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Spy Kids: Refining Behaviors and Adding New Criteria

The pups are now four and a half months old. This month we're going to challenge the pups by adding new criteria to behaviors that we have already been practicing.

By Nancy Gyes



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Does your team often end up just over SCT? Fractions of seconds of wasted time add up over a course. Convincing your dog to run faster isn't the only solution. Try these strategies. By Cindy Buckholt

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MACH5 Slydrock's Solar Power ADCH-Silver, MX, MXJ, RS-O, JS-O, OAC, OJC, CGC, a.k.a. Suni, an Australian Shepherd owned by Elicia Calhoun of Texas.
July 3, 1995 - January 25, 2007.
Although Suni's list of accomplishments is long, she is probably best remembered as the little Aussie who beat the Border Collies and represented the USA for five consecutive years at the FCI Agility World Championships.

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