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How Parkour Can Complement Agility

Traditional agility and canine parkour are excellent companion activities. Dogs can gain confidence and enthusiasm in the agility ring from parkour and see physical benefits as well. By Kristine Hammar



Training Freedom: Here I Go Again!

This month's sequence work focuses on slicing jumps in a fun way, drive off contact obstacles, and weave pole skills. But besides training, it's also important to think about breaks from agility. By Jo Sermon



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Cover Dog

Hurricane Never Tell A Lie ADCH-Bronze, PDCH, LAA-Silver TM-Platinum, SCH-Silver, PTM-Silver, PSCH-Bronze, PGCH-Bronze, PRCH-Bronze, PJCH, PKCH, MACH, RN, MXB, MJB, MFB, T2B2, CGC, IAC2, IWAC2, a.k.a. Francine, a 9-year-old Cardigan Welsh Corgi handled by Courtney Keys of Texas. Photo by Mia Grant.

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