



How to make it easier!



Encourage your dog with a toy or a biscuit during training. You should lead him through the whole track with loud sounds (“up!”, for example) and body language (for example, showing the palm of your hand indicating “stop!”).

Note: The goal is that you and the dog pass through each obstacle without a problem.

 **Bar Jumps:** Start with at least 5 hurdles, approx 3ft high, depending on the size of your dog. They should be made of PVC pipe, which are the cheapest and simplest equipment to make. You can get interesting pipe fittings and all kinds of colours and patterns with tape.

 **Tunnel:** The 3 foot long play tunnel is a fabric tube, a favorite of many dogs and unique to agility. This is one obstacle that can be done by almost any dog, and is fun for you as well.

 **Ramp:** It’s not very hard to make. It’s like a wide balance beam with a ramp at each end. For many dogs the ramp is the hardest part of the course.

 **Slalom:** Start with a couple of bars (5 at the least) separated from each other, so that the dog can easily watch and follow you going through each one.

