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## Canine Health Care: FAQs

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## Foundation Fundamentals: Start-line Line-ups

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Field Champion Sunlight's Razzle, AX, OAJ, CGC, P1S, PJ1, NCC, NAC, NJC, a.k.a. Razzle, a 7-year-old Longhaired Miniature Dachshund owned by Karin Boyd, DVM of New York. Photo by Lesley Mattuchio.

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