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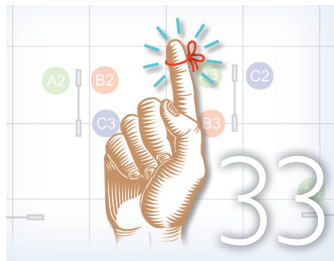
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Training Verbals for Distance Work, Part 5: Turn Cues

Learn how to add verbal cues for tight turns as well as “soft” turns to your repertoire of distance tools.

By Stacy Winkler



Memory Games and Visualisation

These are some fun training games with a serious intent: to develop the handler's memory and visualisation skills. By Steve Croxford



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Distance work will benefit both you and your dog in many ways. You will grow as a trainer and your dog will learn a skill that will build speed, confidence, and control. By Sandy Rogers

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By Megan Foster

Cover Dog

Koko, a 5-year-old German Longhaired Pointer owned by Chris Hartnoll from the United Kingdom. They started agility 2.5 years ago to build confidence and are competing in Grade 1. Photo by David Midgley at www.agilityfoto.com.

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