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Fit to Be Tricked: Bowling

Bowling is a coordination skill and it also works on neck strength and flexibility. Bowling helps dogs learn not to stress about falling objects and other sudden movements. It's also a lot of fun for both dog and handler, and lends itself well to group play. By Frankie Sassie Joiris



Agility in Japan from an American Perspective

Marianne Uppal is likely the only agility competitor in the world who has obtained both an AKC MACH and a Japan Kennel Club agility championship on the same dog, so she's in a unique position to compare agility in the two countries. By Brenna Fender



Treats Over Toys

Many people have been told their dogs must tug with a toy if they are going to do agility. If you have a dog that is already highly motivated, you may be able to get more thinking and learning during a training session by using treats. Learn why one handler chooses treats over toys. By Amanda Nelson

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Some handlers consider the triple jump to be "unsafe." But the triple is actually one of the most clearly presented jumps offered to the dog on any given course. It is clearly graduated and, as such, demonstrates to the dogs the effort required of them. This is, of course, provided the dog actually sees the jump! By Susan Salo

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Keeping visual contact with your dog is perhaps even more important than perfecting how you do a front cross, rear cross, or any other maneuver. This month you'll work on some exercises to improve your peripheral awareness on course and your tracking ability. By Daisy Peel

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The Challenger Round is arguably the most exciting of any round at the AKC Nationals. The winner of each jump height is awarded the last remaining spot in the finals. Inspiration for these drills came from a section of the 2011 AKC Nationals Challenger Round course designed by Bob Long. By Annie Pyle

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Three of this week's exercises—offered focus, recalls, and mat work—involve raising criteria to get more enthusiastic responses from our dogs. We'll also add two new exercises this week: the fold-back down and the spin. By Deborah Jones, PhD

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By using the Premack principle, once our dogs are trained in their obstacle performance we can decrease our use of food and toys to reward contacts, start lines, and tables. We can then use other more desirable agility activities as reinforcers for these less desirable agility activities we ask of our dogs.

By Rachel Sanders



15 Commonsense Tug Training

Tug play is a wonderful form of training when used safely and in balance with your dog. For both you and the dog it improves fitness, is very reinforcing, and gives a wonderful structure to the dog's learning. The game is about balance, mirroring movement, and learning together. By Kay Laurence

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Many people use food toys in a manner that is actually working against what they are trying to achieve. Learn how to use these toys in a way that will increase the dog's toy drive so that you can get more intensity, speed, and drive in your training.

By Laura Manchester Derrett

Cover Dog

CH MACH Eastlake I'm Going to Hollywood, NF, a.k.a. Brazen, a 4-year-old Parson Russell Terrier owned by Susan Jaffe of New York and handled by Arlene Spooner. Photo by M. Nicole Fischer Photography.

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