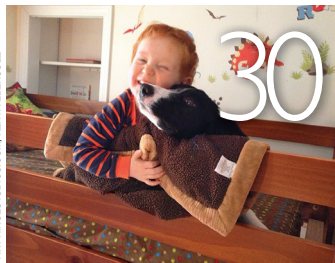


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Training Your Toddler and New Agility Puppy to Coexist

Integrating a new puppy into a household is often challenging, but if you are the parent of a toddler and thinking about getting a new dog for agility, there are additional concerns. Here are some ideas to train two energetic youngsters to coexist happily and safely. By Amanda Shyne



Overcoming Negative Experiences and Developing Confidence

Unpredictable and potentially frightening things can happen to our dogs during trials or training. We need to instill confidence in our dogs to allow them to handle these eventualities and learn how to control our reaction to potentially negative occurrences. By Kathy Lofthouse



Working Multiple Dogs Without Losing Your Mind, Part 2

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