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Management of Osteoarthritis in Performance Dogs

What was once perceived as holistic and novel has now become mainstream in the treatment and prevention of OA. Although many products are available, not all are effective in all patients. By Peter J. Lotsikas, DVM, Diplomate ACVS



Tips and Tricks for Videotaping Agility

Video can be a valuable tool for the agility competitor, but it takes some trial and error to determine how to make the most of your camera so you can get results that help you meet your agility goals. Here are some tips for speeding up the learning process. By Anne Popper



A Strategic Approach to FAST

AKC's Fifteen and Send Timed (FAST) game is intended to test the handler's strategic ability and timing as well as the dog's accuracy and ability to work at a distance. Learn some tools to aid you in developing the best strategy for your team on any given FAST course. By Ann Croft

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Kinsale Ever So Elegant AX, MXJ, NF, a.k.a. Ellie, a 3-year-old English Springer Spaniel owned by Kathleen Horan of Pennsylvania. Photo by Jeremy Kezer Photography, jeremykezerphotography.com.

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