

Jumping with Jay

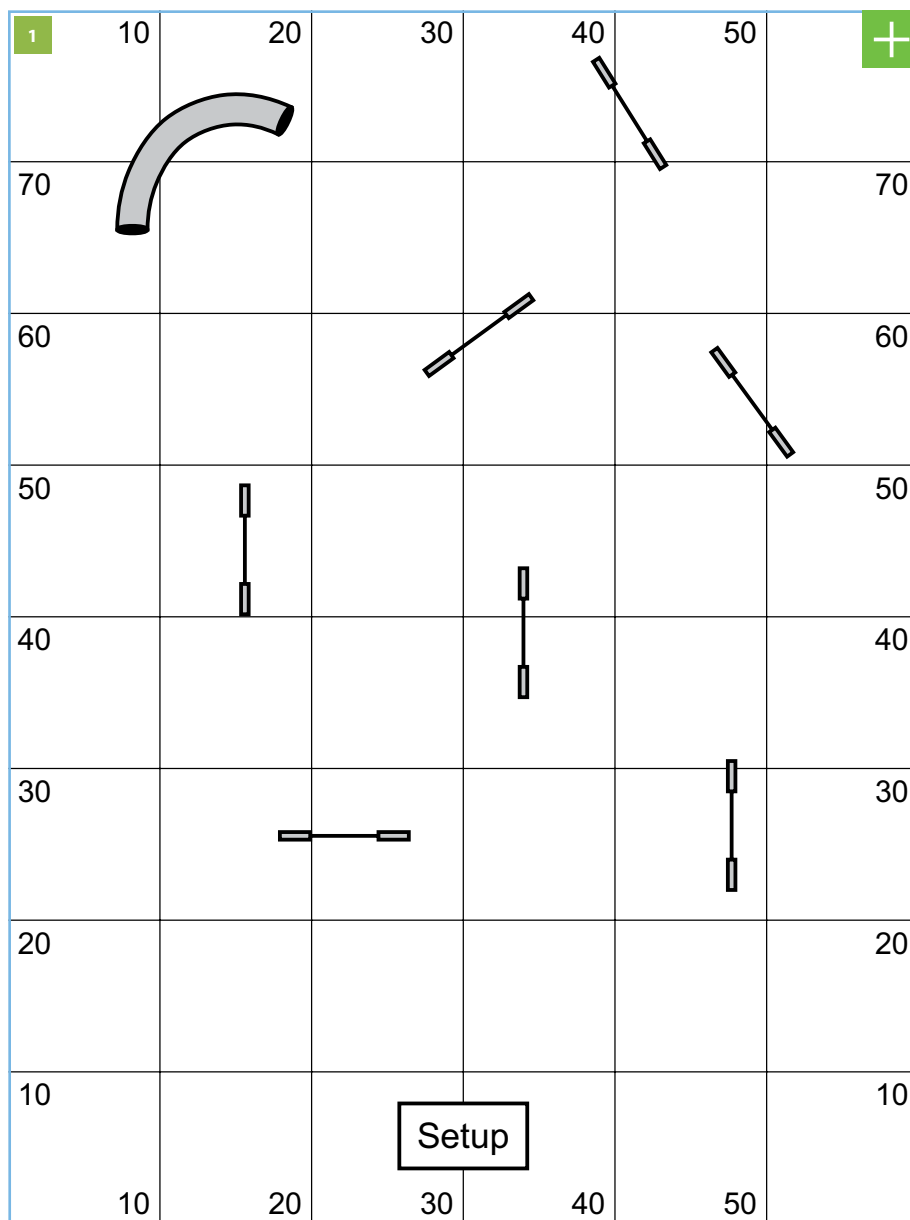
This is a useful and fun setup for advanced as well as less experienced dogs. You can find lots of challenges for your Masters dog, but my 15-month-old BC/JRT cross did pretty well on many of the less complex exercises.

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There's so much we don't know together. Fifteen months is a busy training time for my dogs. We just started weaves and are perfecting the A-frame and see-saw. I'm still sorting out her cues for tunnel and jump threadles. We can do simple serps, but not fancy ones. She has an amazing wrap, and good left and rights, and adequate rear crosses.

Some days we don't get around to jump drills at all because there is literally *so much* stuff to train—and play and hike and do tricks.

I hope you'll enjoy this setup no matter what level dog you have. 🐾



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This is a straightforward circle of obstacles with one side change between #5 and #6. Try a front, blind, or rear. Or, if you are quick on your feet, you could keep your dog on your left all the way around the circle.

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I started this drill with Jay on my right in a lead-out pivot position. You could do a lead-out push or run into a front cross from #2 to #3. I front crossed between #6 and #7 and used a wrap cue for the pull through to #8.

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I pushed to the back of #2 and front crossed to #3 with Jay. Then I tried both a front and rear cross from #6 to #7.

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I ran off the line with Jay on this drill, threaded to the #4 tunnel, then rear cross, and ran into position for a front cross from #6 to #7. I used a wrap cue at #7. You could try a front cross to #4 as well.

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I ran off the line with Jay on this drill which is a reversal of the last exercise. After a push to the back at #3, I front crossed to #4. I did another front after the tunnel and had Jay on my left from #7 to #9.

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This opening is a bit above Jay's training level right now, so I had to break it down for her. I would have liked to do a lead-out pivot at #2 and serpentine to the tunnel. The last part was easier! Front cross #5 to #6, threadle through to #7, and wrap with a front cross from #8 to #9.

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Jay and I only practiced sections of this drill. I did #1 to #4 on my left using a post turn at #2. I would like to try a front cross #4 to #5 next time, a threadle to #7, push to #8, and serpentine to #9.

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I led out a short way on this opening with Jay on my left. I wrapped #3 then front crossed and immediately rear crossed the tunnel. I'd like to have done a blind after #3, but that's above our pay grade right now. I front crossed out of the tunnel to #5...

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...I front crossed again between #7 and #8 and used a wrap cue at #8. I ran the closing line on my left side.

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I did a lead-out to the corner of #2 with Jay and front crossed to #3. I adjusted the position of the #4 jump so the distance to #5 was less and then we threadled to the #5 tunnel. I ran into position for a front cross from #6 to #7, but I'd have liked to do a serp and push to #8 as shown.

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I led out to the takeoff side of #3 and did a pivot and used a wrap cue at #3. Jay does not know a throw back or J turn yet, but that is how I handled my adult dogs on this. We threaded out of the tunnel to #5 as well as #6.

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I am not suggesting you do this full numbered course as I am not a fan of 24-obstacle courses or drills. I am presenting it so you have some more ideas on lines and sequences for this setup.

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