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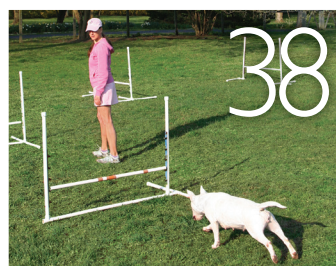
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Formulating a Strategy for Gamblers or Jackpot

USDAA Gamblers and CPE Jackpot are strategic games that test a team's distance skills and the handler's ability to plan and execute a course strategy. Here's help for formulating a successful strategy. By Ann Croft



When Pigs Fly: The Start Line Is the First Obstacle, Part 2

Last month, we discussed getting to the start line and the importance of the dog's offering a relaxed, happy setup automatically. Now let's examine six other important elements to a functional start line. By Jane Killion



Power Paws Drills: Threadle the Needle

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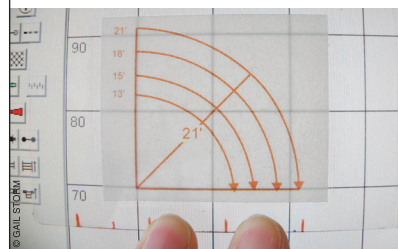
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