

Welcome!

Welcome to Companion Dog Sports Program, where obedience showing is fun again!

I am very excited about my venture into the ownership of the CDSP obedience venue. I will continue the good work started by St. Hubert's and hopefully in the years to come make enhancements to this growing obedience sport which allows purebreds, mixed breeds, and even dogs with disabilities to "strut their stuff."

I would like to increase the awareness of and help make CDSP a widely recognized obedience venue and hope to have clubs already hosting CDSP shows host more shows and increase awareness of the "new" sport of obedience as well as help more clubs interested in CDSP host their shows.



I started trialing in Novice CDSP in 2010 with my Golden Retrievers, Troy (left) and Fly (right), and my Sheltie, Breezy (front), and very much enjoyed the challenge of this class and the atmosphere of the day. Please browse through the web site as I am sure you will want to either get your dog registered or dust off your current registration number and get out there with your K9 companion and "strut your stuff" along with the rest of us who are enjoying the sport again.

~Sandi Ver Sprill

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Companion Dog Sports Program

Making obedience showing fun again!

What is more fun than training your dog? Testing her skills—and yours—in a friendly, safe environment.

What Is CDSP Competition Obedience?

The Companion Dog Sports Program sanctions obedience trials where handlers and their dogs can earn titles in the Novice, Open, Utility, and Versatility classes. Teams can earn titles and championships by collecting qualifying scores, not by winning placements—although earning ribbons is also fun. Based on traditional competition obedience exercises and scoring guidelines, CDSP was created using feedback from exhibitors, instructors, judges, and dog handlers and trainers nationwide.

What Makes CDSP Competition Obedience Different?

CDSP is a natural style of competition obedience, based on dog-friendly training methods, where handlers are allowed to talk to and praise their dogs during most of the exercises. Another difference is that you may give the dog a food treat at the end of each exercise.

CDSP is also careful to ensure the safety of the dog—not to mention the handler, judges, and stewards! There are no exercises where there are two dogs in the ring at the same time.

Some of the exercises have been modified to reflect real-life usefulness. There are no group stays or out-of-sight stays, because these are skills that most dogs and handlers never need outside the ring. The only stay exercise is in the Novice class, where the team performs a stay exercise with the dog sitting in the middle of the ring while the handler walks the perimeter of the ring.

Several new and exciting exercises have been added to the Utility class, including a Bonus Exercise. The Bonus Exercise is an optional exercise in the Utility B class that can add up to 20 points to a team's score. New in 2015 is the Versatility class, open to teams that have earned a Novice championship.



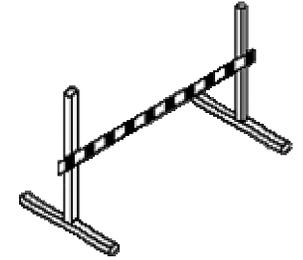
Can Mixed Breed Dogs Compete?

All dogs age 6 months or older—whether purebred, mixed breed dogs, or dogs with disabilities—are eligible and encouraged to compete in CDSP Obedience Trials. Dogs must be registered with CDSP before entering any sanctioned trials.



What If I'm Training for Traditional Obedience?

CDSP Competition Obedience is a great complement to traditional competition obedience! It will help you and your dog make a smooth and successful transition from the training ring to the traditional performance ring. CDSP competition obedience establishes a solid foundation in traditional obedience. It is also ideal for veteran dogs, as jump heights have been lowered to three-fourths of your dog's height at the shoulder. Disabled dogs may jump even lower heights upon submission of an exercise modification form.



CDSP competition Obedience is truly ideal for all dogs!



How Do We Get Started?

Visit the web site at www.companiondogsportsprogram.com. You will find all the Rules and Regulations, a Dog Registration form, and a Calendar of Events.

CDSP is headquartered at Golden Rule School for Dogs, 23 Morris Sussex Pike, Andover, NJ 07821. Sandi Ver Sprill is the coordinator. Email her at Trank9@embarqmail.com.

Can My Club Host a Trial?

Any club, school, or organization may apply to host a sanctioned trial and we encourage you to do so! We also invite any club, school, or organization to host a sanctioned seminar. Full details can be found on our web site:

www.companiondogsportsprogram.com

