

## Appendix: Michigan 4-H Dog Agility Manual

### Changes of Chute (also known as closed tunnel)- 2018 Michigan State Dog Show

If your county uses the Michigan 4-H Dog Agility Manual for the agility competition rules in your county, the Companion Animal Committee recommends these changes be made to the configuration of the chute.

The chute/ closed tunnel will be used at the Michigan 4-H State Dog Show. If 4-H'ers from your county are planning on exhibiting at this show, the 4-Her and their dog should be familiar with the chute.

**The entire length of the chute/closed tunnel will be 8 feet long, consisting of a 3 foot barrel and a 5 foot chute. See below for details.**

The chute/closed tunnel has two parts: the barrel and the chute.

#### The Barrel

- A plastic barrel which has a diameter of 24 inches and a length of 3 feet.
- The entrance rim should have a sponge on it to provide a cushion as the dog enters the barrel. The sponge can be a pipe insulator which has a slit that can be wrapped around the rim or a swimming noodle which needs to be cut to be wrapped over the rim.
- The inside of the barrel should have anti-slip adhesive stair material on the surfaces the dog touches.

#### The Chute

- A lightweight nylon "ripstop" fabric that is 5 foot in length. The diameter should be large enough to go over the end of the barrel and should be the same diameter the entire length.
- It should be hemmed on both ends. The hem on the barrel side should be wide enough to place a cord through it with two openings to allow the ends of the cord to come out of the hem to tie it around the end of the barrel. The hem on the exit seam should be on the outside. The inside of the chute should be smooth the entire length of the chute.