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# Rear crosses

Take your rear crosses to the next level with these drills. They are set up to get you and the dog driving through a series of rear crosses in a tight space. Challenge yourself to stay consistent by asking yourself these questions:

- Between which two obstacles does the rear cross belong?
- Where is the rear cross diagonal?
- Which positions would be inconsistent and create questions from the dog?

Avoid any rear-cross inconsistencies, as they will either slow the dog down or send the dog off course.

Do not give yourself a lead-out on these sequences. Start either with your hand on the dog's collar or put him in a stay while you take a step or two laterally. Many of the drills will tell you which side to put the dog on to start off, so you can maximize the rear-cross benefits.

For extra credit, after you have worked through all the rear crosses, go back and run all the drills with lead-outs and front crosses.

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