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Raising Your Pup 2 Perfection: Flatwork, Part 1

Flatwork has come such a long way in the last three years. It has moved away from being purely waits and shadow handling to work that is innovative, engaging, and exciting for both the dog and handler. By Lauren Langman



Extra Corporeal Shock Wave Therapy: How Sound Waves Can Help Your Dog Heal

Shock wave therapy can be used to help your dog heal from a wide variety of conditions including tendon and ligament injuries. By Douglas Stramel, DVM, CVPP, CVMA



Four Paw Fusion Yoga

Yoga programs for dogs have been increasing in popularity over the last few years. Although the premise might seem a bit gimmicky, a well thought-out and implemented program can benefit agility dogs in many ways. By Frankie Joiris & Chris Ott

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There is one piece of agility equipment that can affect a dog's career like no other—the measuring wicket. The wicket should be trained just like any other agility obstacle so that your dog is comfortable being measured before he has to get an official measurement. By Debbie Hunt

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Good timing means you give your dog the appropriate amount of information at the appropriate time. You have an ideal window of opportunity to give the cue. Outside of that window and your dog turns too early, goes wide, goes off-course, or doesn't take the obstacle at all. By Kathy Keats

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People are often hesitant to experiment with different handling techniques if they don't have a trainer to supervise and give feedback. But your best trainer is always present—your dog. If your dog offers a different behavior than you expected, just reward the dog and try to figure out what element of your handling made your dog understand your cue the way he did. By Janita Leinonen and Jaakko Suoknuuti

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MACH Shyanne Apricot Twist, MXS, MJG, OF, a.k.a. Shyanne, a 10-year-old Chinese Crested owned by Susan Crater of California. Photo by Tien Tran Photography.

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