



FOR MORE INFORMATION
ABOUT RALLY,
OBEDIENCE AND
AGILITY:

Getting started: Contact a local dog training club...a list of clubs is available at: www.akc.org or by calling AKC Customer Service at (919) 233-9767.

Visit www.BulldogPerformance.org For comprehensive coverage of the sport, its competitors and an updated list of E-mentors willing to help you get started.



Performance Sports...rewarding for both you and your dog!

Visit www.thebca.org for current educational materials designed to help you in the care and maintenance of your bulldog and contact information for BCA affiliated clubs in your area.



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BULLDOGS IN PERFORMANCE SPORTS

INFORMATION ABOUT
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...as it relates to Bulldogs



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THE BULLDOG CLUB OF AMERICA

The Purposes of the BCA
are:

- To maintain a standard of excellence for the guidance of breeders, owners, and judges
- To improve the breed through encouragement of effort directed toward approach to, or attainment of, the degree of excellence set forth in the standard of the bulldog breed.
- To stimulate interest in competitive public showings of bulldogs.
- To further the interests of the Breed.
- To work for the general good of breeders, owners, and exhibitors of bulldogs.

For a list of Bulldog Club of
America Member Clubs in your area
Contact: www.thebca.org

RALLY

Rally Obedience is fast becoming one of the most popular performance sports for dogs. Scoring is not as strict as traditional obedience, and handlers are encouraged to talk and interact with their dogs while completing the course. It's the perfect activity for young dogs just getting started in their performance careers, dogs that have become too old to compete in more demanding traditional obedience, or dogs who need to build more confidence in the ring!



The dog and handler go through a course of 10-20 stations, all at their own pace, performing the task designated on the marker. The team will execute a variety of heeling patterns, turns, positions and speeds, and are timed while on the course.

Handlers are allowed time to walk through a course, as well as ask the judge any questions they may have prior to the start of a class, so that they are familiar with the flow of the course, and are better able to finish in the quickest time possible. A perfect score is 100 points (a team must earn at least 70 to qualify) and, in case of a tie, course times are used in determining placements.

Obedience

Once you have established a good, working relationship with your dog, you can pursue the more challenging, but very rewarding, goal of putting an obedience title on your dog. There is less room for error in the obedience ring and a dog must respond promptly the first time a command is given. The dog must learn to focus on its handler, no matter what distraction or temptation may arise.

Each dog enters the ring with a perfect 200 score and points are deducted for any imperfections in heeling (such as lagging behind or forging ahead), crooked sits, slow responses, etc. While it can seem like a monumental feat to a beginner, consistency and practice pays off and can be extremely rewarding when you've fulfilled the requirements for an obedience title.



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Check out :

www.BulldogPerformance.org

To learn more about competing in performance sports with your bulldog and to see an updated list of e-mentors to help you get started.



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Agility



Agility is the ultimate game for you and your dog. It also one of the most exciting canine sports for spectators. In agility, a dog demonstrates its agile nature and versatility by following cues from the handler through a timed obstacle course. The course has jumps, tunnels, weave poles, and other obstacles. Agility strengthens the bond between dogs and handlers, it is extremely fun, and it provides vigorous exercise for both!



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