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## Terrier Shmerrier!

Terriers were bred to work independently of people, but that doesn't mean you can't train your terrier to be a successful agility partner. Here are some ideas to help you get focus from your terrier. By Bobbie Bhambree



## How the TipAssist Can Help You Teach the Seesaw

This convenient tool replaces the need for tables, chairs, poles, phone books, or any other equipment to support and elevate the seesaw during training. By Lynne Stephens, KPA CTP



## Raising Your Pup 2 Perfection: Recall

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## Cover Dog

CH Auz A H'Evanzli Light Saber NAJ, NA, NAJP, NAP, a.k.a. Sabre, a 15-year-old Australian Terrier owned by Betty Jean Roseum Harper of Michigan. Photo by Cathi Winkles Photography.

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