

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. Registration information can be obtained directly from APDT at www.apdt.com/RallyO.
- ◆ 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- ◆ THERE SHALL BE NO REFUND for entries withdrawn after the closing date or in the event a dog and/or handler are dismissed from competition, regardless of reason for such dismissal.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 \$25.00 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 collars, 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.
- ◆ Exhibitors that plan to use food as a reward in the ring must indicate that on their entry forms. All teams NOT using food shall be scheduled to compete before those teams using food.
- ◆ 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 requires a ticket to Pawsabilities.**

◆ **Discount available if pre-paid, please either call (717) 671-7813 or go to**
<http://www.pawsabilities.net>

APDT's official Rally-O Rules and Regulations are hereby incorporated by reference, a copy of which may be obtained by going to www.apdt.com/RallyO.