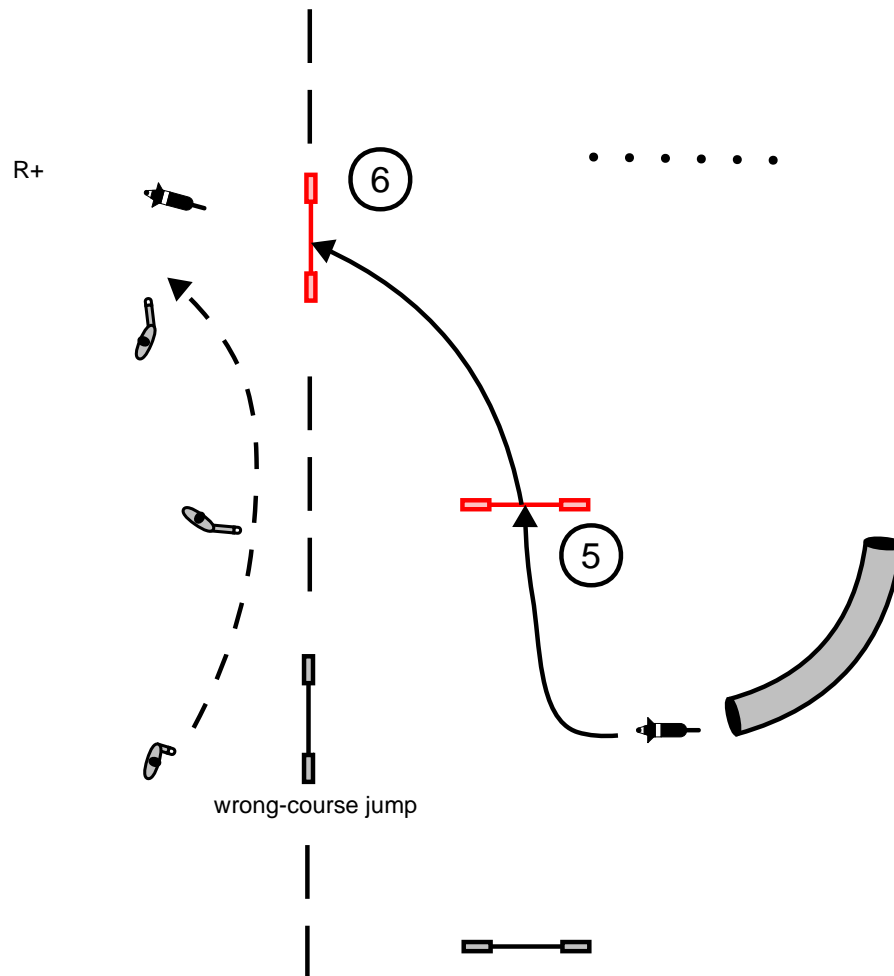


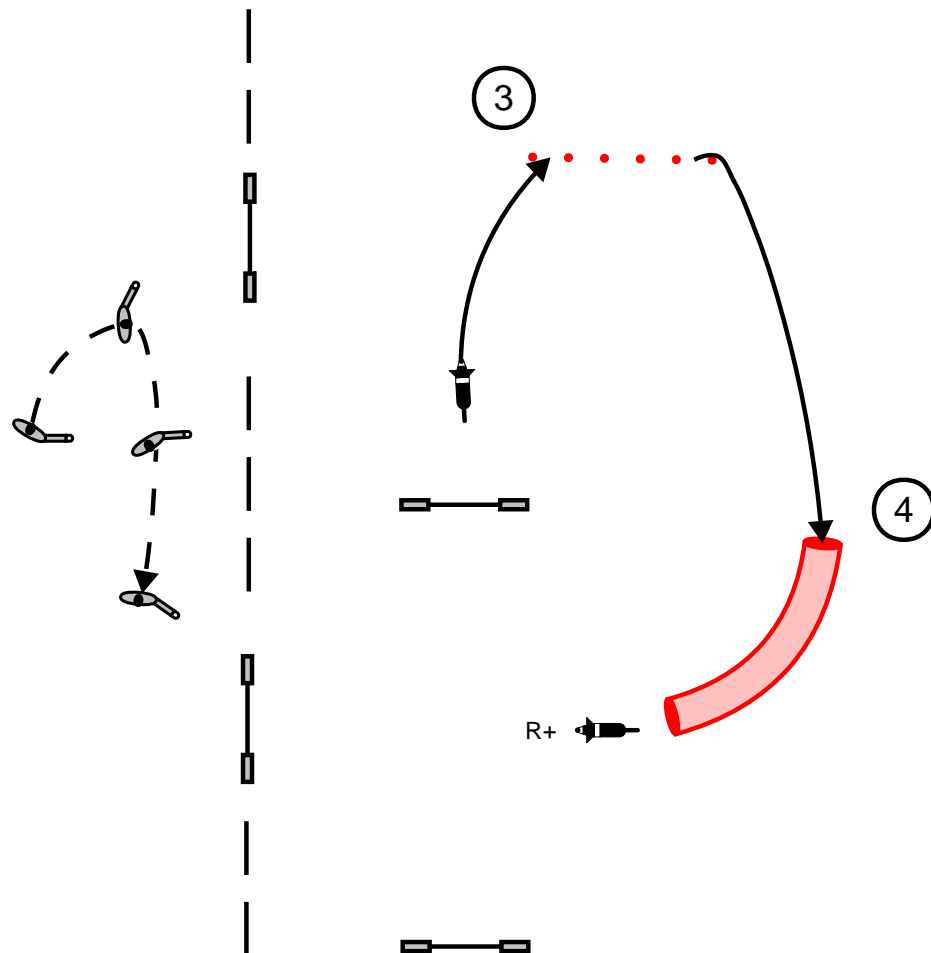
Advanced Distance Drill 1

Figure 2



Teach your dog to turn in tandem with you and focus on Jump #5 instead of the more obvious, wrong-course jump. Handler's left hand is initially pointing toward the dog. Using CCW rotation and switching to the right hand increases the visual effect, cueing a turn to Jump #5.

R+ is where I want to place the reward. At first the reward can be put on the ground, prior to the exercise. It acts as the motivator. Later, the reward can be tossed after successful completion of Jump #6.

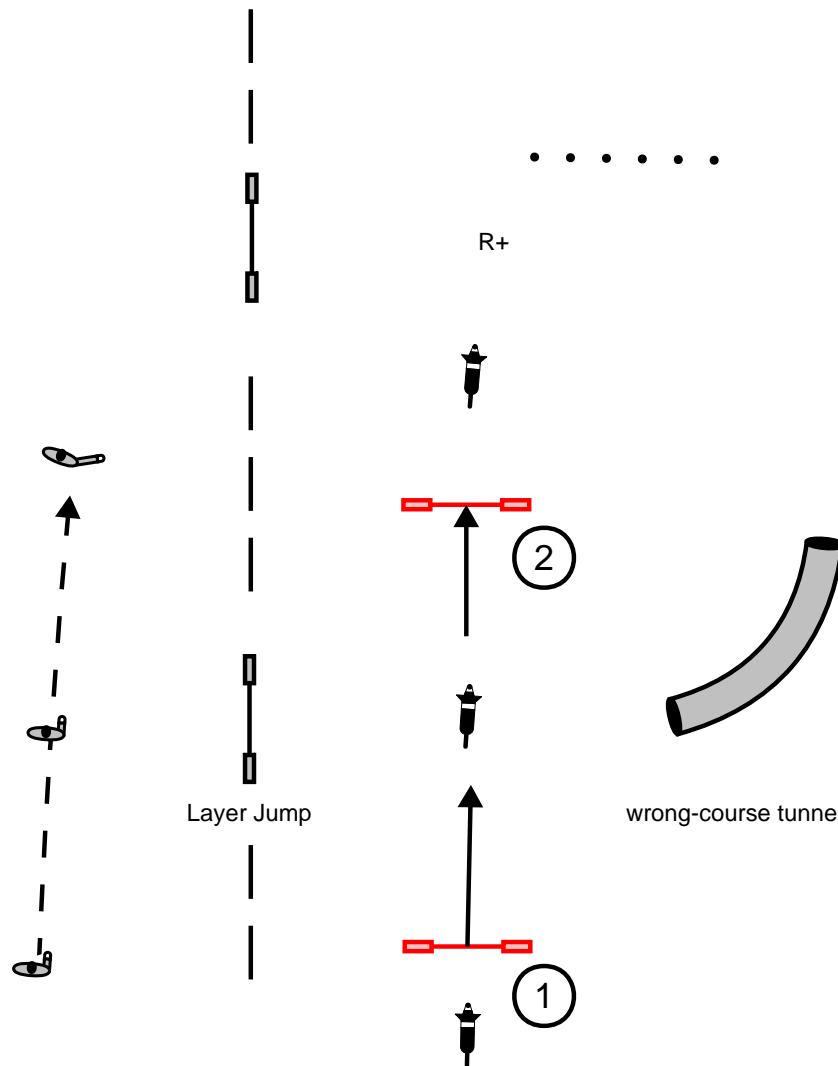


Teach your dog to enter the weaves when turning away from you. (They should already have the skill to enter the weaves at an angle.) I wait until my dog is committed to the weaves, with my right hand, before switching to the left. I encourage them to complete the weaves by saying "go, go, go". I encourage them to stay out and into the tunnel by saying "out-tunnel" and staying perpendicular to their path until they are committed to the tunnel.

R+ is where I want to place the reward. At first the reward can be placed on the ground, prior to the exercise. It acts as the motivator. Then, the reward can be tossed after successful completion of tunnel #4.

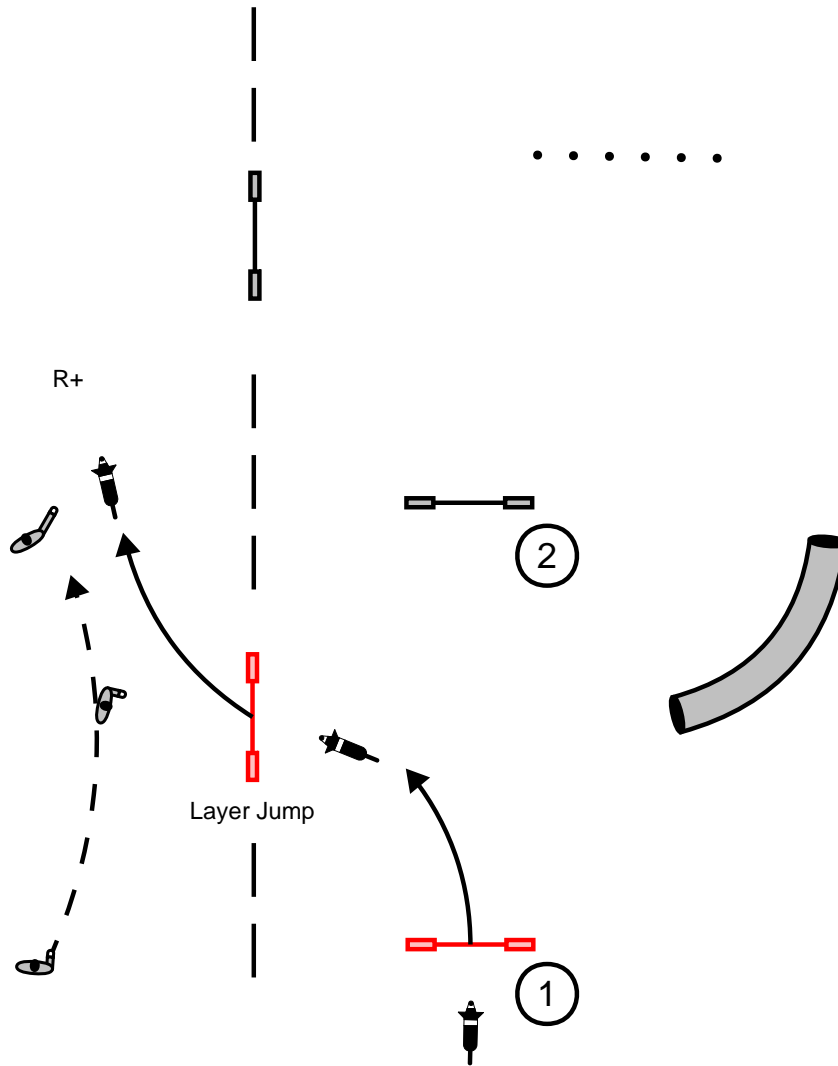
Advanced Distance Drill 3

Figure 4



Teaching your dog to "layer" is a necessary skill in many distance challenges. Moving quickly, in tandem, with your hand forward and out, helps focus their attention on Jump #2. Getting too far ahead or behind your dog will open up the Layer Jump. So, it is best to stay side by side with them.

BTW - Proofing our dogs' understanding of Layering is important. I want them to read my body language and verbal cues. Reading body language is one of the many things that dogs are good at. See the proofing drills that follow.



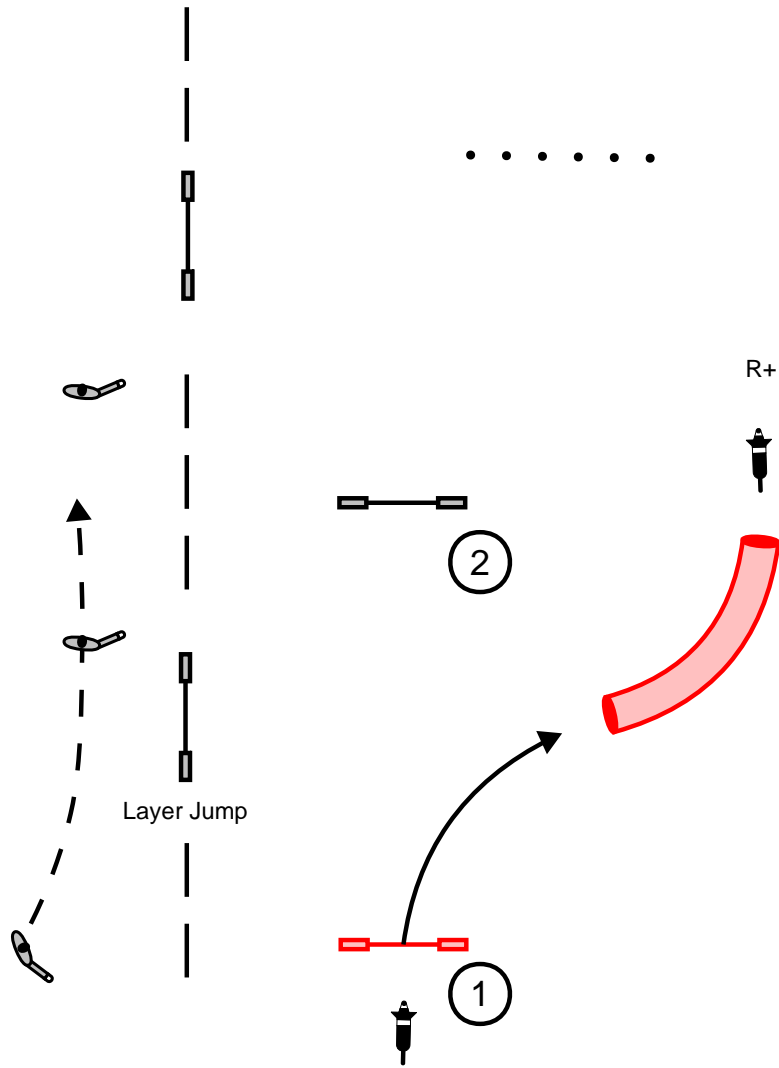
I purposely go back and forth between Layering and Not Layering. The handler's body language is distinctly different between each drill:

* Figure 4 - Layering = hand out, shoulders forward, running in tandem, dog's focus on the obstacle straight ahead.

* Figure 5 - Not Layering = hand in, shoulders rotating CW toward dog, deceleration, dog's focus on handler.

Advanced Distance Drill 5

Figure 6



Proofing can be taken one step further by cueing the tunnel instead of the other options. In this exercise I say "out-tunnel" and my shoulders are facing the tunnel entrance.