



Sherwood Dog Training Club

AKC License Club

June 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 a Zoom
SDTC Meeting
May 4, 2022
7:00 PM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88463191226?pwd=aytmcnE2Q2FRNUxnMGZEZUoyQUplIUT09>

**Meeting ID: 884 6319 1226
Passcode: 521539**

Jill Faulmann, Secretary, SDTC





Sherwood Dog Training Club plans for 2022.

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

June 4 & 5, 2022 Rally Trials Good Luck Exhibitors!!

ONE RING / Sherwood Oregon, Cash's Arena

Judge: Mary Jane Shervais

June 23, 2022, Thursday afternoon / Runs start at 3:00 pm

Pre-Entry Only Obedience "C" Match

Entries will be limited to 3 hours of judging

Entries will close on June 16, 2022, or whenever the limit is reached

3 rings Beginner Novice through Utility / (no Rally)

Entry Form:

https://www.sherwooddtc.org/_files/ugd/4b8b5f_3332d1eb035844b9b01e2eb88d5d9be2.pdf

September 17 & 18, 2022

Obedience Trials

ONE RING / Sherwood Oregon, Cash's Arena

Judge: Cathy Dutra

Premium: https://jill.formstack.com/forms/entry_form_copy_1_copy_copy



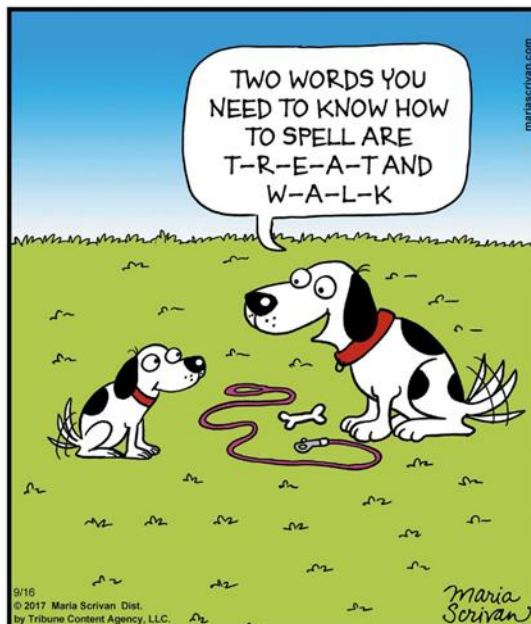
For a complete Look at all AKC upcoming Agility,
Obedience, Rally and Tracking Events

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

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



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



PREMIUM LIST - AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB RULES & REGULATIONS GOVERN THESE EVENTS.
 Entries close at the Superintendent's Office **12:00PM PDT, WED., JUNE 8, 2022**, after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled or substituted EXCEPT as provided for in Ch. 11, Sec. 6 of the Dog Show Rules or Ch. 1, Sec.16 of Obedience Regulations.
 Event Nos. **FRI:** 2022282603-O, 2022282604-R • **SAT:** 2022282605-R, 2022282601-C/J/O, 2022282607-BP
SUN: 2022282602-C/J/O, 2022282606-R, 2022282608-BP

CLACKAMAS KENNEL CLUB, INC.



Member of the American Kennel Club
Two All-Breed Dog Shows with NOHS & Jr. Showmanship
Three Obedience and Rally Trials

Unbenched - Indoors/Outdoors - AKC Member
 SHOW HOURS - 6:00AM to 8:00PM

CLACKAMAS COUNTY EVENT CENTER - 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby, OR 97013

FRIDAY, June 24, 2022 - Obedience & Rally Trial
SATURDAY, June 25, 2022 - All-Breed Show with NOHS, Jr. Showmanship, Beginner Puppy, Obedience & Rally Trial, CGC, Trick Dog, FastCAT, & Barn Hunt on the grounds.
SUNDAY, June 26, 2022 - All-Breed Show with NOHS, Jr. Showmanship, Beginner Puppy, Obedience & Rally Trial, CGC, Trick Dog, FastCAT, & Barn Hunt on the grounds.
Conformation & Junior Showmanship - Outdoors • Obedience & Rally - Indoors

AKC Event Hotline 877-252-3229

SUPPORTED ENTRIES

FRIDAY: OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIALS: Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America
 Newfoundland Club of America • Mt. Hood Dalmatian Club
 SATURDAY & SUNDAY: Oregon Brittany Club • German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Oregon
 Willamette Valley English Setter Fanciers • Fort Vancouver Cocker Spaniel Fanciers
 Dachshund Club of America • Greyhound Club of America • Willamette Valley Saluki Club
 Oregon Boxer Club (Sun only) • Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America • Great Pyrenees Club of America
 Newfoundland Club of America • Willamette Valley Samoyed Fanciers • Lower Columbia Siberian Husky Club
 Pacific NW Miniature Pincher Club • Boston Terrier Club of Portland • Cascade Australian Cattle Dog Club
 Pacific NW French Bulldog Club • Mt. Hood Dalmatian Club

DESIGNATED SPECIALTY

SATURDAY: Oregon Boxer Club - 2022110905
 SATURDAY & SUNDAY: Pacific Northwest Shetland Sheepdog Club - 2022110321 & 2022110322

COVID-19: Exhibitors, judges, volunteers and spectators will be required to comply with all Facility, Local, and State mandates in place at the time of the event.



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Upcoming UKC Shows

June 10-12, 2022

Lilac City DTC
Spokane, WA
O, RO

August 5-7, 2022

UKC Western Classic
Longview, WA
O, RO, Agility, Conformation, Weight Pull

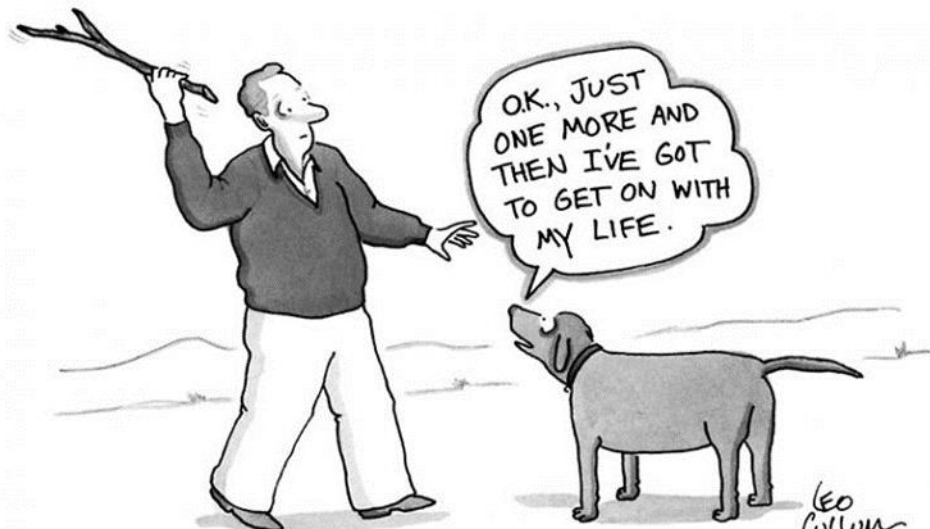
Nov 18-20, 2022

Canine Action Pack
Cornelius, OR
O, RO

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www.ukcdogs.com



Deep Peninsula Dog Training Club located in the San Francisco Bay Area was started in 1952, having their first Trial in 1954. I, Jill, was an active member for many years, held different positions in the club including President, Instructor at classes and working on Trials in any and every place that I was needed. I am currently one of their Life Members. Danielle Silverstein also worked hard for the DPDTC, being on the Board, bringing lawn mowers to trial sites, pulling weeds, pounding rebar and other things to make the trial site perfect. Today May 23rd, as a Life Member, I received a letter for the co-Presidents, at the bottom of the letter was this ballot to dissolve the club.

BALLOT

Motion to Dissolve DPTDC

The motion before the membership is to vote whether to dissolve the Deep Peninsula Dog Training Club because of lack of club membership and volunteers, and insurmountable problems with holding in-person classes and maintaining a financially viable club. A "Yes" vote is a vote to dissolve the club. A "No" vote will mean you wish to keep operating the DPDTC.

Yes Vote: _____

No Vote: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Directions: Please vote your ballot and return it in the self-addressed, stamped envelope by June 2, 2022. If a ballot is not received from you, it is assumed that you wish to vote as the Board recommended to dissolve the club (a Yes vote).

Of course, this situation saddened me, but did not surprise me. DPDTC and its members through it's 70-year history has help train thousands and thousands of dogs to be better citizens and many went on to have very successful show/trial careers. It is too bad we cannot turn back time a little bit when we had 20 or more people in a class, each week moving forward with their training, some getting bit by the bug to also get titles on their dogs. Rising insurance costs, hard to find facilities, lack of volunteers, having skilled people to teach has changed so many things. DPDTC is not alone in their decision to dissolve, it is happening throughout the country with breed clubs and training clubs. Sherwood Dog Training Club has been fortunate to well stay afloat during times when other clubs could not. To stay the independent club we are, the Board and SDTC members make thoughtful decisions, and will continue in the future make wise decisions to keep us the great club that we are. Clubs need workers at events and for day-to-day operations. Be sure to volunteer for your own club and help other clubs when you can.

Jill Faulmann, Secretary, Sherwood Dog Training Club
Danielle Silverstein, President, Sherwood dog Training Club



How do Sniffspot's private dog parks work?

Private rentals by the hour

Our hosts are locals that are renting their yards and private land to dog owners

No other dogs during your visits

Only you and your dogs are allowed to enter a spot during the time you've booked it

Trust and safety first

Spots are designed to be safe and both hosts and guests are reviewed after each visit

Reactive dogs welcome

Many of the spots we list are designed with sensitive dogs in mind

Why rent a private dog park?

Features

No encounters with stranger dogs

Rentable by the hour

Off leash options

Very large and/or fully fenced options

What other types of private dog parks are available?

Sniffspot has different types of private dog parks to allow any dog to find their ideal spot!

Dog water parks

Many hosts have added water features like pools and/or are nearby lakes or rivers.

Fully fenced dog parks

Very popular choice, perfect to contain your dogs if they are escape artists or if they are not good at recall.

Dog hiking trails

Some of our best spots have hiking trails in wonderful natural settings.

Dog agility parks

Some hosts have implemented full agility courses to train your dogs in a private environment.

Dog fields

Many of the listed spots are large pastures, fields and have farm animals that can be sighted.

Dog beaches

Some spots are conveniently located by the sea or have sand and other beach features.

Indoor dog parks

A good alternative to do activities with your dogs on a rainy day and unpleasant weather in general.

Frequently asked questions

Are public dog parks good for dogs?

It is important for dogs to have off leash exercise to sniff and run. Letting dogs off leash in city parks is dangerous and can lead to issues with Animal Control. So public dog parks are a legal way to let dogs have off leash exercise. But the free and open nature of public dog parks has drawbacks. There could be aggressive dogs, disease transmission and cleanliness issues, since any given public dog park facility may not be cleaned regularly. And other adult dog owners are often inattentive of their dogs. For this reason, many dog behaviorists discourage visiting public dog parks and recommend Sniffspot's private dog parks. With Sniffspot private dog parks dogs can get their off-leash exercise safely, without worrying about Animal Control, other dogs, other people or disease transmission.

How do I know if a dog park works for my dog?

Dogs enjoy Sniffspot dog parks for all kinds of different reasons and goals, spanning from exercise to training or even training classes and much more. Whatever your primary goals, there is a Sniffspot dog park for you. There are many different types of spots, anything from a training yard to a field to a beautiful two-acre, fenced, off-leash park, or, for instance, a 1-acre, lighted facility. Some even have

niche amenities, such as a park splash pad and dog-friendly potable water fountains. You can filter Sniffspot dog parks by square foot size, fencing and distractions. If your dog doesn't have a good recall, you can visit one of our fully fenced dog parks. If your dog is reactive to other dogs, you can visit one of our off-leash areas where there are no dogs audible or visible nearby. You can also filter locations to avoid other domestic animals and people. Each listing also includes the park hours of operation. By reading reviews you can understand the status of condition, for example, if a section of the fence is in poor condition or there are any park maintenance issues.

Are Sniffspot dog parks safe?

While public dog parks have a number of safety issues, such as aggressive dogs, disease transmission and general cleanliness - often as much an issue with the person in charge as with their dog - Sniffspot dog parks are much safer than public dog parks. With Sniffspot all bookings are private where the only park users are the dog owners and dogs, they bring with them. Additionally, we require all dogs to be vaccinated (or have equivalent titers). All Sniffspot locations are vetted and reviewed by guests so you can find the perfect safe place for you and your dog. 93% of reviews on Sniffspot visits are 5 stars and many spots have been reviewed hundreds of times. Make sure to check weather conditions before visiting.

Is a Sniffspot dog park an off-leash area?

Yes. Many Sniffspot dog parks are designed to be a designated off-leash area. However, all dogs are different and we expect our guests to be safe and responsible, especially if their dogs do not have good voice control or if their dogs do not always listen to owner commands. Off leash dogs should always stay within the designated, fenced, off-leash dog area. This is important to have an enjoyable time.

Will there be other dogs at the Sniffspot dog park at the same time as me?

No. We only allow one booking at a time and any host dogs are required to be kept away from the spot during visits. So, when you book a Sniffspot dog park you have the entire off leash area to yourself. We also enforce 30 min time buffers between bookings so you will not run into other guest dogs when coming or leaving.

How can I find Sniffspot dog parks near me?

You can browse all of our dog parks [here](#). You can easily view information about the spots, including open times, park entrance details and current conditions.

How much do Sniffspot dog parks cost?

Each host sets their own price, so you can check the price on the specific Sniffspot dog park listing. Most are between \$5 - \$15 per dog per hour. Prices vary based on size, fencing and amenities, such as water for dogs, park benches, etc.

What are the requirements to bring my dog to a Sniffspot dog park?

We require that all dogs have basic vaccinations or equivalent titers. We require rabies vaccination, the equivalent of current rabies tags. We do not allow dogs with a bite history. We require that guests sign our waiver and agree to follow park rules and policies before visiting park sites. Adult supervision is required at all times. We do not have limits for dogs per owner or dogs per adult handler. Some hosts set person per visit limits. Dog owners are responsible for picking up pet waste (many dog parks provide pet waste stations).





We have a variety of classes with openings available right now.
Take a 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

Nancy, by popular demand, is now teaching Tuesdays and Fridays! I can't recommend Nancy enough; she's been instrumental in getting Eva and me ring-ready again. Nancy has put OTCH titles on several of her dogs and has trained multiple breeds including Aussies, Golden Retrievers, and Papillons. She has shown in AKC, UKC, & ASCA.

- Nancy's competitive obedience classes are full, but if you'd like an obedience lesson once in a while when one of her students has to miss a class, you can take a drop-in spot as a "fill-in student".
- Get on Nancy's list to be notified when Nancy has an available spot because a student is at their nationals, or sick one week, or going on vacation. Nancy will contact you about the vacancy with day/time details. You can accept, or pass and remain on the wait-list for the next opportunity.
- **Contact Nancy at searis10@gmail.com or (503) 307-0373**

The Online class we've all been waiting for: Eye Contact/Attention

For such an important and fundamental skill, I am always surprised when I attempt to outline this class. It's easier to teach the dog's part of this, and so much more challenging to explain this to people! But Sally and I see that this is a good time to walk through each of the steps to build a strong habit of attention and focus between dog and handler. We will work through attention in front, in heel, at distance, with distractions.

That's the first session.

The second session will be taking our skills to more distracting environments and building towards attention we can take into the trial ring with confidence. We will cover, in depth, understanding how to handle novelty vs. safety vs. curiosity, and teaching corrections for lack of attention and when to use them.

This class is online because working at home is actually more useful than working in a group at the training center. Please invite your friends, whether local or across the country, to join us. Working spots get one-on-one coaching in the Zoom meeting, plus additional support in the Facebook group. Auditing spots get to watch the working teams, and also can post videos to the Facebook group and receive support through the group.

The first session starts 6/2, and take place online on Thursdays from 5-6pm.

Contact Cindy at trainerstotherescue@gmail.com for a working or auditing spot in the first, second, or both sessions.

Auntie Sally's Pet Classes

- Openings in adult and puppy classes coming up 6/5.
- Please let your friends with pet dogs and puppies know.
- You can **contact Sally Wojahn at auntiesally2@frontier.com**



Duration, Distance, Distractions May 6, 2022

by Taylor Snead, DANW Trainer and ADT

So, you've taught your dog to lie down on their bed on cue — great job! That's a complex skill to train and it's worth applauding your work so far.

But what's that? Your pup goes to the bed and lays down, but pops right back up a second later? It sounds like you need some help building duration for the cue.

Or maybe they go to their bed, but get up if you take even a half step away from them, which means adding distance is your struggle.

Or maybe you and your pup have a good grasp on duration and distance, but if the doorbell rings while you're practicing, all bets are off. In other words, distractions are not your friend.

These "3 D's" can seem daunting when training your dog. But if you follow a few basic guidelines as you practice, you and your pup can conquer them together.

Guideline #1: Focus on just one of the 3 D's at a time.

It's so tempting to try to do it all at once. I get it! But for most dogs you'll need to start off by breaking the behavior down into baby steps. If you're trying to add duration, for example, don't try to simultaneously walk further away while you're doing it. If you're adding distance, don't do it while your cat runs through the room (because that's a pretty big distraction for most dogs). For a down-stay on a bed, I usually tackle the 3 D's in this order: duration, distance, distraction.

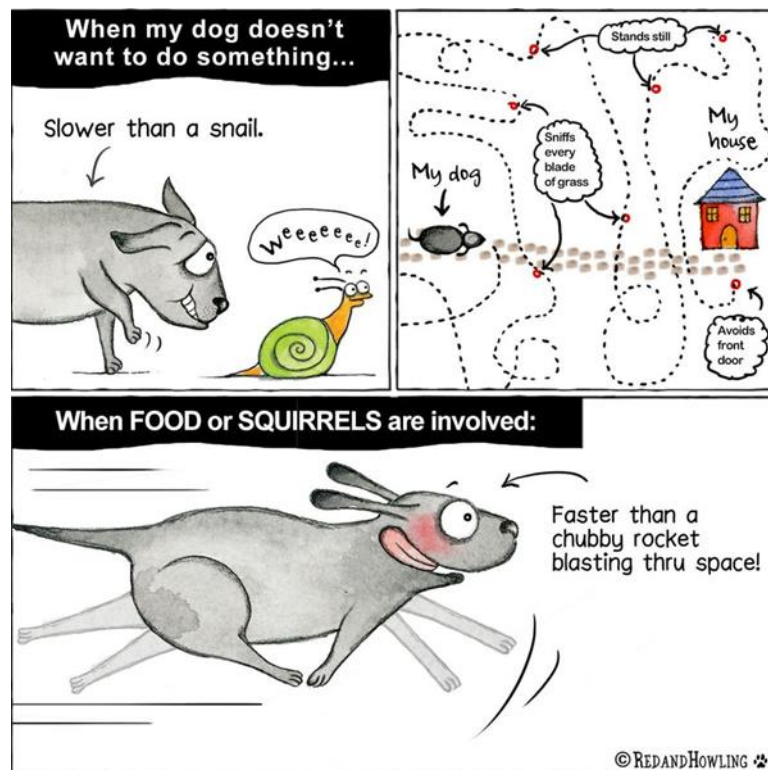
Guideline #2: Get specific with your criteria.


If we don't know exactly what we're asking our dog to do... how are they supposed to figure it out? If you're focused on duration, for example, think about building up the number of seconds that your dog is able to do the behavior. For distance, incrementally increase the steps you take away from the dog as they successfully do the behavior. For distraction, gradually add in tricky elements, like a doorbell ringing, or the presence of an enticing toy.

Guideline #3: Keep it short & sweet.

Remember to keep your training sessions short, and always end on a high note. Leave them wanting more! For some dogs, a training session may only be a couple of minutes and for other dogs it may longer. I often ask my clients to break their training down into 2-3 sessions of 3-5 minutes each day.

The 3 D's apply to all sorts of skills. They can be incorporated into everything from staying put on a mat to loose leash walking to wearing a muzzle. Keep these tips in mind... and see just how far you and your pup can go!





Dog training is so serious sometimes. But there are some handlers that have found ways to bring out the joy. Here are a few clever commands for the common behaviors.

Down on recall: For the down the owner used "bang!" To continue the recall after the drop, "I missed!"

For go out: "ZOMBIES!"

For some fun with parlor tricks here are a few amusing cues.

for back up for a dog that has a great wiggle butt (think corgi) "break it down"

... or use beep beep beep like a truck backing up

A newf goes to place when she is told "yoga" - her place is a yoga mat

A kennel up command for a dog named Jackson... "Jack in the box"

A parole officer uses "go to jail"

For those aspiring to Emily Post School of Etiquette:

Instead of "Shake," use "Nice To Meet You."

A girl crosses her paws to "be a lady"

What do gentlemen do?" They SIT.

Instead of "Bow" use "Meet the Queen."

Submitted By: Marjorie Geiger

Absolute Dog.com

Did you know that ALL BARKING is caused by one of three possible things?!

- 1 Overarousal (excitement)
- 2 Fear
- 3 Frustration

Barking is not somewhere we want our dogs to spend a lot of time. It's not a place of calmness, nor is it usually a place of happiness. Barking can upset your day, it can upset your family or your neighbour's day and it can definitely upset your dog's day, so we have some terrific top tips to manage and minimise your dog's barking struggles!

- ✓ GROW CALMNESS. Put time, food and energy into capturing and reinforcing calm behaviour every day. Employ your dog with long lasting chews, Kongs, lickmats and scatter feeding to promote calmness. Make sure your dog has time every day to actively rest away from the busyness of daily life (use crates, pens or dog-safe rooms to remove choices and encourage rest).
- ✓ BE VIGILANT. Dogs will become more of what they do every day. If you can be vigilant in managing your dog's barking it will go a long way to successfully achieving that real-life result you are looking for. Tackle any barking as soon as you see it (or hear it) and redirect your dog into another activity to bring their arousal down and encourage calmness.
- ✓ CATCH THEM DOING SOMETHING RIGHT. Rather than becoming frustrated in the moment at your dog's barking, make an effort to catch them doing something right. Pick small moments throughout every day where you can say to your dog "Nice work! That was super hard for you, but you made such a great decision not to bark!". Make an effort to look out for these amazing choices your dog is making and reward them for it!

Want to know more? Join us for a mini deep dive in our Barking Dogs podcast to learn more!

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/.../4623464-barking-dogs-noisy>.

Basic Rules for Dogs

- **Newspapers:** If you have to go to the bathroom while playing in the front yard, always use the newspaper that's placed in the driveway every morning for that purpose.
- **Visitors:** Quickly determine which guest is afraid of dogs. Charge across the room, barking loudly and leap playfully on this person. If the human falls down on the floor and starts crying, lick its face and growl gently to show your concern.
- **Barking:** Because you are a dog, you are expected to bark. So bark – a lot. Your owners will be very happy to hear you protecting their house. Especially late at night while they are sleeping safely in their beds. There is no more secure feeling for a human than to keep waking up in the middle of the night and hearing your protective bark, bark, bark...
- **Licking:** Always take a big drink from your water dish immediately before licking your human. Humans prefer clean tongues. Be ready to fetch your human a towel.
- **The Art of Sniffing:** Humans like to be sniffed. Everywhere. It is your duty, as the family dog, to accommodate them.
- **Dining Etiquette:** Always sit under the table at dinner, especially when there are guests, so you can clean up any food that falls on the floor. It's also a good time to practice your sniffing.
- **Holes:** Rather than digging a big hole in the middle of the yard and upsetting your human, dig a lot of smaller holes all over the yard so they won't notice. If you arrange a little pile of dirt on one side of each hole, maybe they'll think it's gophers. There are never enough holes in the ground. Strive daily to do your part to help correct this problem.
- **Doors:** The area directly in front of a door is always reserved for the family dog to sleep.
- **Housebreaking:** Housebreaking is very important to humans, so break as much of the house as possible.
- **Going for Walks:** Rules of the road: When out for a walk with your master or mistress, never go to the bathroom on your own lawn.
- **Couches:** It is perfectly permissible to lie on the new couch after all your humans have gone to bed.
- **Playing:** If you lose your footing while chasing a ball or stick, use the flower bed to absorb your fall so you don't injure yourself.
- **Chasing Cats:** When chasing cats, make sure you never-
quite-catch them. It spoils all the fun.
- **Chewing:** Make a contribution to the fashion industry...eat a shoe.

Author Unknown

Submitted by Kathy Thurman



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...
Saving Withdrawals from Your 200 Account ©



Today's Random Little Tidbit: Know ALL Your Distances For The Various Exercises

For a Handler (or judge) it is imperative to know your distances for each of the different AKC Obedience exercises. If in doubt, the required exercise distances are all spelled out in the AKC Obedience Regulations.

1. As a handler, one needs to know what to expect and train for when showing in the ring.
2. As a judge, one needs to know the distance requirements for Standardized Judging.

The Regulations address all the required ring requirements, all the class exercises (in detail), including all the needed "judging distances" to be aware of when training or judging. If an actual "measured distance" is not covered, a guideline is provided for performing that exercise in the **Exercise Description, Judging Procedures** or **Obedience Judges' Guidelines**. Check them out!

The "**Distance Chart**" on the following pages will outline distance requirements to assist you as handlers or judges:

1. **Handlers**, a *quick guide* for training and knowing what to expect in the ring when being judged.
2. **Judges**, it can be used for a *quick review* the night before you are to judge.

The chart's 8-font is to make everything fit. ☺ One can expand it on a desktop/phone etc., or an office supply store can print it to a larger size than 8 ½ x 11, if needed. Consider laminating the two sheets back-to-back for your training case or judge's attaché.



For additional charts, log on to the link below and scroll down to Charts:

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

1. Jump Height Chart
2. Group Exercise sheet
3. Score Conversions, from fractional points off to Total & Final Scores
4. Judge's Book Release/Excuse Chart Guideline
5. Tally Sheet for Regular and Preferred Class Placements
6. Tally Sheet for figuring:
 - a. Regular High Combined Award
 - b. Preferred High Combined Award
 - c. Rally High Combined Award
 - d. Rally Triple High Combined Award

* AKC Obedience Regulations - Distance Requirements *



Rings & Conditions <small>(Minimum) Chapter 1, Sections 12 & 13</small>	Novice	Open	Utility	Outdoors	An <u>indoor ring</u> should be rectangular and about <u>40 by 50</u> feet for all obedience classes. The floor must have firm footing, using rubber or similar non-slip material at least <u>4 feet wide</u> for takeoffs and landing of all jumps unless the judge feels the surface does not require it.																		
	Not less than 30' x 40'	Not less than 30' x 40'	Not less than 35' x 50'	Not less than 40' x 50'																			
Regular Novice Exercises <small>Chapter 3</small>	Heel On Leash and Figure Eight	Heeling Pattern. The heeling patterns should not be in the area of the table and/or gate and should have only one element of an exercise on a leg. (For example, there shall not be a halt and a slow on the same leg of an exercise.) A <u>fast</u> must always be on a <u>long dimension</u> of the ring; <u>slow</u> may be either on the <u>short or long dimension</u> of the ring. The fast and slow should be of <u>significant length, not just several steps</u> . No pattern will have more than one fast and one slow. If possible, have one leg of the heeling pattern with no element on it. Keep in mind physically challenged handlers, LARGE breeds, and the space they may need – beforehand.																					
	Stand For Examination	The handler will then stand with the dog in the heel position, and may give the command and/or signal to stay, walk <u>straight forward</u> , about <u>6 feet</u> , and then turn and face the dog.																					
	Heel Free	See Heel on Leash and Figure Eight																					
	Recall	The handler will then stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. On the judge's order, the handler will then walk forward to the <u>other end of the ring</u> , turn to face the dog.																					
	Sit Stay - Get Your Leash	The leash will be <u>placed inside</u> the ring <u>near the gate entrance</u> on a chair or similar leash holder. The handler and dog will be positioned at least <u>30 feet</u> from and facing the direction of the gate entrance. The judge must be in position to watch the dog and handler throughout the exercise including exiting the ring.																					
	Group	<p>Dogs must be spaced with a minimum of six (6) feet between each dog and a minimum of four (4) feet from the ring barriers. Judges will position the dogs in the approximate center of the ring in one row or back-to-back in two rows with a minimum of six (6) feet between the rows. If the back-to-back formation is used, it must be used for all groups in the class. On a 50' side of the ring the maximum # of dogs allowed in a single row would be six (6) and in a back-to-back row twelve (12) dogs (see table):</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ring Length</th> <th>Maximum # of Dogs Single Row</th> <th>Maximum # of Dogs Back-to-Back Row</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>50'</td> <td>6</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>45'</td> <td>5</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>40'</td> <td>4</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>35'</td> <td>4</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30'</td> <td>3</td> <td>6</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					Ring Length	Maximum # of Dogs Single Row	Maximum # of Dogs Back-to-Back Row	50'	6	12	45'	5	10	40'	4	8	35'	4	8	30'	3
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Regular & Preferred Open Exercises <small>Chapters 4 & 12</small>	Heel Free & Figure Eight	This exercise will be performed and scored in the same manner as the Novice Heel On Leash and Figure Eight exercise, except that the dog will be off leash.																					
	Command Discrimination	Judging Procedure: This exercise may be performed in an area of the ring that is at least <u>40 feet</u> in length. The <u>15-foot</u> distances must be <u>clearly marked</u> . The judge must be positioned so that both the dog and handler are under continuous observation during the entire exercise. An excellent position for judging this exercise is at an adequate distance to the side and slightly to the rear of the dog. Reference to Obedience Judges' Guidelines, Chapter 3.																					
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	Retrieve Over High Jump	The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position at least <u>8 feet</u> (or any reasonable distance beyond <u>8 feet</u>) from the jump and will remain in the same spot throughout the exercise. On the judge's order the handler will throw the dumbbell at least <u>8 feet</u> beyond the jump. (These <u>8-foot</u> distances must be clearly marked.) Judging Procedures: The judge must make certain that the handler throws the dumbbell at least <u>8 feet</u> beyond the jump. Reference the Obedience Judges' Guidelines, Chapter 3.																					
	Broad Jump	The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least <u>8 feet</u> from the jump facing the lowest side of the lowest hurdle. (This <u>8-foot</u> distance must be clearly marked.) Handlers may stand anywhere between the lowest edge of the first hurdle and the highest edge of the last hurdle with their toes about two (2) feet from the jump.																					
	Stand Stay - Get Your Leash	The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge, approximately <u>15 feet</u> from the ring gate. Judging Procedures: Prior to the start of judging, the judge will decide where the leash will be placed, <u>outside the ring</u> on a chair or similar leash holder. When positioning the dog and handler for this exercise, the judge should ensure that such positioning will permit the dog to keep the handler in its <u>direct line of vision as the handler leaves and returns to the ring</u> , and that the handler, when reentering the ring, is at least <u>15 feet</u> away from the dog until ordered to return.																					
	Jumps	Refer to Chapter 4, Sections 13 & 15 for specific High Jump & Broad Jump measurements and requirements.																					
Measuring Dogs	In all classes with jumps, as the dog is brought into the ring, the judges may, at their discretion, measure the dog to verify the height at the withers. The measurement is made using an ordinary folding ruler or steel tape. Nothing may be attached to determine level position. No other measuring device is required or acceptable in the ring. (Chapter 2, Section 1) Review <u>Appendix A</u> for ¼ Jump Heights Table & <u>Appendix B</u> for Standard Jump Height Table.																						

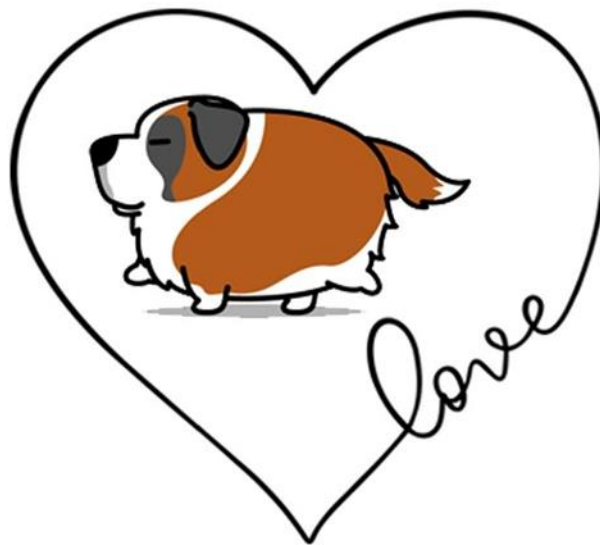
Regular & Preferred Utility Exercises Chapters 5 & 13	Signal Exercise	Heeling will be done as in the Heel Free. While the dog is heeling at one end of the ring, the judge will order the handler to "Stand your dog." The handler will signal the dog to stay, go to the other end of the ring, then turn and face the dog. On the judge's signal, the handler will give the signals to down, sit, come and finish as in the Novice Recall.
	Scent Discrimination	The handler will present all ten (10) articles to the judge. The judge or steward will handle each of the remaining eight (8) articles while randomly arranging them on the floor or ground about 6 inches apart. The closest article should be about 20 feet from the handler and dog. The articles are to be visible to both dog and handler and that they are far enough apart so that there will be no confusion of scent among articles. Size of articles to be in proportion to the dog.
	Directed Retrieve	Handlers will stand with their backs to the unobstructed end of the ring midway between and in line with the jumps. The judge or steward will drop the gloves across the end of the ring. One glove is dropped about three (3) feet in from each corner, and the remaining glove is dropped in the center, about three (3) feet from the end of the ring. Judging Procedures: The judge should be certain the gloves are visible to the smallest and largest dogs.
	Moving Stand And Examination	On the judge's order the handler may command or signal the dog to heel. After the handler has proceeded about 10 feet, the judge will order "Stand your dog." The handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand and continue forward about 10 to 12 feet. The handler will then turn either to the right or left to face the dog, which must stand and stay in position.
	Directed Jumping	The handler will stand in the approximate center of the ring, about 20 feet from the jumps and midway between them. On the judge's order the handler will command and/or signal the dog to go forward at a brisk trot or gallop to a point about 20 feet past the jumps in the approximate center of the unobstructed end of the ring. When the dog reaches this point, the handler will give a command to sit. Judging Procedures: The judge should determine the 10-foot distance before beginning the class. The same sequence of jumps should be used for each dog. Reference the Obedience Judges' Guidelines Chapter 3.
	Jumps	Refer to Chapter 4 (Open), Sections 13 & Chapter 5 (Utility), Section 14 for specific High Jump & Bar Jump measurements
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Preferred Novice Exercises Chapter 11	Review →	Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, Stand For Examination, Heel Free, Recall, Sit Stay – Get Your Leash, as they are all judged in the same manner as the Regular Novice classes.
	Stay – Sit - Down Handler Walk Around the Ring	The dog and handler should be positioned approximately equidistant to each side of the ring as to be perpendicular to and facing one of the sides. The handler will walk around the inside perimeter of the ring in a direction as indicated by the judge, with all dogs entered in the class being judged the same way.
Beginner Novice Exercises Chapter 10	Heel On Leash	Rally signs will be used for this exercise and will be placed to the right of the handler's path except for those indicating a change in direction, in which case the sign will be directly in front of the team to aid in that change. The "Start" sign, while not required, may be used to signify the starting point for the heel on leash exercise.
	Figure Eight	Refer to Regular Novice Figure Eight exercise as the Beginner Novice Figure Eight is judged in the same manner.
	Sit For Exam	The distances are the same as the Regular Novice Stand For Examination
	Sit Stay – Handler Walks Around The Ring	On the judge's order the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and immediately proceed to walk around the inside perimeter of the ring in a direction as indicated by the judge.
	Recall	The handler will then walk forward, approximately 25 feet, to a location as directed by the judge, turn to face the dog.
Graduate Novice Exercises Chapter 17	Heel On Leash And Figure Eight	This exercise will be performed and scored in the same manner as the Novice Heel On Leash and Figure Eight exercise, except that the dog will be off leash.
	Drop On Recall	The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. On the judge's order, the handler will then walk forward to the other end of the ring, turn to face the dog.
	Dumbbell Recall	On the judge's order, the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay, walk forward to the other end of the ring, then turn, to face the dog and stand naturally. Size of dumbbell to be in proportion to the dog.
	Dumbbell Recall Over High Jump	The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least eight (8) feet (or any reasonable distance beyond 8 feet) from the jump. On the judge's order, the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay, go around the jump to at least eight (8) feet beyond the other side of the jump, then turn, face the dog and stand naturally. (These 8-foot distances will be clearly marked.) The height of the jump will be the same as it is for the Open Retrieve Over High Jump exercise.
	Recall Over Broad Jump	The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least eight (8) feet from the jump, (or any reasonable distance beyond 8 feet) facing the lowest hurdle. On the judge's order the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay, go around the hurdle(s) to at least eight (8) feet beyond the last hurdle, then turn and face the dog. The jump will be set to cover a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump setting for each dog.
	Stand Stay – Get Your Leash	This exercise will be performed and scored in the same manner as the Open A class Stand Stay – Get Your Leash.
Graduate Open Exercises Chapter 18	Signal Exercise	Heeling will be done as in the Heel Free. While the dog is heeling at one end of the ring, the judge will order the handler to "Stand your dog." The handler will command and/or signal the dog to stay, go at least ten (10) feet from the dog, then turn and face the dog.
	Scent Discrimination	This exercise will be performed and scored the same as in the Utility Scent Discrimination except as stated in the Graduate Open chapter. The handler will present four articles, consisting of two (2) sets only.
	Go Out	The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position facing the unobstructed end of the ring in the approximate center at any distance from about 20 feet beyond the jumps up to midway between the jumps.
	Directed Jumping	The handler will stand with the dog sitting at the unobstructed end and in the center of the ring. The handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay then walk forward to the other end of the ring. The judge will order either "Bar" or "High" for the jump. The dog will be sent over only one jump.
	Moving Stand And Examination	This exercise will be performed and scored the same as in the Utility Moving Stand And Examination except that the handler may pause/hesitate when giving the command and/or signal to stand.
	Directed Retrieve	This exercise will be performed as in the Utility Directed Retrieve except that a center glove is not used.

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You are in our thoughts



1. On April 24th, Ernie earned his first initials! We passed the TD test at the Belgian sheep dog nationals. He motored right along with very little deviation from the track. Good boy Ernie!

Molly Bredenberg



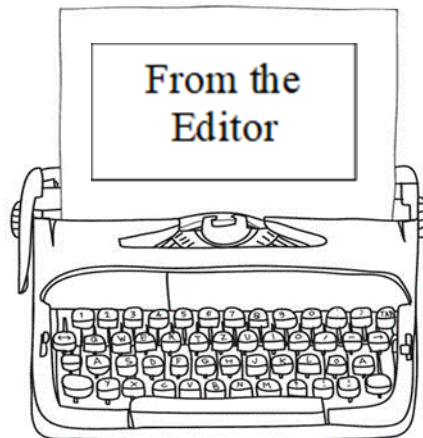
2. Zoey earned her TDU at the Belgian Tervuren National Specialty in Albany. OR. Never thought I could title a dog with VCD2 before!

Claudia Weiss



Emily finished her AKC Novice Standard agility title in May. And some other Q's as well.

Carolyn Wray



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