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## Puppy Skills for Total Team Performance: Learning About Learning

Teaching tricks is great for practicing different training techniques, becoming comfortable with your puppy's personality and learning style, and improve your timing. By Frankie Joiris and Chris Ott



## Laser Therapy for the Canine Athlete: Where's the Evidence?

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## The Construction Zone: PVC Peanut Holder

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Snowshoe Inn's Moxie Falls CGC, AXP, AXJP, XFP, OAC, OGC, OAC, TN-O, WW-O, TG-O, EAC, EJC, ECC, MPD, PGM a.k.a. Moxie Falls, an 8-year-old Chocolate Labrador Retriever owned and handled by Randi Barrett of Vermont. Photo by Donna Kelliher.

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