



Sit Happens!® Companion Dog Training

APDT Sanctioned Rally Obedience Trial
Saturday October 29 & Sunday October 30, 2011
Levels 1, 2 & 3 and Judges Class
Judges: Tammy Brooks & Sarah-Jane Petti

Welcome!



APDT Rally Obedience is open to all dogs of any breed or ability - including mixed breeds and disabled dogs. APDT Rally is an obedience sport focused on encouraging a positive relationship between handlers and their dogs based on trust and mutual respect. The dogs must perform the exercises correctly and there should be a practiced smooth flow to the performance.

The Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) is an organization for professional dog trainers with over 5000 members worldwide. Please go to www.apdt.com for more information.

YOU MUST HAVE AN APDT RALLY REGISTRATION # TO COMPETE AND QUALIFY IN THIS TRIAL.

Go to www.apdt.com > Rally Obedience > Register Your Dog

Rally Obedience Description

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

For a complete description of the Rally rules, regulations, performance guidelines, explanation of exercises, etc. go to www.apdt.com/rally. You must be familiar with all the APDT Rally Obedience exercise signs, as well as the Rally Rules and Guidelines prior to the event.

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.

Trial Host, Location & Contact Information

Sit Happens!® Companion Dog Training

#16-2333-18th Ave. NE
Calgary, Alberta T2E 8T6
www.sithappens.org

Phone: 403-295-6337

Fax: 403-250-3446

Email: jill@sithappens.org

Trial Committee:

Chairperson:	Jill Dextrase
Trial Secretary:	Kim Wells
Timer/Scorekeeper/Stewards	The Sit Happens! Team

Directions to Trial Site:

From Deerfoot Trail, take 16th Ave. East. Turn left (north) at the first set of traffic lights, onto 19th St. NE, then turn right (east) at the the lights, onto 18th Ave. NE. We are located on the east side of the Furniture Mart, on your right hand side.

Entries Open June 24, 2011

Entry Closing Date October 24, 2011

Entries must be received by the trial secretary no later than midnight October 24, 2011.

Mailed, couriered, telephoned, emailed and fax entries will be accepted as long as a signed General Agreement is provided as an original prior to the trial start time. Please make checks payable to Sit Happens!

Any changes to entries (handlers, etc.), will be accepted up to the day of the trial. Changes made are final and cannot be altered following check in. Changes must be made to the Trial Secretary by telephone, email, or in writing. Move-ups will be allowed between trials both in Level and in Class. Team runs are limited to 80 runs per day.

Cancellations received after October 11, 2011 will not be eligible for a refund of any portion of paid fees.

Weather

This trial will be held indoors at our heated facility on a rubber matted surface, so weather will only be a factor in case of severe traveling conditions making getting to and from the facility too dangerous. In case of **severe** weather (eg. tornado or heavy heavy snow) we will reschedule the trial at a later date.

Crating and Food

There will be limited space available for benching dogs inside the facility. Water is available.

There are several restaurants and fast food outlets within a short driving distance of Sit Happens! for handlers.

Check-In

Doors will open and check-in will begin at 700am daily. First walk-through and Judge's briefing will begin at 800am. Subsequent walk-throughs and briefings will take place as each round ends and the next course is set. There will be a one hour lunch break at approximately 1200 pm each day.

A and B Classes and Judges Class

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

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

The Judges class will be run prior to the commencement of each level the judge is entered in.



Awards

Qualifying ribbons will be awarded to each dog/owner team who achieves a score of 170 or better. Placement ribbons (first to fifth) will be awarded to A - Level competitors ("A" dogs do not yet have a title at that particular level).

At end of each day, awards will be given to the High Scoring Team in each Level (separate awards for A & B Level). At the end of the weekend, awards will be given to High Scoring Team in Trial (separate awards for A & B Level) and special awards will given to the HIT All Canadian Dog, HIT Jr. Handler, HIT Senior Dog, HIT Puppy (6mos-1 year), and the weekend's High Speed Duo.

Hotel Information:

Executive Royal Inn	1-888-388-3932 or 403-291-2003
Sheraton Cavalier	403-291-0107
Port O'Call Best Western	1-800-661-1161 or 402-291-4600
Coast Plaza Hotel	1-800-661-1464 or 403-248-8888
Radisson	1-800-395-7046 or 403-291-4666

www.executivehotels.net/calgary
www.sheratoncavaliercalgary.com
www.bwportocallhotel.com
www.calgaryplaza.com
www.radisson.com



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 as determined by the Judge or APDT Rally Rep.
- **All dogs must be registered with APDT Rally prior to competing.** A one-time registration form is available 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. See www.apdt.com/rally/register.
- 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.

In addition,

- **THERE SHALL BE NO REFUND** for entries withdrawn after October 11, 2011, 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. Any unpaid fees or shortfalls must be paid prior to the start of the event or entry is canceled without recourse by owner/handler. 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.
- 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 collar, plain harness, or properly fitted martingale (limited slip) collar. No choke collars, prong collars, shock collars, no-pull harnesses, martingale leads, head collars, or collars not named as "allowed" will be permitted.
- 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 Sit Happens!® Companion Dog Training.
- 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 encouraged to compete provided that the dog does not show evidence of being in pain or discomfort as determined by the judge.
- Upon successful completion of an exercise, the owner may choose to briefly pet or touch the dog as a reward or 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.
- Dogs must remain under control at all times while on trial site grounds. Dogs must remain on leash at all times unless crated, or performing off leash exercises in the ring, while on trial site grounds. Day kenneling only is permitted. Limited benching space is available inside the facility.
- Please pick up after your dog and yourself.



OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

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ENTRY CLOSING DATE: midnight Monday October 24th, 2011



Dog Information:

*Rally # _____ Call Name _____
APDT Rally Registered Name _____
Breed _____ Age of Dog _____

* YOU MUST HAVE AN APDT RALLY REGISTRATION # TO COMPETE AND QUALIFY IN THIS TRIAL
www.apdt.com > Rally Obedience > Register Your Dog

Owner/Handler Information:

Owner's Name _____ O Jr. Handler
Address _____
City _____ Province _____ PC _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Handler's Name (if different from above) _____ Relationship to Owner? _____
If entered in Level 2 or Level 3, circle your dog's jump height: 4" 8" 12" 16"
Is this your first time competing in an APDT Rally Obedience Trial? yes / no

Entry fees are \$20/round/dog. "A" dogs do not yet have a title at this level.

SATURDAY

TRIAL ONE - judge: Sarah-jane Petti

Level 1 Course 1 Level 2 Course 1 Level 3 Course 1
A or B (please circle) _____ A or B (please circle) _____ A or B (please circle) _____

SATURDAY

TRIAL TWO - judge: tammy brooks

Level 1 Course 2 Level 2 Course 2 Level 3 Course 2
A or B (please circle) _____ A or B (please circle) _____ A or B (please circle) _____

SUNDAY

TRIAL ONE - Judge: Tammy brooks

Level 1 Course 3 Level 2 Course 3 Level 3 Course 3
A or B (please circle) _____ A or B (please circle) _____ A or B (please circle) _____

SUNDAY

TRIAL TWO - JUDGE: Sarah-jane petti

Level 1 Course 4 Level 2 Course 4 Level 3 Course 4
A or B (please circle) _____ A or B (please circle) _____ A or B (please circle) _____

Method of Payment: cheque visa mastercard cash debit (please circle one)

Name of Card Holder _____ Exp. Date _____

Card Number _____ Signature: _____

Fax, phone in, mail or drop off payment in Canadian Funds to:

Jill @ Sit Happens! 16-2333-18 Ave NE Calgary Alberta T2E 8T6
Phone: 403- 295-6337 Fax: 403- 250-3446 www.sithappens.org
Entries are extremely limited and will be accepted in order of receipt.
There will be absolutely NO REFUNDS after October 11st, 2011.

GENERAL AGREEMENT

I (we) agree that Sit Happens!® Companion Dog Training 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, Sit Happens!® Companion Dog Training, 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 entries:

Signature: _____ Date: _____