

Rally 101

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Monday April 28 3:00-5:00p.m.

What is Rally? "Think of an AKC Rally event as any team sport: You and your dog navigate a course, side-by-side, as you steer him through a course of 10-20 different signs. Each of these signs provides instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. The dog and handler move continuously throughout the course with the dog under control at the handler's left side. There is a clear sense of teamwork between the dog and handler both during and between the numbered signs. Although each performance is timed, having a good race time is not the goal: it's all about working as a team while performing the skills, with the dog under control." - AKC.org

Join Dorene for a hands-on introduction to AKC Rally Novice which will also prepare you for working in Obedience and many other AKC sports. Unlike Obedience, you may talk and interact with your dog the whole time. Rally teaches control, quick thinking, improved observation of your dog's body language and results in a closer relationship between you and your dog. Following the initial presentation, you will have the opportunity to do a run-through of a course. Bring a crate or a friend to hold your dog while for while you are walking the course prior to your run. Bring your dog – bring treats – get ready to have fun!

Dorene became involved in performance sports when she got her first Bernese Mountain Dog in 2010. Since then, she has worked with her girls in Draft, Obedience, Rally, Barn Hunt, and recently Conformation. She has had two girls achieve the highest award in draft, the Grand Master Draft Dog. She has been working her Berners in Rally since 2015 and has been a Rally Instructor at her local kennel club since 2017.