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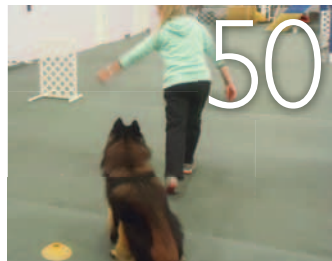
Non-Drug Therapies for Pain

There are no rules or protocols in diagnosing and treating pain because each dog and situation is different. But there are some basic principles that can provide a framework for treatment. One is to combine drugs and non-drug therapies in *every* case. By Bonnie Wright, DVM, DACVAA



You Are Not Alone! Dogs with "Issues"

You can't help but notice a dog with special physical needs. But there is another kind of special-needs dog that isn't as easily recognized—the dog with special emotional needs; the dog that feels he must lash out to protect himself from harm, real or imagined. By Marianne Bosco



Come To Heel, Part 2

Dogs that can maintain a "loose" heel position on either side of the handler can consistently respond correctly to forward cues and are unlikely to stray in front of their handlers and take off-courses. This month's exercises transition from walking at heel to running agility courses. By Amanda Shyne

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Dot IV NAP, OJP, a.k.a. Dot, a 3-year-old English Bull Dog owned by Pati Cillessen of New Mexico. Photo by Bruce McClelland/bamfoto.

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