

Rottweiler Carting FAQ

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How can my dog earn a Rottweiler Carting Title?

A Rottweiler earns a Carting title by successfully navigating all elements of a Carting Course which has been approved by the American Rottweiler Club with a score of at least 170 points out of a maximum of 200, as judged by an ARC approved judge. Only one leg is needed to earn the title at each level. The course must cover a minimum of 375 feet from beginning to end. Carting courses are similar in many ways to Rally Obedience Courses. Trials are conducted out-of-doors and proceed rain or shine.

There are three levels of competition in Rottweiler Carting:

- CS - Carting Started (on leash)
- CI - Carting Intermediate (off leash)
- CX - Carting Excellent (driving)

Dogs may compete in any of the above three categories singly and/or in a brace with one other dog. The same course is used for all three levels and by both single and brace teams.

The handler may talk to/praise the dog throughout the course and may work on either side of the dog or in front of the dog as may be advantageous for various elements. As in Obedience and Rally, it is essential to avoid a tight lead or physically guiding the dog.

Are all breeds carting tests identical? Can a Rottweiler earn a title in another breed's test?

No, all breeds carting tests are **not** the same. Trial elements, weights and scoring may differ dramatically among various breeds' carting trials. While a Rottweiler may be allowed to compete in other breeds' trials, the only recognized Rottweiler Carting title is one earned in a test conducted under the aegis of the American Rottweiler Club.

What are the elements of a Rottweiler Carting Test?

A Rottweiler carting course has the following mandatory and optional elements.

- a. Mandatory elements :
 - Hitch
 - Load and unload 40 pounds (provided by Test Host)
 - Gate (open/pass through/close)
 - Serpentine (5 cones, 9 feet apart)
 - Turns (90° left, 90° right, 360° left and 360° right)
 - Halt
 - Fast
 - Slow
 - Back up 3 feet
 - Distraction (audible and/or visual)
 - Three minute down-stay
- b. Optional (2 of the following)
 - Bridge
 - Figure 8
 - Additional distraction

Where can I find the American Rottweiler Club Carting Rules and scoring protocols

<http://tinyurl.com/pyf8bl9>