



OFFICIAL UNITED KENNEL CLUB RALLY OBEDIENCE 2020 RULE CHANGE GUIDE

WEEK 9 - SIGNS 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414 & 415

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Welcome Back! We are in the homestretch for the new Rally signs and we should be finished with all of them in a couple more weeks. I hope everyone has been enjoying learning about the new stations and getting in some practice before July 1.

I was asked to give you a little background on the demo dog so here you go. The dog that is being used in the videos is none other than: Am Ch, GRCH, UNJ, UAGI, UCD, URX2, UROG, UWP, BTr, MR2, ROM1 StoneFox Private Investigator, BN, PCD, CD, RE, CGCA, TKA, AD, SPOT-ON, DP-NND, lovingly known as "Magnum." Magnum is a 9-year-old Belgian Malinois that was bred at StoneFox kennels. He learned the new signs each week while doing the videos, really it was more that I had to learn them correctly, he just did what I asked him. He only had a little misunderstanding with one of them, the send to cone exercises. Magnum is Mondioring (Ringsport) titled and thought for sure he had been lifted from retirement and was back to doing the object guard exercise. He promptly went to the cone, put his foot on it and barked at me just like he should have done in the other discipline to "guard" the "object." A couple of steps back to show him what I wanted and as usual, he got the new routine. We had a lot of fun with those exercises after he learned the "new" way. He is such a great dog and an awesome partner. I am sure you will see more of him in the upcoming Rally and Obedience videos. Very exciting things to come. Okay, now back to Rally. Thanks for asking about my wonderful boy.

Here are this week's signs:

- 409: Spiral In - Dog Outside - Spiral Out - Dog Inside
- 410: Spiral In - Dog Inside - Spiral Out - Dog Outside
- 411: HALT - Side Step Right - HALT - 270° Right Turn & Forward
- 412: HALT - Side Step Right - HALT - 270° Left Turn & Forward
- 413: Moving Stand - Walk to Cone, HALT - Call Dog to Heel
- 414: Moving Sit - Walk to Cone, HALT - Call Dog to Heel
- 415: Moving Down - Walk to Cone, HALT - Call Dog to Heel



409: Spiral In - Dog Outside - Spiral Out - Dog Inside
410: Spiral In - Dog Inside - Spiral Out - Dog Outside

Both 409 and 410 are exercises that need to be practiced without the dog to gain a good understanding. Once you understand the movement around the cones, both signs are not difficult, but it is important to pay attention to where you are in the pattern and where you are going. I would suggest watching both videos very carefully before giving it a try.



409: Spiral In - Dog Outside - Spiral Out - Dog Inside

To perform this exercise, there will be a set of three cones set up like they are in the familiar Spiral Right or Spiral Left (Exercises 129 and 130). The beginning of both 409 and 410 are the same as those familiar signs. 409 begins just like exercise 129, Spiral Right - Dog Outside. The team starts the exercise with the dog on the outside in heel position. While heeling, the team will pass all three cones making a turn around the third, or last, cone in the line. After making the turn around the last cone, the team goes all the way back to the first cone. The team will go around the first cone and upon reaching the second cone, will go around the second cone and head back to the first cone, making a circle around cone one. This is where the exercise changes from Exercises 129 and 130. Instead of leaving the exercise, the team will complete the circle around cone one and cut through the middle between cone one and cone two, reversing the pattern. The dog will now be on the inside (closest to the cones). The team will now perform the exercise that mimics Exercise 130 and will head back up to the third cone. Once the team has reached cone three, they will go around the cone and head all the way back and go around cone one. After going around cone one, they will move onto the second cone, go around the second cone, and head back toward the first cone. The team will make a complete circle around the first cone before exiting the exercise. Basically, Exercises 129 and 130 are linked together for both 409 and 410.

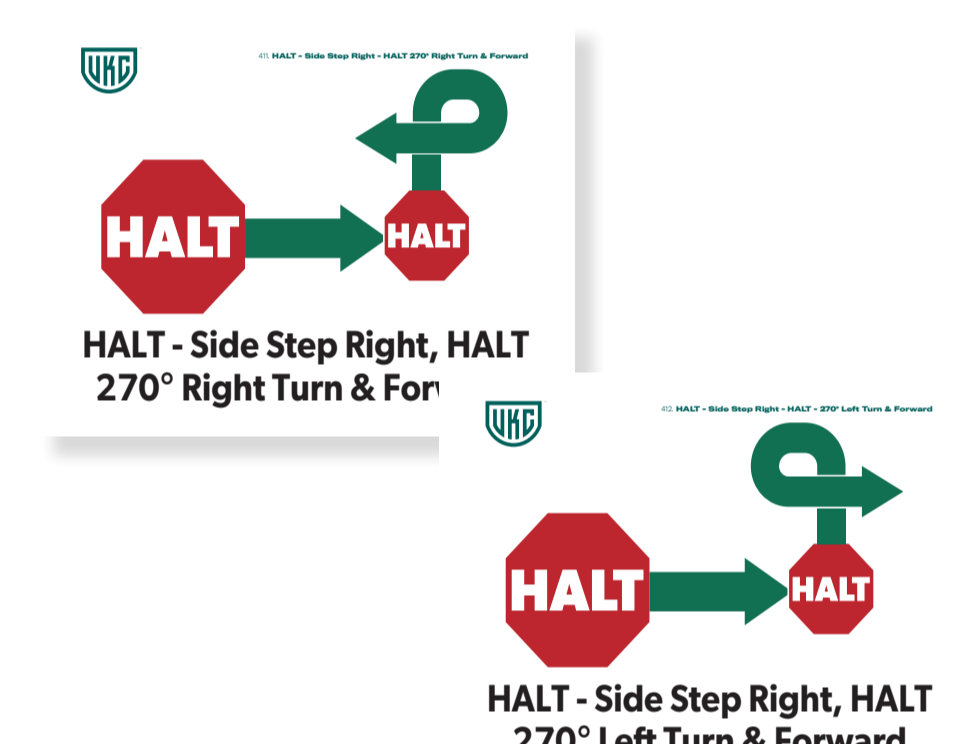
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410: Spiral In - Dog Inside - Spiral Out - Dog Outside

Just as in Exercise 409, there will be a set of three cones set up just like they are for Spiral Left (Exercise 130). Exercise 410 begins just like Exercise 130, Spiral Left - Dog Inside. The team starts the exercise with the dog on the inside in heel position. While heeling, the team will pass all three cones making a turn around the third, or last, cone in the line. After making the turn around the last cone, the team goes all the way back to the first cone. The team will go around the first cone and upon reaching the second cone, will go around the second cone and head back to the first cone, making a circle around cone one. This is where the exercise changes from the familiar Exercises 129 and 130. Instead of leaving the exercise, the team will complete the circle around cone one and cut through the middle between cone one and cone two, reversing the pattern. The dog will now be on the outside (the handler will be closest to the cones). The team will now perform the exercise that mimics Exercise 129 and will head back up to the third cone. Once the team has reached cone three, they will go around the cone and head all the way back and go around cone one. After going around cone one, they will move onto the second cone, go around the second cone and head back toward the first cone. The team will make a complete circle around the first cone before exiting the exercise.

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411: HALT - Side Step Right - HALT - 270° Right Turn & Forward
412: HALT - Side Step Right - HALT - 270° Left Turn & Forward

These two signs combine the new sidestep exercise together with the familiar 270° turns.



411: HALT - Side Step Right - HALT - 270° Right Turn & Forward

To perform this sign, the team first comes to a complete halt in front of the exercise station sign. After the halt, the handler and dog take a significant sidestep to the right and must come to another complete halt with the dog sitting in heel position. After the second halt the team makes an almost stationary 270° right turn and continues forward to the next exercise station.

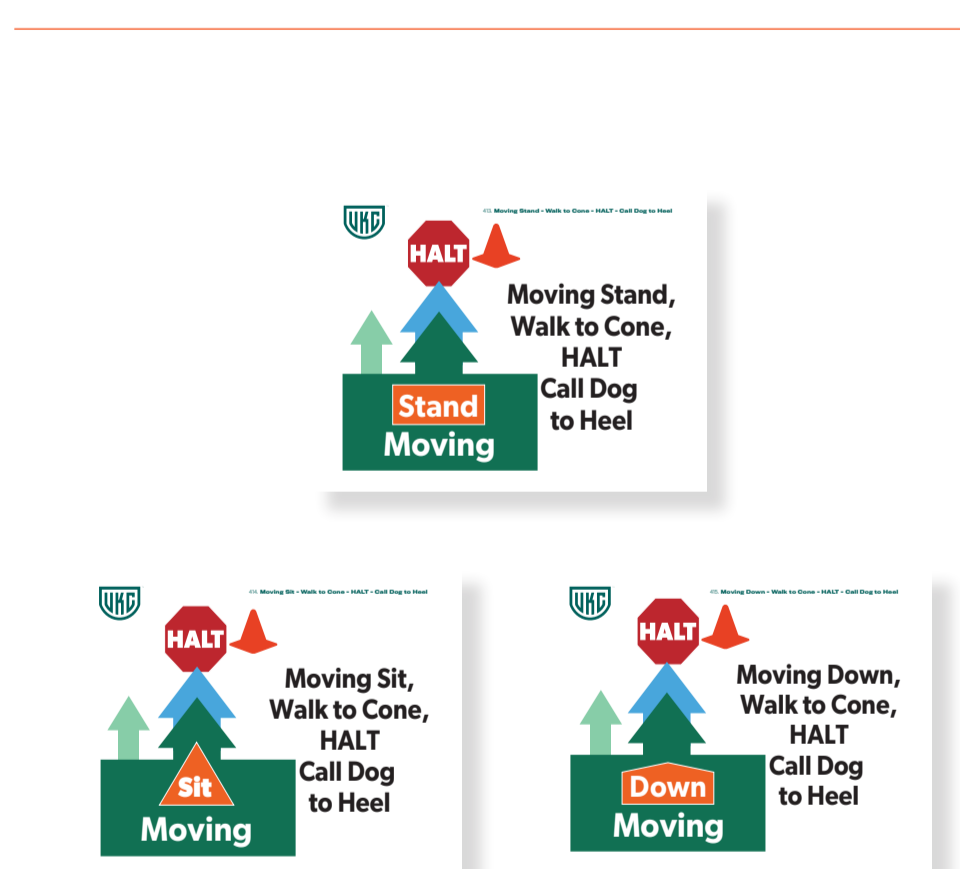
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413: Moving Stand - Walk to Cone, HALT - Call Dog to Heel
414: Moving Sit - Walk to Cone, HALT - Call Dog to Heel
415: Moving Down - Walk to Cone, HALT - Call Dog to Heel

These three exercises have a change in the rules in the principle part, the instructions, and scoring. The principle part of all three will now read as follows:

Principle Part. The dog must (Stand, Sit or Down, dependent on the exercise) while the handler, without stopping, continues to move forward and remain in a (Stand, Sit, or Down) position The dog must come when called to heel and sit.

The instructions will read as follows:

Instructions. Without pausing or breaking heel position, the handler will command the dog to (Stand, Sit or Down) upon reaching the sign. Without stopping, the handler will continue to move forward to a cone approximately 10 feet away. When the handler reaches the cone, the handler will come to a complete halt before commanding the dog to the heel position. The handler may turn their head toward their dog to call but may not turn their body. The dog will automatically sit upon reaching heel position. The team will then continue to the next exercise station.

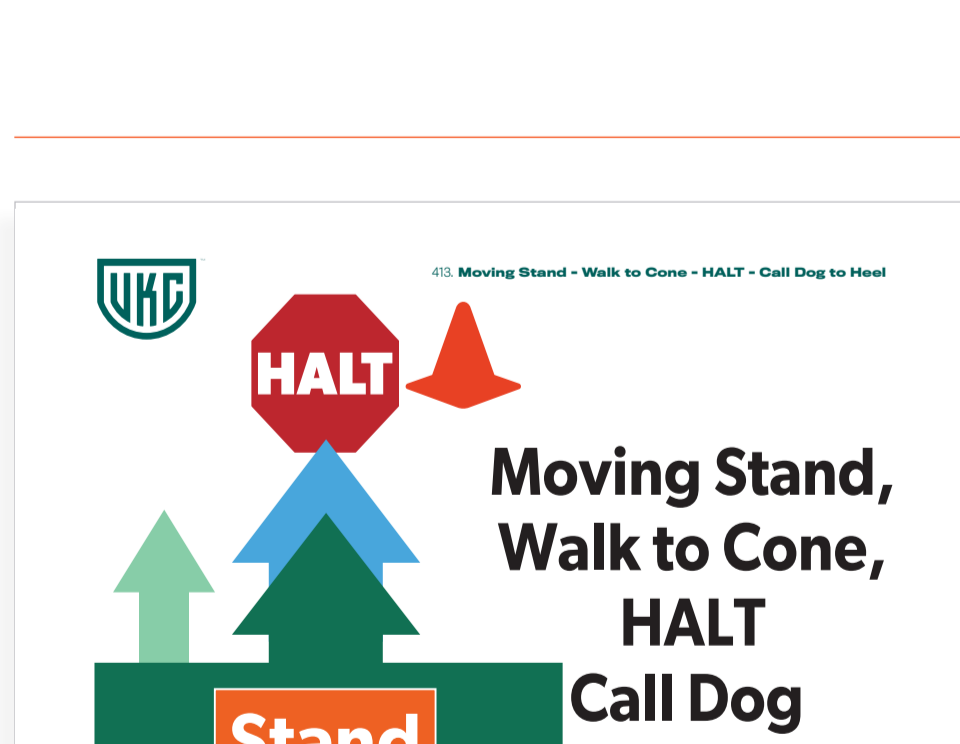
These will be added to the Scoring portion of each exercise:

Non-Qualifying Faults.

Dog does not come on the second command and/or signal

Major Faults.

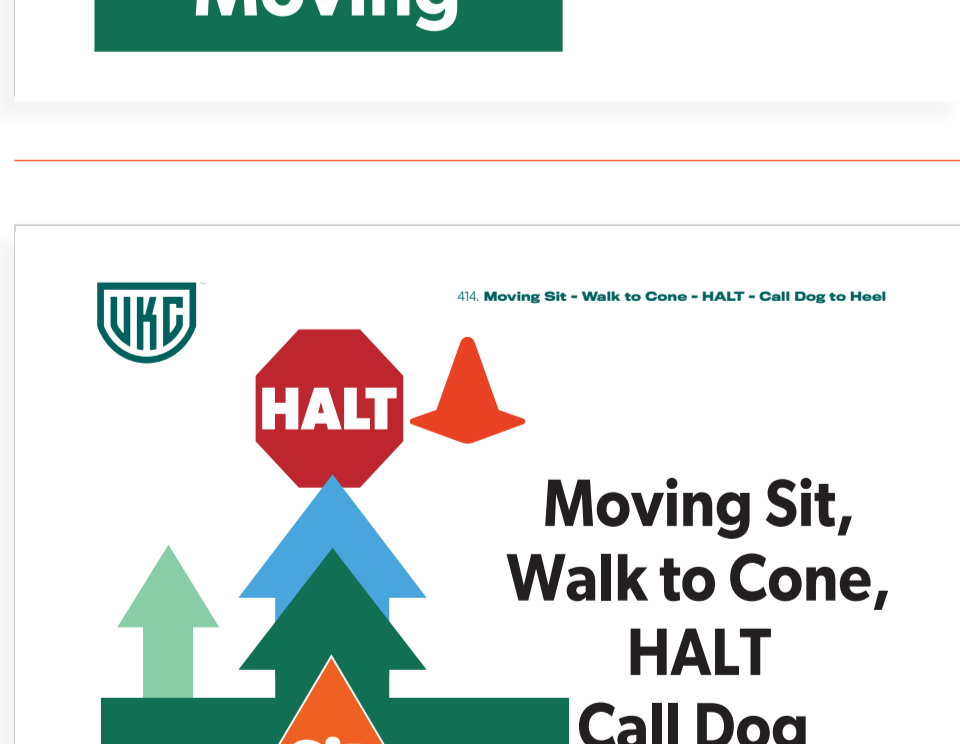
Dog does not come on the first command/and or signal



413: Moving Stand - Walk to Cone, HALT - Call Dog to Heel

To perform this sign, the team will approach the exercise sign and the handler will, without stopping, command and/or signal the dog to stand. The dog must not sit but must stop in a standing position while the handler continues forward to a cone approximately 10 feet from the exercise station sign. When the handler reaches the cone, they will call their dog. The handler cannot turn their entire body back towards the dog but can turn their head back toward the dog. A natural amount of the handler's shoulder will turn if the handler is looking back, but the handler's body should not turn back toward the dog. The dog must come on the first command and/or signal to come and will sit upon reaching heel position. The team will then continue to the next exercise station.

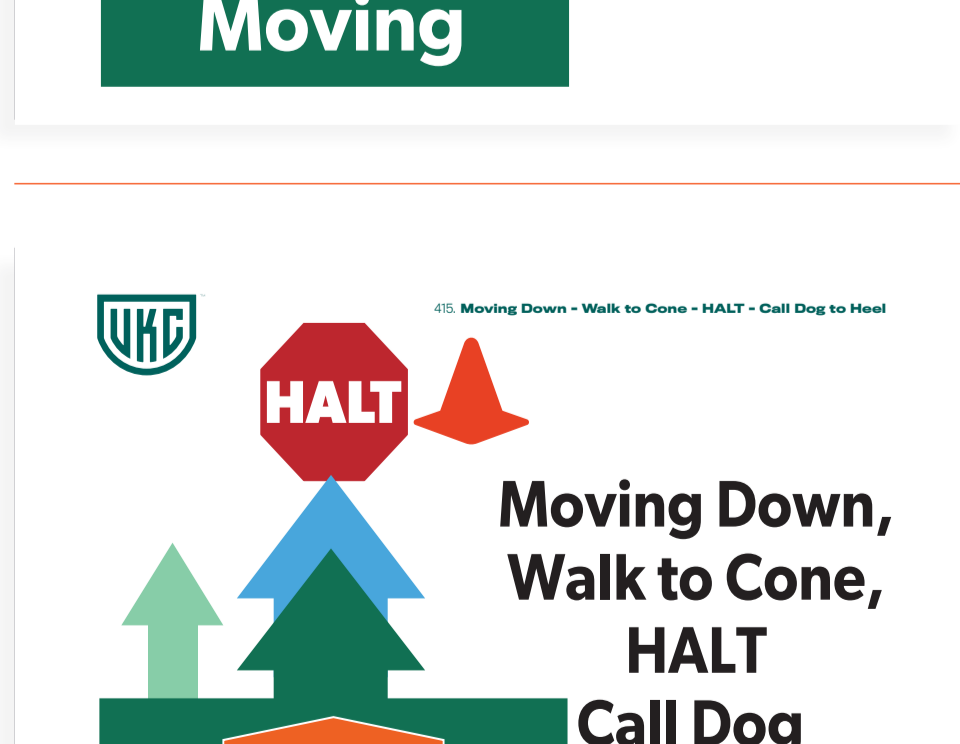
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414: Moving Sit - Walk to Cone, HALT - Call Dog to Heel

To perform this sign, the team will approach the exercise sign and the handler will, without stopping, command and/or signal the dog to sit. The dog must stop in a sitting position while the handler continues forward to a cone approximately 10 feet from the exercise station sign. When the handler reaches the cone, they will call their dog. The handler cannot turn their entire body back towards the dog, but can turn their head toward the dog. A natural amount of the handler's shoulder will turn if the handler is looking back, but the handler's body should not turn back toward the dog. The dog must come on the first command and/or signal to come and will sit upon reaching heel position. The team will then continue to the next exercise station.

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415: Moving Down - Walk to Cone, HALT - Call Dog to Heel

To perform this sign, the team will approach the exercise sign and the handler will, without stopping, command and/or signal the dog to down. The dog must not sit or stand but must perform a down while the handler continues forward to a cone approximately 10 feet from the exercise station sign. When the handler reaches the cone, they will call their dog. The handler cannot turn their entire body back towards the dog, but can turn their head toward the dog. A natural amount of the handler's shoulder will turn if the handler is looking back, but the handler's body should not turn back toward the dog. The dog must come on the first command and/or signal to come and will sit upon reaching heel position. The team will then continue to the next exercise station.

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