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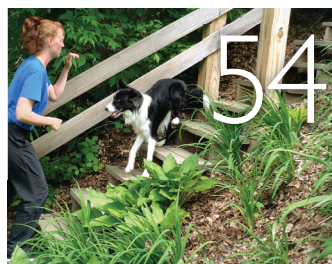
Recipe for a Successful Finish

Do you have a dog that runs away at the end of an agility run? Control Unleashed games can give structure to both you and your dog, which greatly decreases anxiety and stress for everyone. By Dawn Wasicek



Sideline Strategies: Keeping Your Dog Running When You Can't

No one wants to sit on the sidelines with an injury, but it happens. If you're injured, is recruiting a substitute handler a good option for your canine teammates? By Linda Rose



Teaching Your Dog to Back Up

A back-up behavior is often taught to help develop body awareness. But it's also useful in competition if your dog is being antsy on the start line, and at home to improve your dog's core strength. By Amanda Shyne

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It's all amazing. Every bit of agility! The things we do with our dogs. It is stuff that most people can't even imagine doing. They don't know how awesome it is to teach a dog to jump and climb and weave and then race around the course at top speed bonded by some spiritual connection. By Brenna Fender

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How often have you or someone you know said feel free to yell at my dog if he starts barking? Even if that dog tolerates it, what about his canine neighbors? Or the surrounding people? If your dog is out of control, how does yelling at him solve anything other than demonstrate that you're out of control, too? By Julia Kamysz Lane

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Cover Dog

Duchwood's Special Delivery MS, FC, CD, RN, XF, MX, AXJ, CGC a.k.a. Delta, a 9-year-old Smooth Dachshund owned by Alice Carter of Connecticut. Photo by Lesley Mattuchio, www.pbse.com/lesleylou.

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