Agility Obstacles

Open Tunnel
Objective: The dog runs at full speed to the entrance of the tunnel from any angle and exits quickly. Because this is one of the easiest obstacles to master, it is a good place to start practicing.

Pause Table
Objective: The dog leaps onto the table, and when commanded to down or sit, complies swiftly and awaits the next command. During a five-second count, the dog remains firmly in position then springs from the table immediately when the handler gives the next command.

Closed Tunnel
Objective: The dog runs at full speed to the closed tunnel entrance from any angle, pushes through the chute quickly without veering or jumping upward and exits straight ahead.

Jumps
Objective: The dog leaps over the bar, panel, double or triple jump from any angle and at a proper distance, without displacing a bar or board. The dog should clear each bar or board without jumping excessively high.

Seesaw
Objective: The dog squarely approaches the seesaw and touches the “upside” contact zone. The dog moves swiftly to the end of the plank, hesitating slightly at the pivot point, touches the “downside” contact zone and exits after the plank has touched the ground.

Weave Poles
Objective: The dog enters to the right of the first pole at top speed and from any angle. With its head focused straight ahead, the dog weaves through each pole quickly, hugging the center line as closely as possible.

Tire Jump
Objective: The dog jumps quickly and cleanly through the tire opening from any reasonable angle. (This jump is unique in that the dog must jump through, rather than over, the obstacle.)

A-frame
Objective: The dog scales the A-frame quickly, scrambles over the apex or top and immediately runs to the bottom, touching the “downside” contact zone.

Dog Walk
Objective: The dog approaches the dog walk squarely and quickly, touching the “upside” contact zone. The dog races across the top plank and immediately runs to the bottom, touching the “downside” contact zone.

Broad Jump
Objective: The dog soars over the broad jump at a distance that equals twice the dog’s normal jump height, entering and exiting between marker poles while clearing all boards.