

TUNNEL SAFETY

1. Inspect the tunnel: Ensure its rib spacing has no exposed wires or threads hanging.
2. When setting tunnels start by fully stretching them out. By fully extending and securing it you make it safer for the dog as it reduces the movement of the tunnel. It also diminishes the deep ridges/recesses that can be difficult to navigate inside the tunnel.
3. Secure it: You need to have enough tunnel bags to ensure the tunnel won't move, and maintain shape throughout its use.
4. Tunnels must have a minimum of 2 feet between the closest part of the tunnel and the barrier and be secured adequately.
5. Tunnels should not be placed against dog walk legs or poles.

**** 15 Foot Tunnels: 7-8 Sets of Bags ****

**** 20 Foot Tunnels: 9-10 Sets of Bags ****

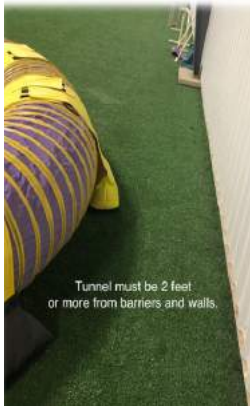
A 15-foot tunnel that is safely bagged.

The tunnel will keep its shape and not move.



A 20-foot tunnel that is safely bagged.

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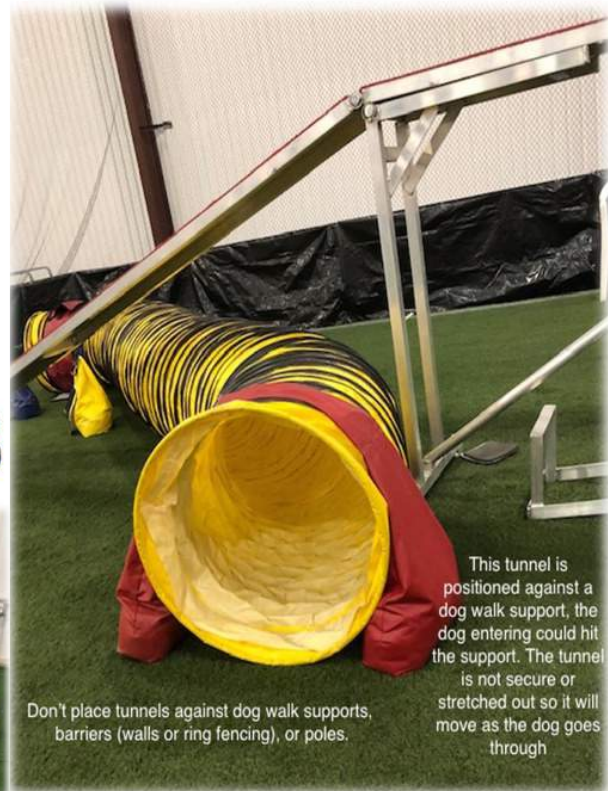
Tunnel must be 2 feet or more from barriers and walls.

NON-SAFE TUNNELS



The Bad

Poorly secured, tunnel has shifted against the wall and has not maintained its intended shape, the tunnel bags are out of place and in the path of the dog.



Don't place tunnels against dog walk supports, barriers (walls or ring fencing), or poles.

This tunnel is positioned against a dog walk support, the dog entering could hit the support. The tunnel is not secure or stretched out so it will move as the dog goes through

And don't forget to bag other obstacles that can slide easily: teeter, tire, table.

Dogwalk done right:



Dogwalk done wrong:



OBSTACLE SPACING

It is recommended that there be a minimum of 15 feet to 18 feet between obstacles, with a minimum of 18 feet to a jump, 21 feet to a spread jump, and a maximum of 30 feet between any two obstacles in sequence as measured along the anticipated path of a 20-inch high jumping dog. Spread jumps (triple & broad jump) shall not be the first obstacle on the course and if set up in sequence there shall be a minimum of 21 feet between the two spread jumps. 25-30 feet spacing should be used only when there is a safety concern.