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As the World Turns: Front Cross

This month we will cover the front cross in which the handler is moving past the plane of the jump. The dog usually has a perpendicular or slight slice approach. By Mary Ellen Barry



Judge's Eye: Spinning Wheel Got to Go Round, Part 2

When it comes to wheeling a course, yardage, and time calculations, there is a great diversity among the organizations. Here we'll look at how CPE, USDAA, and ASCA calculate standard course times. By Cindy Deak



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Cover Dog

Windblown Suzy's Lizzy Lou AX, AXJ, OF, TD, NW2, a.k.a. Lizzy, a 6-year-old Labrador Retriever owned by Ellen McNelly of Virginia. Photo by Stewart Event Images.

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