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## When Pigs Fly: The Perfect Table, Part 2

One thing that makes the table so challenging is many dogs appear to do the table perfectly at home, yet they have terrible table performances at a trial. How can you train past something that only happens in the heat of a trial? This month we'll show you. By Jane Killion



## NADAC Touch N Go Strategy and Tips

Touch N Go is a NADAC game where the course consists of "touch" obstacles (A-frame and dogwalk) and "go" obstacles (tunnels and hoops). Challenges come from performance of the obstacles themselves, obstacle discrimination, off-course potential, and basic handling. By Andrea Dexter



## Dealing with those Confounding Conflicts

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