



# AKC KIDS' NEWS

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## TALENTS & TEAMWORK: AKC RALLY

*At an AKC Rally® event you get to show off your dog's talents and the teamwork between you and your dog. You and your dog complete a course together, side-by-side, at your own steady pace. You move him through a course with 10-20 signs where he performs different exercises. The courses are designed by the Rally judge that include different turns and commands such as sit, down, and stay. Each performance is timed but having a good race time is not the goal; it's all about working as a team while performing the skills.*

*Rally is a fun family sport, and is a perfect starting point if you are new to dog sports.*

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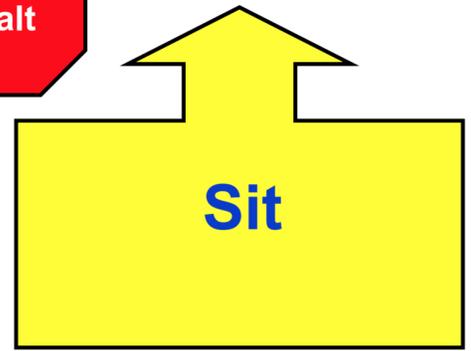


# AKC SPORTS: RALLY 101

Each Rally course is filled with 10-20 signs saying which skills the dog-handler team must perform. The **handler** does not know which ones will be present on the course until the day of the event. Pictured on the right is an example of a sign you might see at a Rally competition.



A dog handler is a someone who works with, trains, or cares for dogs.



The 'Sit' sign can be used in all Rally class levels.

## BENEFITS OF AKC RALLY

- Competing in AKC Rally can improve your dog's focus and behavior.
- It can build your dogs confidence.
- It can improve the bond between you and your dog.
- Finishing a course is something you and your dog can be proud of!

Want to learn more about AKC Rally?



Click [here](#) to watch this video!

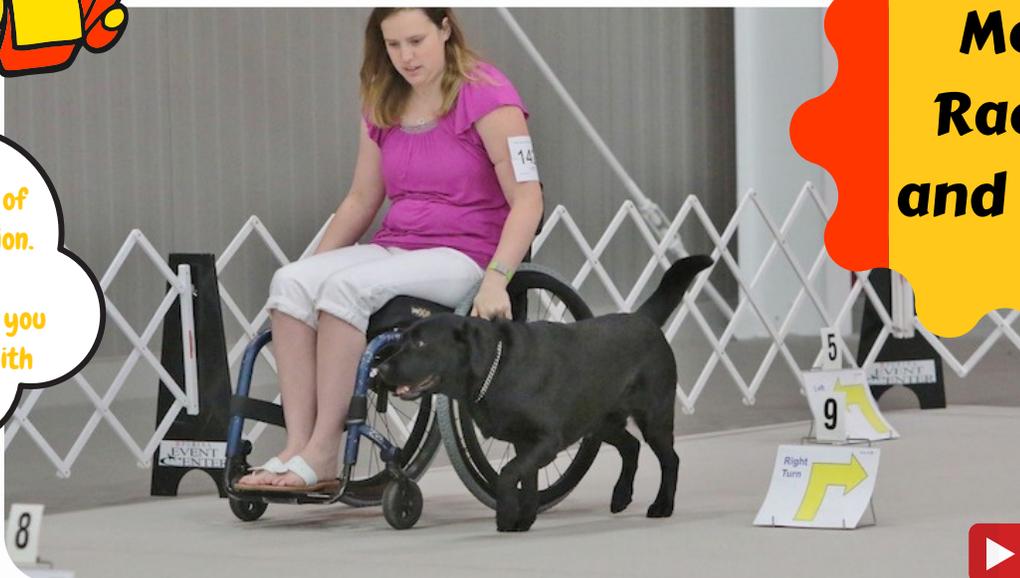
# COOL!

An important part of Rally is communication.

What are some ways you can communicate with your dog?



## Meet Rachel and Polly



Rachel and Polly are competing in an AKC Rally event. Learn more about their bond [here](#).

# PRESIDENTIAL PUPS

Meet Presidents and their beloved pups! Many presidents have shared the White House with their dogs, from George Washington to current President, Joe Biden. Let's take a look back at some of the most famous four-legged friends in American history.

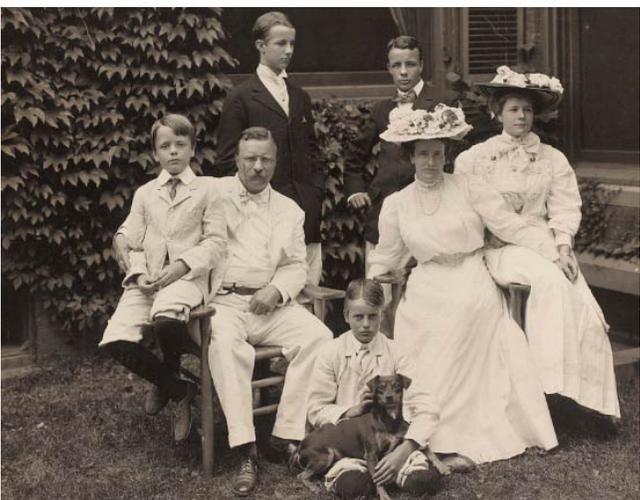


John F. Kennedy and his family had many dogs, including a **Welsh Terrier**, an **Irish Wolfhound**, a **German Shepherd**, an **English Cocker Spaniel**, a **Poodle**, and a mixed breed dog that was a gift from the then Soviet Union.



## GEORGE WASHINGTON

George Washington, the father of our nation, is also the father of **American Foxhounds**. In 1770, Washington brought a number of hounds with him from England to America. Washington took care of and carefully bred these hounds, and they became the **ancestors** of today's American Foxhound. He listed the names of over 30 hounds in his personal journals.



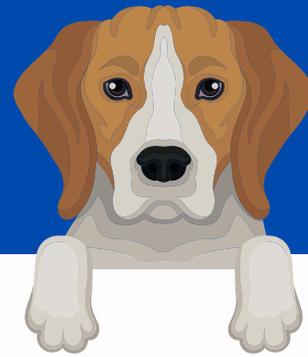
## THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Theodore Roosevelt and his family owned a **Saint Bernard** named Rollo, a **Pekingese** named Manchu, a **Chesapeake Bay Retriever** named Sailor Boy, a **Manchester Terrier** called Blackjack, and a **Bull Terrier** named Pete, who ripped the pants of a French ambassador.

 An animal's ancestor is an animal in the past from which a modern animal developed.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The 26th President, Theodore Roosevelt, was famous for his love of pets? The Roosevelt's had many pets while living in the White House, including dogs, cats, snakes, a badger, birds, guinea pigs, and even a pony!



## RONALD REAGAN

Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, were animal lovers, and had several dogs. The Reagan's owned a **Bouvier des Flandres** called Lucky, and a **Cavalier King Charles Spaniel** named Rex, that lived with them at the White House. They also had four other dogs that lived on the Reagan's ranch — a **Golden Retriever**, **Irish Setter**, **Belgian Sheepdog**, and **Siberian Husky**.



## BARACK OBAMA

Barack Obama welcomed two **Portuguese Water Dogs** (PWD's) into his family after his inauguration. They are named Bo and Sunny.



## JOE BIDEN

President Joe Biden and First Lady, Jill Biden, have two German Shepherd dogs, Champ (age 12) and Major (age 2). Major is the first rescue dog to live in the White House.





# MEET THE BREED

Introducing the Clumber Spaniel: a calm and amusing canine!

## BREED STATS

Height: 17-20in.

Weight: 55-85lbs.

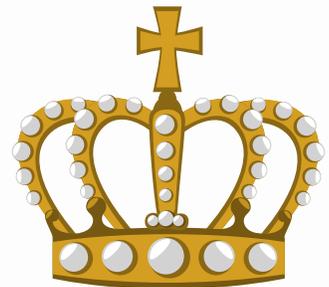
Group: Sporting

Life Expectancy: 10-12 yrs.



The Clumber Spaniel is believed to have originated in France.

Clumbers are famous for their sweet, loving nature.

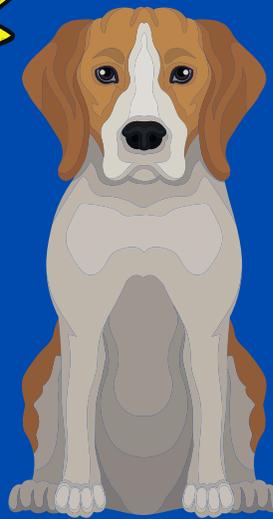


Clumber Spaniels have been kept and bred by several members of the British Royal Family.

# QUIZ!

## BAILEY'S READING TIP:

Look back in the text for the answer to reading questions!



I hope you enjoyed this issue of AKC Kids News. Take this quiz to show off what you have learned!





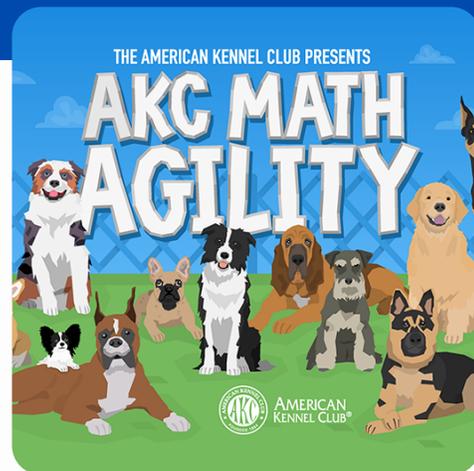
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### AKC Math Agility App

Geared toward students K-5, the app combines the sport of agility with basic math equations to assist children in solidifying their math skills while having fun with dogs. Learn more about the app [here](#).



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