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
 - o 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
- Poor sits
- 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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