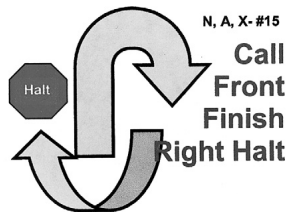




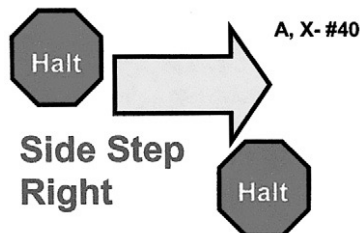
## Rally-O Homework • Week 4

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### How Many Sits?



The only time your dog should sit on a Call Front Finish Right Forward is in front of you when you call him to front. This is a novice sign so taking three steps backwards to get him lined up straight is allowed. While he is still walking behind you, start moving forward. Two sits are required on a Call Front Finish Right Halt. Once in front of you, and again next to you, after he is finished walking behind you. Call Dog Front Finish Right is an excellent sign so taking steps backwards is not allowed. This station requires three sits. The first one is a halt in heel position when you approach the sign. Then again in the call front position, and after he returns to heel. The handler must remain stationary once the exercise has begun. The same rules apply to the left finishes.



### A, X-#40 Side Step Right

This exercise shall be performed just before the sign since it is considered a change of direction. Halt your dog just before the station. With your dog sitting in heel position, move one step directly to the right and halt. Your dog should move with you and sit in heel position when you stop. You should also be encouraging him to tuck his backside in while he moves. Pause two seconds before continuing to the next station.

### Tips on walking a course

You should always know what each sign means before beginning the course with your dog. Walking the course is a great time to re-familiarize yourself with each station, and to ask the judge any questions you may have about the course. Pretend you have your dog with you while walking and perform each hand signal you would use with your dog (even if you look silly). Get an idea of the distance between each sign so there are no surprises while you are out there with your dog. Being prepared is your best tool!

### Forward!

Remember to always wait for the judge's permission before beginning a course and try to walk your dog on a loose leash even if it means his heel isn't perfect. Don't forget to breathe and stay relaxed. In AKC and APDT trials, talking to your dog throughout the course is allowed. Rally-O provides a great opportunity to form a happy and fun relationship between you and your dog and showing that on the course is encouraged!