

# Weaves that Wow!

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**Goals:** This class is designed to make the most of your training time. Many of us are in the habit of “training the weave poles,” yet we go out and perform them in the same way each time, and ultimately our dogs learn nothing new. The exercises presented here are designed to ensure that your dog is capable of finding difficult entries regardless of his speed (or yours), train your dog to continue weaving with multiple distractions, and train him to weave fast and confidently even if you’re not running parallel to the weave poles.

Each exercise is focused on a different skill that’s required for weave poles that wow—entries, exits, independence, and speed and confidence—so your dog will be rewarded for different parts of the weave pole performance. This will not only improve your dog’s overall understanding of weaving; it is a very efficient way for you to train.

**The Book:** Some exercises vary from my book, *Weaves that Wow!* published by Clean Run—typically when I have found a quicker or more effective training exercise. So, if you have the book, you may notice some differences in the lesson plans for the class.

**Instructor Feedback:** I will reply to all videos/questions once a day Monday – Thursday, and once Friday – Sunday. If you need an immediate question answered, please text my cell (802) 591-3033.

**Important Note:** Always be willing to return to foundation exercises. If, at any point, your dog struggles, reduce the difficulty and/or place wires on the poles.

## Week 1

- Distracting Toys—This exercise teaches your pup to weave toward a toy on the ground. While the initial training is difficult, it is critically important! For instance, often placing a toy at the exit of the poles helps the dog drive forward through the poles and it teaches the dog to stay in the poles even if you throw the reward while the dog is still weaving.
- Speedy Entries

## Week 2

- Independent Entries from the Left
- Diagonal Weaving

## Week 3

- Independent Entries from the Right
- Front Cross Exit

## Week 4

- Blind Cross Exit
- Tilted Poles

## Week 5

- Rear Crossing the Poles
- Tricky Tunnels (aka Weaving Past a Tunnel)

## Week 6

- Push Past
- Weaving Toward a Tunnel