy Level course will consist of 10 Level 1 exercises, plus Start, Finish and a Bonus exercise. Please see the APDT Rally Rules and Guidelines Chapter 6 for more info on Puppy Level regulations.

Level A & B Classes

Level A classes are for teams that have not yet completed their title at that level.

Level B classes are for teams that have already completed their title at that level.

Jump Heights

Dogs are not required to be measured the day of the trial or prior to judging. However, judges have the option of measuring any dog prior to his/her performance if the dog appears to be entered in a group lower than might be indicated by his or her registered shoulder height. Jump heights may also be modified or the jump exercise excused entirely based on physical challenges (such as age, body type, or disability such as blindness or the use of a “mobility device”) that a particular dog may face.

- Shoulder height under 12 inches.....Jump 4 inches
- Shoulder height 12 inches to under 16 inches.....Jump 8 inches
- Shoulder height 16 inches to under 20 inchesJump 12 inches
- Shoulder height 20 inches and overJump 16 inches



Notice to Competitors

Competitors, through submission of entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of APDT Rally Obedience rules and regulations including but not limited to the following rules regarding entry:

- This trial is open to all dogs being at least six months of age, including purebred and non-purebred, except bitches in season or dogs with disabilities, injuries or illnesses which may cause the dog pain or great discomfort, or dogs exhibiting signs of aggression that threaten the safety of other dogs or humans.
- All dogs must be registered with APDT Rally to compete. A one-time registration form is included and must be submitted DIRECTLY to the Rally-O Coordinator (NOT to trial hosting organization) before the date that a team first submits an entry in a sanctioned trial. We regret we cannot accept an entry without a valid APDT Rally registration number.
- Dogs must be shown by a member of the owner's immediate family: mother, father, spouse, life partner, sibling, child, grandparent, or grandchild.
- Safety shall always be of foremost consideration in actions and conduct by handlers at all times. Handlers, through entry at this event, accept full responsibility for themselves and the actions of their dogs.
- The organizing committee may refuse any entry for any reason.
- THERE SHALL BE NO REFUND for entries withdrawn after the closing date or in the event a dog and/or handler are dismissed from competition, regardless of reason for such dismissal. There will be no refunds if the trial has to be cancelled for any reason.
- Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry. There will be a \$25.00 service charge for returned checks. Payment of entry fees and service charges shall be made in cash or money order within 30 days of postmark of notice of returned check where notification is received after event date. Any fees not received within 30 days of notice result in cancellation of event results for all classes for the registration number(s) of delinquent entry/entries. No reinstatement of results is possible, and all awards must be returned within 10 days of notification, or the dog's registration may be suspended pending restitution. Any unpaid fees or shortfalls must be paid prior to the start of the event or entry is canceled without recourse by owner/handler.
- No entry fees will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, Act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, strike or any other cause beyond the control of the organizers.
- All dogs shall be shown in a flat buckle or snap collar, plain harness, or properly fitted martingale (limited slip) collar. No choke collar, prong collars, shock collars, no-pull harnesses, martingale leads, or head collars are allowed.
- All competitors through entry at this event waive any and all rights relative to video broadcast of this event. Competitors shall have the right to videotape portions of this event for their personal use only. No portion of this event may be videotaped for commercial or other purposes. All video, broadcast, and telecast rights for this event are the exclusive property of the APDT or the trial host(s).
- Owners with disabilities are encouraged to compete. Any necessary modifications to the exercises must be provided by the handler to the judge and approved by the judge.
- Dogs with disabilities are allowed and encouraged to compete provided that the dog does not show evidence of being in pain or discomfort.
- Upon successful completion of an exercise, the owner may choose to briefly pet or touch the dog as a reward. The owner may also choose to give the dog food as a reward. Food may NOT be used as a lure to help the dog complete an exercise. Food rewards must be contained in pockets or hidden treat pouches and only be present in the owner's hand in between exercises. Any petting, touching, or feeding that significantly interrupts the flow of performance shall be scored accordingly.
- Exhibitors may use food as a reward in the ring upon completion of any stationary exercise. Veteran and Puppy classes allow food rewards to be used more liberally.
- Dogs must remain under control at all times whether on or off leash while on show grounds. Day kenneling only is permitted, unless otherwise posted at the show site. **Crates may be left overnight at your own risk in crating area.**
- Please pick up after your dog and yourself.
- This event will be held indoors on rubber flooring.

Entry Fees Submitted:

Total Trial Entry Fees: \$25 per class (# of classes x \$25) OR \$SAVE\$ \$24 per class if you have entered <u>4 or more</u> classes (# of classes x \$24)	\$
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Entry fees payable to All Dogs Gym & Inn, Inc. If you are paying with a credit card, please complete the following information, and your entry fee will be charged to your credit card. Please print clearly.

Circle One: VISA MC Discover AMEX

Account Number	
Expiration Date	
Cardholders Name	
Cardholders Signature	
Billing Address and Zip	

New Title Information:

If you anticipate earning a new title at this trial, please circle the appropriate title or titles you hope to earn at our trial.

RL1	RL2	RL3	ARCH	ARCHX	ARCHEX	RL1X	RL2X	RL3X	RLV	RLVX	RLP	RLPX
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GENERAL AGREEMENT:

I (we) agree that All Dogs Gym & Inn, Inc. has the right to refuse this entry for any cause, which the organizing committee alone shall deem to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, of the holding of the event, and of the opportunity to have the dog participate and/or to be judged, I (we) agree to hold the organizing committee, the hosting club, the Association of Pet Dog Trainers, including their members, officers, directors, agents and employees, sponsors of the event, and owners of the premises upon which the event is held and their employees, harmless from any claim for loss or injury that may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim. I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether such loss, disappearance, appearance, theft, damage, or injury be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes. I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death resulting at any time there from, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, howsoever such injuries, death, or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents or any other persons.

I (we) further acknowledge that I (we) have read, understand, and will abide by the Official Rally-O Rules and Regulations of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers and the provisions for entry as set forth in the Rally Test Schedule of which this entry form is a part. I (we) acknowledge and represent that the information supplied by me (us) herein is correct to the best of my (our) knowledge; if any portion of this information is found to be invalid or insufficient to establish the validity of my (our) entry, such finding shall render my (our) entry invalid in its entirety, for which there shall be no refund of fees paid. Further, I (we) represent that I am (we are) the owner(s) of the dog listed hereon, or that I (we) am (are) a family member of the dog's owner as stated and allowed in the APDT Rally rules, and that I (we) shall hold the hosting club and APDT, including their officers, directors, employees and agents and their sponsors, harmless from any liability or claim made by dog's owner.

Further, I (we) hereby grant to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers, All Dogs Gym & Inn, Inc., their representatives, agents, and assigns, all rights and permissions to use or appropriate my and the dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia or identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission, or distribution in any format or media now known or hereafter to become known. I (we) hereby release APDT, the hosting club, their representatives, agents, and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of personality, or any similar right.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian signature for junior or minor entries:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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DOG Registration Form

You must register your dog(s) with APDT Rally in order to compete with them in APDT Rally Trials and earn APDT Rally legs and titles.

Complete a separate registration form for each team you are registering. **Please print clearly or type** – this information will appear on all Rally records.

Registration confirmation will be emailed to you. If you do not have email, it will be sent via US mail. **Please allow 2-4 weeks for processing.**

Dog's Name: _____

Dog's Date of Birth (approximate if unknown): _____

Breed): _____

Owner's/Co-owner's Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

Fees:

Rally Registration \$ 35.00
Less Spay/Neuter Discount (enclose proof), <\$10>
Less APDT Member Discount
(Member Number/Expiration Date _____), <\$10>
TOTAL.....

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Enclosed is a check or money order payable to APDT in US funds drawn on U.S. banking institutions.

Circle one: Visa MasterCard American Express

Account # _____ Expiration Date _____

Cardholder Name _____

Signature of Cardholder _____

Mail to: **APDT Rally**
31 Revere Ave., Maplewood NJ 07040

Complete APDT Rally Rules and Eligibility Information, Registration Form, Judge and Rally Representative Information is available on the APDT website at www.apdt.com/rallyo/index.htm