

MAKING A LIST

Free Friday Training Challenge – One Jump At a Time

Key Skill

Before you run it, make your list.

Take a look at the sequence and think about the different jump behaviours your dog will need. Not simply **what** your dog needs to jump, but **how** you want them to jump it.

From my own experience, developing more precise verbal definitions has completely changed the way I walk courses. I can now look at a sequence and define exactly what behaviour I want before I run it.

Do I want **collection or extension**?

Is it a **wrap or a slice**?

Do I want a **tight turn or a softer, more open turn**?

Something to Think About

Look at **jumps 4, 9 and 14**.

They use the **same jump** and each follows the **same tunnel**, but are they really the same behaviour?

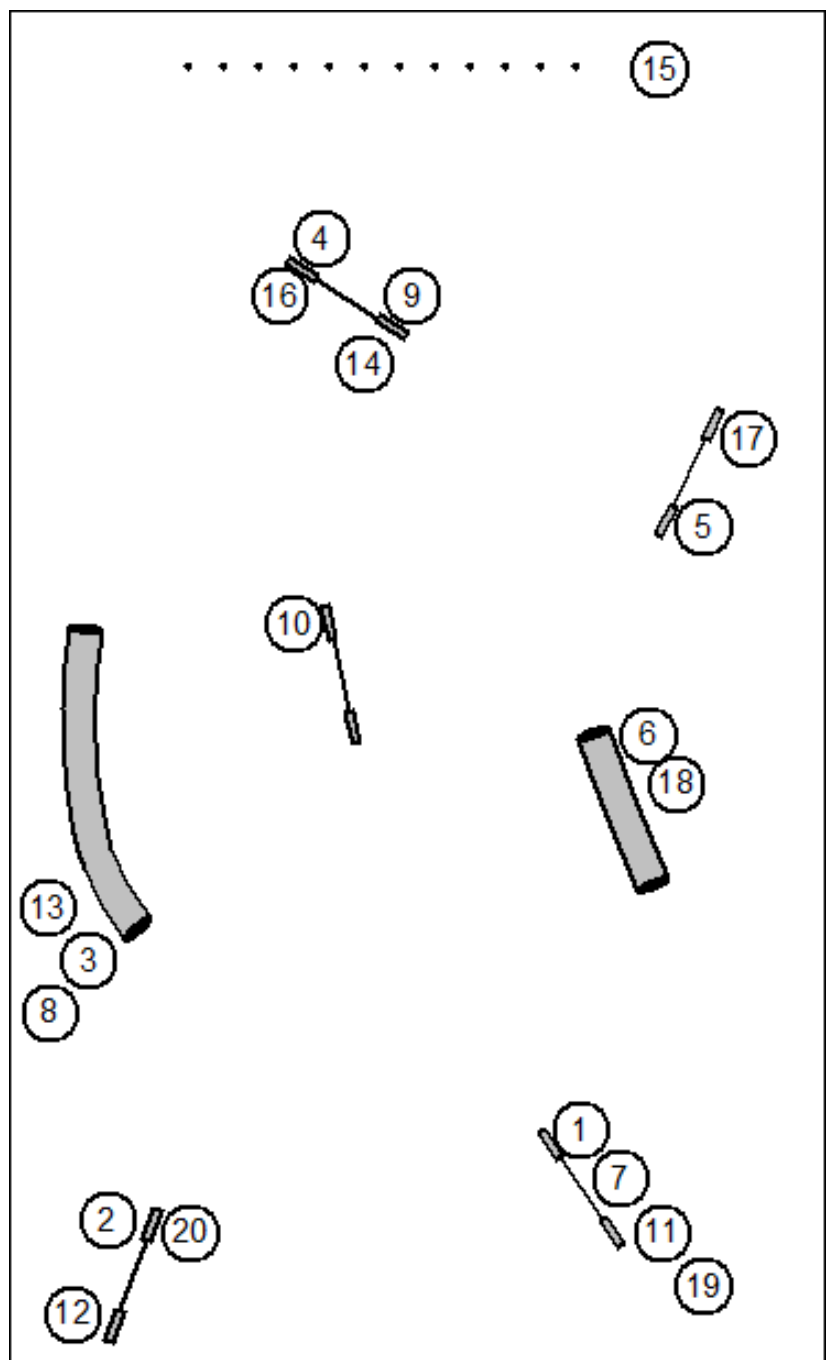
I don't think they are.

This sequence is a great opportunity to recognise the differences between **backside wraps and backside slices, threadle wraps and threadle slices, tight turns, soft turns and forward extension**.

Your Challenge

Before you run the sequence, make your own list.

What behaviours do you see?



LEE'S LIST

Not an answer sheet. Just how I see it.

My Choices

- 1 Backside Wrap
- 4 Backside Slice
- 5 Threadle Wrap
- 7 Loose Right
- 9 Backside Wrap
- 10 Threadle Slice / In-In
- 11 Tight Right
- 12 Backside Slice **or** Threadle Wrap
- 14 Go Forward / Jump
- 16 Threadle Slice / In-In
- 17 Backside Slice
- 19 Soft Right



After You Run

Did your dog understand the information you gave?

Did your movement support your verbal?

Were there places where you found yourself physically managing the behaviour rather than trusting the cue?

And after training it, **would you change anything on your list?**

Build the Skills

If this exercise has got you thinking about your verbal definitions, **One Jump at a Time: Agility Foundations** breaks these behaviours down individually and shows you how to build the understanding before bringing them into sequences.

Available from AgilityBooks.com