

SIDTC  
1309 Travis Ave  
Staten island, NY 10314

## APDT Sanctioned Rally-Obedience Trial \*

January 21-22, 2012  
TWO trials each day

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Staten Island, NY

Open to ALL dogs

\* This is a titling event under  
APDT Rally-O rules and  
regulations. Go to  
[www.apdt.com/rallyo/index.htm](http://www.apdt.com/rallyo/index.htm)  
for more information.

## Rally Obedience for All Dogs



## Trial Schedule

Trial starts at 9 am  
Trials will run concurrently  
with each level running Trial 1  
followed immediately by Trial  
2 in that level.

Classes Offered:  
Levels 1, 2, 3 , VETERAN

### Hosted By:

Garden State Bearded Collie  
Clan  
Trial chair:  
Claire Cifarelli  
[Oewonder@aol.com](mailto:Oewonder@aol.com)

Trial Secretary:  
Trudy Wisner  
211 Little Clove Rd  
Staten Island, NY 10301  
[rwisner@si.rr.com](mailto:rwisner@si.rr.com)

### Judge:

**Saturday: Lynn  
Currie  
Sunday: Linda  
Sperco**

**100** Entries per DAY  
TOTAL

Entries Close:  
**Jan. 9, 2012**

This Rally-O titling event will allow competitors a chance to earn legs or points toward Rally-O titles. Our feedback has been extremely positive for this relatively new competition obedience venue – especially from traditional obedience trainers. APDT Rally allows all breeds and mixed breeds to compete and is committed to encouraging positive training methods. The APDT is an organization for professional dog trainers with 2500 members currently. It was founded in 1993 with the mission of enhancing the human-dog relationship by educating trainers, other animal professionals and the public and advocating dog-friendly training. Go to [www.APDT.com](http://www.APDT.com) for more information.

## Hotel/Motel Information

There are several motels located in NJ just across the Goethals Bridge. The hotels on Staten Island, while convenient, are expensive and not particularly dog friendly. The Hilton Garden runs approx \$150/night Pet \$35 --18 lb max weight.

However—we are CLOSER than you think to most places in NY/NJ (only 40 minutes from St Hubert's in Madison)

## Directions to Trial Site.

We are 5 minutes from the Goethal's Bridge!!

**From the Outerbridge Crossing:** Take the West Shore Expressway (Route 440 North) to the South Avenue Exit. At the light, make a right and then make the next \*\* right onto Travis Avenue. Make a left into the warehouse complex immediately past the UPS Depot. Our building is located on the left in the first 1/3 of the complex.

**From the Bayonne, Goethals or Verazzano Bridges:** Take the Staten Island Expressway to the West Shore Expressway (Route 440 South) to the South Avenue exit. At the end of the ramp, make a left at the stop sign. At the light, make a left onto South Avenue. At the second light, follow from\*\*

Unloading at the front door. Parking available across street at little league field parking area or further down the same complex.

Parking in front of the building is reserved for handicapped/special needs parking. Potty area directly across lot from our building—small gravel area. Please make sure to clean up after your dog. Grassy area available outside the complex. Please respect our neighbor's areas. Absolutely NO PARKING in front of Metro Stone (neighbor immediately past us in the complex) or across from the front door near the garages with the yellow barrels (private property—no trespassing and no dogs allowed)

## 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.
- ◆ All dogs must be registered with APDT Rally to compete. A one-time registration form must be submitted DIRECTLY to the RallyO Coordinator (NOT to trial hosting organization) before the date that a team first competes in a sanctioned trial. Teams must have a registration number to compete. Pending numbers are not acceptable day of trial.
- ◆ 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 the closing date 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 \$30.00 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 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. Any unpaid fees or shortfalls must be paid prior to the start of the event or entry is canceled without recourse by owner/handler.
- ◆ 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 or snap collar, plain harness, or properly fitted martingale (limited slip) collar. No choke collar, prong collars, shock collars, no-pull harnesses, martingale leads, or head collars are allowed.
- ◆ 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 the trial host(s).
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Upon successful completion of an exercise, the owner may choose to briefly pet or touch the dog as a reward. The owner may also 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.
- ◆ Dogs must remain under control at all times whether on or off leash while on show grounds. Day kenneling only is permitted, unless otherwise posted at the show site. Crates may be left overnight at your own risk.
- ◆ Please pick up after your dog and yourself.
- ◆ This event will be held indoors on agiflex flooring.

APDT's official Rally-O Rules and Regulations are hereby incorporated by reference, a copy of which may be obtained by going to [APDT.com/RallyO/index.htm](http://APDT.com/RallyO/index.htm).

# Rally Obedience Description

For a complete description of the Rally rules, regulations, performance guidelines, explanation of exercises, etc. go to [APDT.com/RallyO/index.htm](http://APDT.com/RallyO/index.htm). 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 [Rally0-All-Dogs-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:Rally0-All-Dogs-subscribe@yahoo.com).

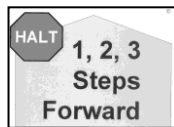
Rally-O is a new sport which consists of a sequence of stations, run as a heel-work course by a handler and dog, where a sign at each station indicates an obedience exercise which the team must perform. Rally is designed to be more relaxed than precision competitive Obedience, focusing instead on attitude and enthusiasm, while the variety of exercises and courses allows you to show off your versatility and teamwork. Rally is intended to promote positive relationships between dogs and owners based on trust and mutual respect. Dogs and handlers should both appear to be enjoying the competition and each other's company.

APDT Rally encourages participation by ALL dogs – purebred or mixed breed, pets or titled champions. Handlers are allowed to encourage their dogs in the ring using verbal praise, petting, and even food rewards just as they would in a good training session. The dogs must perform the exercises correctly and there should be a practiced smooth flow to the performance.

Rally courses, depending on the competition level, consist of 18 to 22 stations, laid out in a numbered pattern (like an agility course), performed on-leash in Level 1 and puppy or off-leash in Level 2, Level 3 and Veterans (Level 1 title is required to compete at Level 2). Also like agility, handlers get to walk the course and familiarize themselves with the pattern without their dog before running the course. During their run, the dog and handler move through the course in heel position, performing each exercise in turn. The highest scores will be earned by teams who move smoothly through the course, completing each exercise accurately with a minimum of commands, and with high enthusiasm and good attitude. Praise and/or verbal encouragement upon completion of exercises are allowed, and extra commands during exercises are minimally penalized. Rally is fun and interesting to watch as the individual style of each team can really show through.

There are as many as 58 different stations, which might be seen in a Rally course, primarily variations on basic heel exercises and other Obedience skills. Many of the stations involve activities you are probably familiar with; such as *Slow/Normal/Fast Pace Heel, Halt, Left/Right/About Turn, and Finish Right/Left*. Others are simple extensions, such as *270° and 360° Right/Left Turns, Straight Figure Eight, and Send over Jumps*. A few of the other interesting stations include:

- **Call Front - Forward Left:** the handler stops his forward motion and calls the dog to the front position, then moves forward while commanding the dog to move left into heel position falling into step with the handler.
- **Halt - 1, 2, 3 Steps Forward:** After a halt, the handler takes one step forward, halts, 2 steps, halts, 3 steps and halts. The dog heels with the handler and sits each time the handler halts.
- **Spiral Right:** The handler, with dog in heel, makes a sequence of right turns around a line of 3-4 pylons, with the first two turns around the end pylons and each successive turn on one end getting tighter and tighter.



You must be familiar with all of the different Rally-O exercise signs prior to the event. Go to [www.apdt.com/rallyo/index.htm](http://www.apdt.com/rallyo/index.htm) for an explanation of each of the exercise signs and have fun practicing them with your dog.

# Organizing Committee

Chairperson  
Secretary  
Scorer's table  
Chief Course Builder  
Awards

Claire Cifarelli  
Trudy Wisner  
Gail Faherty  
Trudy Wisner  
Claire Cifarelli

Hospitality

TBD

## Contact Information

(Do not hesitate to e-mail us if you have questions)

Chairperson: Claire Cifarelli [Oewonder@aol.com](mailto:Oewonder@aol.com)  
Secretary: Trudy Wisner [rwisner@si.rr.com](mailto:rwisner@si.rr.com)

## Entries and Closing Date

Entries must be received no later than **Jan. 9, 2012**. Entries submitted via Federal Express or Express Mail will be accepted only if the signature waiver is signed. No telephone, e-mail, or fax entries will be accepted. Move ups accepted in writing (or via email) until Aug 15, 2011.

## Facility, Check-In, Briefings, Walk-Throughs and Entry Fees

Doors open at 7:30 AM. Check in at any time prior to Trial. Dogs may be crated in the facility, and chairs are available to competitors. Judge's briefing and walkthrough at 9 am. Trials will run concurrently. That means that if you finish a title on Saturday in Trial 1, you may move to the B class or the next level for Trial 2, however if you finish a title in Trial 2, you may not move up until Sunday.

Tentative Running Order:

Trial 1, level 1; Trial 2, level 1; Trial 1 Vets; Trial 2 Vets; Trial 1 Puppy; Trial 2 Puppy;  
Trial 1, level 2; Trial , level 2; Trial 1, level 3; Trial 2, level 3

\*Note: Special discounted pricing for multiple entries!! Entry Fee: \$25; Any 6 runs/day same dog=\$100; Any 4 runs/day same dog=\$75; Any 2 runs/day same dog=\$45 All discounts apply to all runs entered per dog (if you enter 1 dog in 6 runs fee is \$100, if you enter 2 dogs and 1 is entered in 4 runs and the other is entered in 2 runs, the total entry fee is \$120--\$75 for the first dog and \$45 for the second).  
\*\*\*\*VERY SPECIAL PRICE---For those working on ARCHMX/or all 3 levels---  
Enter all trials, all levels both days (12 runs)—Special price of \$175. \*\*\*\*

## Food and Beverages

Light breakfast and lunch will be available at the trial site. Donations greatly appreciated

## Awards

Immediately following each class, qualifying ribbons will be awarded to each dog/owner team who achieves a score of 170 or better. Placement ribbons will be awarded to the top 5 high scoring teams at each level. Prizes will be awarded to all placements. High Combined will be awarded to the highest scoring combined scores in each trial for teams entered in Level 1/2; level 2/3 and levels 1, 2, and 3. Special prize or ribbon will be offered for high daily combined for those teams in all 3 levels in both trials (all 6 scores will be added together for a high day score).

# GENERAL AGREEMENT

I (we) agree that GSBCC, (the hosting organization) 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, SIDTC., 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 or minor entries:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### DOG INFORMATION

Reg. Name:	
Call Name:	Height/ actual Jump height
<i>Dog must have APDT Rally-O registration number</i>	
Rally Registration#:	will you be submitting a height modification?
Date of Birth:	Breed:
Do you anticipate earning a title? If yes, which one?	

### OWNER/HANDLER INFORMATION

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	(day)	E-mail:
	(evening)	
Handler's Name (must be member of immediate family):		

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### TRIAL ENTRY AND FEE INFORMATION (CHECK CHOICES)

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Trial 1 level 1	Trial 1 level 2	Trial 1 level 3	Trial 1 level Veteran	Trial 1 level PUPPY
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Total Trial Entry Fees	\$
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