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Practically Training: Push Through

The push-through is a turn cue used to send the dog around to the backside of a jump. While not typically seen in Novice, backside challenges are appearing with increased frequency at the upper levels of some venues. Learning to correctly set the line to either the front of the jump or the backside is what push-through training is all about. By Sandy Rogers



Training Freedom: Here I Go Again!

Shady has an injured foot pad and his activity is restricted, so it's a perfect time to assess his physical and verbal cues with some indoor games and see how many cues are still sharp. Darcey the Whippet encounters a tunnel with water in it, which sets back her tunnel training. All three dogs continue with their dogwalk and seesaw training. By Jo Sermon



Pressure, Part 3: Removing Pressure on the Team at Trials

If you and your dog aren't prepared for the realities of a show site and the pressure that competition can bring, a trial can feel like an parallel universe. Learning how to keep things in perspective, knowing what to expect, and preparing for most eventualities can relieve a great deal of pressure from your team. By Tammy Moody

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This 40ft. x 60ft. setup provides options to practice threadles in almost every drill this month. You can also work on serps, front crosses, and lead-out pivots. By Nancy Gyes

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What do you call a setup for training sequences that you can use for your youngsters, your experienced pups, your friends, and even your students? This month's challenges include commitment to drive lines, interesting weave entries, threadles, backsides, tight line front sides, long jump skills, and layering opportunities. By Dudley Shumate

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UKC CH BIS Elvira Venator D'Ursus CM JH OF AX AXJ TKN, a.k.a. Elvira, a 3-year-old Bracco Italiano owned by Debra Pereira of Connecticut. Photo by Karen Hocker Photography

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