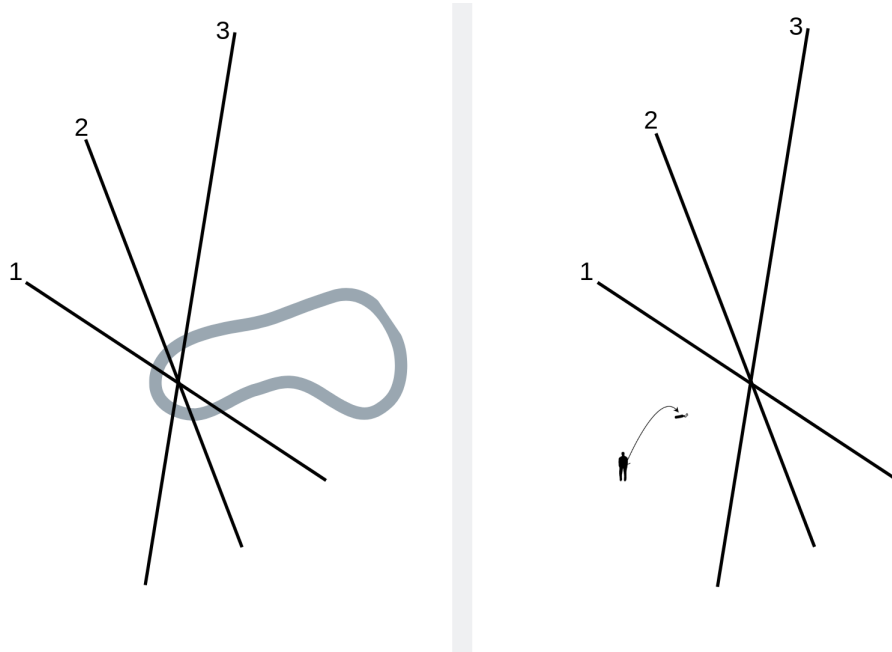


Teaching Blind Concepts With 3-Peats

3-Peats are a great way to teach blind concepts. The procedure is simple. First, decide what concept you want to work on. Second, plan three cold blinds that are run from different locations so that their lines intersect in the same place. Each successive blind must be a little longer than the last. Third, incorporate your concept near or at the intersection. Below are a couple of examples.



In the example on the left, we have incorporated a corner of a pond. By asking the dog to take the corner of the pond on 3 different blinds in virtually the same spot, we can expect the dog to be better and more comfortable with blinds that ask the dog to take the corner of a pond. In the example on the right, we've incorporated a poison bird. By asking the dog to run 3 different blinds past the same mark in the same place, one would expect that the dog would be much more proficient at running poison bird blinds. The beauty of 3-Peats is this. The blinds are cold but the concept is not, and repetition allows the dog to connect the dots much more easily in a single lesson.

Don't forget that blind one will influence the dog's performance on blind 2 and blinds 1&2 will influence the dog's performance on blind 3. Use your imagination to come up with a variety of concepts to work on. Here are some suggestions:

- Blinds tight past a gunner sitting in a chair
- Blinds with a dry pop
- Blinds with a sluice
- Blinds through a well defined patch of cover
- Blinds requiring the dog to jump a log
- Blinds through a key hole
- Blinds over the corner of a mound
- Cross wind blinds