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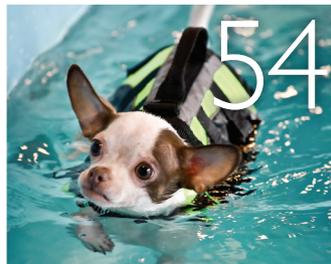
## The Breeders Behind the Dogs

Breeding dogs is a huge responsibility that doesn't end even when a puppy goes home with his new owner. We spoke with several breeders who not only breed performance dogs, but also compete quite successfully in agility and other sports with the dogs they have bred. By Brenna Fender



## Working on Stimulus Control

A dog that sits when we need him to lie down or runs away when we say *Come* is not only frustrating but can also be a danger to himself and others. Much of the value in training a dog is being able to get the behaviors we want when we want them. This is called stimulus control. By Moe Strenfel



## Hydrotherapy for the Canine Athlete

Underwater treadmill or deep water therapy can be extremely beneficial for canine athletes with injuries and is a wonderful tool for aerobic conditioning and muscle strengthening. It can also improve the quality of life for our companions with osteoarthritis. By Debra Canapp, DVM, CCRT, CVA

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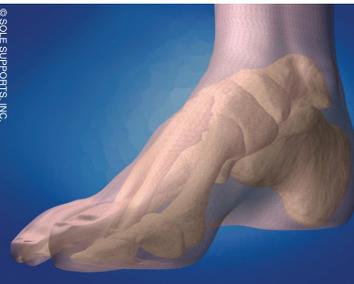
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Skete, a Welsh Springer Spaniel owned by Richard Callahan of Massachusetts. Photo by Karen Hocker Photography, [www.karenhocker.com](http://www.karenhocker.com).

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