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DOG AGILITY
What it is and what you need to know.

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## PARTS FOR THE SPARKLYPETS DOG AGILITY SET

Thank you for selecting SparklyPets for your agility journey!

For a detailed breakdown of the components included in each designated bag, please refer to the product index below, where we specify the contents of each bag.

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## USER MANUAL GUIDELINE

## CONFIGURING THE DOG AGILITY PAUSE BOX

$1 \times$ Dog Agility Pause Box (A)

$4 \times$ Ground pegs (B)

## HOW TO UTILIZE A DOG AGILITY PAUSE BOX?

The dog agility pause box, also known as a pause table, serves as an effective tool for instructing your canine companion on when and where to pause and rest during an agility course in a controlled manner. It's a common feature in many agility courses.

Compared to a traditional pause table, the pause box offers a space-saving, easily transportable, and cost-effective alternative, making it ideal for those with limited space or budget constraints.

Position your pause box at the center of your agility course to teach your dog to either lie down, come to a stop, or simply sit within the designated square.

## SIZE SPECIFICATIONS

When fully extended, it covers an area of 10 square feet.

## STEP 1

## PLACING THE PAUSE BOX ON THE GROUND

Select a flat, open ground space and position the Pause Box (A) with the SparklyPets logo facing outward, just as shown in the picture.


## STEP 2

## SECURING THE PAUSE BOX WITH GROUND PEGS



Next, if feasible, secure the Pause Box to the ground by anchoring it with 4 pegs (B), one at each designated corner. prevent injuries during course use. Please refer to the picture for visual guidance.

1 x Dog Agility Closed Tunnel (X)
$6 x$ Ground pegs (B)


## HOW TO UTILIZE A DOG AGILITY CLOSED TUNNEL?

The Dog Agility Closed Tunnel, affectionately known as the Chute, is among the most entertaining obstacles for your furry companion on the agility course.

Unlike the standard Dog Agility Tunnel, this one is better tailored for more advanced dogs who are at ease entering a tunnel without a visible exit. We suggest introducing this tunnel after your dog has become accustomed to the standard version.

To begin training with the Chute, teach your dog to enter the tunnel, and initially, stand at the end while holding up the opening to help them grow more comfortable.With time, gradually lower the opening to the ground, allowing your dog to enter and exit independently.

When setting up the tunnel in your course, position it in a straight line, allowing your dog to effortlessly enter and exit, ensuring a seamless transition to the next obstacle.

## SIZE SPECIFICATIONS

9.18 feet in length, with a 24 -inch diameter opening.

## STEP 1

## EXTEND THE TUNNEL AND POSITION IT PROPERLY

Unfasten the two laces that secure the Tunnel (X) in its bundled form and lay it on a level, open ground surface.

Ensure that you've positioned the tunnel correctly by verifying that its base aligns with the ground, as shown in the picture.


SECURING THE TUNNEL WITH GROUND PEGS


Now, if feasible, secure the Dog Tunnel ( X ) to the ground by anchoring it with 6 pegs (B): two in the front, two at the middle of the tunnel, and two at the rear fabric, just as shown in the picture. prevent injuries during course use. Please refer to the picture for visual guidance.

$6 x$ Blue weave poles with gray caps (D)
$5 x$ Intermediate blue base poles with clips on both sides (E)
$4 \times$ Tee-Shaped Blue Base Poles with Gray Caps (F)
$2 \times$ L-Shaped Blue Base Poles with Gray Caps (G)
$3 \times$ U-shaped ground pegs (H)

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## HOW TO UTILIZE THE DOG AGILITY WEAVE POLES?

A Dog Agility Weave Pole set typically consists of anywhere from 4 to 12 poles. In most competitive settings, you'll encounter a standard configuration of 12 poles, evenly spaced at least 24 inches apart.

The primary goal is to train your dog to navigate a zig-zag path through the poles until reaching the end and proceeding to the next obstacle in your agility course.

Teaching your dog the art of weaving through these poles often requires practice, which may involve the use of dog treats and your patience.

## SIZE SPECIFICATIONS

Total Dog Agility Weave Pole Set Length: 9.8 feet
Pole Height: 27 inches
Distance Between Poles: 25.5 inches

## STEP 1

## BEGIN ASSEMBLING THE BASE POLES IN A SINGLE DIRECTION

To commence, retrieve the bag labeled with the blue string containing the components specific to this set ( $D, E, F, G, H$ ). You'll require a level open ground area of approximately 32 square feet for the setup.

Always initiate the assembly from one end by first connecting an L-Shaped base pole (G) to one of the clips on an Intermediate base pole (E). A successful connection will produce an audible ‘Click!’ sound, indicating a correct attachment.

## STEP 2



PROGRESS BY INCORPORATING SUPPORT BASE POLES IN A ZIG-ZAG PATTERN


Next, attach the other end of the Intermediate base pole (E) in a zig-zag configuration with a Tee-Shaped base pole (F).

Continue this pattern by adding Intermediate base poles (E) and connecting them with Tee-Shaped base poles (F) until you reach the conclusion, where you'll affix the final L-Shaped base pole (G), mirroring the arrangement depicted in the picture.

## AFFIX THE WEAVE POLES TO THE BASE

With the base assembled, it's now time to secure the standing weave poles (D) to the base of the set.
Each junction point of the L or Tee-shaped base pole features a hole; simply place the weave poles into these holes for attachment.

## STEP 4



## SECURING THE DOG AGILITY WEAVE WITH GROUND PEGS



If feasible, anchor the Dog Agility Weave poles set to the ground using U-shaped pegs (H): one at the front, one in the middle of the set, and one at the rear, as shown in the picture.
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WARNING! Ensure that the ground pegs are securely fastened to the ground to prevent injuries during course usage. Please refer to the picture for visual guidance.

## PREPARING THE CASTLE WALL JUMP ELEMENT


$2 \times$ U-shaped ground pegs (H)
$1 \times$ Intermediate yellow base pole with clips on both sides (J)
$2 \times$ Cross shape blue base pole with blue caps (K)
$2 \times$ Blue base pole extensions (L)
$2 \times$ Blue stand poles for the lower side (M)
$2 \times$ Blue stand poles for the upper side (N)
$2 \times$ Jump hurdle connectors ( $\mathbf{O}$ )
$1 \times$ Yellow hurdle bar V1 (P)
$1 \times$ Yellow hurdle bar V2(Q)
$1 \times$ Brick design wall fabric (R)
$2 \times$ Brick Wall Flags (I)


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## HOW TO UTILIZE THE CASTLE WALL JUMP ELEMENT?

The Castle Wall Jump presents a more advanced challenge for dogs, resembling a wall that requires them to overcome the perception of a sudden stop and leap over it. Therefore, it is crucial for your dog to be familiar with the agility field, especially in jumping over regular hurdle bars, to effectively engage with this obstacle.

This particular agility element is well-suited for dogs of all sizes with good jumping ability, including both small and large breeds.

The Castle Wall Jump offers four adjustable jump heights: 23.6 inches, 19.7 inches, 15.7 inches, and 11.8 inches. Begin with the height that best matches your dog's capabilities and gradually progress as they become more comfortable and skilled.

## SIZE SPECIFICATION

Adjustable wall jump heights at approximately 23.6 inches, 19.7 inches, 15.7 inches, and 11.8 inches, with a width of approximately 25.6 inches.

## STEP 1

## ESTABLISHING THE BRICK WALL FRAME

To start, locate the bag with the yellow string. Inside this bag, you'll find the components for assembling the Castle Wall Jump Element.

To construct the base section that ensures stability for the frame and the wall, take the Intermediate yellow base pole with clips on both sides $(\mathrm{J})$ and insert it through the hole in the Brick wall fabric (R).

## STEP 2

## BUILDING THE FRAME BASE SECTION

Let's begin assembling the standing poles for the base. Take a cross-shaped base (K) and position a standing pole (M) on its upper hole, followed by placing the smaller standing pole ( N ) over it.

Repeat the process with the other cross-shaped base.


## STEP 3

## COMPLETING THE FRAME SECTION BY SECURING EVERYTHING TOGETHER

Secure the constructed yellow base with the brick wall fabric onto the small hole of the crossshaped base. To ensure a solid connection, listen for a distinct 'click' sound. Repeat the process on the other side of the base pole, securing it with the second small hole of the cross-shaped base. At this stage, your element frame should closely resemble the provided image.


STEP 4


## ATTACHING THE HURDLE BAR

Take hold of the two bars designated for constructing the hurdle bar, the yellow bars Q and P , and join them together.

## STEP 5



## INSTALLING THE HURDLE CONNECTORS

Position the Jump hurdle connectors (O) on the frame, and then attach the constructed hurdle bar to the connectors. For initial reference, aim to place it at approximately 23.6 inches in height. This will facilitate the subsequent steps in the process.


## ADJUSTING THE WALL TO 23.6 INCHES IN HEIGHT

Start by rolling the fabric wall over the yellow hurdle bar, and secure it by fastening the first 2 rows of red fasteners. This ensures that your wall is set at a HEIGHT OF 23.6 INCHES.


## REPEAT THE PROCESS TO ADJUST THE WALL HEIGHT

If you wish to reduce the wall height to $19,7^{\prime \prime}>15,7^{\prime \prime}>11,8^{\prime \prime}$, follow these steps:
FOR A 19.7-INCH HEIGHT WALL - Simply unfasten the red fasteners, and now secure one red fastener with the next orange fastener to achieve the height.


FOR A 15.7-INCH HEIGHT WALL - Simply unfasten the red \& orange fasteners, and now secure the orange fastener with the next yellow fastener to achieve the height.


FOR AN 11.8-INCH HEIGHT WALL - Simply unfasten the orange \& yellow fasteners, and now secure the yellow fastener with the next green fastener to achieve the height.


## ADDING THE BRICK WALL FLAGS

Remove the Brick Wall flags (I) from the main box; you'll notice a loop at the tip. Place this loop over one of the standing poles, then slide it down the pole to secure it in place with the Velcro near the standing pole base.

Each Brick Wall flag (I) features a dedicated space (hole) at the bottom where you should insert the blue base pole extension (L). After inserting the pole into the bottom of the flag, connect it to the rest of the frame using the outer hole on the base Cross-shaped pole, following the illustration. Repeat the same process on the other side of the element.


## STEP 9

## SECURING THE WALL JUMP ELEMENT WITH GROUND PEGS

If feasible, anchor the frame to the ground using U-shaped pegs (H).
Position them on the base, near the Cross-shaped junctions, as depicted in the picture.
WARNING! Ensure that the ground pegs are firmly driven into the ground to prevent injuries during course usage. Please refer to the picture for visual guidance.


## PREPARING THE LONG JUMP ELEMENT


$4 \times$ Hurdle blue jump bars (S)
$2 \times$ T-shaped 5.9" base (T)
$2 \times$ T-shaped 7.9" base (U)
$2 \times$ T-shaped $9.8^{\prime \prime}$ base (V)
$2 \times$ T-shaped $11.8^{\prime \prime}$ base ( $\mathbf{W}$ )
$4 \times$ Yellow standing poles ( $\mathbf{Y}$ )
$4 \times$ Yellow base standing poles with ground pegs (Z) $4 \times$ Small Orange SparklyPets flags (AA)


## HOW TO UTILIZE THE LONG JUMP ELEMENT?

The Long Jump Element is considered more advanced as it requires a combination of speed and precision. The objective is to train your dog to jump longer distances at specific heights.

When utilizing this element, choose a more spacious ground area to allow your dog ample room to start running and clear the hurdles.

Our Long Jump Element consists of four hurdle bars with heights of 5.9 inches, 7.9 inches, 9.8 inches, and 11.8 inches. Depending on your dog's jumping ability, you can adjust the spacing between the hurdles to expand or compress the arrangement.

## SIZE SPECIFICATION

The four hurdle bars have heights of approximately 5.9 inches, 7.9 inches, 9.8 inches, and 11.8 inches, each with a width of 23.2 inches.

## STEP 1

## PLACING THE STANDING DELIMITATING POLES

Begin by unpacking all the elements from the green string bag. Grab a long yellow pole $(\mathrm{Y})$ and connect it with the smaller yellow poles featuring ground pegs on one side (Z). You need to construct four delimitating standing poles, so repeat this process four times. Once completed, set them aside for a moment. If you plan to use this element indoors, skip this step.

## STEP 2



## BUILDING THE FOUR JUMPING HURDLES AT HEIGHTS

 of 5.9 inches, 7.9 inches, 9.8 inches, and 11.8 inchesCommence by taking a blue hurdle bar $(\mathrm{S})$ and combining it with the first pair of T-shaped pole bases $(\mathrm{T})$ to establish the first hurdle at a height of 5.9 inches.

Take another blue hurdle bar (S) and combine it with the second pair of T-shaped pole bases (U) to set the second hurdle at a height of 7.9 inches.

Repeat the process, using a blue hurdle bar (S) with the third pair of T-shaped pole bases (V) to set the third hurdle at a height of 9.8 inches.

Finally, use a blue hurdle bar (S) with the fourth pair of T-shaped pole bases (W) to set the fourth hurdle at a height of 11.8 inches.

This process should be repeated, as shown in the illustration.


## STEP 3

## ESTABLISHING THE RANGE FOR THE LONG JUMP

Place the hurdle jumps on even ground, arranging them at a close distance relative to each other in a straight line. Begin with the smallest height of 5.9 inches and progress to the highest height of 11.8 inches.

Based on your dog's experience with long jumping, adjust the distance between the elements either narrow or widen the gap. If your dog is new to this type of jumping, consider removing 1 or 2 hurdles to create a more enjoyable learning experience.

For reference, consult the illustrations provided, depicting both narrow and wider spreads of the hurdle bars on the ground.


## SETTING BOUNDARIES FOR THE LONG JUMP ELEMENT

If you are using the long jump element indoors, you can skip this step and proceed to use the hurdles. If you are using this element outdoors, begin by positioning the constructed standing poles at a relative distance in each corner.

Ensure to remove the protective caps from the pegs before firmly securing them to the ground. Next, place the small orange flags on top of each delimitating pole, following the illustration, and fasten them with the Velcro.


## YOU'RE ALL SET!

Begin enjoying your new SparklyPets ADVANCED Dog Agility Course!

## DOG AGILITY

# 'What it is and what you need to know' 

Do you imagine yourself and your dog on one of those dog agility contests that are fun to watch? IF YOU ARE, YOU'RE NOT ALONE!
Considering agility training can have many long-term benefits for your pup, so why not give it a try?
Let's explore what agility actually is, what it helps with and what you need to know before you make the decision to train your dog for agility.

## WHAT IS DOG AGILITY?

To put it simply, dog agility is a sport. To put it in more details, it's a obstacle course race where a handler and a dog try to complete a preset track filled with different obstacles like tunnels, seesaws or weave poles. The team has to do this in a time efficient manner while having coordination and efficacy in mind as well.

The handler, or the owner, should be able to have complete control over the dog's actions, without having to incentivize him or her with treats or rewards. Actually, throughout the competition, the handler is only allowed to use voice commands and gestures to help their dog overcome all of the obstacles. The owner is not allowed to touch neither the dog nor the obstacles throughout the entire race.

## HOW DOES DOG AGILITY HELP MY DOG?

Dog agility can be to a dog what a puzzle is to a human. It can spark interest and boost brain functions. It's an interesting way of exploring curiosity and improving mental health, for one. It's also a good way to get rid of boredom and keep yourself and your dog entertained.

On the other hand, dog agility is a good way to have your dog stay in shape. After all, it's a sport, right? All that jumping and running around is bound to increase muscle strength and speed and keep your pup in tip top shape.

Another benefit is that it can work on improving your bond with your dog. Your dog will learn to trust you and that will in turn improve the bond that you two have. This will not only make both your lives easier, but also more fun, as you'll rely on one another for various activities.

Last but not least, it will improve your dog's behavior. Because this sport is so reliant on dogs listening to their handler's commands, it will inevitably lead to your dog having an increased response to your commands, especially when it comes to obedience training.

## WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW BEFORE STARTING TRAINING?

There are a few things you need to take into account before you start working with your dog to compete in dog agility courses.

- Check in with your vet first. Your dog should be clinically healthy in order to be able to complete the course safely and for this type of exercise to be beneficial to him or her.
- Investigate any known medical conditions specific to each breed. For example, some dog breeds tend to have back problems or posture problems, which is why veterinarians usually recommend that they avoid jumping. In this case, a dog agility course would not prove to be beneficial for your dog.
- Master the basics. Before you even consider taking up dog agility training, you and your dog must have a strong hold on the basic obedience commands, such as stay, sit and come. Only after these are achieved without the help of treats or incentives, you can start thinking about dog agility.
- Make sure your dog has a good attention span to start with. You will need to improve your dog's
attention span as you progress, but you also need to make sure it's at a good starting point before you begin. Otherwise, your dog might get distracted and won't listen to your vocal commands throughout the race.
- Make sure your dog can do an array of movements. The obstacles will require your dog to have increased mobility and understanding of how his or her body moves. This means that before you start working on agility training, you need to do some basic training to teach your dog to jump, walk backwards, position paws in different places or walk in between objects.
- Keep in mind your dog's energy levels. Because this is such a time efficient sport, your dog will need to move quickly. So, regardless of whether you have a small breed dog or a large one, make sure your dog is naturally energetic. A slower-moving dog might not do well with a time crunch.


All things considered, dog agility races have a lot of benefits for both you and your dog and, if all requirements are met. You can have a lot of fun while doing this type of activity. Would you consider dog agility training?

## DOG BREEDS THAT NEED A LOT OF EXERCISE

Just like us, dogs come in many shapes and sizes. Some dogs need more exercise, some need bigger meals, some are perfect for cuddling on the couch on a rainy day. And sure, some of these traits come from each dog's personality, but some are breed specific.

If you're looking to get a new pup, make sure you can keep up with his exercise needs and make sure he can keep up with yours! Here are some of the breeds that need more exercise, so that you can take this into account if you're considering them as a pet.

## 污 BORDER COLLIE

Border Collies are excellent sheep herders, extensively used in Australia for this reason, along with the Australian Shepherd Dog. Being herder, this type of dog is accustomed to running long distances to make sure the herds stay together.

Because of their herding nature, Border Collies excel at training commands, so Lassie will be an excellent competitor in dog agility competitions.

This is one of the types of breeds that has a lot of stamina and energy, so make sure you provide at least 60 minutes of intense exercise per day.

## GOLDEN RETRIEVER

Everyone's favorite, the Golden Retriever needs to...well...retrieve! They are very well capable of keeping up with you on a hike, on a run or when you're on a casual walk.

Playing fetch is also a great option for a Golden Retriever, since retrieving is one of their favorite activities.

Make sure to get up to 2 hours of quality exercising every day, to keep them happy and healthy.

## is GERMAN SHEPHERD

The German Shepherd is THE breed you think about when thinking Police Dog, or Military Dog, or Bomb Detection Dog. They are very easy to train, which can make them very good at what they do. If you think about it, a police dog might run to catch an assailant, or attack a bad person at their human officer's command, so they really need to be in good shape.

Regardless of whether your Rex is in the force or not, you still need to make sure you get at least a full hour of moderate and high intensity workouts for him to spend some energy.

## ALASKAN MALAMUTE

Just like the Siberian Husky, the Alaskan Malamute is a dog breed for working. If you can grasp that the dog's main working purpose was to pull on a heavy sleigh through huge amounts of snow, in the cold, for thousands of miles at a time, then you can imagine that such a breed would require a lot of exercise to burn off some of that energy.

Ideal for an athlete owner, this breed requires at least 60 minutes of intense exercise per day, but you can safely go up to 2 hours of exercising daily.

## is POINTER

As with the other breeds we've mentioned in our article so far, the pointer was bred with hunting abilities in mind, as the name might suggest. That means this dog breed, and others that are similar, need to be agile, fast runners so that they can catch up with the hunted prey (either ducks or rabbits, deer and so on) and lead their owner, the hunter, to it. Depending on the pray, they would need to be quick, slim and fast on his feet.

While you can adjust his form from the foods he's consuming, you also need to adjust his energy levels making sure they exercise on a daily basis. Aim for 60 to 90 minutes of medium or high intensity exercises each day, whether it's an intense hike, jogging or just a plain walk.

As you can see, there's a lot of things you should consider when it comes to picking the right pup for you. That being said, if you're an active person or an athlete, and you want to involve your doggo in your workouts, consider one of the breeds we mentioned above, or here are some other good options as well: Akita, Schnauzer, Rottweiler, Doberman, Bloodhound, Jack Russel Terrier, Labrador and many more. Regardless of what you decide to get in the end, make sure that you can commit to offering them the amount of exercise they need to live happy and healthy lives.

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## FOR 40 FT BY 50 FT

Utilize this grid to sketch your personalized dog agility course, employing the elements included in this set and adjusting their placement as desired.

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## AGILITY DIPLOMA



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