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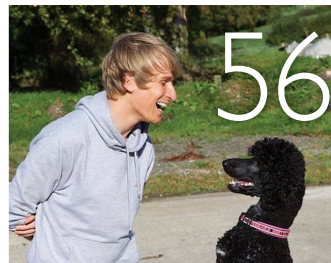
## Agility After Joint Replacements

If you're facing a hip or knee replacement, you probably have questions that your surgeon is unable to answer, unless he's an agility competitor. How long before you can start working with your dog? How long before you can enter trials? Will you have to change your handling? By Jan Manning



## When Things Go Wrong

No matter how great our plan of action for a sequence in training or competition, things can and do go wrong. What we do when our plans get foiled can have a huge effect on our dogs' training and attitude. Here are some strategies to help you build good habits. By Sandy Rogers



## Being an Innovative Dog Trainer: Reinforcement Strategy, Formula 1

If you want to supercharge your dog's behaviors and get more speed and motivation, the key is reinforcement strategy. There are six components of reinforcement. We'll talk about schedule and markers this month. By Tom Mitchell

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## Cover Dog

Redeemer OAJ, NA, NF, AAD, SM, SAM, JM, RM, FDCHG, a.k.a. Deemer, a 4-year-old Border-Jack mix owned by Coleen Mrakovich of Pennsylvania. Photo by Rich Knecht Photography.

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