

## AMCC OBEDIENCE STATS 2006

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### Obedience Statistics for 2006

When I went through the Events Results and found even more trials with “no entry for this class” and significantly decreased entries in all the trials, it is even more understandable that the competitive obedience fans and judges are concerned. Personally, I’m not surprised. Now there are other dog sports that encourage the dog/handler participation and feedback. The competitive obedience has “ruled out” (pun intended) any form of positive reinforcement other than the bare minimum at the completion of an exercise. No wonder only the Velcro dogs – golden retrievers – number the most entries across Canada.

**Rally Obedience** is now a fact in Canada. This event is considerably more appealing to all breeds of dogs and all levels of handlers. I feel it is especially wonderful for the thinking breeds who get bored to tears with the same old routines or highly regimented routines. Yes, this means Alaskan Malamutes should be seen more in Rally-O. They love it!

I will extend the obedience statistics to the Rally-O events when they begin to be published. As of this report, there has been at least one Rally-O trial that was successfully held in Canada. Watch for this event to absolutely take off. I feel that the work demanded in Rally-O is more complex than that of the Novice Obedience classes. No, there aren’t the group stays – but I’ve never been a fan of those. In the higher levels in Rally, the dogs must do an honoring exercise – essentially a stay executed in the middle of the pattern while another dog works around it. That, to me, makes more sense.

I’m hoping that the Board will extend the addition of Rally-Novice titles for the inclusion for the sire and dam’s Canadian Award of Merit for Obedience awards.

So, back to 2006. I could find a few dogs who have been entered in the Pre-Novice classes. But in the regular classes, I could find only 4 dogs who earned qualifying scores.

## DOGS SCORES

### Novice

Bearhug's Tonka Toy	061073	May6/06	NA	181.0
(F. Gauthier)	061074	May6/06	NA	179.5
[CD>Sept30/06 AV:180.33]	062297	Sept30/06	NA	180.5 *
Ch. Akamute's Black Diamond Target Pcn	061851	July15/06	NA	191.5
(J. Arsenault, M. Macfadden)	061852	July16/06	NA	193.5 *
[CD>July16/06 AV: 192.67]				
Ch Keikewabic's Tyetu Ebony Echo Pcd	062638	Oct21/06	NA	180.0
(E & E & F Stewart)	062640	Oct22/06	NA	183.0

### Top Obedience Dog for 2006

**Ch. Akamute's Black Diamond Target Pcn**