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As the World Turns: Backside Front Cross

The backside front cross is a front cross in which the dog is approaching the jump from the backside while the handler remains on the landing side of the jump. The dog's exit path from the jump can vary. By Mary Ellen Barry



Team Small Dog Agility Humility: Running Dogwalk and the Brain Sickness

For no good reason other than it sounded rad, and rumor had it you got an A-frame for free in the deal, I decided to train running contacts. So I signed up for an online class with my patron saint of running contacts, Silvia Trkman. And that was the beginning of the end. By Laura Hartwick



Puppy Skills for Total Team Performance: Thinking Skills

The mere presence of an obstacle can elicit excitement from your dog. While this might seem like a sign of enthusiasm, it also creates a frantic energy and ultimately can lead to broken start lines, off-courses, etc. Help your dog learn to think in an agility setting. By Frankie Joiris and Chris Ott

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Cover Dog

Eowyn Hartley Carrick AX, AXJ, OF, XFP, a.k.a. Eowyn, a 10-year-old Weimaraner owned by Samantha & Christopher Carrick of Massachusetts, and handled by Samantha. Photo by Jeremy Kezer Photography.

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