

# Welcome to the world of



YES you can now compete with ANY animal in Agility competitions!  
This is a FUN class but every entry receives a score sheet with feedback  
and a place rosette.

**August/September 2020 CLOSING DATE 30th September 2020**

To celebrate 10 years of The International Horse Agility Club we have designed a simple agility course for you to build at home. You will need to adjust the size of each obstacle to suit the size of your animal. A hamster will need a much smaller course than a llama!!

This month we have a simple six obstacle course for you to set up. You will find the course plan on page 2 with instructions on how to complete it. Read the notes carefully so that you don't lose valuable marks!!

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**1. Two markers, cones or barrels set an animal length apart. (You may need to adjust these for snakes!)**

All the animal has to do is move around these markers following the red line in the diagram. The arrows are important!

**2. Two poles to back through.**

You will need two poles here about an animal length long is fine but longer is better and just wider than the animal's body. You need the animal to move right through the poles until all four feet (or his whole body) are right through the poles, halt for a count of three, then back him up through the pole corridor without him stepping over or touching the poles.

**3. Walking a circle.**

You will need something to stand in or on here to keep you in the centre. All you need to do is ask your animal to move around you in a circle while you stand in the centre.

See that arrow on the diagram? Yes! It's important!

**4 and 5. A gap that is a box!**

You will need to build a gap here that is closed at one end, like a trailer or float that you are going to 'load' a horse into. Make sure the sides are high enough and that they are solid so that we cannot see the animal's body when he is standing in it!

**6. Tarpaulin walk.**

Fold a piece of fabric or tarpaulin so that it is a little wider than your animal at his widest part and just longer than his body. Your animal was move along this end to end without stepping off.

Here is your course diagram for Any Animal Agility August/September and instructions.

Build the course as close to the plan as you can, following the instructions on how to build the obstacles on page 1. Follow the arrows as you complete the course. They are important!

You may use a headcollar, lead, neck rope or work your animal loose—at liberty, (fly rugs, protective equipment etc are allowed)

You may use treats and clickers but NOT WHIPS OR STICKS OF ANY KIND.

THE ANIMAL SHOULD BE SEEN TO BE OBVIOUSLY COMFORTABLE AS HE NEGOTIATES THE OBSTACLES. ANY ABUSE OF THE ANIMAL WILL RESULT IN INSTANT ELIMINATION FROM THE COMPETITION.

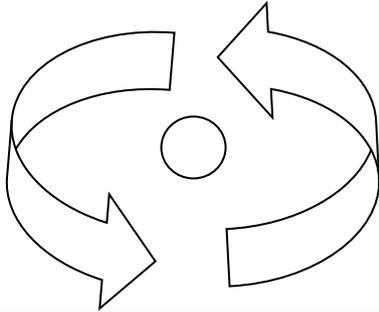
Complete the course in number order following the arrows and instructions shown in each box.

You must not stop or circle BETWEEN obstacles.

The course must be videoed without a break in the filming with the animal and the handler being in shot the whole time. Do make sure that the obstacle is clearly in view when being negotiated

**GOOD LUCK!**

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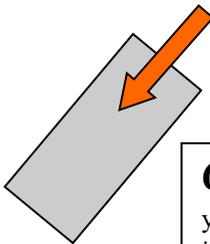


**3.** Stand in the centre and circle your animal round you anticlockwise for at least one turn. Follow the direction of the arrow.



**4.** Create a gap that is closed at one end. You can use a corner of the working area so that you only need to create one side. Sides must be solid as the animal must go into a 'box'. We shouldn't be able to see the animal's body when he is stood in the box. Lead your animal into the gap. Halt for a count of 3.

**5.** Back animal out of 'box' use any method.



**6.** Tarpaulin walk. Fold your tarpaulin as directed in the directions on page 1. Animal to move along tarpaulin from end to end without stepping off the side.

**2.** Place two poles on the ground for size see page 1. Lead your animal right through until all four feet are beyond the corridor, halt for a count of three. Back him through the poles until all four feet are clear of the poles. Then move on through the poles.

Animal. must not step over or touch the poles.

**1.** Place two markers, cones or barrels one animal length apart and lead the animal round following the path of the red line in the diagram

**FINISH**



**START**

