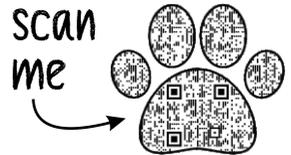


RALLY DOG

WHAT IS RALLY DOG?

Rally Dog is one of the newest branches of Dogsport within KUSA. Unlike Obedience where a Ring Steward instructs the Handler on what to do, Rally Dog sees the handler and dog team follow a course of signs and at each one, they have to execute the move required by the sign. Dogs must be able to work on both sides of their handler and it is imperative that the handler recognises and knows how to perform the various signs.



How do I *get started?*

You can start training at any stage but generally the sooner the better. Dogs need to be at least 6-months old to compete.

As dogs progress through the classes in Rally Dog, they will move from Novice to Advanced, Excellent, Master and Grand Master. A few shows may offer Fun, where handlers may take food/toys into the ring with them, or Senior, for older dogs.

Initially dogs may perform on-lead but will eventually be required to work off-lead. Handlers can talk to their dogs throughout the levels but excessive talking will be penalised in the higher levels.

No previous experience is required but it is recommended that you attend socialising and/or puppy classes. Register your dog, become a member of KUSA, get a Record Card and start competing.



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THE SIGNS



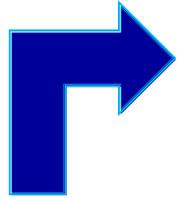
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ABOUT TURN
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How it works...

Knowing where to perform the signs is very important – one turns in front of turning signs, works next to 'doing' signs and there are even a few where the move is executed after the sign.

Rally Dog moves include turns typical of those found in Obedience and unique ones such as Slaloms (weaving through cones), backwards heeling with your dog, send aways to cones, and even jumps.

There are approximately 90 signs and Judges use between 12-20 signs when designing a course. Each course has its own unique challenges and the variation is what makes Rally Dog so interesting and so much fun.



Reasons why you should consider Rally Dog

- It is incredibly rewarding to feel your dog respond to your movements and feel that sense of harmony.
- It is a challenging Dogsport but gives a huge sense of satisfaction and reward.
- You build a strong relationship with your dog.

For pedigreed & crossbreed dogs