

## Australian Shepherd Association Rally Sign Reference



Start and Finish (All levels) - Start: Place dog in a heel/sit judge will ask if you are ready. If ready tell the judge 'yes'. Judge will say 'forward', handler and dog will begin course. Finish: Handler and dog pass the sign which ends the course and stopwatch.



**#1 Sit ( I )** - Handler and dog approach the SIT sign with sign to their right. Handler instructs dog to sit in heel position. Neither will go past the sign. Once the dog sits, handler and dog proceed forward to the next sign.



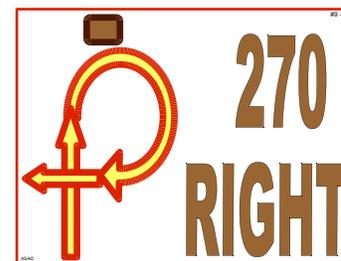
**# 2 Left Turn and # 3 Right Turn ( I )** - Handler and dog will move toward sign with dog in heel position, handler and dog make a 90 degree turn to the left or right and continue to the next sign without pausing.



**# 4 Left U Turn and #5 Right U Turn( I )** - Handler and dog heel towards the front of the sign, handler and dog make a 180 degree turn to the left or right moving together without pausing, proceeding to the next sign.



**# 6** Left 360 Forward and **# 7** Right 360 Forward ( I ) - Handler and dog heel to front of the sign and both go to the left or right in a full circle (360 degrees) returning to where they started. Without pausing, handler and dog will proceed to next sign. This exercise is one continuous movement and done in heel position.



**# 8** 270 Left and **# 9** 270 Right ( I ) - Handler and dog heel towards the front of the sign, handler and dog make a 270 degree turn to the left or right moving as a team without pausing and proceed to the next sign.



Speed Paces ( I ): **#10** Normal, **#11** Fast and **#12** Slow - Handler and dog heels to sign, when they reach the sign, not before, the team will change pace to speed specified on sign. The change of pace to fast does not have to be a running pace, just a change of pace. The change of pace for slow must show a slower pace than normal. The change of pace continues until they reach next sign.

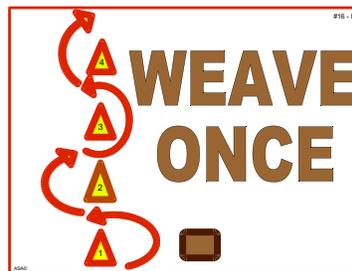


**# 13** Spiral Left and **#14** Spiral Right ( I ) - Handler and dog shall heel to the sign. Two cones are placed 4-5 feet apart. The team continues in a heel with the cones to their left/right and go to the very last cone (cone 2), go around cone two, then proceed to cone one and make a complete circle around cone 1 then continue to next sign.



**# 15** Side Step Right ( I ) - Handler and dog heel pass the sign where the handler takes a diagonal step to the right on his/her right foot, left foot shall then follow and step out forward on the left foot while dog follows. The sign is to the right of the handler and they will both pass the sign and proceed forward in one big swooping movement. The dog must move with the handler. There is no pause in this exercise.

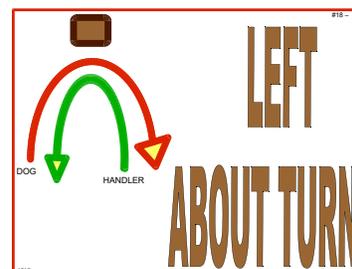
## NOVICE SIGNS



**# 16** Weave Once (N) - Handler and dog approach the sign on their right in heel position, handler and dog shall enter the first cone on the right side of the cone (first cone shall be on their left). The team shall continue to weave through all four cones and exit at last cone and proceed to next sign. Cones should be placed between 4-5 feet apart.



**#17** SIT Down ( N ) - Handler and dog approach the sign it on their right, when they reach the sign the handler will instruct the dog to sit in heel position without either going past the sign. Once the dog sits, handler may signal to the dog to down by touching the floor or by standing straight up, either way, the handler must return to a standing position pause and then team shall heel to next sign.



**# 18** Left About Turn (N) - Handler and dog heel to the front of the sign. Before reaching sign, handler will do a U-turn to his/her left, as the handler is turning, the dog will make a U-turn to the right behind the handler. When both have finished the U-turns, dog will return to heel position and team will continue forward to next sign. This is done in one continuous, flowing movement. Green is handler and Red is the dog.



**# 19** 430 Left Exit Left and **#20** 430 Right Exit Right (N) - Handler and dog heel to the front of the sign and both go to the left/right in a full circle, returning where they started. Without pausing, handler and dog will continue to the left and proceed to the next sign. This exercise is done as one continuous movement.



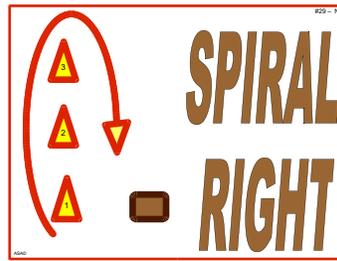
**# 21** Sit Fast Forward and **#22** Sit Down Fast forward(N) - Handler and dog approach the sign with the sign on their right, when they reach the sign the handler cues the dog to sit in heel position without going past the sign. For **#22** Handler downs dog after sitting. Handler must be in a standing position before continuing, pause then the team will heel forward to next sign at a fast pace.



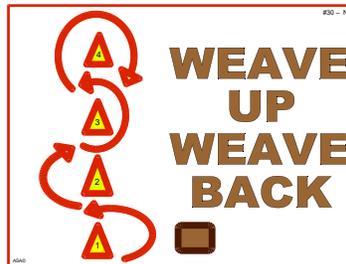
**# 23** Call Front Left Forward and **#24** Call Front Right Forward (N) - Handler and dog approach the sign with it on their right, just before they get to the sign without either dog or handler going past, the handler will call the dog front. Handler may take 2-3 steps backwards to position dog. **#23**: Once handler has stopped and dog is in the sit position, handler will instruct the dog to go to the left, dog will go to the left of the handler, behind the handler then proceed in heel position to next sign. **#24**: Once handler has stopped and dog is in the sit position, handler will instruct the dog to go to the right, dog will go to the right of the handler, behind the handler then proceed in heel position to next sign.



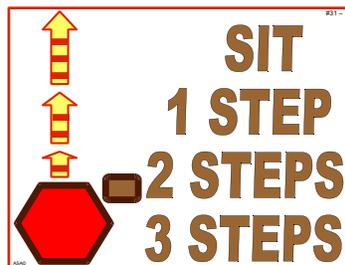
**# 25** Call Front Finish Left and **#26** Call Front Finish Right (N) - Handler and dog approach the sign with it on their right, just before they get to the sign without passing, the handler will call the dog Front. Handler may take 2-3 steps backwards to position dog. Once the handler has stopped and dog is in the sit position, handler will instruct the dog to go to the left/right, dog will go to the left/right of the handler, behind the handler then sit in heel position .



**# 27** Spiral Left and **#28** Spiral Right ( N ) - Handler and dog shall heel to sign. Three cones shall be placed 4-5 feet apart. The team shall continue in a heel with the cones to their left/right and go to the very last cone (cone 3) and loop cone three, team shall proceed to cone one and loop cone one and heel to cone 2 and loop cone 2. Team shall proceed to cone 1 and circle cone 1 then heel to next sign.

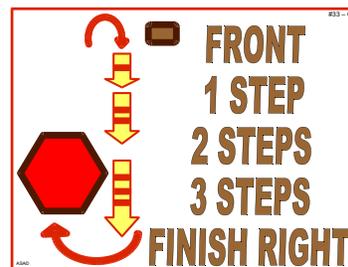


**# 29** Weave Up Weave Back (N) - Handler and dog approach the sign on their right in heel position, handler and dog shall enter the first cone on the right side of the cone (first cone shall be on their left). The team shall continue to weave through all four cones and loop the last cone weave back and proceed to the next sign. Cones should be placed between 4-5 feet apart.

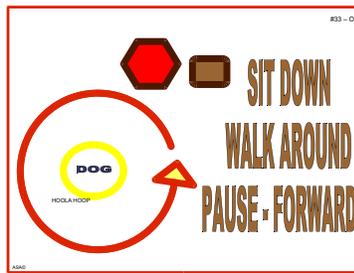


**# 30** SIT 1 Step 2 Steps 3 Steps (N)- Handler and dog shall heel to the sign on their right. Upon reaching the sign without going past, dog will sit, handler will then cue dog to take 1 step forward - moving as a team - then sit again. Handler will then cue dog to take two steps forward and sit. Same with 3 steps, sit. When the dog sits each time this must be a heel sit on handlers left side.

### OPEN SIGNS



**#31** and **#32** Call Front 1 Step 2 Steps 3 Steps Finish Left/Right (O) - Handler and dog heel to sign, without going past, handler may take 2-3 steps backwards while calling the dog to the front (sit) position. Once in front, handler and dog take one step backwards together, handler cues dog to front (sit), then handler and dog take 2 steps backwards together and handler cues dog to front (sit) then handler and dog take 3 steps backwards together and handler cues dog front (sit). The handler will then instruct dog to finish left/right



**# 33** Sit Down Walk Around Pause-Forward (O) - At the sign dog sits in the hoola hoop (if one's available). Handler cues dog to down and stay while he/she walks counterclockwise around dog, returning to heel position. Handler pauses, dog must remain in down position until cued to proceed at a heel forward.



**# 34** Send Dog to Hoop & Sit/ Handler to Dog Pause Forward (O) -- Handler stays behind the sign and sends dog to sit in the hoop approximately 6' away. Handler directs dog to stay, walks forward to the hoop, pause before releasing dog. Both move to next sign.



**# 35 #36** Sit Side Step Left/Right Halt (O) - Handler sits dog in heel position. Handler takes 1 step directly to the left/right and sits. Dog moves with handler to the left/right and sits in heel position. Handler halts and cues dog to heel and moves forward toward next sign.



**# 37** Sit Jump Hoop Finish Right (O) - Handler sits dog in heel position. Handler holds hoop up, dog jumps through. Dog finishes right and moves forward toward next sign.



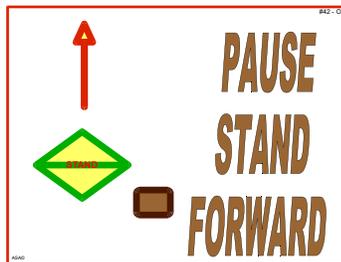
**# 38** Sit Leave Dog 3 Steps Call thru Hoop Finish Right (O) - At the sign, dog is cued to sit/stay, handler moves forward 3 steps, picks up hoop and holds hoop out to the left of him/her, cues dog to jump through hoop left to right, around the handler to the right, finish in heel position. Handler puts down hoop and proceeds forward to next sign.



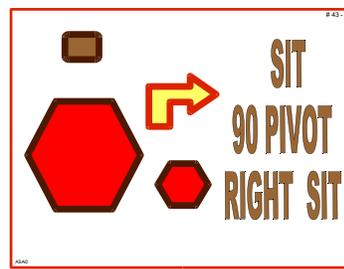
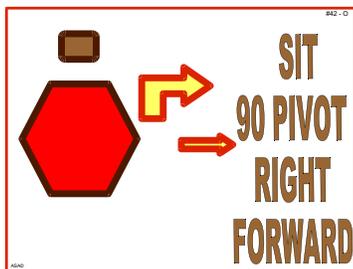
**# 39** Offset Figure Eight (O) - Four dog food bowls are arranged like a diamond, two end bowls 10' apart; two side bowls 5' apart. Place a few bits of food in each. Bowls are covered by screen to prevent dog from accessing food. Team enters Figure 8 with sign to their left. Team must heel in 'figure 8' pattern one and a half times around outside bowls vertically or horizontally, depending on location of bowls and entry. No sitting in this exercise.



**# 40** Sit Down Sit (O) - Handler sits dog, cues dog to down, cues dog to sit again then handler cues dog to heel. Proceed to next sign



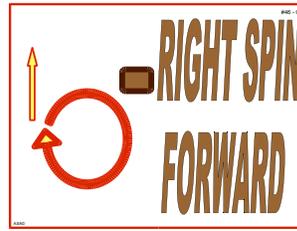
**# 41** Pause Stand Forward (O) - Handler pauses briefly while dog stands then cues dog to heel forward to next sign.



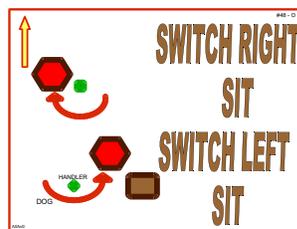
**# 42 #43** Sit 90 Pivot Right Forward/Sit (O) - Handler sits in heel position then handler makes a tight 90 degree pivot to the right  
**#42** cueing dog to move simultaneously proceeding to the next sign. **#43** cueing dog to sit then heel to the next sign.



**# 44** Send Dog over jump Return to Heel (O) - In continuous movement, the handler cues dog to jump and runs along to the right of the jump. When dog completes jump, handler calls dog to heel position and they proceed to the next sign. Dog may get ahead of handler, in which handler can call dog back without penalty.



**# 45** Twirl Left Forward (O) - Handler and dog heel to sign with sign on their left. Handler will instruct the dog to spin (small circle) to the left. When the dog completes the spin they move forward to next sign **# 46** Right Spin Forward (O) - Handler and dog heel to sign with sign on their right. Handler will instruct the dog to spin (small circle) to the right. When the dog completes the spin then handler and dog move forward to next sign.



**# 47** Switch Right Halt Switch Left Halt (O) - Handler and dog will heel to sign with sign on their right, when the team reaches the sign, they will take a step or two past the sign, at that point the handler will cue dog to 'switch' to the right. Dog will go behind the handler into a heel on the right, then sit dog.. Handler will then cue dog to 'switch' to the left, the dog will go behind the handler into a heel. This exercise is done while both handler and dog are moving forward and must be completed before the next sign.



**# 48** Sit Leave Dog 3 steps Face Dog Call Front Finish Right (O) - Handler halts at the sign with dog in heel position. Once sitting, handler takes off leash. Handler will cue dog to stay. Handler takes 3 steps forward and faces dog. Handler pauses briefly then calls dog to sit in front of handler. Once sitting handler will cue dog to finish right. Handler will put leash on dog.

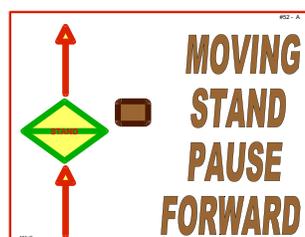
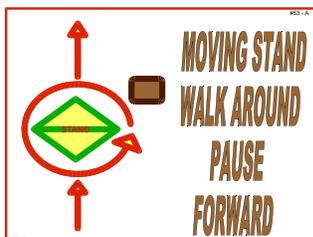


**# 49** Sit Leave Dog 3 steps Call to Heel Halt (O) - heel to sign on right; handler will have dog halt/sit. Handler takes 3 steps forward, facing forward, calls dog to heel position and has dog sit. Move forward to the next sign

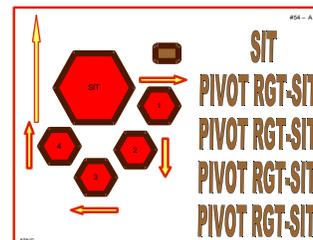
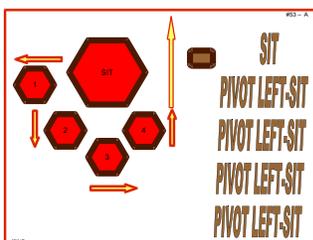
## ADVANCED SIGNS



**# 50** Sit Leave Dog Recall Dog Over Jump Return to Heel Forward (A) - Handler and dog heel to sign on right, handler will have dog stop/sit/stay. Handler leaves dog, goes to X marked on ground, facing forward, calls dog over jump, dog comes to heel position.



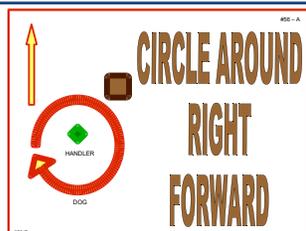
**# 51** Moving Stand Walk Around Pause Forward - While moving, handler cues dog to stand and stay. Without hesitating handler walks around the dog and returns to heel position. Once in heel position handler pauses briefly then cues the dog to heel forward to the next sign. **# 52** Moving Stand Pause Forward (A) - While moving, handler cues dog to stand. Both pause briefly then continue in a heel forward to the next sign.



**# 53 and 54** Sit Pivot Left/Rights (A) - Handler and dog heel to sign on their right. There handler cues dog to sit; handler pivots left/right 90 degrees, cues dog to sit again. Repeated every 90 degrees until handler returns to original position. Move forward to next



**# 55** Circle Around Left Spin Left Forward (A) - In continuous motion, Handler will pause, dog will circle around back of handler to the front of handler, counterclockwise direction, then spin left into heel position.



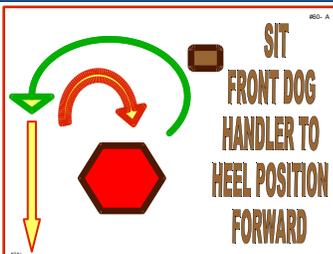
**# 56** Circle Around Right Forward (A) - In continuous motion, Handler will pause, dog will circle in front of handler to handler's right, clockwise direction, finishing in heel position



**# 57** Sit Send Dog to Hoop Down Handler to Dog Finish Left (A) -Handler stays behind the sign and sends dog to down position inside the hoop (if available) approximately 6' away. Handler cues dog to stay and walks forward to the hoop, passing it 2 steps, pauses before releasing dog, cues dog to finish left and both move forward to next sign.



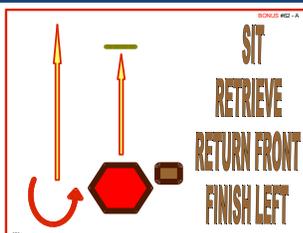
**# 58** Sit Leave Dog 3 steps Down Dog Return (A) - Dog sits in heel position. Handler cues dog to stay. Handler takes 3 steps forward and cues dog to down. Handler returns to dog and gets in heel position before moving on to the next sign.



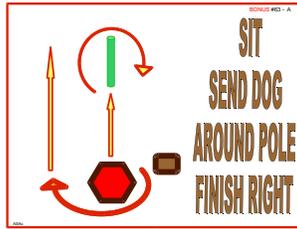
**# 59** Sit Front Dog Handler to Heel Position Forward (A) -Dog sits in heel position. Handler cues/calls dog to front. Handler circles dog counterclockwise until dog is in heel position proceed forward to the next sign.



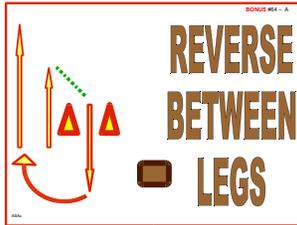
**# 60** Moving Down Leave Dog 3 Steps Call to Heel/Down Forward (A) -In a continuous motion, handler cues dog to down and walks forward 3 steps. Handler remains facing away from the dog, calls dog to heel position. Dog must come promptly. Handler will cue dog down then proceed forward to the next sign.



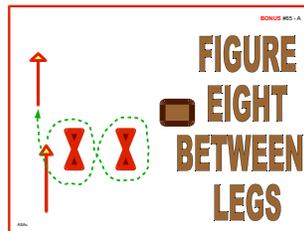
**# 61** Sit Retrieve Return Front Finish Left (A) - Handler supplies retrieve object, steward places object 10-15' from sign. Dog sits in heel position. Handler sends dog to pick up object and return to front position. When dog returns, it sits in front, handler takes it from dog, dog then dog moves directly into a finish left.



**# 62 (bonus)** Sit Send Dog Around Pole Finish Right (A) -Handler must remain behind sign. Dog sits in heel position. Handler sends dog around a pole 6' away either direction. Dog returns and moves directly into a finish right



**# 63 (bonus)** Reverse Between Legs (A) -in a continuous motion, handler calls dog front, dog will look away from handler and back through handler's legs. Then return to heel position



**# 64 (bonus)** Figure Eight Between Legs Forward (A) - Handler and dog heel to sign, just before the sign without going past the handler will signal dog to figure eight between his/her legs. This is done by dog coming in front of handler, going between both legs, dog goes behind the handlers right leg, circles around, goes in between legs, goes behind left leg, as dog comes from behind the left leg then handler and team move forward in heel position to next sign. Handler must not move feet once he/she has stopped.