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## Wildcard Strategy: Decisions, Decisions

Wildcard tests the handler's and dog's abilities to discriminate between and maneuver around obstacles set closely together. The planning and thinking required for success in Wildcard is applicable to other agility classes, especially the ability to navigate tight spaces with many obstacle traps. By Jeff Boyer



## Platelet Rich Plasma: Is It the Future of Ligament and Tendon Injury Care?

PRP is a regenerative medicine therapy that is thought to hasten healing of tissues when applied directly to the site of injury. Performance dogs can suffer significant tendon and ligament injuries and PRP is now being considered for treatment. By Peter J. Lotsikas, DVM, DACVS & Jennifer A. Brown, DVM, DACVS



## Coaching and Technical Skills Development: The Relationship Between Instructing and Coaching

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Norwich Terrier. Photo by Doghouse Arts

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