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The Construction Zone: PVC Jump and Detachable Wings

This jump design resulted from having many short scrap pieces of PVC pipe on hand, a number of “ground-bar jumps” that needed to be converted to freestanding jumps, and a wish for minimal, lightweight wings that could be easily disconnected and moved around. By Sadie Swanson



Returning to Agility Competition After Treatment for Jump Down Syndrome

JDS is a possibility in sport dogs with persistent forelimb lameness where there is no obvious cause, and discomfort is isolated to the elbows or shoulders. By Desmond Tan, BVSc (Hons) and Sherman O. Canapp, Jr., DVM, MS, CCRT, DACVS-SA, DACVSMR



A Playful Bond of Mutual Trust Is the Rock on Which My Training Will Stand

A beautifully fluid agility run isn't something a dog can be forced to do. It is the result of building the skills and taking them out into the world. A rock solid belief in your dog, and his rock solid belief in you, will take your training further than you ever thought possible. By Kathy Lofthouse

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Cover Dog

Lazy Days Hooked On A Feeling UDX2, OM3, RN, MX, MXB, MXJ, MJB, MXF a.k.a. Dottie-O, a 7-year-old Great Dane owned by Gayle L. & Michael J. Smith of Ohio. Photo by Cathi Winkles Photography.

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