NAUGHTY OR NICE?

Welcome to Free Friday!

One setup. Two very different challenges.

This week's Free Friday gives you a choice: start **Nice**, with a fast, flowing course designed to build confidence and speed… then see what happens when things get a little more **Naughty**.

The Naughty version uses the same equipment setup but adds more technical handling, discrimination and plenty of tempting off-course options.

These sequences are designed as a challenge, but that doesn't mean you have to run them from start to finish. With young or less experienced dogs, **break them into smaller sections**, reward the skills you want and gradually put the pieces together.

If you're looking for a bigger challenge, train both. Run **Nice**, then renumber, walk the **Naughty** course and see how well you can maintain that same confidence and speed when the questions get harder.

🎯 **Train it your way**

There's no prize for simply getting to the finish! Use the courses to explore your handling, your dog's understanding and what your dog actually sees when moving at speed.

Most importantly, **have fun with it.**

Enjoyed this Free Friday?

You'll find more free training resources, downloadable lesson plans and Lee Gibson's agility training books at **AgilityBooks.com**.

And if you train **Naughty or Nice?**, I'd love to see it. Share your training, tag **Skills2Success**, and let us know:

Was your dog Naughty… or Nice? 😇😈

👀 **One more thing…**

If you've been following our recent Free Fridays, you might have noticed we've been having a little more fun with the names, themes and designs lately…

There might just be a reason for that.

Keep an eye on **AgilityBooks.com**. Something a little extra special is coming very soon.

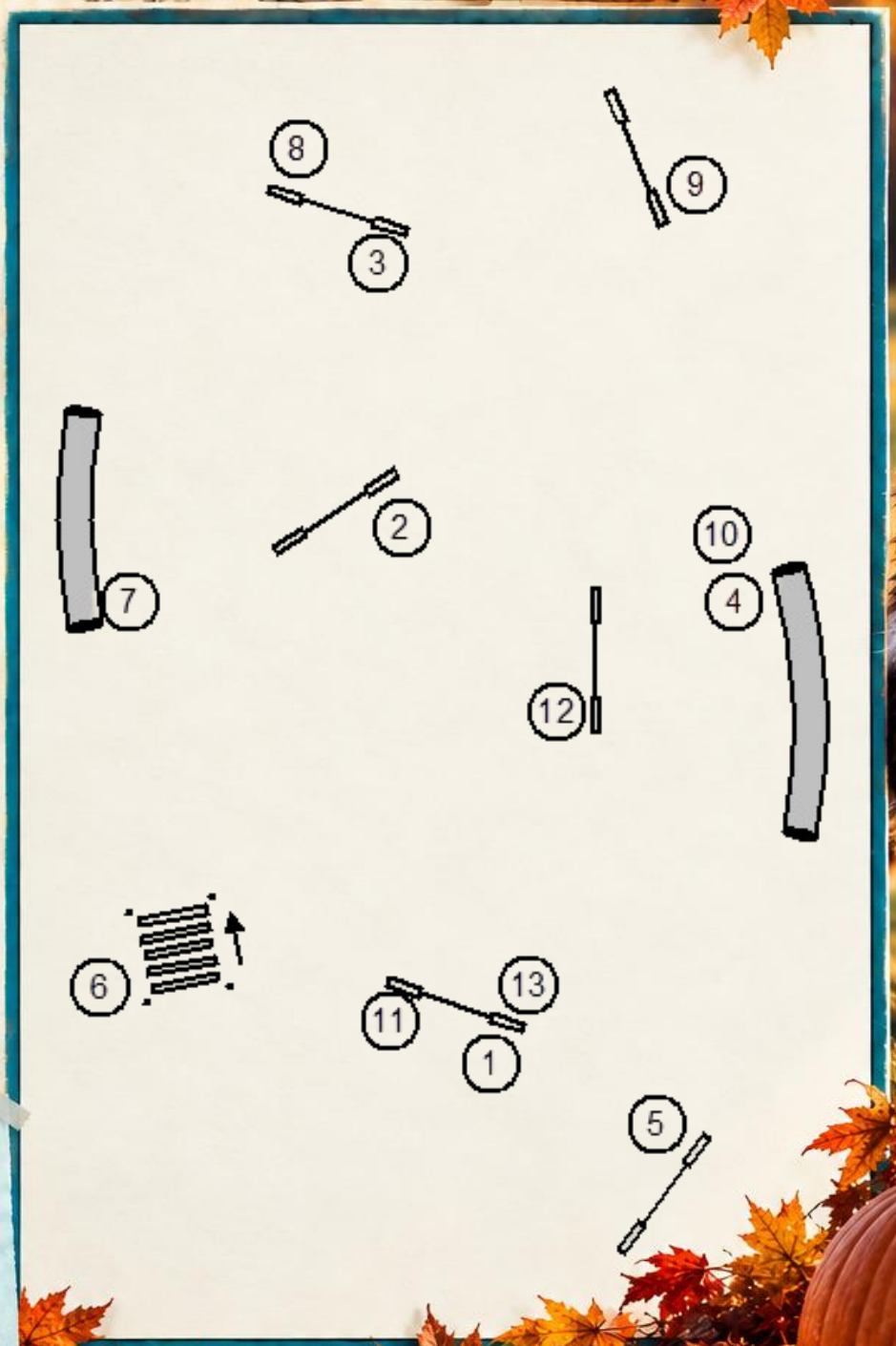
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Nice Version

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Start with the Nice course to build confidence, flow and speed. Then, if you're feeling brave, try the Naughty course, where that same speed suddenly creates a lot more temptation!



NICE

Flow, confidence and controlled speed.

A smooth opening takes you through 1–3 before driving into the tunnel.

Look for opportunities to layer, move ahead and create the line for the threadle slice at 5.

Allow the dog to extend through the middle section before working the backside slice. At 9, experiment with your handling choice: a blind cross into the wrap or a threadle wrap could both create the line you need.

TRAINING THOUGHT

Break the course into sections and build confidence before putting it together. Can you control speed and line without interrupting the feeling of forward motion?

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Naughty Version

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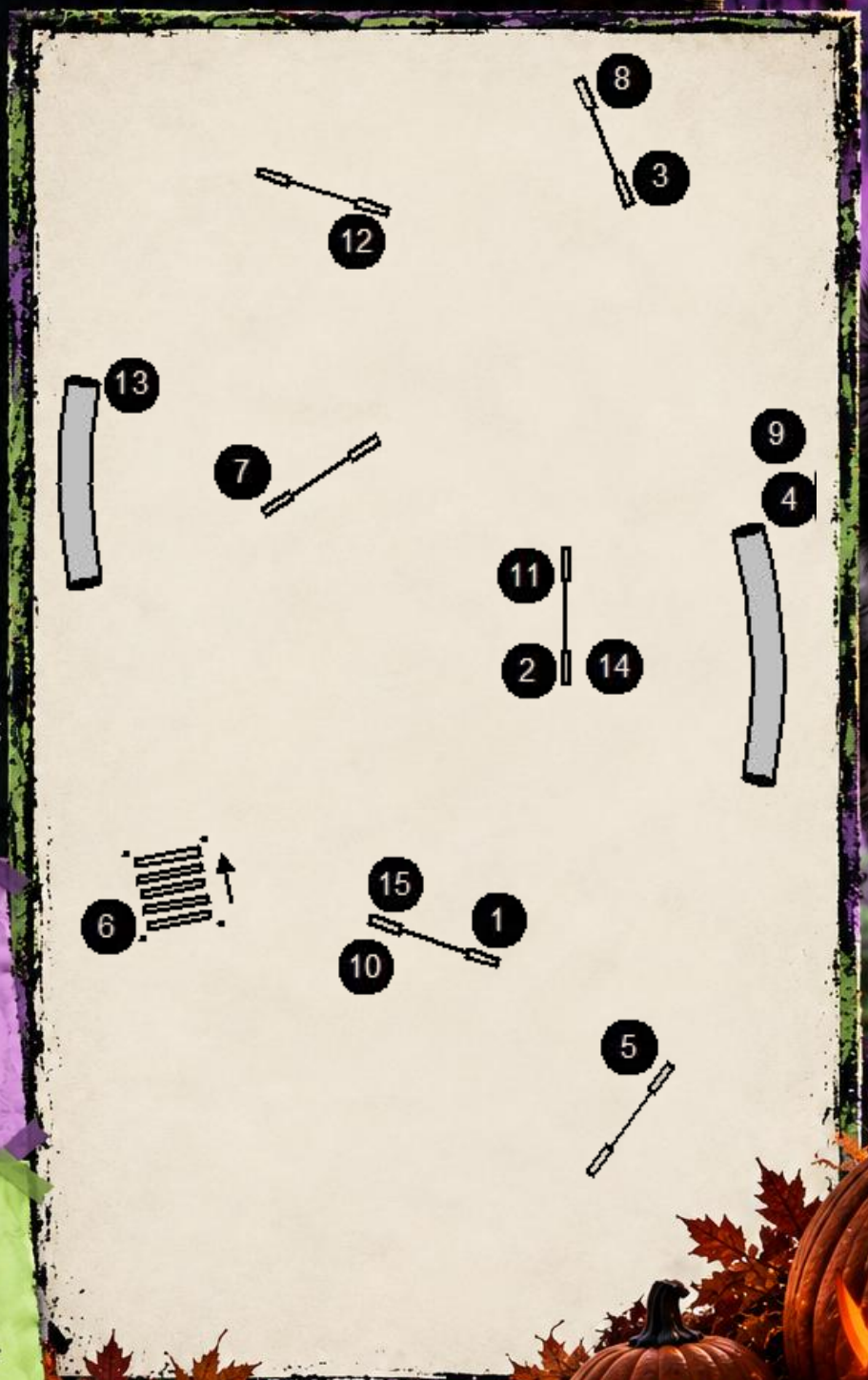
NAUGHTY

Same setup. Far more temptation.

The decisions begin immediately with the route from 1 to 2. From there, independence, backside and threadle skills are tested while the handler moves to create the next line.

Now the obvious obstacles aren't always the correct ones. The tunnel becomes an off-course, familiar equipment pictures become discrimination tests, and the dog needs the right information while still moving at speed.

The final section provides one last test. Out of the tunnel, can you reconnect, turn the dog away from the tempting long jump and jump, and create the backside of 14 before finishing on 15?



TRAINING THOUGHT

When speed increases, what does your dog see?

Where do you need to move, where do you need to connect, and can you give the right information at the right moment without simply slowing everything down?

THE CHALLENGE

Run Nice first and build speed, confidence and flow.

Then run Naughty.

Same setup. A much naughtier course.

Now the obvious obstacle isn't always the correct one. Can you maintain the speed you created while handling the extra discrimination tests?