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## Raising Your Pup 2 Perfection: Confidence, Part 1

Confidence is one of the most important characteristics in any dog, whether we are talking about a family pet or your next agility super star. Confidence is what the rest of your training will be built on. By Lauren Langman



## Secrets to Perfect Timing: Cue Clarity

It's impossible to have perfect timing if we don't really know what our cues mean to our dog or if our dogs haven't been trained to fully understand them. Would be willing to bet \$1,000 that your dog understands all your cues under all conditions? By Kathy Keats



## How Smart Is Your Dog?

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CH MACH PACH Evergreen Perfect Ten Forecast, PT, MXF, T2B, VX a.k.a. Soleil, a Collie owned by Carol Lariviere of Rhode Island. Photo by Donna Kelliher

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