

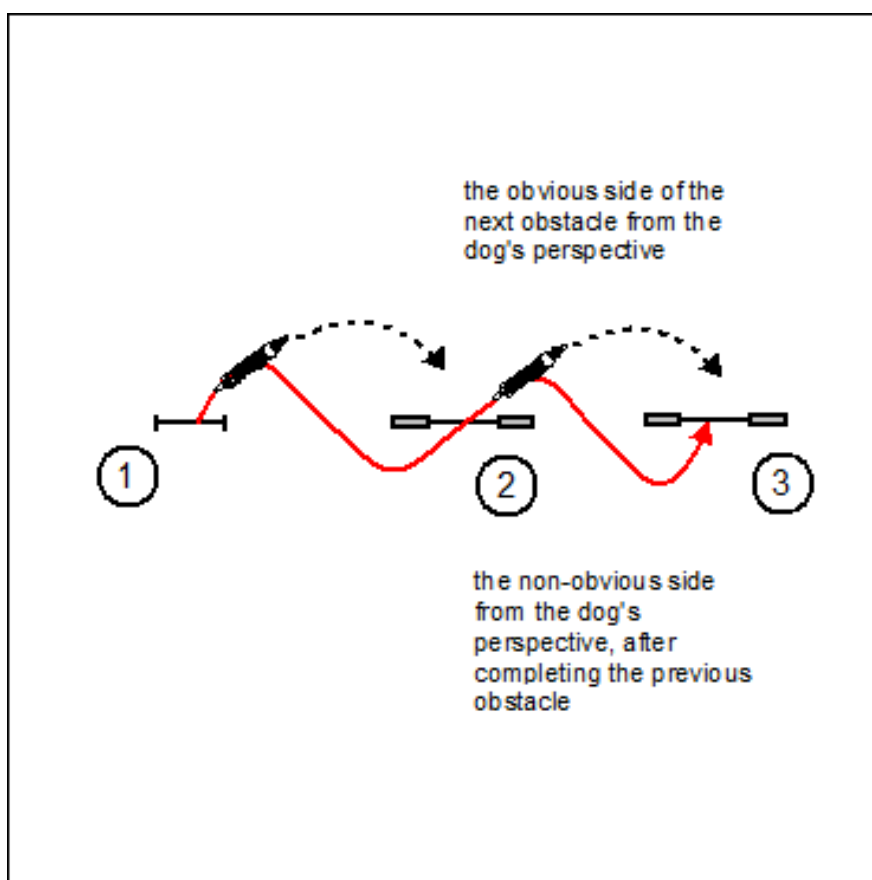
Wing it or not?

Agility regulation 5.4.3.1 requires stand-alone wing jumps to be used when there is a “landing side approach”.

Put in other words, this is:

where the dog must take the side of a jump that is the non-obvious side from its point of completion of the previous obstacle

The following diagram helps to illustrate this:



The need for wings is to help set the line that a dog will take when performing such a jump and to increase visibility as opposed to just an upright (so as to make it safer).

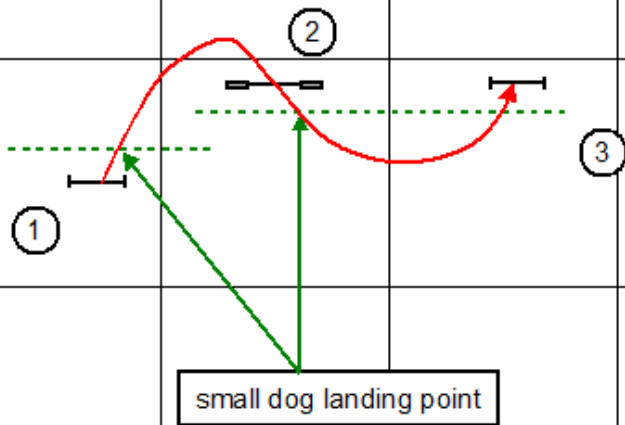
So when do you use a wing? Well, you can use them anywhere, but to see if there's a mandatory situation, have a look at the likely landing point of a dog from the previous jump (or exit point if it was a non-jumping obstacle) and compare a line through that point against where the dog must go to take the next jump. Is the required side of the next jump the obvious side from the dog's perspective at that point?

Consider the difference in the likely landing/exit point of both small and maxi dogs as the obvious side for one may be non-obvious for the other, in which case a wing is required.

The following examples help to explain this:

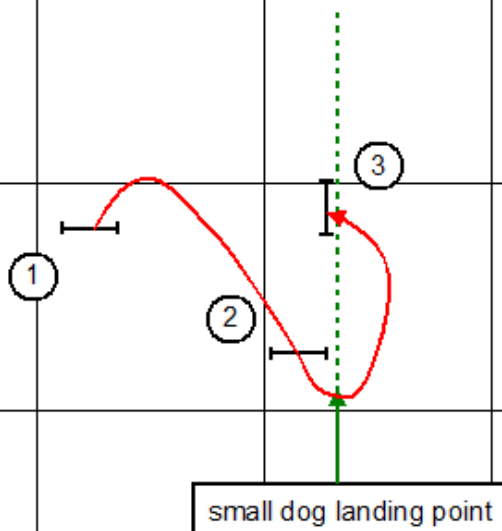
Wing required at 2 as this is the non-obvious side of the jump after landing from 1.

Wing not required at 3 as this is the obvious side after landing from 2.



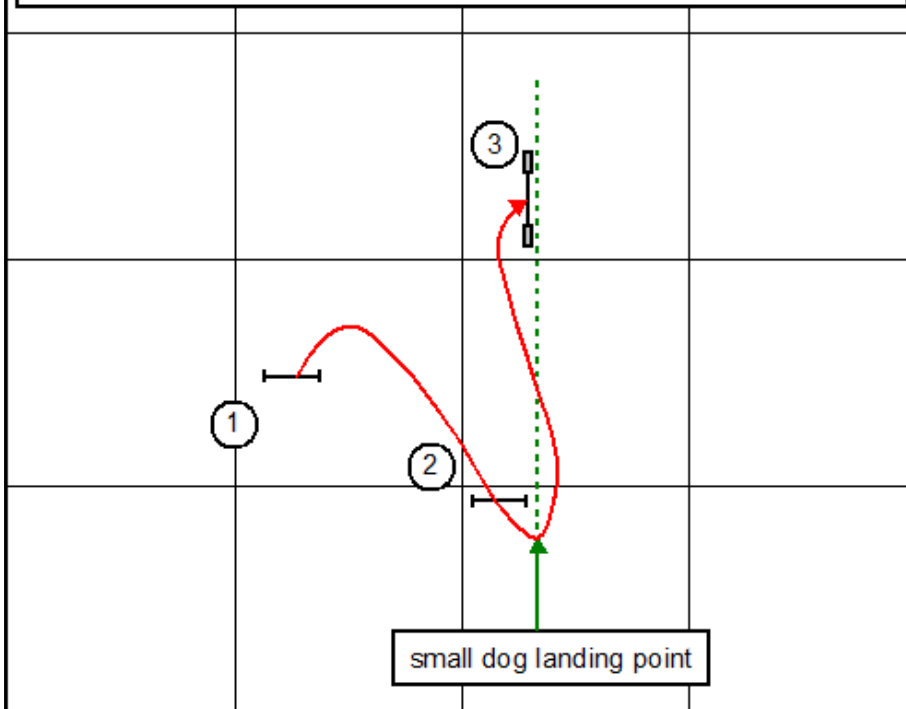
Wing not required at 1 or 2 as these are simply wraps.

Wing not required at 3 as this is the obvious side after landing from 2.

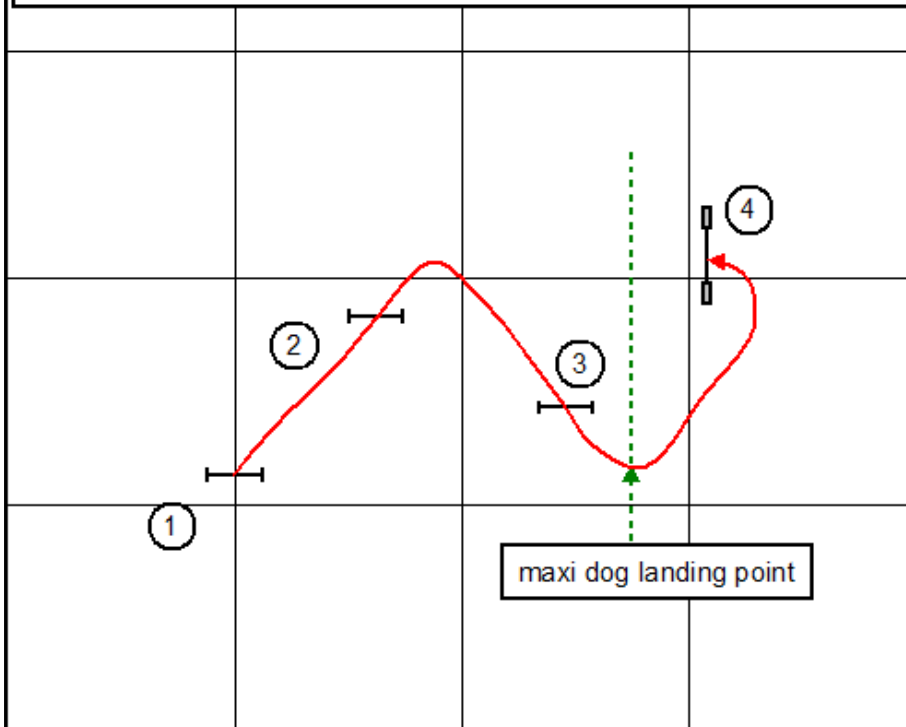


Wing not required at 1 or 2 as these are simply wraps.

Wing required at 3 as this is the non-obvious side after landing from 2.



Wing required at 4 as this is the non-obvious side of the jump after landing from 3



Sometimes a wing is not mandatory but should be added to enhance visibility and therefore safety.

