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Flatwork games are based on the handling moves that you will use when negotiating an agility course—but you don't need any equipment. These games will teach your dog to read your body language for a rear cross. By Connie Sellers

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MACH4, C-ATCH2 Nozomi's Double Black Diamond RN, MXC, PAD, MJB2, PJD, MXF, T2B2, CA, a.k.a. Diamond, an 8-year-old Shiba Inu owned by Mark and Eunice Giles (handled by Mark) of New Hampshire. Photo by Jeremy Kezer Photography.

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you're at a distance from your dog is a many-faceted project. However, when approached methodically, pretty much any dog can have awe-some results. By Stacy Winkler