No Foolin'!

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The handling challenges of today's courses require your dog to be very responsive to your cues. These drills mix up the skills within the same sequence so your dog can't anticipate which side of the jump or tunnel entrance you will be asking for.

Patterning a skill is useful for developing a certain amount of motor skill and the beginning of pairing cue recognition with behavior, but differentiating cues requires mixing up the presentation of the signals and skills. If your dog is making a lot of mistakes, you need to look at whether the dog doesn't understand the cue or if he is not getting the cue in enough time to respond.

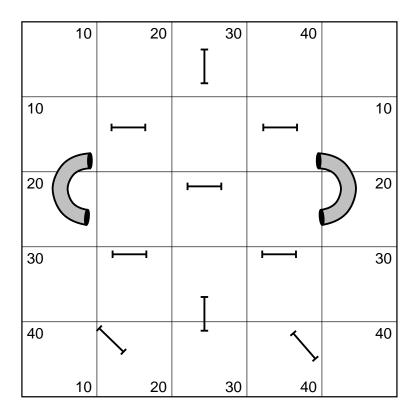
The faster your dog is relative to you, the more you will have to train him to commit to the skill you are signaling so that you can move on to your next handling position.

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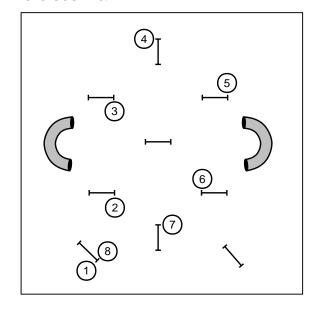


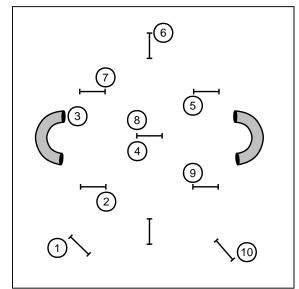
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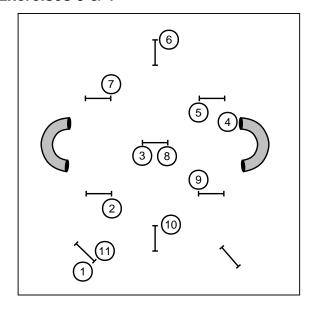
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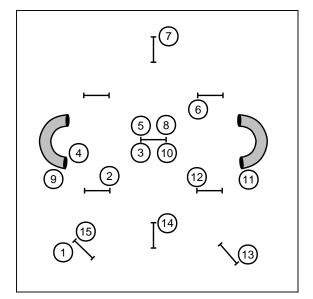




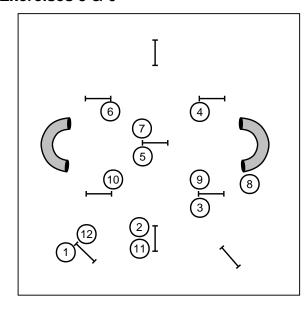
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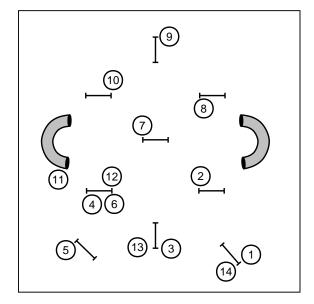
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Exercises 5 & 6





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