

Breaking Patterns: Advanced Version

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This month's drills are a progression from last month, and are more advanced exercises.

Dogs pattern very easily, which often leads us to believe the dog understands the behavior better than he actually does. Once our dogs have a basic understanding of the signals and behaviors, we increase the rate of learning by mixing up the behaviors we are asking for. This forces our dogs to respond to the signals we are giving as opposed to just guessing the pattern. Yes, there may be a few more mistakes, but that is because there is more learning going on. We are often too comfortable in patterns because everything is going right all the time, but in truth our training is stagnating.

These sequences are more complex and if you have trouble remembering courses, make sure to pick up a copy of my newest release, "Never Forget! The Ultimate Program for Memorizing Agility Courses" at www.theagilitycoach.ca and now also available at Clean Run!

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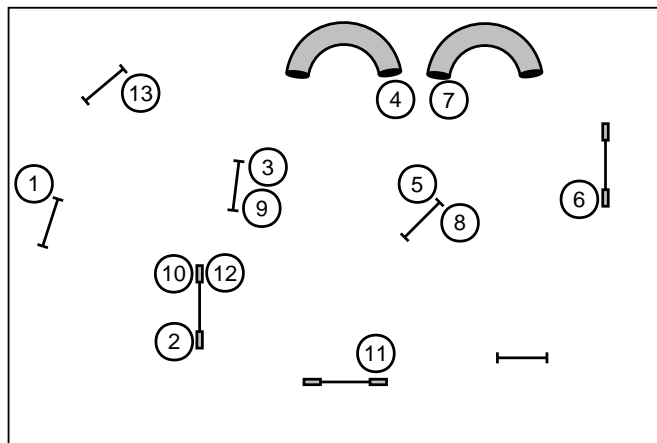
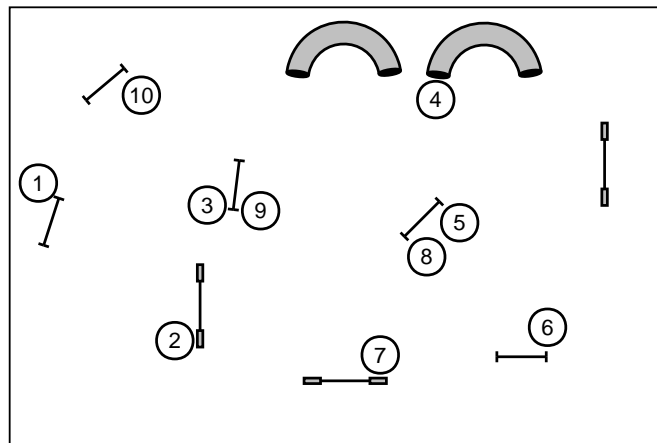
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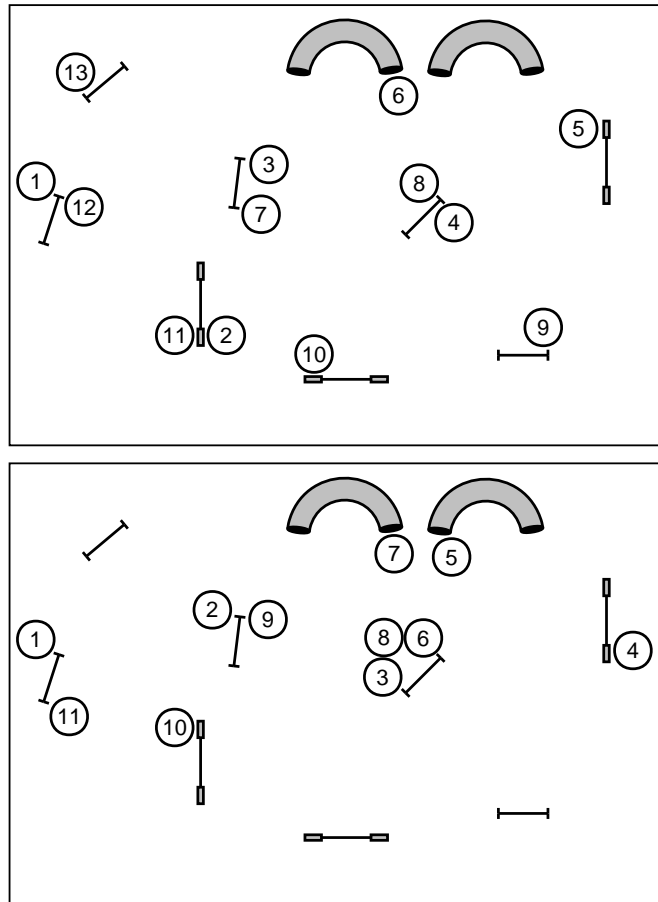
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Exercises 1 & 2



Exercises 3 & 4



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