Weave Pole Training Log

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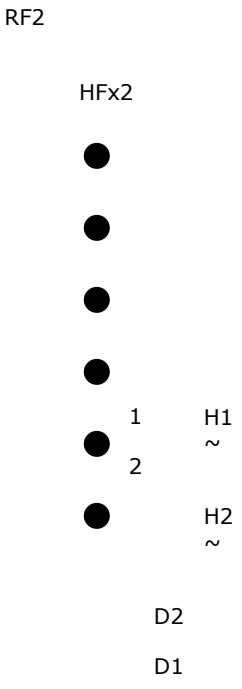
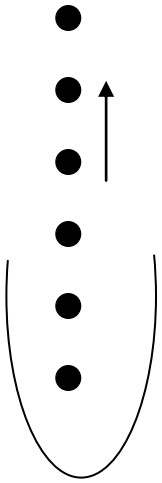


Example of using the log



Entry training possibilities are all along the arc – when working entries, work a lower number of poles such as 4 to 6

On a blank sheet of paper, draw the number of poles you are using each training session and document each training session. AHEAD of time, plan WHAT entries you will be working

Key:

D = Dog, put where started from
H = Handler, put where started from
~ = Put under the H means the handler added movement as dog entered weaves (otherwise static)
RT = location of reinforcer- toy
RF = location of reinforcer- food
# = Where dog entered
Sub numbers mean the rep that was practiced
HFx = Handler front crossed
HRx = Handler rear crossed

On Training by Bob Bailey

1. Timing, Criteria, Rate of Reinforcement
2. Think – Plan – Do – Review
3. Plan to Train – Train your Plan
4. Be a splitter not a lumper
5. Learning is always happening, train daily
6. Click for action – feed for position

Handy Dandy Per Cent Calculations:

4/5 = 80%
4/6 = 67% 5/6 = 83%
5/7 = 71% 6/7 = 86%
6/8 = 75% 7/8 = 88%
6/9 = 67% 7/9 = 78% 8/9 = 89%
8/11 = 73% 9/11 = 82% 10/11 = 91%
9/12 = 75% 10/12 = 83% 11/12 = 92%
10/13 = 77% 10/14 = 71% 10/15 = 67% 10/16 = 62% 10/17 = 59% 10/18 = 56%

Weave pole training tips:

- To increase criteria your dog must be at 80% accuracy for current criteria
- If the dog fails twice in a row, make the exercise easier (or hit yourself in the head!)
- If a problem is in the entry, train a lower number of poles (such as 3 or 4) then add poles as accuracy hits 80%
- WHERE you deliver your reward can affect your performance in the poles
- Train in short time increments (2 to 3 minutes) to aid in learning and avoid exhaustion-frustration but try to do 3 to 5 sessions per day
- Using the above log can help you pinpoint weaknesses and PLAN for your next training session
- You should be spending more time PLANNING your next training session than actually training
- Train for entries from "Around The Clock" (see entry arc above)
- Handler's position, train for:
  - Recall (ahead)
  - Send (behind) — Push into and at the exit
  - Run-movement (with dog)
  - Lateral distance
  - Fx before & after — Rx before and after