

## OBEDIENCE & RALLY STEWARDS

### OBEDIENCE STEWARDS

Stewarding functions in the obedience ring are broken down into three general categories: gate, table and ring. Under ideal circumstances, four stewards would perform these functions (there are two ring stewards) at each ring. However, the workload could be managed quite well with two experienced persons for each ring. **No one person may serve as a steward with a judge under who he/she has an entry or under whom, in the course of the day's judging, his or her entry might become eligible to compete.**

#### Qualifications

- Friendly individuals who are willing to follow directions
- Previous experience as an exhibitor or steward at an AKC Obedience (or Rally) Trial or Sanctioned Match is helpful, but not required.
- Familiarity with the AKC's The Steward in Obedience.
- Familiarity with the AKC's Obedience Regulations is helpful, but not required.

#### Time Commitment

This is a four to eight hour assignment (depending on the schedule and number of volunteers; lunch should be provided when full-shift is served). The stewarding assignment may also involve assisting with set-up and clean-up, requiring work well after the last obedience exhibitor is gone.

#### Responsibilities

- Understand that they are present to assist the judges, and at no time, should a steward appear to be discussing judging of the dogs with a judge or exhibitor.
- Be ringside at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of judging to receive any specific instructions from the judge and to assist in setting up the obedience ring as directed by the judge.
- Consult AKC's The Steward in Obedience (or Rally) for specific duties of each function.
- Assist with clean-up as required.

### RALLY STEWARDS

Stewarding functions in the Rally ring are broken down into four general categories: gate, table, ring, and time with an honor steward required for Rally Excellent. **A person may both steward for and show under the same judge in Rally, with the exception of the table steward who may not show and steward in the same class.**

#### Qualifications

- Same as Obedience Steward above, substituting "Rally" for Obedience.

#### Time Commitment.

This is a four to eight hour assignment (depending on the schedule and number of volunteers; lunch should be provided when full-shift is served). The stewarding assignment may also involve assisting with set-up and clean-up, requiring work well after the last Rally exhibitor is gone.

#### Responsibilities.

- Understand that they are present to assist the judges, and at no time, should a steward appear to be discussing judging of the dogs with a judge or exhibitor.
- Be ringside at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of judging to receive any specific instructions from the judge and to assist in setting up the Rally ring as directed by the judge.
- Consult AKC's The Steward in Rally for specific duties of each function.
- Assist with clean-up as required.

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