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How Not to Lose Your 2-On/2-Off Contacts, Part 4

These proofing drills are designed to maintain your dog's contact performance throughout his career. This month's new drills move us from backchaining the end of the dogwalk and using a travel board to using full-size contact obstacles and building up the adrenaline! By Sandy Rogers



Return to Agility Following Treatment for Medial Shoulder Syndrome: The Facts, the Data

The incidence of severe MSS is on the rise. The medial stresses placed on an agility dog's shoulders as they make tight turns, traverse weave poles, and drive at high speeds through jump-turn sequences, may create a repetitive biomechanical overload. By Dr. Sherman Canapp & Susan Garrett



Training Freedom: Here I Go Again!

An important topic this month is the use of appropriate rewards. Ho-hum rewards usually produce ho-hum performances. Have you figured out what rocks your dog's world? Do you know how you can change your rewards to make both food and toys valuable to your dog and produce an enthusiastic performance? By Jo Sermon

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The integrity of your agility runs on any given day can be determined before you even get in the car at home. Learn how to prepare for a trial so you are connected with your dog from the moment you leave home. By Emma Parsons, BA, KPA CTP, APDT, CDBC

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Learn how to teach your dog to take the second jump of a 270 without your helping him every time as well as six different ways that you can handle a 270 on course. What works best for your dog? By Sandy Rogers

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PACH2 Dazzle Wind Dakota RN
MXP10 MXPC MJ16 MJPS2 PAX2
XFP T2BP, a.k.a. Dakota, a 13-year-old Labrador Retriever owned by Marc Marsceill of California (handler) and Janelle Fuchigami. Photo by www.PhotographybyM.com.

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The problem with public perception is just that—it's a perception. What people don't see is the everyday life that happens off social media. So they fill in the gaps for that time and draw their own, sometimes incorrect conclusions, about who we are, what we're doing, and how much work has gone into those successes. By Meg McCarthy

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This month's drills, which fit in a 60 ft. x 40 ft. area, provide opportunities to practice backside sends to tunnels as well as to work on cueing tunnel exit "turn-backs" against the lead naturally dictated by the curve. There are also exercises for rehearsing blind crosses in a number of different scenarios. By John Reid

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Dog agility has its own pyramids. Every sub-culture does. Everybody is on their own climb. No need to chomp off somebody's nose and fins because their pyramid looks different than yours. Who cares if your summit is to win the AWC, get a medal at a Regional, or just get out of Advanced? By Laura Hartwick

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