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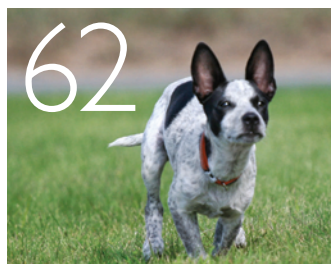
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The sport of agility is changing. Are you developing and progressing as well? Are you evaluating your training and handling? Or are you stagnating? By Debra Harrison



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