



Sherwood Dog Training Club

AKC License Club

December 2022 Newsletter

The Sherwood Dog Training Club (SDTC) was formed in 2003, with official status as a non-profit corporation established in 2006. We also have Tax Exempt status with the IRS as a 501(c)4. We received our notice that we have become an AKC Licensed Club in August of 2008.

Sherwood Dog Training Club Officers and Trial Chairs

President: Danielle Silverstein

Vice President: Linda Ruedy

Secretary: Jill Faulmann

Treasurer: Jill Faulmann

Board: Robin Murphy

Board: Darlene Brushwein

Newsletter: Darlene Brushwein

Website:

<https://www.sherwooddtc.org/>



We will have Zoom SDTC Meeting

Wednesday December 7th @ 7pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88463191226?pwd=aytmcnE2Q2FRNUxnMGZEZUoyQUplUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 6319 1226

Passcode: 521539

Jill Faulmann, Secretary, SDTC



Time to renew your membership

Yearly dues are due in January 2023. \$24 Individual \$40 household (2-3 members) Regular and Associate dues are the same since Associate members get all the same privileges except voting and holding office. An Associate member can be changed to a Regular member if meetings are attended.

Dues can get to Jill Faulmann, Secretary/Treasurer Sherwood Dog Training Club a few ways, here they are:

Credit cards can also be used, contact Jill about credit card payment.

- Check made out to **SDTC**
- Mail to: Jill Faulmann, **29195 NE Benjamin Rd, Newberg OR 97132**
- **Credit cards** can also be used, contact Jill, cloudco@mac.com, about credit card payment.



PayPal and Zelle sherwooddtc@comcast.net





Sherwood Dog Training Club plans for 2023.

Forms can be found <https://www.sherwooddtc.org/services>

For a complete Look at all AKC upcoming Agility, Obedience, Rally and Tracking Events

Events: <https://webapps.akc.org/event-search/#/search>

Cancellations: <https://www.akc.org/sports/event-cancellations/>



Go to the AKC Events Calendar for more information, to download
<https://webapps.akc.org/event-search/#/search>

Upcoming UKC Shows

February 3 -5, 2023

Canine Action Pack

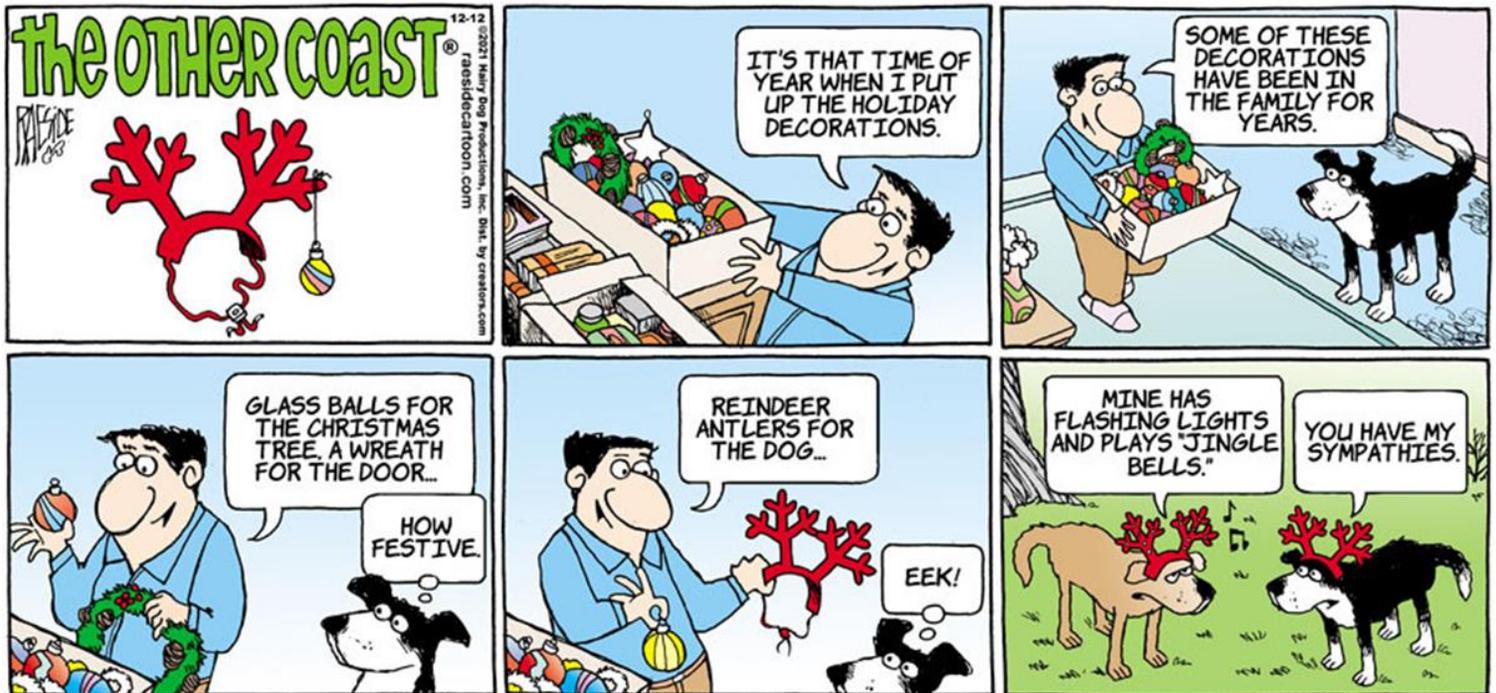
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(Obedience & Rally Obedience)

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www.ukcdogs.com



Obedience Optional Titling Classes – Reduced Jump Heights

By [AKC Companion Events Department](#) on November 14, 2022

The Board voted to modify the Obedience Regulations optional titling classes (Graduate Novice, Graduate Open and Versatility) minimum jump height requirement to half the height of the dog at the withers as stated in the Preferred Open and Preferred Utility Jump Height Table.

This change to the Obedience Regulations will become effective on December 1, 2022.

Effective June 29, 2023

Rally Choice – New Rally Class

At the November meeting, the Board of Directors voted to modify the AKC Rally® Regulations to allow the addition of a new optional titling class named Rally Choice.

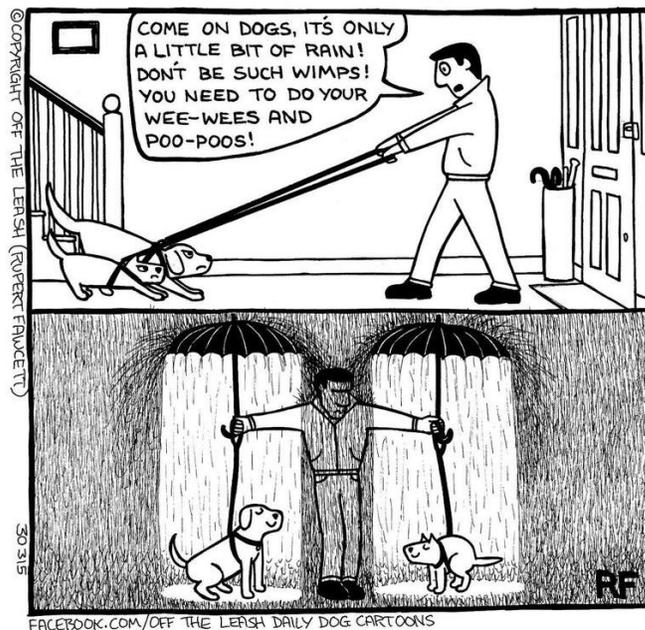
Clubs may start to apply for events with this new class on April 2, 2023, for events held on or after June 29, 2023.

CHAPTER 3 CLASSES AND TITLES Section 18. Rally Choice Class.

All dogs are eligible to enter this class and may continue to compete indefinitely. There are no jumps in this class and all signs are judged off leash. Verbal encouragement, multiple commands, and/or inaudible signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. Penalties will be assessed for handlers clapping their hands, patting their legs, touching the dog or any physical corrections. Failure of the dog and handler to perform the sign correctly on the first attempt will result in a ten-point deduction for an incorrectly performed (IP) sign, and the handler should move along without attempting a retry.

For additional scoring information, please reference Chapter 2, Section 30. Scoring. The Choice course will have 15 to 20 signs (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary signs. Courses will have a minimum of four Master level signs, a minimum of three Excellent level signs, and a minimum of three Advanced level signs. When this class is being judged by the same person judging the Master class, the course will be the same except the jump will be replaced with any other class sign.

Section 19. Rally Choice Class Title. The letters RC may be added after the name of each dog that has been certified by at least two different judges to have received qualifying scores in the Choice class at ten licensed or member rally trials. That dog will receive a Rally Choice certificate from the AKC. The letters RC will be followed by a numeric designation indicating the number of times a dog has met the requirements of the RC title as defined in these Regulations. (RC2 for 20 qualifying scores, RC3 for 30 qualifying scores, RC4 for 40 qualifying scores, etc.)





We have a variety of classes with openings available right now.
Look and let the instructors know if you are interested these training opportunities.

Sally's Classes

- Rally
- Foundation for Competition
- Ring Prep Tuesday
- **Contact Sally at sallyw61@yahoo.com for inquiries**

Cindy's Classes

- Ring Prep Saturday
- Open-Utility Wednesday
- **Contact Cindy at trainerstotherescue@gmail.com for inquiries**

Nancy Seaman's Classes

Want to improve your dog training?

Nancy Seaman has openings for all levels of obedience lessons

Something to consider; Filling in on a private lesson when a current student cannot attend.

- **Contact Nancy**
 - ❖ **By email: searis10@gmail.com**
 - ❖ **Call or Text: (503) 307-0373**

Auntie Sally's Pet Classes

- Openings in adult and puppy classes
- Please let your friends with pet dogs and puppies know
- You can **contact Sally Wojahn at auntiesally2@frontier.com**

Stress has an odor and dogs can smell it - new research

Submitted by Member Laurie Rubin

28 September, 2022

Dogs can smell stress from human sweat and breath, a new study by Queen's University Belfast researchers has found.



Clara Wilson from the School of Psychology led on the study

The [study](#) involved four dogs from Belfast – Treo, Fingal, Soot and Winnie – and 36 people.

Researchers collected samples of sweat and breath from participants before and after they did a difficult maths problem. They self-reported their stress levels before and after the task and researchers only used samples where the person's blood pressure and heart rate had increased.

The dogs were taught how to search a scent line-up and alert researchers to the correct sample. The stress and relaxed samples were then introduced but at this stage the researchers didn't know if there was an odour difference that dogs could detect.



In every test session, each dog was given one person's relaxed and stressed samples, taken only four minutes apart. All of the dogs were able to correctly alert the researchers to each person's stress sample.

Clara Wilson, a PhD student in the School of Psychology at Queen's, explains: "The findings show that we, as humans, produce different smells through our sweat and breath when we are stressed and dogs can tell this apart from our smell when relaxed – even if it is someone they do not know."

She adds: "The research highlights that dogs do not need visual or audio cues to pick up on human stress. This is the first study of its kind and it provides evidence that dogs can smell stress from breath and sweat alone, which could be useful when training service dogs and therapy dogs.

"It also helps to shed more light on the human-dog relationship and adds to our understanding of how dogs may interpret and interact with human psychological states."



One of the super sniffer canines that took part in the study was Treo, a two-year old Cocker Spaniel. His owner Helen Parks says: "As the owner of a dog that thrives on sniffing, we were delighted and curious to see Treo take part in the study. We couldn't wait to hear the results each week when we collected him. He was always so excited to see the researchers at Queen's and could find his own way to the laboratory.

"The study made us more aware of a dog's ability to use their nose to "see" the world. We believe this study really developed Treo's ability to sense a change in emotion at home. The study reinforced for us that dogs are highly sensitive and intuitive animals and there is immense value in using what they do best – sniffing!"

The research findings have been published in [PLOS ONE](#). The study was carried out by Clara Wilson (PhD researcher) and Kerry Campbell (MSc student) in the School of Psychology. They were supervised by Catherine Reeve, with support on collecting the human physiological measures from Zachary Petzel.

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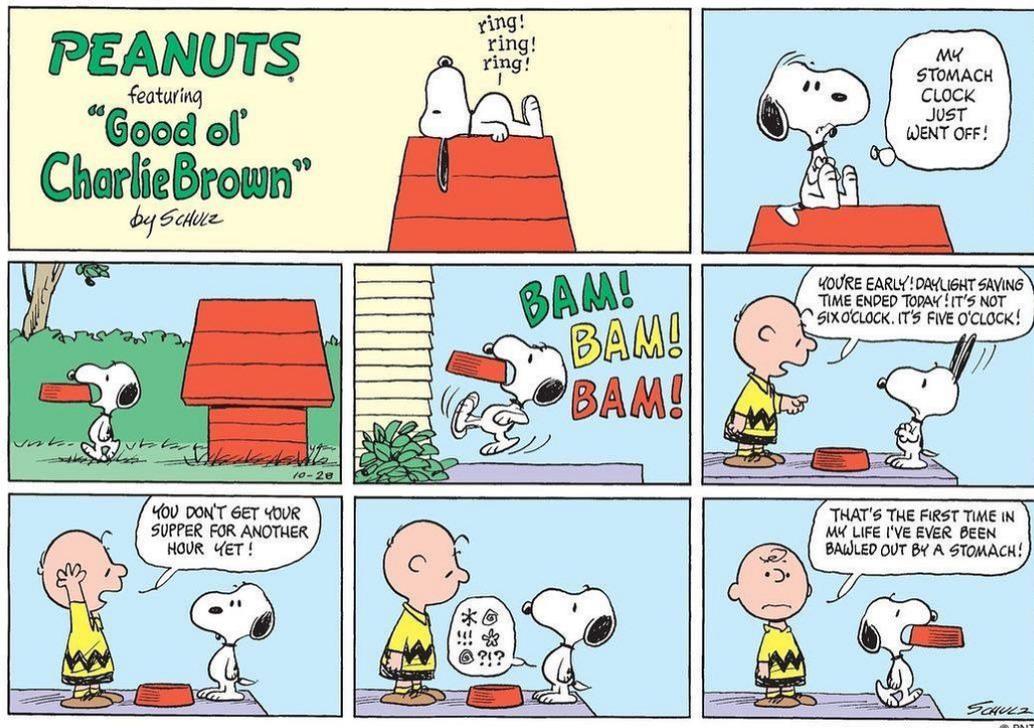
For media inquiries, please contact emma.gallagher@qub.ac.uk



I am thankful for my dog Member, Marg Geiger

Centuries ago, canines choose to give up being wild to mold their ways to humans. I hope our time together is worth it to them. In this season of thankfulness, I am acutely aware of being grateful and thankful for my dog. His presence in my life enriches my days and comforts my nights. His trust and confidence in me help me be brave. His willingness to play my games, and learn my cues and patterns is an endless pleasure. His eagerness to participate in whatever I do is a marvel. I endlessly am humbled by the sweetness in a canine relationship. People that build their lives with their dogs are a blessing in my life too. Those friendships gained at shows and practices add depth, knowledge, and joy.

Yes, I hope I am half the person my dog thinks I am.



6 Things to Know About Dog Zoomies

Not counting how fun they are to watch.

BY KAREN B. LONDON, PHD

JUNE 1, 2021



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Zoomies have been a part of my life far longer than Zoom meetings. I've enjoyed watching dogs do the zoomies in the yard or at the park, racing around an open space, as well as inside — leaping over the coffee table and running along the back of the couch. Zoomies are one of the most charming and entertaining of canine behaviors. *But why do dogs get zoomies?* Below, everything you need to know about dog zoomies.

1. There's a technical term for the zoomies.

Scientifically speaking, zoomies are frenetic random activity periods, or 'FRAPS.' It has been theorized that FRAPS allow animals to relieve stress, let out stored up energy, and handle excitement and play — but the function of frapping is still unknown.

2. Zoomies involve furious bursts of speed.

Dogs with the zoomies will run in wide circles in a series of laps and may exhibit repetitive spins. They often break into a sprint suddenly; their back end tucked as they go; a wild, excited look in their eyes; and lots of sharp turns, spins, or sudden changes in direction.

3. There are a lot of precursors to the zoomies.

Zoomies can happen when dogs get revved up or aroused, when they go out after being inside for a while, when they see another dog, when their favorite person comes home, or in the snow. It's also common following a few other circumstances: a bath, pooping, grooming, and being released from a crate or any other form of restraint.

4. Dog zoomies are normal.

There is nothing wrong with this normal dog behavior — as long as your dog doesn't run around in a place that is unsafe, such as near a road or through a part of the yard with dangerous objects. Though zoomies are not problematic, sometimes dogs that chase their tails are mistaken for having the zoomies when they're actually showing symptoms of obsessive-compulsiveness.

5. Zoomies don't last long.

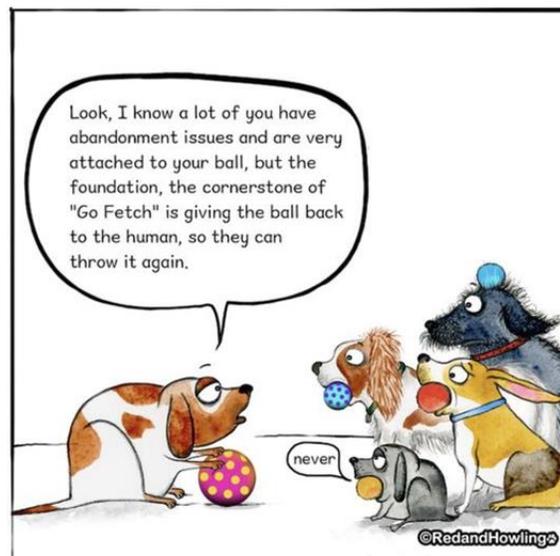
Most of the time, a case of the zoomies lasts less than a few minutes. Although they have been known to extend upwards of 10 minutes, that is not typical.

6. It's difficult to stop dog zoomies, but not impossible.

It's hard to stop a dog mid-zoom, so it is usually easiest to wait out these short-lived actions. You can redirect their motion by running away from them so they chase you to a safer spot if need be. Or, you can throw a toy in the direction you want a dog to go. The better your dog's recall, the sooner they will come to you as their zoomies wind down. Whatever you do, don't chase a dog with the zoomies as that will only add excitement to the moment and make it harder for your dog to calm down.



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Intrinsic Motivation:

Trainers from the instinct sports know something that other's do not... the value of intrinsic motivation... While we need to teach with food and toys and praise, these need to be considered teaching tools. Your teaching tools are there to help you clarify the concept that you are trying to communicate, but in no way should be keeping your dog engaged and with you.

Your dog needs to be enjoying working with you, and should not be working for his food. While this almost looks the same, there is a ginormous difference.

If you are confused by what I mean, go take all leashes and training equipment off your dog, and empty your pockets, and go and stand still. Is your dog pestering you to do something with them? If yes, all is good. If all you see is a tail and a bum, then when you get your food, they are suddenly ever-present, you have some work to do.

I do not want my dogs thinking, "If I do this, I get that". It won't hold when I need them the most. What we need to instill into our dogs is an inner joy for their work. If they love their work, the work itself becomes the reward.

Rewards quickly steal the play from play and turn it into work.

Alternately, focusing on the learning of the work can turn it into play. If you don't believe me, ask some young kids to help you wash your car and observe how they enjoy the sponges and the bubbles, and their finished product. Then the next time pay them \$5 for washing your car. Do that twice, and see the difference in their enjoyment as they do it. Rewards stop inherent enjoyment - and instead get us focused on the reward at the end, not the job at hand.

However, there are exceptions where, "If I do this, then I get that," rewards are needed. They have a place when it comes to dull, mundane practices, such as is necessary for any repeated drill like fronts and finishes, that has no purpose to the dog. As Evan Graham says, "Leave something in it for the dog". If the work itself gives the dog nothing, then we need to add it.

Intrinsic Motivation is complex, and will take a while for you to wrap your brain around. Rewards do have a time and place, but the difficulty arises when they are expected. The focus and enjoyment on the challenges of the work lose their value and enjoyment, and rather become a roadblock to their reward. We need to create joyful work, and joyful moments, and find the right balance. Allow work to become enjoyable work, (with a reward at the end) rather than focusing on the reward at the end.





Why "Choice" is the Critical Key to a Great Dog

June 3rd, 2018

Many years ago, I introduced a game that has changed the lives of many thousands of people and their dogs the world over. It is the key building block to everything I teach in dog training.

That game is **ItsYerChoice (IYC)**.

This is the game that will really shift your dog's thought processes. Once you introduce this key game into your daily routine, your dog's relationship between "what he wants" and YOU, will forever be changed.

Learning how your dog thinks and makes decisions is the "KEY" to getting your dog to do what you want – when you want, without the need for yelling, intimidation, or constant supervision.

Because, doing what YOU want, is going to be your dog's idea!

Why has ItsYerChoice been so successful for so many thousands of different dogs and people?

- This game is about controlling the consequences of your dog's choice — rather than trying to control your dog.
- We start small (with easy decisions) that teach your dog he ALWAYS has a choice.
- If he chooses correctly when working with you, good consequences will follow (and your dog gets "the chance" for whatever HE wants).
- If your dog makes an inappropriate choice, the consequences will be "crystal clear" to him... without the need for you to try and stop, coach, intimidate or control him in any way.
- Your dog learns to make the right decision on his own. This is the first step to him making good choices, even when you are not around... how cool is THAT!



*Before and After ItsYerChoice ~
With ItsYerChoice, doing what YOU want, is
going to be your dog's idea!*



Self-Control rather than Imposed Control

You are now teaching your dog “self-control” rather than “imposed control”. A dog with self-control has learned to have “impulse control” when in stimulating environments.

Rather than leaving you: to chase a squirrel, steal a toy, or investigate every crumb that may be on the ground, your dog will play your game knowing rewards may be earned – contingent upon him following your rules.

All games have rules... but they are still games that we all love to play and ItsYerChoice is no different for your dog. Eventually, your dog’s impulse control becomes so brilliant, you can trust him more and more... even unsupervised with a roast on the kitchen counter within reach... for real! This is the core foundation element that will eliminate 90% of your dog training frustrations... it’s a concept I use EVERY DAY, layering one (very small) good decision on top of another... leading to more complex behaviours.

Teaching you this KEY game is probably the greatest gift I could ever give you.



ItsYerChoice is for all dogs and all people, no matter if you are just starting out with your first puppy or rescue dog, or have been teaching this game in your dog training classes for many years.

[Click this link for the ItsYerChoice Game.](#)

After making ItsYerChoice a routine part of your interactions with your dog you will notice he will begin looking for permission from you to attain what he wants. You may see him choose to sit when you reach for the cookie jar rather than try to jump on the counter or paw at your clothing. He will learn to OFFER self-control behaviours without you telling him what to do... it will be HIS choice!

He will learn to get what he wants; he must first offer what you want (without being TOLD).

Regardless if it is just your attention, or maybe treats, toys, his dinner, going out the door, being taken off leash at the park, or whatever he wants most of all! From this point forward the theme of your relationship with your dog is:

GOOD CHOICES = GOOD CONSEQUENCES!

It only takes a few minutes to start the transformation for your dog... the magic begins the moment you commit to playing a simple game!

Today I am grateful for everyone who has played and shared my “ItsYerChoice” game to improve the lives of dogs everywhere.

HOW TO WALK A HUMAN- A DOG'S GUIDE

Humans need exercise. If they do not get enough of it, they become sluggish, overweight and out of shape. It's up to you to save them from this tragedy.

1. Allow your human to put your leash on, do not mess around and run away, your human will not know what to do without this leash and will wonder away, or run off into traffic.
2. Your human will need a sniff break in the shade now and then. Do not forget and just "March On" for the walk. Give your human a break.
3. You need to bark at others now and then, this keeps your human focused on the walk. Humans have short attention spans.
4. When you need to go potty, just go... then walk away. Most likely, if trained correctly, your human will come over and pick it right up. They seem to enjoy this exercise.
5. When your human is not paying attention, start pulling hard away from your human. This a is great power and balance training exercise for your human.
6. When you first start the walk, make sure you stop to sniff and pee every 3 feet. This will let your human know that you are in charge of the walk!
7. When your human starts leading in front too much, just stop. Sit down, put the brakes on. This will teach your human to go where you want to go and again, show who is in charge here.
8. Once you see you are almost home, slow down and walk nice and easy with your human. Make it a great experience when you return home. Humans have short memories; they will only remember the last 2 minutes of the walk and will take you out again soon because of positive reinforcement. Make sure you act and are excited when the leash is taken off you. This is a bonus training marker. Your human will respond very well to you and most likely run to get you a treat while talking in that high pitch tone they are fond of. This is the sound they make when they are happy.



<https://www.k9-coach.com/k9-coach-home-dog-training>



Below is the next in a series of Random Tidbits of information (from me) in regards to the AKC Obedience Regulations. Knowledge of the Regulations provides you the power for...

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Today's Random Little Tidbit – **Visual Examples for Marking the Judge's Book**

Random Little Tidbit #42 is about the Judge's Book itself, you might want to review that article.

<https://saintbernardarchive.com/library/>

This article is a continuation of **#42** incorporating the recent **AKC Blog** post:

How the book should be marked

"Our Event Records Team, the people responsible for reviewing and processing each book, have asked us for help. The variety of miscellaneous notations, from one judge to another, is causing confusion for staff and creating processing delays.

"In an effort to assist and establish consistency, we have created the chart below (attached as a printable PDF) and request that you, our judges, use this as your guide in marking the judge's books. Additional notations and/or explanations, other than what is listed, should be made on the inside cover of the book and emailed to obedience@akc.org. This information is supported by the *Obedience Judge's Guidelines, Chapter 5, Procedures for Judges to Follow in Marking the Judge's Book.*"

The following five (5) pages consist of:

1. The chart mentioned above from the Blog, (1 page)
2. Visual charts of the Judge's Book listing examples for filling out the book correctly, (2 pages)
3. Chart listing Excusals, Releases, Disqualifications and Options to rejudge, (2 pages)
4. Refer back to Tidbit **#42** for blank Judge's Book pages to printout and practice entering information from the chart(s) correctly.

The two (2) charts in items **2** & **3** may be laminated back-to-back to have on the Judge's Table for easy and quick reference.

Exhibitors may also find the charts useful in understanding how a Judge's Book is to look when checking your scores after the class is judged.

Blog Address: <https://akcobedriyjudges.wordpress.com/about/> Sign up to receive updates.

John Cox, AKC obedience judge. dog-talk@comcast.net

Obedience: These are the Most Common Reasons for Judge Book Notations
“Marked Book” is how the Judge’s Book Should be Marked

****Additional notations/explanations should only be made
on the inside cover of the book and emailed to obedience@akc.org by the judge****

Judge’s Observation	Disqualify	Release	Excuse	“Marked Book”
Blind	X			Disqualified – “Blind” Total Score is left blank
Changed in appearance for cosmetic reasons	X			Disqualified – “Changed” Total Score is left blank
Dog attempts to attack or attacks a person inside the ring *Judge Must Complete Form	X			DISQUALIFIED “Attempt/Attacked Person” Total Score is left blank
Unable to Examine			X	Excused – “Unable to Examine” Total Score is left blank
Dog on Dog Attack *Judge Must Complete Form			X	EXCUSED “Dog on Dog Attack” Total Score is left blank
Dog appears dangerous outside ring for Novice Groups			X	Excused – “Appears Dangerous” Total Score is left blank
Dog unfit to compete, Taped, Bandaged, Lamé, Bitch in Season			X	Excused – State a reason from the list here Total Score is left blank
Dog fouled ring		<i>May Release</i>		“NQ” in Total Score
Excessive verbal commands, Dog not under control/out of control		X		“NQ” in Total Score
Food or Training aid in ring		<i>May Release</i>		“NQ” in Total Score
Handler wishes to leave ring (HLR)				“NQ” in Total Score
Fix N’ Go		X		“NQ” in Total Score
NQ’d Novice Exercise		X		“NQ-R” in the Group Ex box “NQ” in Total Score

Visual Sample In How to Mark the **NOVICE** Judge's Book Correctly

Examples →	Qualifying Scores #101 & #109	HLR <i>No Reason to be Given</i>	Excused <i>State Reason</i>	Released <i>No Reason to be Given</i>	Disqualified <i>State Reason</i>	Absent <i>For the class</i>	Absent <i>Did not return for the Group</i>	Fix 'n Go <i>No Reason to be Given</i>	Correct an error <i>Initial</i>
A dog on dog on attack, or attempt, is an Excusal, an additional form needs to be filled out (AEDSQ3) An <u>attempt</u> or attack of a person is a Disqualification, an additional form needs to be filled out (AEDSQ1)									

Dog Number	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109
Heel on Leash & Figure Eight (40 Points)	1.5	4	0.5	3	Disqualified Changed in Appearance	ABSENT	6	7	10 11 jc
Stand For Examination (30 Points)	0	2	Excused Unable to Examine	0			2	0	0
Heel Free (40 Points)	4	HLR		5.5			4.5	NQ	2
Recall (30 Points)	1			NQ			2		0.5
Sit-Stay Get Your Leash (30 Points)	0						1		0
Subtotal	6.5	NQ		NQ			15.5	NQ	13.5
Group Sit/Down (30 Points)	0	NQ-R		NQ-R			ABSENT	NQ-R	2
Miscellaneous Penalties	0	2	0	0			1	0	0
Maximum Score (200)	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Points Off	-6.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-15.5
Total Score	193.5	NQ		NQ			NQ	NQ	184.5
Final Qualifying Score	193.5								184.5

	<u>First Prize</u>	<u>Second Prize</u>	<u>Third Prize</u>	<u>Fourth Prize</u>
WINNERS:	101	109	-	-
SCORE:	193.5	184.5		

Time Started: 9:00 Time Finished: 9:40

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Visual Sample In How to Mark the Judge's Book Correctly OPEN B & UTILITY B & VERSATILITY

Examples →	Qualifying Scores	HLR <i>No Reason to be Given</i>	Excused <i>State Reason</i>	Released <i>No Reason to be Given</i>	Disqualified <i>State Reason</i>	Absent <i>From the class</i>	Fix 'n Go <i>No Reason to be Given</i>	Correct an error <i>Initial</i>	Super or Secretary fill in Move-Up's Armband # & initial
	#401 & #408								

A dog on dog on attack, or attempt, is an Excusal, an additional form needs to be filled out (AEDSQ3)

An attempt or attack of a person is a Disqualification, an additional form needs to be filled out (AEDSQ1)

OPEN B, UTILITY B & Versatility Judge's Book (Order of the exercises to be filled in by the judge)

Order Of Exercises (I-VI) 3 (Make note of order being used.)

Dog Number	401	402	403	404	405	406	407	408		
ROF	1.5	4	Excused – Dog Taped When Excused – state reason	3	Disqualified Changed in Appearance	ABSENT	7	10 11 jc		
DOR	0	2		0			0	0		
ROHJ	4	HLR		5.5			NQ	NQ	2	
BJ	1			NQ					0.5	
8 + HF	0								0	
CD	0						2			
SSGYL	0						0			
Miscellaneous Penalties	0	2	0	0			0	0		
Maximum Score (200)	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	
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EXCUSAL vs. RELEASE REFERENCE CHART GUIDELINE

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When Excused State Reason – When Released Carry NQ to Total Score Box Do not state reason

	JUDGE'S OBSERVATION	DISQUALIFY	RELEASE	EXCUSE	OPTION TO REJUDGE		CHAPTER	SECTION
					YES	NO		
1.	Dog blind - W/O USEFUL vision	X				X	1	17
2.	Dog deaf - W/O USEFUL hearing <i>May compete</i>						1	12
3.	Dog changed for cosmetic reasons	X				X	1	17
4.	Dog <u>attempts</u> or <u>attacks</u> a person in the ring. Fill out form (AEDSQ1)	X				X	1 2	17 25
5.	Dog <u>attempts</u> or <u>attacks</u> a dog in the ring. Fill out form (AEDSQ3)			X		X	1 2	17 25
6.	Handler willfully interferes			X		X	1	18
7.	Handler abuses dog - report <i>immediately</i>			X		X	1 2	6 3
8.	Dog unfit to compete -or- Vet excusal in writing			X		X	1	17
9.	Lame - Irregularity of locomotion			X		X	1	17
10.	Dog Taped/bandaged/medical attachments			X		X	1	17
11.	Bitches in season – Bitches attractive to males			X		X	1	14 17
12.	Bench/trial committee excusal			X		X	1	17 & 17a
13.	Unable to Examine (SFE & MS&E)			X		X	3 In Judges' Guidelines	-
14.	Identification. Clothing may display the person's name, the dog's call name and/or the dog's picture. Titles may not be displayed. Writing or graphics on the clothing must not be in poor taste or contain profanity. Clothing must not display any information that would be in conflict with a sponsor of the trial.		See reminders on Page II		X		1	10
15.	Hair - Permitted: eyes, ears or beard... May be tied back with elastic bands or small plain barrettes as in breed ring		See reminders on Page II		X		1	17
16.	Hair - Not permitted: dyed, chalk, powder, protection, adornment		See reminders on Page II		X		1	17
17.	Leash – fabric, leather, adequate length		See reminders on Page II		X		2	16
18.	Collars - properly fitted and approved by the judge. No special training collars		See reminders on Page II		X		2	17
19.	Fear/nervousness – <i>may</i> be released depending on the extent		X			X	2 2	3 25
20.	Barking/snapping – <i>may</i> be released depending on the extent		X			X	2	25
21.	Foul ring - <i>may</i> be released		X			X	2 2	3 25
22.	Dog out of control or not under control - Uncontrolled behavior - <i>excessive</i> barking or running away		X			X	1 2	18 25
23.	Training in ring – <i>excessive</i> verbal commands		X			X	2	27
24.	NQ score for carrying or offering food in the ring. <i>Release</i> the team because the food is considered a training aid		X			X	2	3
25.	Handler wishes to leave the ring (HLR)		X			X	2	10
26.	Fix n' Go		X			X	2	27
27.	Group – NQ does not return – NQ-R, Rough treatment by the handler, Failed the Sit portion		X			X	3	13

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When Excused State Reason – When Released Carry NQ to Total Score Box Do not state reason

Equipment that does not meet the requirements of the Obedience Regulations			CHAPTER	SECTION
Novice Equipment for the Ring:				
Identification	See reminders below	1	10	
Leash	See reminders below	2	16	
Collar	See reminders below	2	17	
Open Equipment for the Ring:				
Identification, leash, collar same as in the Novice classes	See reminders below	1	10	
Dumbbell	See reminders below	4	11	
Utility Equipment for the Ring:				
Identification, leash, collar same as in the Novice classes	See reminders below	1	10	
Scent articles	See reminders below	5	8	
Gloves	See reminders below	5	10	

Reminders:

Can't compete as is – which is the same as incorrect equipment –

Let them get the right stuff - tag(s) on collar remove/tape it etc...

Stuff happens, we need to remember we're there to help each other while maintaining the integrity of "sport." In the end it is "sport" not life or death, no body dies and we don't need to wound spirits in the process.

Obedience Regulation Guidelines:

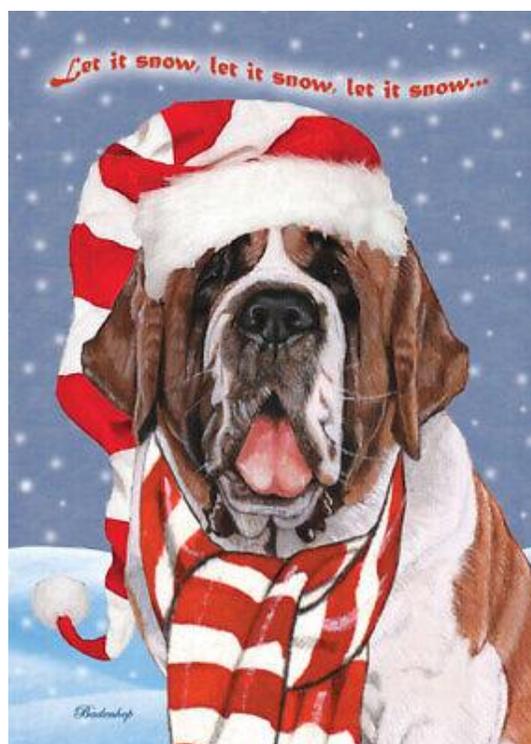
"This book cannot cover all situations; nor can it substitute for common sense."

Those words also hold true for this Reference Chart Guideline.

Glossary of Obedience Terms:

Excused – "A dog must be excused any time there is aggressive behavior toward another dog, a dog that is lame, unfit to compete, if there is anything attached to it for medical or corrective purposes, bitch in season, handler who willfully interferes with another competitor/dog, a handler training/disciplining a dog in the ring, or a dog that is unable to be examined."

Released – "A dog must be released if it is not under the handler's control. A dog will be released from performing the group exercise if it has non-qualified in the individual exercises. In the group exercise, in extreme cases, a dog that must be repositioned by its handler if it is out of position enough to interfere with an adjacent dog may be released. A dog must be released from the group exercise if it does not remain sitting during the first part. A dog may be released from competition in the class for misbehavior."





Pending AKC approval
Brighten's Happy Lamplighter
earned his Novice B title 10-30-22
Thanks to the Portland Obedience Club.
Carolyn McKnight



Breezee, Jubilee N Electron's Storm Warning
RN RATO CGCA CGCU TKN, was Best of
Winners and Best of Opposite Sex on Saturday,
11/19/2022 in Monroe for a 5-point major.
She was handled by Linda Petter to Winners'
Bitch with owner Martha Machuca taking her
back in for BOW/BOS.

Timber earned his CD by picking up his last 2 legs at
the Portland Dog Obedience Club trials on 10/30.

Both Timber & Ari earned their BCAT's at the
Willamette Valley Basinji Club trial on 10/8-9.

Erin Hildahl





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