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This month's article focuses on side cues, which are used to give the dog information about where he should be in relation to the handler.
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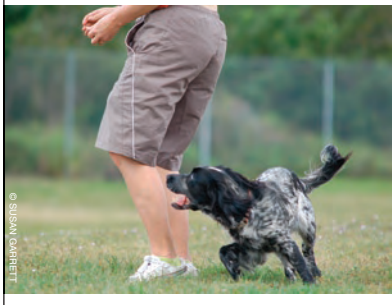

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