

There are no gifts in these sequences! Tricky weave entries, trappy lines, and unusual patterns will keep you on your toes. These exercises are a test of how well your dog matches your path and can stay with you in tight situations.

If your dog has a tendency to blast away from you or choose obstacles arbitrarily without your signal, these drills will help make him pay attention. Try handling quietly so that he stays calmer and has to be more aware of your body language. If you do need to talk to your dog, keep your voice quiet and confident. Avoid a high-pitched tone. Make sure that your signals are not late and your dog has enough time to respond to them. If your signals are appropriately timed, but your dog isn't responding, you may need to do some remedial ground work with your dog working beside you on the flat.

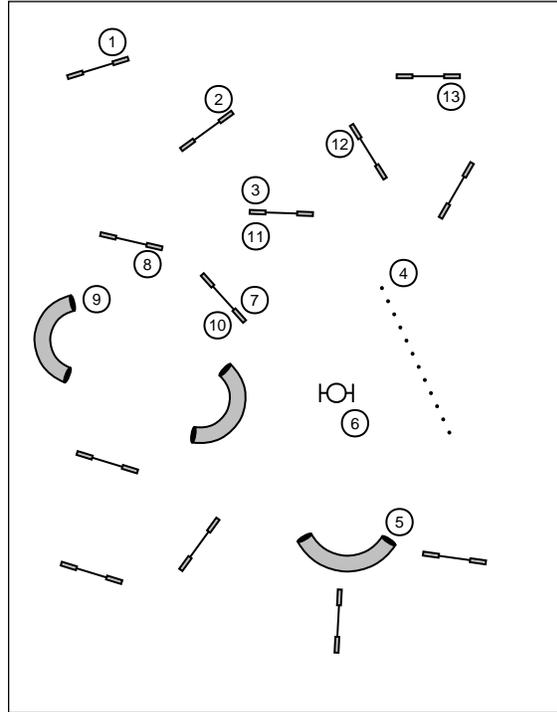
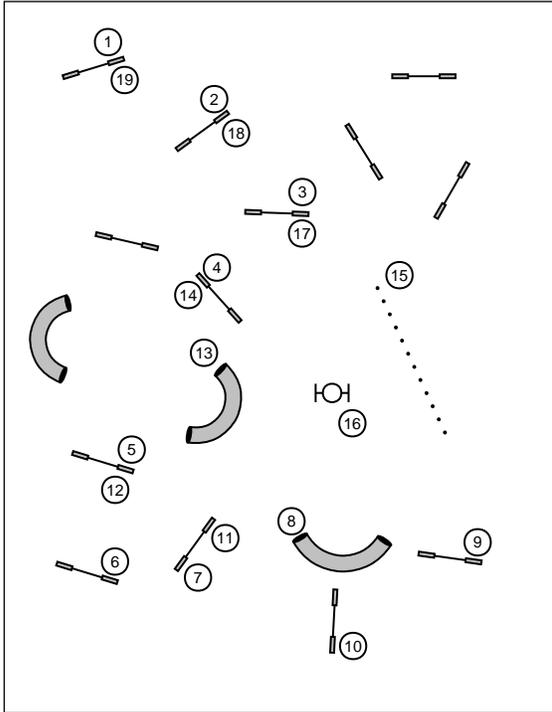
For dogs that need more motivation, do smaller pieces and reward often for turns by throwing your reward in

the direction of the turn. Use lots of enthusiasm in your voice, but if the dog is just walking through the sequence, don't cheerlead. Break it off and get your dog working with some enthusiasm before trying again. Make sure to mix in a lot of straight lines to balance out the technical challenges and only work for a few minutes at a time on difficult sections.

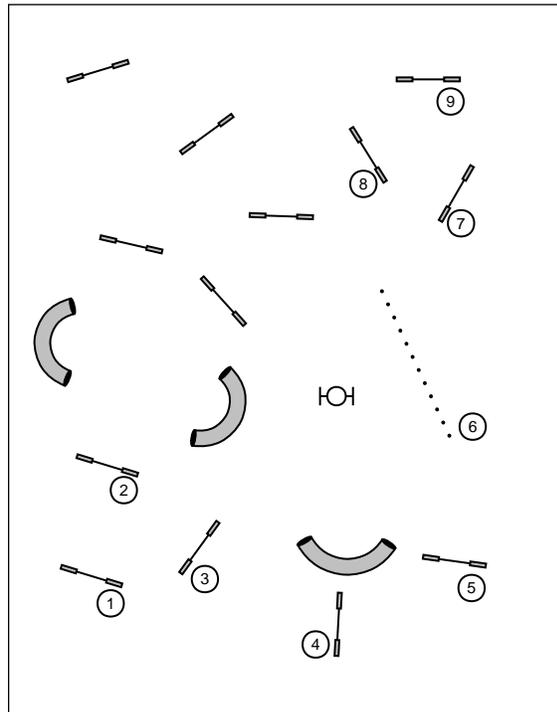
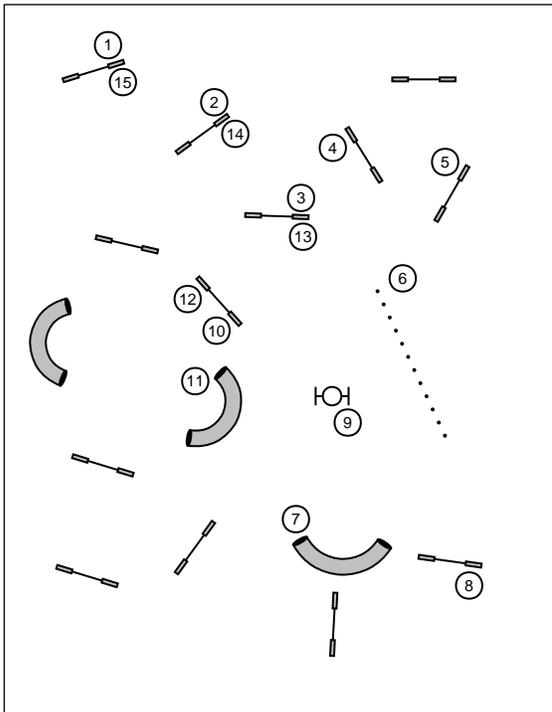
If you don't have all of the equipment shown or want additional challenges, there are several more interesting exercises based on the jumps and two tunnels inside of the dashed lines at www.theagilitycoach.ca under Free Downloads.

Merry Christmas!

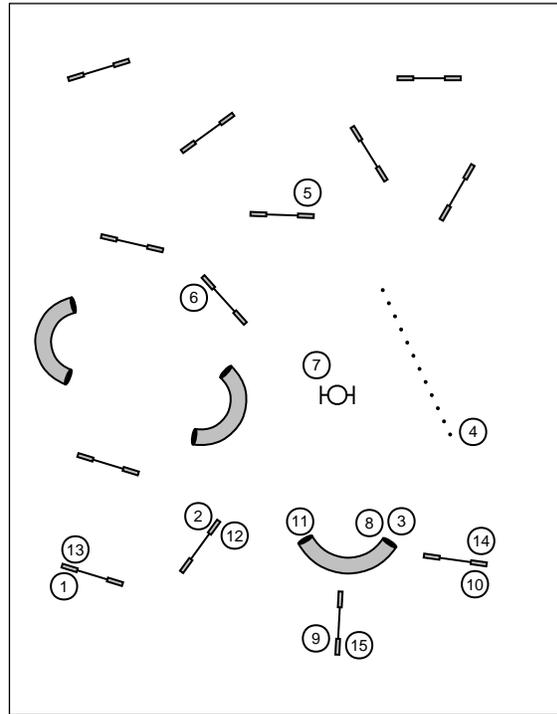
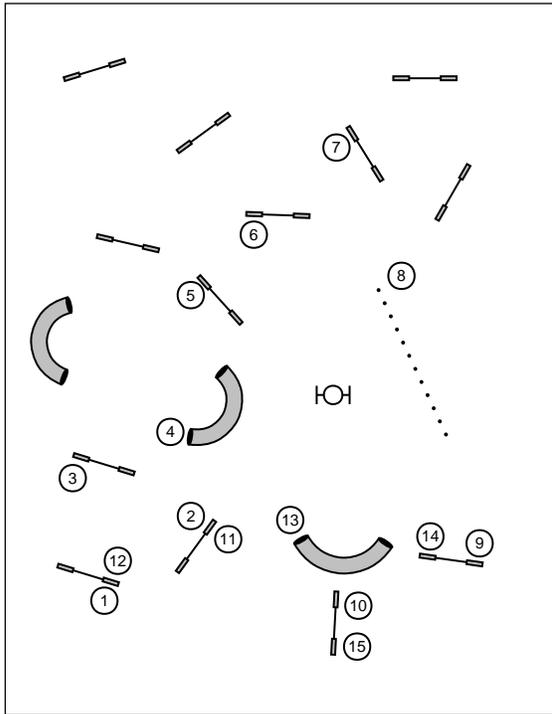
Exercises 1 & 2



Exercises 3 & 4



Exercises 5 & 6



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