



SPOT & CO

SUE PEARSON'S OBEDIENCE TRAINING

Rally-O

Top 10 Reasons You and Your Dog Should Come to SPOT & CO.

1. All the dogs are doing it.
2. Kid next door thinks the dog's name is "Stoppit."
3. Dog sitter suggested that you take the dog with you on vacation this year.
4. Your clothing has lace and fringe that wasn't there yesterday.
5. No more yellow carpet!
6. You want to learn that trick where you put the biscuit on the end of the dog's nose.
7. Neighbors put one of these flyers in your mailbox.
8. You found *Howloween*, *House Destruction for Dogs*, and *Jurassic Bark* books under the dog's pillow.
9. New puppy came without an owner's manual.
10. Guaranteed to have a great time training your dog!

Rally-O is a relatively new canine sport which consists of a sequence of stations, where a sign at each station identifies an obedience exercise the dog and handler team must perform. Rally courses usually have 12-22 stations, laid out in numerical order by the instructor.

Rally-O classes provide an opportunity for you and your dog to continue training beyond the basic obedience level and will focus on the development of teamwork as both you and your dog navigate the courses. While these classes are different from traditional obedience classes, they will incorporate general obedience skills, including: sit, stay, lie down, come when called, and how to walk nicely on leash.

As with all of our classes, we'll show you ways to motivate your dog in training, work in an environment with distractions, and we will encourage the use of positive reinforcement to help maintain good behavior.

During **Rally-O** classes, you'll also be encouraged to reinforce appropriate socialization skills so that your dog continues to have good interactions with other dogs and people. Information about behavior will be shared as situations occur in class and when owners have specific questions. Children and other family members are encouraged to attend class in order to improve their understanding of training and behavior. **SPOT & CO.** instructors believe that dog training is a family activity and that it should be **fun** for you and your dog.

Thanks for signing up with **SPOT & CO.** We look forward to working with you in class!

Recommended materials available at Iowa City and Coralville Public Libraries:

Sirius Puppy Training. (video) by Ian Dunbar

The Culture Clash. by Jean Donaldson

