

SKILL OF THE MONTH

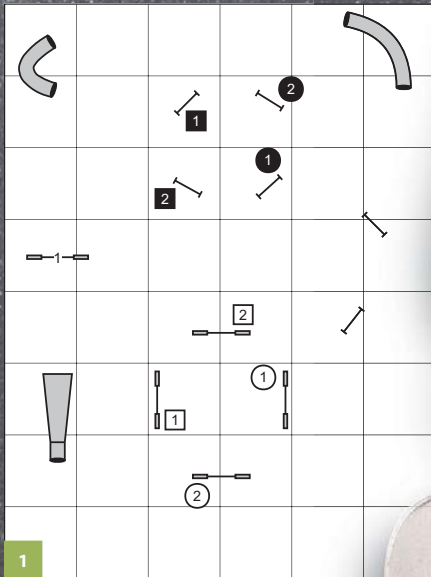
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This month's exercises focus on 270s. A 270 jump sequence involves two jumps angled so that the dog is turning 270° between them. A 270 jump sequence can be handled with the dog on your left or right, and can be preceded by a front cross or a rear cross or just keeping your dog on the side of the turn. 270 jump sequences are not very difficult by themselves, but when you are doing a front cross or rear cross before a 270, it can sometimes become a challenge.

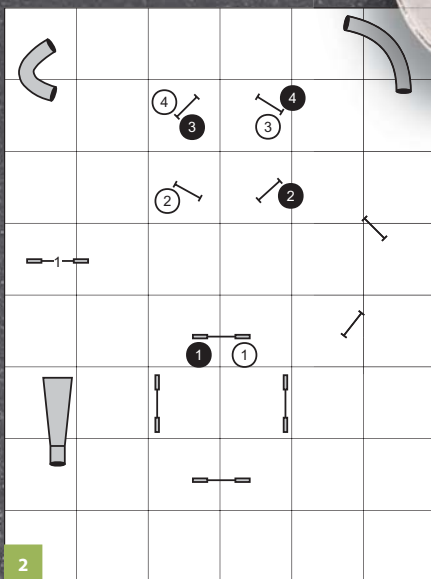
In **Figure 1** there are four examples of 270s. Try them with your dog on your right (black circles and squares) and with your dog on your left (white circles and squares).

Try the sequences in **Figure 2** with a front cross and also a rear cross before jump #3. For the white numbers, start with your dog on your left and do a front cross between jumps #2 and #3. Then start with your dog on your left and do a rear cross at jump #3. Now make sure to do the black numbers. Start with your dog on your right and do a front cross between jumps #2 and #3, and then start with your dog on your right and do a rear cross at jump #3.

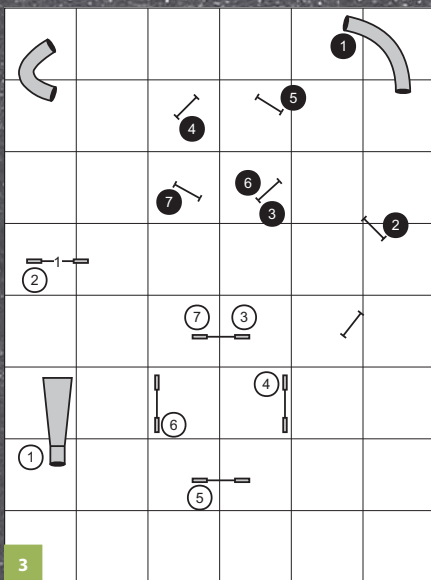
Figures 3 through 5 are short exercises containing 270s which you should practice with your dog on the left and the right and also practice with front and rear crosses preceding the 270. Try them all to find out on which side you and your dog are more confident. After figuring out which side you are more proficient at, make a note to practice the weaker side more often.



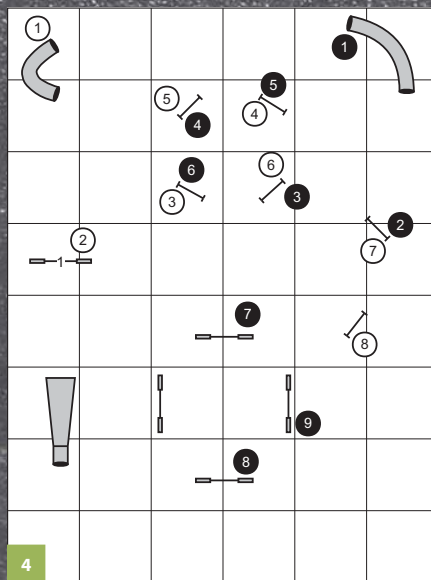
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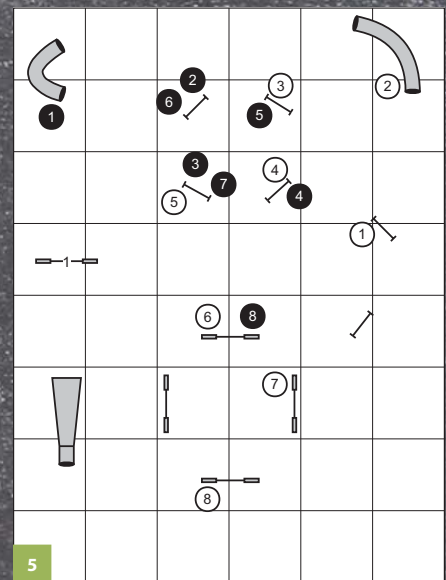
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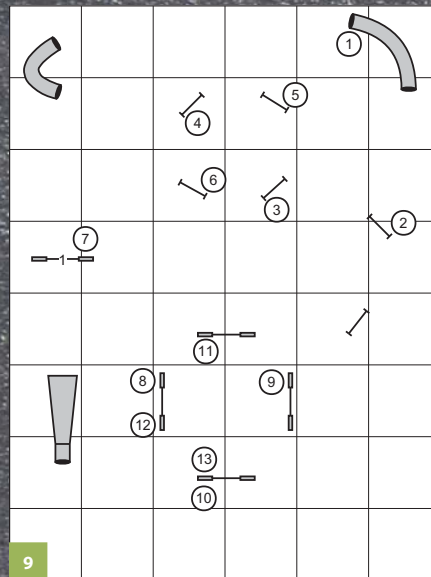
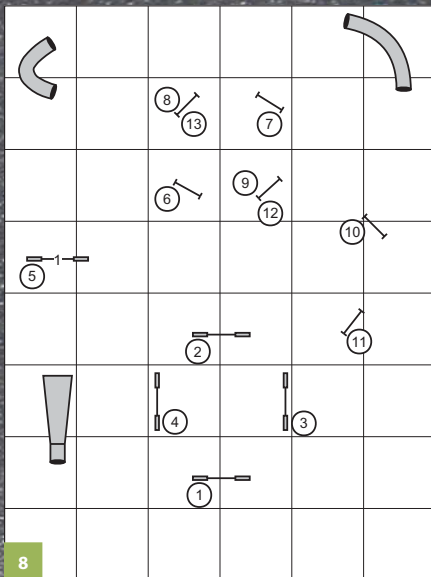
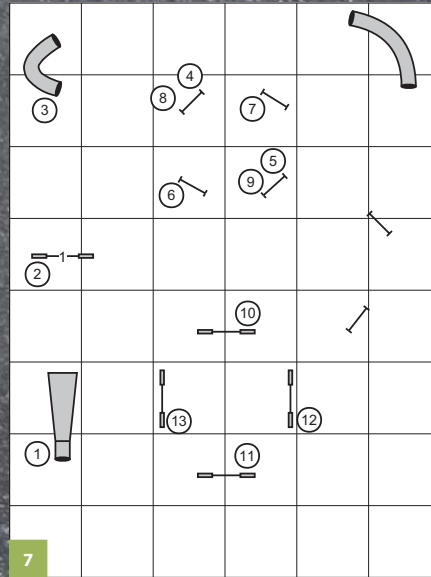
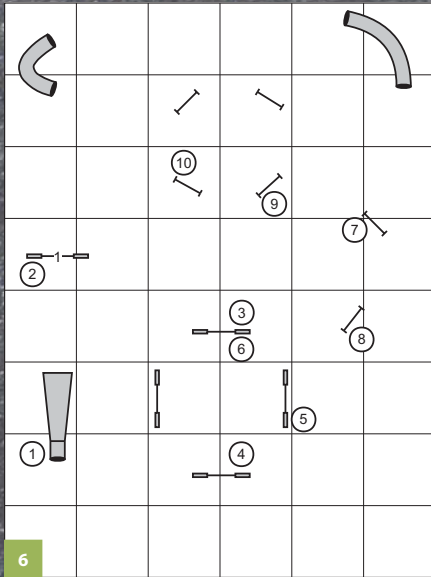


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Figures 6 through 10 contain more 270 exercises including being able to send to the 270 jump sequence, front crosses and rear crosses, and performing a 270 from both sides of the dog. Have fun training your 270s! 🐾

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