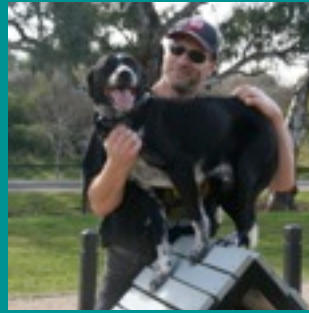
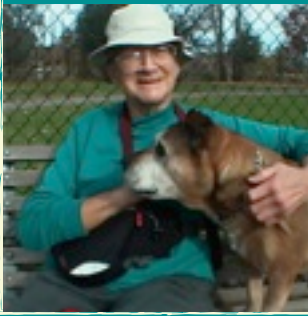


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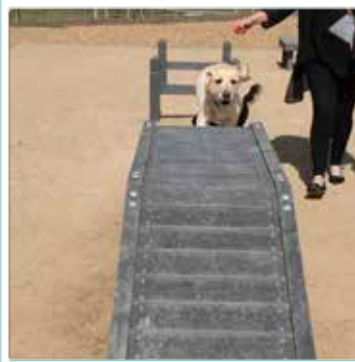
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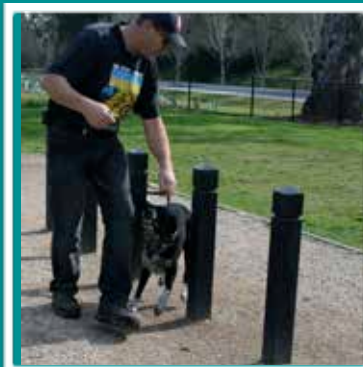
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT DOG PARK EDUCATION / AGILITY EQUIPMENT

What is the purpose of dog education and agility equipment?

Would dogs choose to use equipment if they had the choice of vegetation to rummage in and balls to play with? Not likely! Equipment is so that dog owners have a focus for developing different skills and competencies in their dogs. Equipment provides a focus for dog education (e.g. sit-stay platforms), agility (e.g. jump hoops, weave poles) and confidence development (e.g. step platform and bridge) activities.

Is equipment necessary for a dog park?

Dog education/agility equipment is an additional activity element that can be provided in the dog park. It provides

- ★ a focus for dog training and confidence development activities
- ★ an opportunity to reinforce skills learned at obedience and agility classes
- ★ a focus for dog agility and obedience classes run by community groups or trainers.

So no, equipment is not a necessity for the dog park but a consideration that provides additional activity and educational opportunities for dog owners and their dogs.

Is the equipment built to competition agility equipment standards?

No. The equipment is designed to considerably lower heights than competition agility equipment. It simulates competition equipment but is primarily designed for developing competencies and confidence in dogs.

Should any dog be able to use the equipment?

Dog owners should understand their dogs' limitations and how to introduce their dogs to the equipment. Young dogs should not be taken on to equipment that involves jumping because their shoulder girdles and joints are not developed enough to withstand these activities. Care has to be taken to ensure older dogs are not pushed beyond their capabilities. Regardless of age, dog owners must be aware of any tentative or fearful behaviours in their dogs. All dogs should be introduced to the equipment gradually and with patience. Owners should make sure they know how to teach and encourage their dogs to use the equipment. Joining a local dog club or reading relevant books is a good way to make sure you well understand the how to get the best out of equipment.

How many pieces of equipment should there be in the dog park?

Ideally there would be enough elements to enable a continuous circuit. There should also be a mix of elements that provides dog owners with a variety of opportunities to develop different competencies in their dogs. Consideration needs to be given to the layout and configuration of the equipment to optimise use.

Can equipment be installed in a on leash dog area?

Yes. You just need to make sure you select equipment that enables you to keep your dog on the lead at all times. This would eliminate installation of equipment like tunnels, but all other equipment can be use. The disadvantage is that you cannot progress your dog to off leash commands and training.

Should the equipment be used by people?

No. Although equipment is designed to withstand most of the challenges of the park environment, it is not designed for climbing on by people large or small.



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ABOUT THE RECYCLED PLASTIC WOOD COMPOSITE (WPC) WE USE IN OUR PRODUCTS

PAWS4PLAY now uses a wood plastic composite (WPC) product which has benefits over a straight recycled plastic product. The following table highlights the benefits of the Wood Plastic Composite (WPC) product and why we recommend it to our clients.

Comparison	100% Plastic	Wood Plastic Composite (WPC)	The benefits of using WPC
Level of technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early recycled plastic technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next evolution of technology from WPC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPC more modern technology that has addressed the previous challenges associated with 100% plastic
Expansion & contraction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 10 times more expansion/ contraction than of WPC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 10 times less expansion/ contraction of 100% Plastic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPC will incur less strain on fixings and joins WPC joins less likely to miss align and result in uneven edges/joins
Warping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short unsupported lengths prone to warping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short unsupported lengths not prone to warping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPC less prone to warping over comparable lengths WPC allows for use of longer lengths without warping
Workability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can use standard timber tools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can use standard timber tools Greater potential to achieve a finer finish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPC process a smoother finish where worked e.g. for cuts and routing
Nailing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% plastic has a greater the potential to split when nailed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlikely to split when nailed Can use a nail gun 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPC easier to nail WPC better product for use with nails WPC better product for use with a nail gun
Screwing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easy to break screw threads by over tightening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater tightening of screws possible before thread breaks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPC better product for use with screws WPC less likely to split when using screws WPC will allow greater tension of screws WPC easier to nail Less prone to waste material during assembly
Colour Range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good range of colours available Greater range of colour 'shades than WPC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good range of colours available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPC available in wide colour range 100% plastic has potential for greater range of shades in the colour range
Recycling benefits to the environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restricted in the type and range of recycled plastic products that can be used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPC processes allow for the recycling of a more expansive range of plastic products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPC uses greater range of plastic products for recycling, therefore WPC results in greater environmental benefits

