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Mind to Win: How Your Emotions Affect Your Dog's Emotions, Part 2

You are part of a team trifecta: you, your dog, and your partnership with your dog. All three interact with each other. Many handlers recognize how their dog's behaviour affects them, but it's not a one-way street! Your dog may also be reacting to you. By Kathrine McAleese, PhD



Using a Lotus Ball for Teaching Running Contacts on the A-Frame
Stride regulators, hoops, and targets all give the dog reasons or motivation to change his style of descent on the A-frame, but rolling a Lotus Ball down the A-frame just in front of the dog, draws the dog into a perfect position for an efficient and smooth running contact. By Jan Manning



Should We Rethink the TPLO? Part 1

There probably isn't a single agility competitor out there who hasn't known or had a dog that needed a tibial plateau leveling osteotomy to repair a torn cranial cruciate ligament. As the incidences of ruptured cruciates are increasing, so is the need for improved surgical and non-surgical care. By Kimberly Henneman, DVM

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Raising an agility dog is not just about teaching a puppy to understand our handling cues or to execute an obstacle in the fastest way possible; they need a balance of life skills as well. Our agility dogs have to work for us while ignoring other dogs and people, judges moving around them, yelling numbers and strange dogs in close proximity to their toys and food, etc. By Rachel Sanders

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Cover Dog

Nonesuch Dreamboat Annie AX, MXJ, a.k.a. Annie, a Bearded Collie owned by Gordon Eisendrath of Wisconsin. Photo by Alissa Behn, Pet Personalities.

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