

## Consult - Solutions to Jumping Problems

Consults with Chris Zink DVM, PhD, DACVSMR

Many dogs, even those that were natural jumpers as puppies and young adults, develop jumping problems as they mature. In this consult, Chris will help you solve issues such as taking off too early and stutter-stepping. Chris has successfully retrained over 100 dogs with these problems and helped them become thoughtful and confident jumpers.

The major jumping problems that dogs experience are:

- Taking off too early
- Stutter-stepping
- Knocking bars
- Popping over jumps
- Refusing to jump

Before working to resolve a jumping problem through retraining, it is critical to establish that the dog does not have a physical problem. For example, iliopsoas strain can cause dogs to knock bars, shoulder or elbow injuries or degenerative conditions of the front limbs such as arthritis can cause dogs to pop jumps, and vision problems such as presbyopia or progressive retinal atrophy can cause a dog to refuse to jump at all. Because of this, owners/handlers of dogs with jumping problems should always get thorough physical and ophthalmological examinations for their dogs prior to attempting retraining.

This consult can be conducted in person or by telephone after Chris has viewed videos of your dogs. Telephone consults are performed on computer using a program that allows parties to view each other and make drawings/diagrams to illustrate the exercises.

If you are interested in scheduling a Solutions to Jumping Problems Consult, please contact Chris by email at [cz@caninesports.com](mailto:cz@caninesports.com) and she will send you a request for information and instructions on what she will need you to include in your video so that she can learn about your dog prior to the consult. The cost for this consult is \$350.00 and includes any follow up conversations regarding your dog's jumping problem and our solution.

