Bringing out the Brilliance in your Dog

Fantastic Weaves and Contacts Class

Lesson 1

Scheduled to watch videos and play, Week of _____

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

Games to play:	Props needed:
• A-F Training Model	1 table/placement mat 2 2x2 weave poles 1 set of 6 weaves (optional) High value reward

We have trained the 12 poles in 12 days and our dogs now know how to weave but, this is only the babysitting step and we must over-train our dogs to give them the best chance to weave brilliantly in competition!

Weaving A-F (Susan Garrett)

A = Acclimation

We need to put our toy on the ground and get the independence in the face of reinforcement

B = Babysitting

We are now back to the poles in a straight line and the toy on the ground and ready to challenge

C = Counterintuitive

We now move the reward to different locations and work on anti-flicking skills.

Equipment

3 sets of 2x2 poles working up to 6 straight poles

A table or target mat to begin on

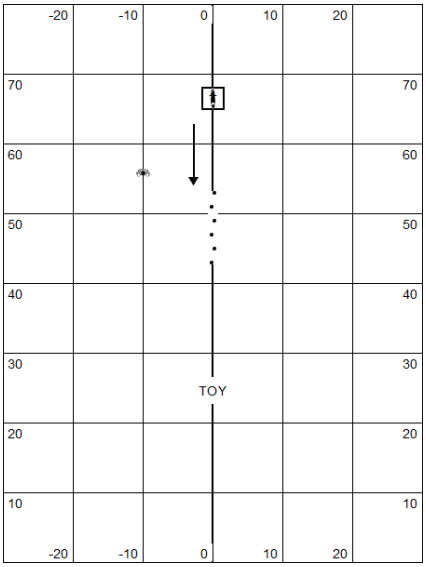
High value toy!

How to Play

• Set your video camera up so you can see everything in the sequence.

A = Acclimation:

Set your table in line with your 2x2's and then the reward. Channel your 2x2's for the first few attempts to remove the difficulty level and the strain on the body as you work though the toy being placed on the ground. Put your dog on the table, ask for focus forward and release ('break") to the toy. You don't need your 'weave cue' yet as the poles are channeled. When you see commitment to the entry of the poles, you can begin walking for support, at the last pole, cue "get it"!



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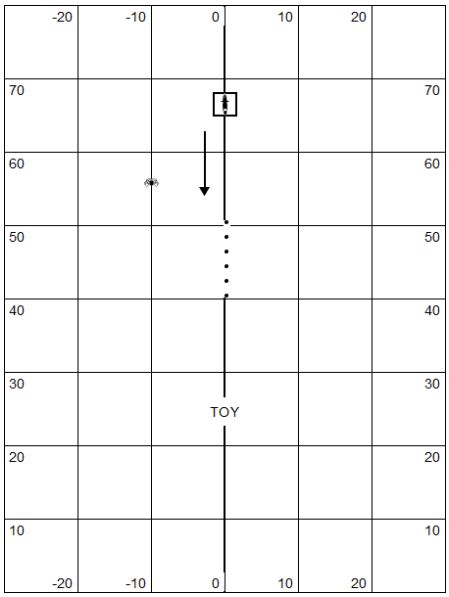
B = Babysitting

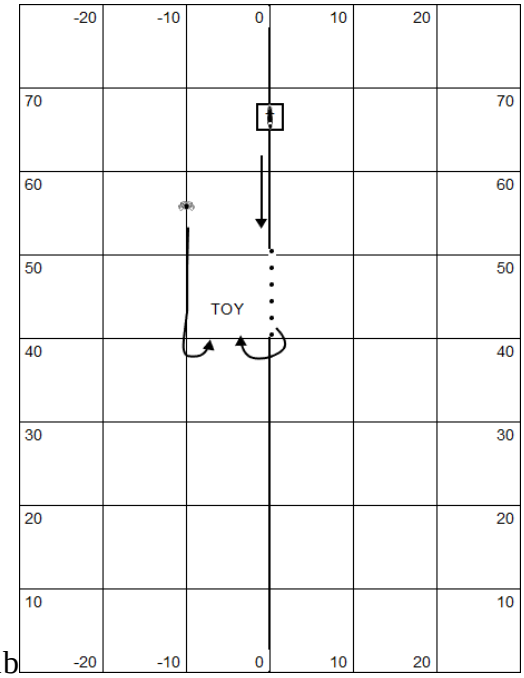
Slowly close the poles until you reach a straight line again.

The poles are straight and you can stand still, walk and run next to your dog while they weave and then drive out to the toy. You can cue "weaves" now that they are straight. Still give your 'get it' cue when your dog finishes the poles and can they drive to the toy or do they look at your first?

Figure 1a 

C = Counter-Intuitive

We will place the toy to the side and at the end of the poles. If you are on the same side as the toy, then do a front cross at the end and cue the reward. If you are on the opposite side of the toy, then you will practice your anti-flicking skills and when you dog reaches the end of the poles, post turn and have them turn and 'wit wit' them back around the start of the poles and to the toy on a 'get it'. If your dog flicks away to steal the toy, simply set up and start again. If you need to move the toy farther out at any time to help them be successful, then add those extra steps! If you dog pops the last poles, then this is the lesson for you!

Figure 1b 

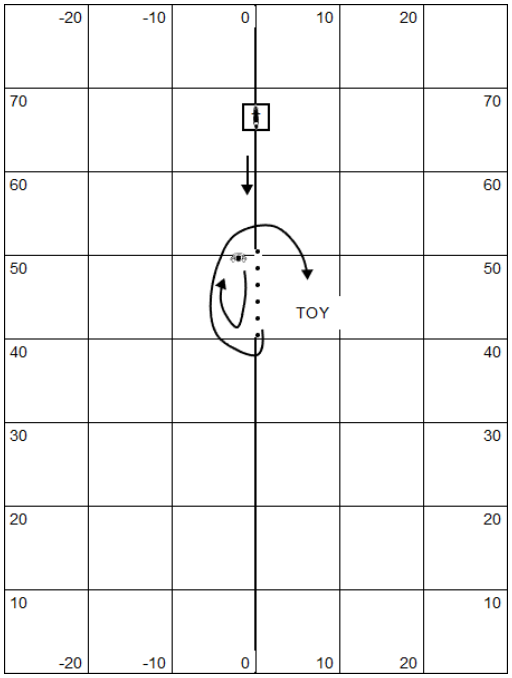
1b1 

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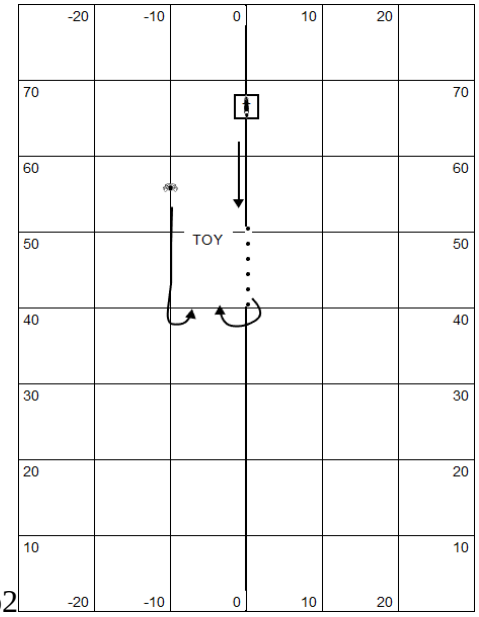
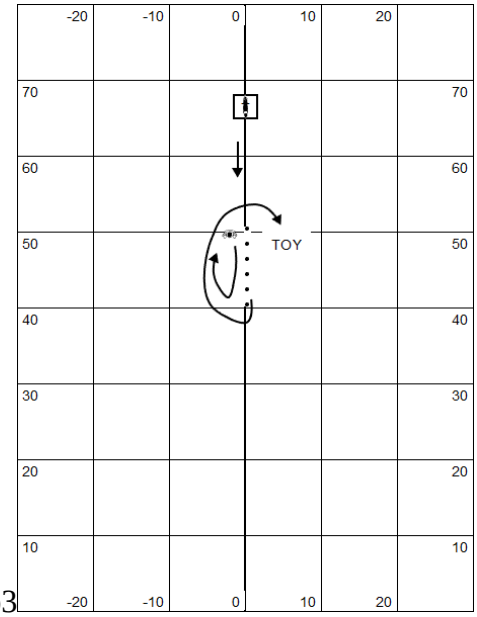
Figure 1b2 

1b3 

D = Diabolical!

We are now going to pick up the pace to create diabolical weaves! Put your dog on the table and place the toy on the ground to the side of the poles, return to your dog's side. Ask for focus forward and begin jog/walking. When your path is even with the first pole, release your dog to weave and keep your pace as well. When they complete the poles continue with your reward path as before. If you are on the same side, front cross and if the toy is on the opposite side, post turn, wit wit around to the toy. You'll then walk to pole 2 and release, the pole 3 and release, etc. Work up through each pole until you can walk all the way to the 6th pole and release your dog to successful weaves.

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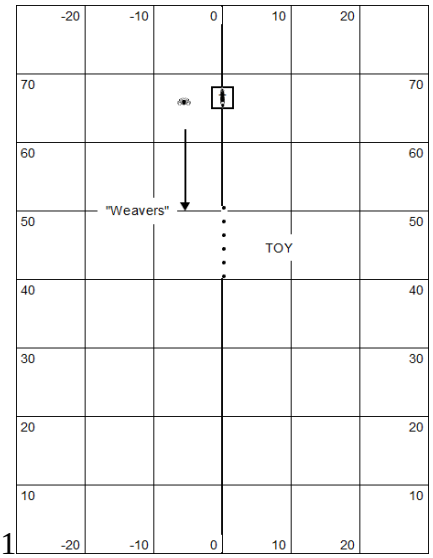

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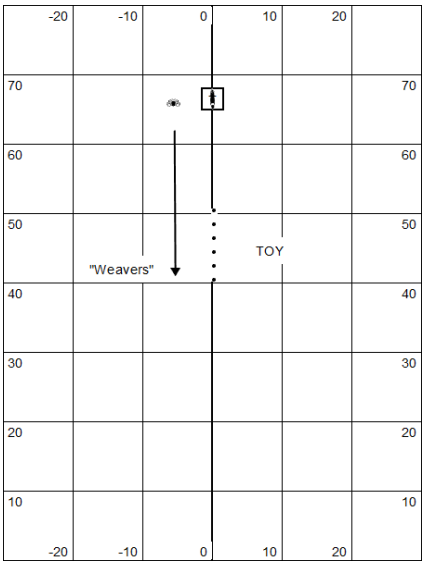
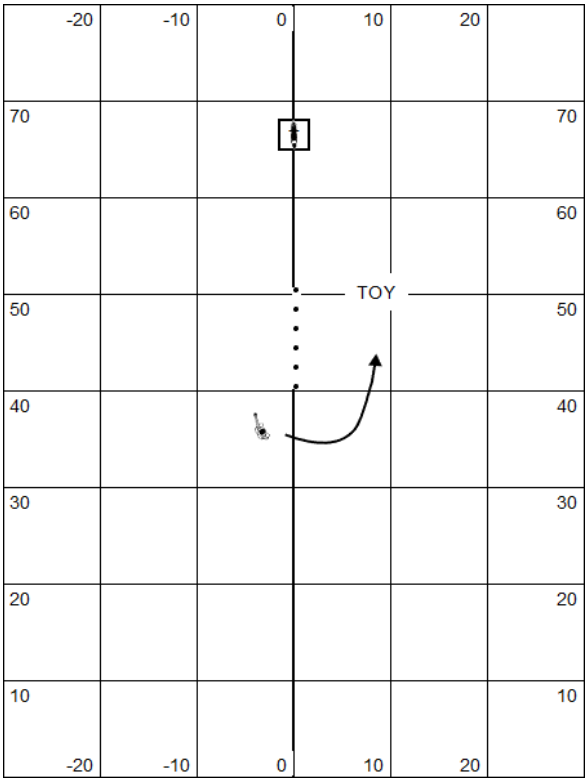


Final step to diabolical weaves!

Put your dog on the table, place your toy and walk to the end of the poles and turn on a 90, place your arm back like a low serpentine and cue your “weaves”. When you dog is committed to the weaves, begin walking around the end and up the other side. When they complete the poles and turn toward you to chase, cue “get it”! Repeat as a jog and run and don’t forget the other side! DIABOLICAL!!



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