

Breed First - CH + Agility Course Test 1 {ACT1}



**CH Kudos Crown Royal v
Regalbear TKN, ACT 1, FDC,
DJA, DN, CGC, CGCA,
CGCU, ATT, BCAT, VHMA**

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The Agility Course Test (ACT) is an entry level agility event designed to introduce and welcome beginning dogs and their handlers to the AKC sport of agility.

There are two types of ACT courses. ACT Standard – ACT 1 and ACT 2 – which are the beginning level standard courses. ACT 1 is designed for the beginning dog to show basic sequencing and performance skills. ACT 2 requires an increased skill level shown by the additional number and types of obstacles to be performed. An ACT Jumpers level was added by AKC in February 2021.

For the ACT 1 test a dog must perform several jumps, complete an a-frame, tunnel, pause table and the tire jump can be optional. A dog in ACT 1 does not have to complete the teeter or weave poles. The course must be completed within 60 seconds and follows all agility rules for faults and DQ's.

Rye and I started agility classes in September of 2020, we had the ultimate goal of competing in an agility trial and earning titles. We also found it very fun and rewarding for both us! Rye picked up on agility right away, he showed no fear or hesitation towards obstacles and has an incredible amount of forward movement. My local training facility was hosting an ACT trial in November and I knew that Rye could complete the ACT 1 course! So I entered him into the trial, after only practicing agility for 2 months!

On the day of the trial, Rye was so full of himself! He was super excited to somewhere new around other dogs. Luckily the training facility gave us all about 20 minutes before the trial to warm up our dogs, so I ran Rye through a few sequences to calm him down. We were the first dogs up at the trial! We had 13 obstacles to complete and Rye did it with only 1 fault, he thought it would be fun to run up the a-frame! I was so proud of Rye and amazed at what he did for me! The next day I decided to setup an AKC virtual ACT 1 course at my training facility and see if Rye could pass a 2nd test. He did! He got a perfect 100 score and earned his ACT 1 title!!! This was Rye's 12th performance title!

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**First Saint Bernard to Earn The
Agility Course Test I**

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