



Canadian Association of Rally Obedience



## **New Signs for 2025**

As requested, after many months of discussion and consultation, the CARO Board of Directors are pleased to announce the introduction of 21 NEW signs.

The largest group of signs will become part of the Excellent and Versatility Excellent Classes. These will provide our judges with a greater number of changes of direction to allow for the design of more flowing and challenging courses.

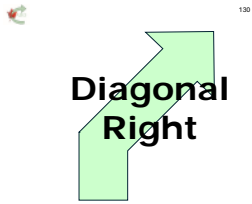
**These signs will come into effect in two phases.**

**Phase 1 will include the 100, 200 and 400 series signs which will take effect January 1, 2025.**

**Phase 2 will include the 300 and 500 series signs which will take effect March 1, 2025**

We hope you will enjoy the challenge.

CARO RALLY SIGNS FOR IMPLEMENTATION **JANUARY 1, 2025**  
**NOVICE**



**130. Diagonal Right**

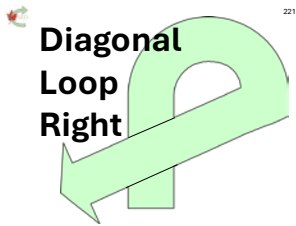
- While heeling, the team makes a **diagonal turn to the right**.



**131. Diagonal Left**

- While heeling, the team makes a **diagonal turn to the left**.

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**ADVANCED**



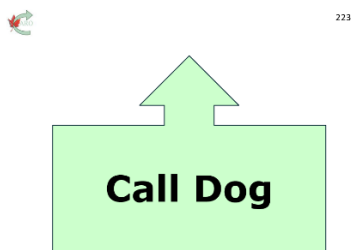
**221. Diagonal Loop Right**

- While heeling, **handler and dog loop diagonally right crossing over their original path.**
- The handlers' path while turning should be on or within a diameter of 2 feet and should be in a straight line after turning.
- The station results in a change of direction diagonally to the left.



**222. Diagonal Loop Left**

- While heeling, **handler and dog loop diagonally left crossing over their original path.**
- The handlers' path while turning should be on or within a diameter of 2 feet and should be in a straight line after turning
- The station results in a change of direction diagonally to the right.



**223. Call Dog**

- Upon reaching this sign, the handler calls the dog to heel **while continuing to move forward.**
- The dog must be in heel position before reaching the next sign.



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## Right Turn



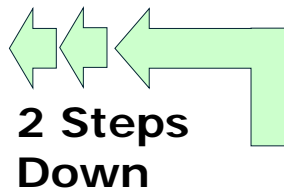
### 315. Right Turn – 2 Steps - Down

- While heeling, handler and dog turn 90 degrees to the right, **take 2 additional steps**, and handler pauses and cues the dog to down.
- **Dog moves directly into a down.**
- The handler cues the dog to **heel forward from the down position.**
- This sign results in a 90-degree change of direction to the right.



316

## Left Turn



### 316. Left Turn – 2 Steps - Down

- While heeling, handler and dog turn 90 degrees to the left, **take 2 additional steps**, and handler pauses and cues the dog to down.
- **Dog moves directly into a down.**
- The handler cues the dog to **heel forward from the down position.**
- This sign results in a 90-degree change of direction to the left.

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**EXCELLENT**



**317. Call Front Walk Around Dog**

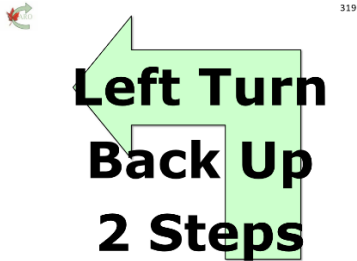
- While heeling, the handler stops forward motion and calls the dog directly to the front position.
- The handler may take up to four steps backward as the **dog turns and moves to sit in front position.**
- **The dog must remain in a sit while the handler walks around behind the dog in a counterclockwise direction and without stopping continues forward to the next sign.**
- This station results in a 180-degree change of direction.
- This sign must be followed by the Call Dog sign.



**318. Right Turn, Back Up 2 Steps**

- While heeling, handler and dog turn 90 degrees to the right.
- **The team will walk backwards a minimum of 2 steps with the dog moving simultaneously** and remaining in heel position.

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EXCELLENT



**319. Left Turn, Back Up 2 Steps**

- While heeling, handler and dog turn 90 degrees to the left.
- **The team will walk backwards a minimum of 2 steps with the dog moving simultaneously** and remaining in heel position.



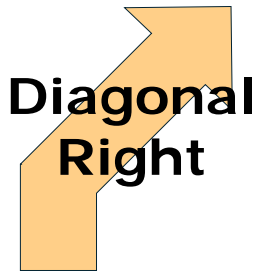
**320. Moving Sit, Walk Around**

- While heeling, the handler cues the dog to sit and **without pausing walks around the dog counterclockwise** returning to heel position.
- The handler remains within arm's length of the dog throughout the exercise.
- The handler may pause upon returning to heel position before heeling away from the station.
- The handler cues the dog to **heel forward from the sit position.**

VERSATILITY



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**443. Diagonal Right**

While heeling, the team makes a **diagonal turn to the right**.

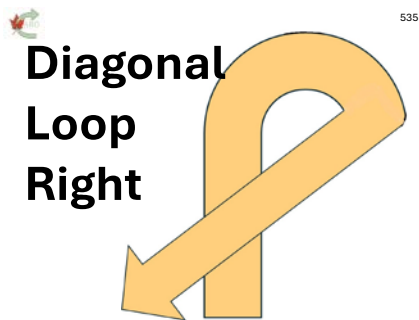


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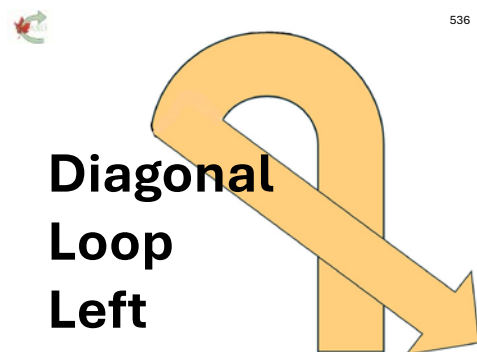
**444. Diagonal Left**

- While heeling, the team makes a **diagonal turn to the left**.



**535. Diagonal Loop Right**

- While heeling, **handler and dog loop diagonally right crossing over their original path.**
- The handlers' path while turning should be on or within a diameter of 2 feet and should be in a straight line after turning.
- The station results in a change of direction diagonally to the left.



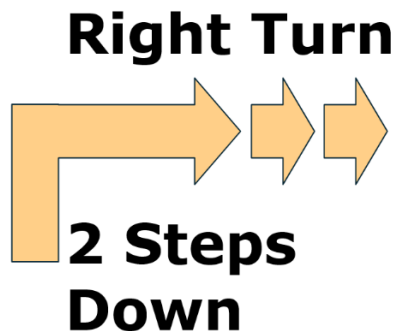
**536. Diagonal Loop Left**

- While heeling, **handler and dog loop diagonally left crossing over their original path.**
- The handlers' path while turning should be on or within a diameter of 2 feet and should be in a straight line after turning
- The station results in a change of direction diagonally to the right.





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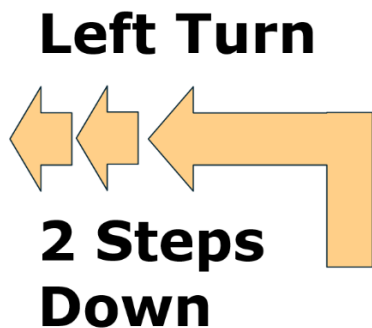


### 537. Right Turn – 2 Steps Down

- While heeling, handler and dog turn 90 degrees to the right, **take 2 additional steps**, and handler pauses and cues the dog to down.
- Dog moves directly into a down.
- The handler cues the dog to **heel forward from the down position**.
- This sign results in a 90-degree change of direction to the right.
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### 538. Left Turn – 2 Steps Down

- While heeling, handler and dog turn 90 degree to the left, **take 2 additional steps**, and handler pauses and cues the dog to down.
- Dog moves directly into a down.
- The handler cues the dog to **heel forward from the down position**.
- This sign results in a 90-degree change of direction to the left.



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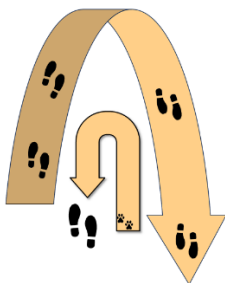
### 539. Call Dog

- Upon reaching this sign, the handler calls the dog to heel **while continuing to move forward.**
- The dog must be in heel position before reaching the next sign.
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**Call  
Front  
Walk  
Around  
Leave Dog**



### 540. Call Front Walk Around Dog

- While heeling, the handler stops forward motion and calls the dog directly to the front position.
- The handler may take up to four steps backward as the **dog turns and moves to sit in front position.**
- The dog must remain in a sit while the handler walks around behind the dog in a clockwise direction and without stopping continues forward to the next sign.
- This station results in a 180-degree change of direction.
- This sign must be followed by the Call to Heel sign.

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VERSATILITY EXCELLENT



541

**Right Turn**  
**Back Up**  
**2 Steps**

**541. Right Turn, Back Up 2 Steps**

- While heeling, handler and dog turn 90 degrees to the right.
- **The team will walk backwards a minimum of 2 steps with the dog moving simultaneously** and remaining in heel position.



542

**Left Turn**  
**Back Up**  
**2 Steps**

**542. Left Turn, Back Up 2 Steps**

- While heeling, handler and dog turn 90 degrees to the left.
- **The team will walk backwards a minimum of 2 steps with the dog moving simultaneously** and remaining in heel position.