

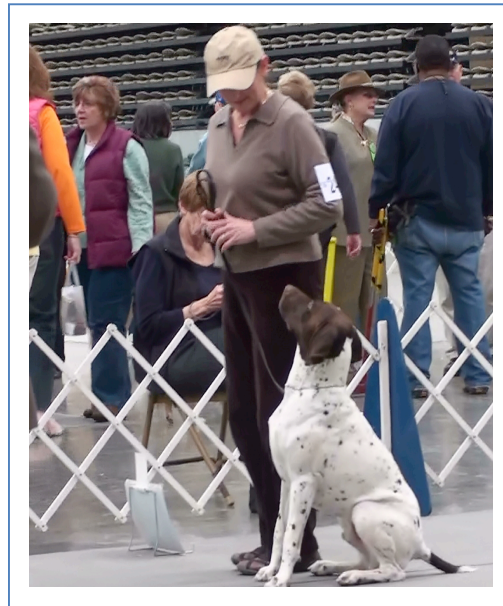
WHAT IS RALLY?

Rally is a dog sport that originated with the APDT (Association of Pet Dog Trainers) in 2001 to promote a positive relationship between dogs and their owners. The AKC added Rally to their Obedience events in 2005 and it has become a very popular competitive sport. Recently, Cyber Rally-O (CRO) was developed, inspired by the Virtual Agility League, as a way to bring the sport to dogs with reactivity issues and handlers with ring-nerves.

- The emphasis in all Rally venues is on **FUN** and **TEAMWORK!**
- Each dog-handler team is judged on their execution of a single, continuous performance of numbered exercises on a course, without interruption from a judge.
- Perfect “heel” position is not required at the lower level(s), but a loose leash must be maintained throughout the course.
- Handlers may talk to their dogs throughout the performance and multiple hand or verbal cues can be given.
- AKC Novice level courses and exercises are all on-leash. Leashes are optional in CRO.



Lucy



Seamus

Rally was originally designed for the average pet dog owner as an introduction to dog sports, but the exercises learned in Rally are beneficial for living in the real world as well. The About Turn, Moving Side-Step Right, Fronts, Fast Forward From Sit, Heeling with Attention, are all behaviors that can keep you and your dog safe in real-life scenarios.