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Connection means you are visually connected with your dog throughout the course. This includes over obstacles as well as between the obstacles. By Mary Ellen Barry



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Brady, an All-Canadian rescue owned by Sheila Gunn of British Columbia, Canada. Age unknown. Photo by Linda Matteson.