**AKC Rally Judges Seminar**

- Handler leaves dog, gets leash, returns to heel position by walking around and behind dog
- Judge will order “Exercise Finished”
- Handler attaches leash and leaves the ring

### Scoring the Sit Stay
- Failure to complete the sit stay on the first attempt
  - IP – No retries

### Judging the Teams

#### Scoring Responsibilities
- Qualify dogs that deserve to qualify & non-qualify those that do not
- Place top four dogs
- Score the rest of the class consistently according to the regulations

### Scoring the Teams
- Rally does not require precision for success
- Dogs must be under control
- Sense of Teamwork is required
- Faults that would be penalized 1 point or more in obedience should be penalized the same in Rally
- Judges Discretion

#### Minor Deductions – 12 points/occurrence
- Tight leash
- Dog interfering with handler
- Slow, delay or resistance to respond
- Out of position
- Touching/ticking jump, pylon, post, person

#### Minor to Substantial 1-10 points/occurrence
- Pylon/post knocked over on 8, spiral or serpentine
- Lack of control
- Lack of teamwork
- Lack of briskness
- Loud or intimidating signal
- Excessive barking
- Hitting the jump
- Patting/clapping in Excellent (per occurrence)

### Repeat of a Station
- One Retry per station except for Sit Stay and Jumps
- Automatic 3 point deduction

### Incorrectly Performed station
- 10 point deduction – Principal Parts

Maximum number of points per station is 10, except for an NQ

### Natural Manner

#### Substantial Deduction (6-10 points)
Luring & Pleading

### Rally – Basic Objective
- Recognize that dogs have been trained to behave

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