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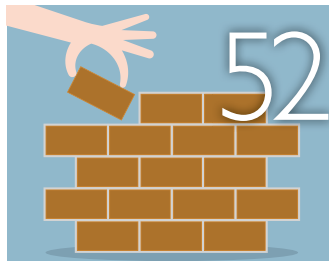
Remembering Soren: Agility with a Non-Traditional Breed

How different our perspectives can be depending on the type of dogs we run and the goals we have for them. But never forget that champions come in all shapes and sizes. By Deborah Stevenson



Early Agility Training and Exploring the Art of the Possible, Part 2

Although we spent countless (and sometimes fruitless) hours training contacts and weaves in the early days of agility, initially the most common obstacle—the jump—received no attention at all. By Nini Bloch



What, If Not Foundation

Although we've all been told about the importance of giving our dogs a thorough foundation and then maintaining it, foundation training is often not done thoroughly, and hardly, if ever, re-visited once the "real" training begins. By Lynne Stephens

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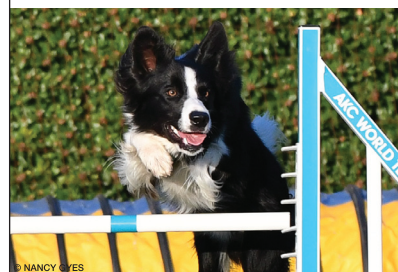
You've recently made a lot of life changes and you aren't getting any younger. You're expecting your first grandchild and you have a household of dogs and field of horses to take care of. Is it really a good idea to add a puppy and try to train it to be a competitive agility dog? By Jo Sermon

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