



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.



Broad Jumps

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.

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AKC Agility

The Ultimate Game for You and Your Dog

AKC Agility is a fast growing, fun sport that is open to all dogs – purebreds and mixed breeds – and owners of all ages – from kids to kids at heart!

The sport of agility showcases a dog's athleticism and teamwork with its owner. It also promotes mental and physical fitness for dogs and people at the same time.

What is Agility?

In agility, dogs are timed as they race around a course, leaping and climbing over obstacles. Owners coach and cheer their dogs as they run alongside them.

Success in agility requires training, as it is a game of physical skill, control, patience, and most of all, teamwork between owner and dog.

Agility is a race against the clock, but accuracy matters most. All obstacles on the course need to be negotiated correctly. The A-Frame, the Dog Walk and the Seesaw are "control obstacles" that require precision. Dogs have the joy of leaping over jumps and running through tunnels. They demonstrate control by stopping on the Pause Table.

One of the most exciting obstacles is the Weave Poles, six to twelve poles set up in a slalom course.

Can My Dog and I Do Agility?

Every dog and owner can participate in agility. There are different classes based on the dog's height so that all are tested fairly.

Each run is new and exciting because the

course design is different for every event. Levels of difficulty range from Novice to Master. Thousands of dogs earn AKC Agility titles every year!

The AKC welcomes all dog owners to participate in the fastest growing dog sport in the U.S. Come try AKC Agility!

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Overcoming the Obstacles



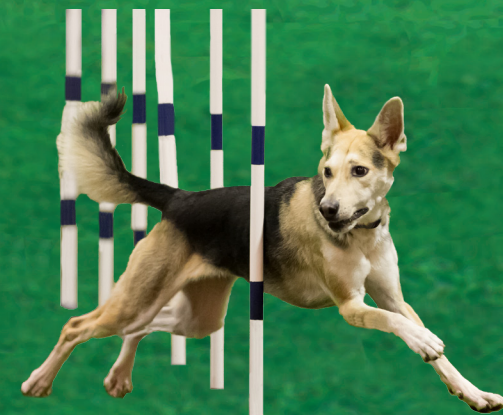
Closed Tunnel

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.



Pause Table

OBJECTIVE: The dog leaps onto the table and must stay on the table for five seconds, which is counted by the judge. The dog eagerly awaits the end of the five second count and then springs from the table immediately as the handler gives the next command.



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.

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's a good place to begin.



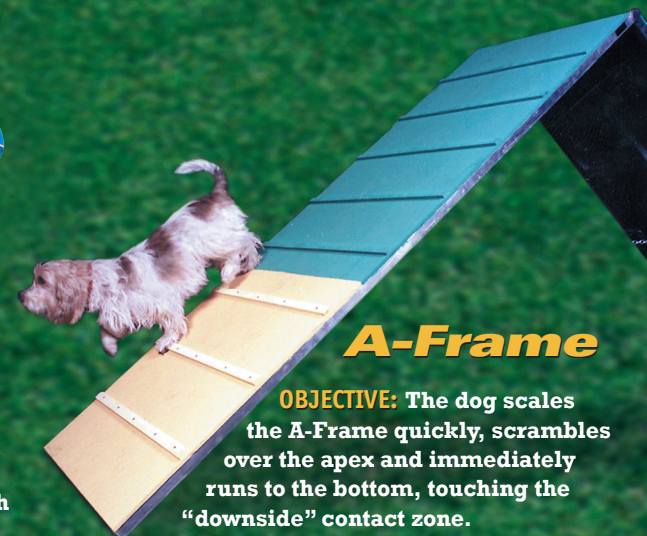
Seesaw

OBJECTIVE: The dog approaches the seesaw, runs up the board and swiftly moves to the bottom as the board pivots from the dog's momentum. The dog touches the "downside" contact zone with at least one toenail and exits the board as it touches the ground.



Tire Jump

OBJECTIVE: The dog jumps quickly and cleanly through the tire opening. This jump is unique in that the dog must jump through, rather than over, the obstacle. The dog must jump through the tire without breaking the tire apart.



A-Frame

OBJECTIVE: The dog scales the A-Frame quickly, scrambles over the apex and immediately runs to the bottom, touching the "downside" contact zone.

Dog Walk

OBJECTIVE: The dog approaches the dog walk and quickly runs up the board, races across the top plank and immediately runs to the bottom, touching the "downside" contact zone with at least one toenail.



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