# **Wicket Turns**

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Witchy, wicked turns hidden in straight lines is the theme of these challenges. Using lateral distance comes in handy in several cases so you can get away from your dog to your next handling position. You may need to practice some rear crosses and cuing collection if you just can't get ahead of your dog. There is also a lot of variation in distances between jumps, so your dog will have to be paying attention. If you have a big jumping dog or a dog that is still working on reading jump distances, you may want to break these sequences into smaller drills first, since some of the turns have a lot of speed or tough angles on the approach.

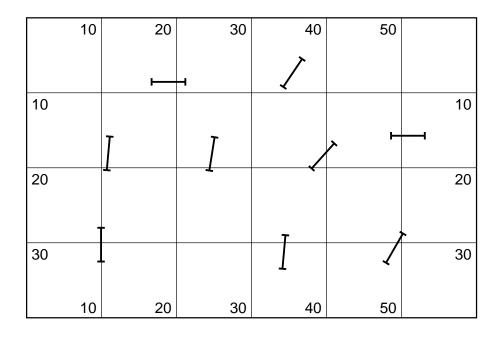
If you are having difficulty reading these sequences, check out *The Art of Reading Agility Courses* at www.theagilitycoach.ca, which includes over 50 pages of information and over an hour of video chalk talks!

Have fun and remember to reward your dog often, even if you make a mistake. A happy dog is an enthusiastic teammate!

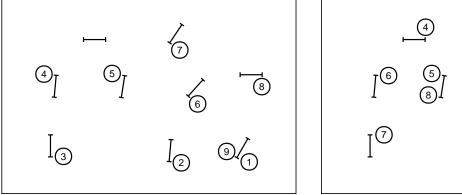


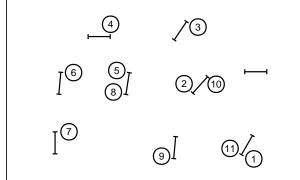
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## Setup

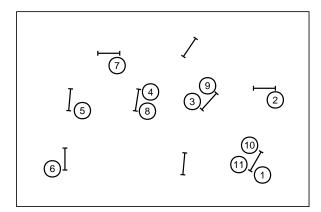


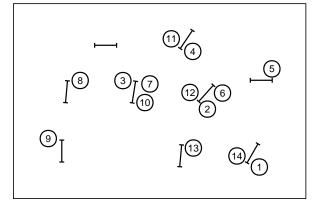
#### Exercises 1 & 2





### Exercises 3 & 4





#### **Exercise 5**

