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4x4 Weave Pole Training

4x4 training is for intermediate dogs that have a good basic feel for weaving, can do full 12-pole sets, but can't do them "in their sleep." For many teams it's a long struggle from learning the basics to performing smoothly and flawlessly, no matter how hard the entry, different the equipment, or distracting the environment. By Ace Russell



Head-Turning Turns, Part 4: Tunnels and Chutes

The number-one skill you can teach your dog that will help him perform safer tunnels and chutes is learning how to read his approach and balance himself, in order to work the appropriate tight or soft turn into the obstacle, and work close to the obstacle *without* touching it. By Jenni Shelegy



Why Should I Care About This Science Stuff? Putting Behaviors on Cue

You have successfully shaped your dog to willingly offer all sorts of cute tricks and behaviors. Now it is time for you to teach your dog that the rewards for his great ingenuity are no longer on offer for free, but are contingent on receiving a cue from you. By Lynne Stephens

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Victory Rvn Dragonfire C-ATCH, CH FH, CHJP, CHJU, NA, NAJ, Flyball FM, a.k.a. Raven, an 8-year-old Kelpie owned by Louise Wetzel of New York and handled by Lenny Giambalvo. Photo by The Dog Sport Photographers.

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