

4-H Dog Rally Levels

Pre-Novice

Same as Beginner A or B

- Any dog with a leg towards a Rally Novice title is ineligible for this level
- Performed on leash
- May wear a traditional slip collar, well-fitting plain buckle collar, or a head halter
- Must earn a blue ribbon to advance to the next level

Must include 8-12 signs, with 1-2 stationary signs:

3. Halt-Sit
4. Halt-Sit-Down
5. *Right Turn
6. *Left Turn
7. *About Turn-Right
8. *About "U" Turn
11. 360° Right
12. 360° Left

15a. Call Dog Front-Finish Any Direction-Halt (**may be used only in Pre-Novice and Novice**)

17. *Slow Pace
18. *Fast Pace
19. *Normal Pace

Novice

Same as Graduate Beginner and Novice Obedience

- Any dog with a Rally Novice title is ineligible for this level
- Performed on leash
- May wear either a traditional slip collar or a well-fitting plain buckle collar
- Must earn a blue ribbon to advance to the next level
- Must include 10 – 15 signs, with 3 – 5 stationary signs, and a minimum of 3 signs from Novice
- May include any signs in Pre-Novice, plus any of the following Novice signs:

9. *270° Right
10. *270° Left
- 13a. Call dog front-Finish any direction (**may only be used in Novice**)
20. Moving Side Step
21. Spiral Right Dog Outside
22. Spiral Left Dog Inside
23. Straight Figure 8 Weave Twice
24. Serpentine Weave Once
25. Halt-1, 2, 3 Step Forward
26. Call Front-1, 2, 3 Step Backwards
27. Stop and Down
28. Halt-Fast forward from Sit
29. Left About Turn
30. Halt and Walk Around Dog

31. Halt-Down-Walk Around Dog
32. Halt-Down-Walk Around Dog

Pre-Advanced

Same as Graduate Novice, Pre-Open, or Open

- Any dog with a leg towards a Rally Advanced title is ineligible for this level
- Performed off leash
- May wear either a traditional slip collar or a well-fitting plain buckle collar
- Must earn a blue ribbon to advance to the next level
- Must include 12 -17 signs, with 3 – 7 stationary signs, and a minimum of 3 signs from Pre-Advanced
- May include any signs from Pre-Novice (except 15A) and Novice (except 13A), plus any of the following Pre-Advanced signs:

13. Call Dog Front-Finish Right-Forward
14. Call Dog Front-Finish Left-Forward
15. Call Dog Front-Finish Right-Halt
16. Call Dog Front-Finish Left-Halt
32. Halt-About Right Turn & Forward
33. Halt-About “U” Turn & Forward
35. Halt-Turn Right One Step-Call to Heel
36. Halt-Stand Dog-Walk Around
37. Halt-90° Pivot Right-Halt
38. Halt-90° Pivot Left-Halt
39. Offset Figure 8
40. Halt-Side-step Right

Advanced

Same as Graduate Open or Pre-Utility

- Any dog with a Rally Advanced title is ineligible for this level
- Performed off leash
- May wear either a traditional slip collar or a well-fitting plain buckle collar
- A 4-Her has the option to compete in Advanced until they have earned three blue ribbons with the same dog. However, if a 4-Her decides to compete in Excellent he/she may not move back to Advanced.
- Must include 12-17 signs, with 3-7 stationary signs, with a minimum of 2 Pre-Advanced, a minimum of 1 Advanced, and 1 jump sign (34).
- May include any signs in Pre-Novice, Novice, or Pre-Advanced, plus any of the following Advanced signs:

34. *Send Over Jump-Handler Passes By
41. Halt-Call Dog Front-finish Right
42. Halt-Call Dog Front-Finish Left
43. Halt-180° Pivot Right-Halt
44. Halt-180° Pivot Left-Halt
45. Halt-Down-Sit

Jump Heights

The dog's jump height shall be **listed** on the entry form. Entries may be arranged according to the jump height of the dogs, from either high to low, or low to high.

Height at Withers	Jump Height
Less than 10 inches	4 inches
10 inches to less than 15 inches	8 inches
15 inches to less than 20 inches	12 inches
20 inches and over	16 inches

Excellent

Same as Utility

- A 4-Her may participate in this level with the **same dog** indefinitely.
- Performed off leash
- May wear either a traditional slip collar or a well-fitting plain buckle collar
- Unlike the other Rally levels, in Rally Excellent, handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage the dog. 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. Handlers may not touch their dog or make any physical corrections
- Must include 15-20 stations, with 3-7 stationary signs, a minimum of 2 advanced signs, 1 excellent sign, 2 jump signs, and an honor station.
- May include any sign from Pre-Novice (except 15A), Novice (except 13A), Pre-Advanced, and Advanced, plus any of the following Excellent signs

46.Halt-Stand-Down

47.Halt-Stand-Sit

48.Moving Stand-Walk Around dog

48.A. Back Up 3 Steps

50.Honor Station

Veterans

The Veterans class is for dogs that are too old and/or unfit to jump. Dogs must be at least seven years old. If a dog under the age of seven years has been found unfit to jump (broad and high jump) by a licensed, practicing veterinarian, it will be allowed to compete in this class.

Once a dog competes in the Veterans Rally class at the county show level, it can never again be shown in any agility class, obedience classes Pre-Open or higher, **or** other rally obedience class, even if being trained and exhibited by another 4-H'er. Showmanship participation is permitted and encouraged, along with participation in the Veterans Obedience Class in regular obedience. A 4-Her may participate in this class with the same dog indefinitely.

Veterans Level Course will consist of **12-15** exercises from Pre-Novice through Advanced, an honor station (#50), with the exception of #34-Send over Jump-Handler Passes by.

Stationary exercises should not exceed 1/3 of the total number or exercises.