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## Alphabet Soup

Ever wonder what all those letters after a veterinarian's or animal care giver's name mean? Is the clinician trained or self-acclaimed?

By Drs. Renee McDougall, Tyler Clough, and David Dycus



## Power Paws Drills: Running Starts

It's boring always doing lead-outs! The drills in this small setup start with just one jump or the tunnel so that you can send your dog to start the drill and work on moving to get into position for challenge. By Nancy Gyes



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Long Hollows Driven at Xtreme MX MXB MXJ MJB XF NFP T2B SS SJ AG TM, a.k.a. Dax, a 5-year-old Labrador Retriever owned by Marc Marsceill & Janelle Fuchigami (handled by Marc) of California. Photo by www.PhotographybyM.com

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