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The OneMind Dogs Methodology: Why More Than Three Handling Techniques?

Handling techniques can be described as a toolbox. It is difficult to build much using only a saw and hammer. The more tools we have at our disposal, the more versatile constructions we can create. By Janita Leinonen and Jaakko Suoknuuti



Raising Your Pup 2 Perfection: Retrieve

An animated and joyful retrieve is a great tool to help build your relationship with your dog. If your dog is hooked on retrieve, then you can never lose him. He will always return for what he wants—for you to restart the fun game! By Lauren Langman



Why Should I Care About This Science Stuff? How Dogs and Other Animals Learn

Our dogs are learning through classical conditioning whether we are aware of it or not. If we are aware, we can use this knowledge to our advantage. They are also learning through operant conditioning, even if we don't use a clicker. By Lynne Stephens, KPA CTP

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