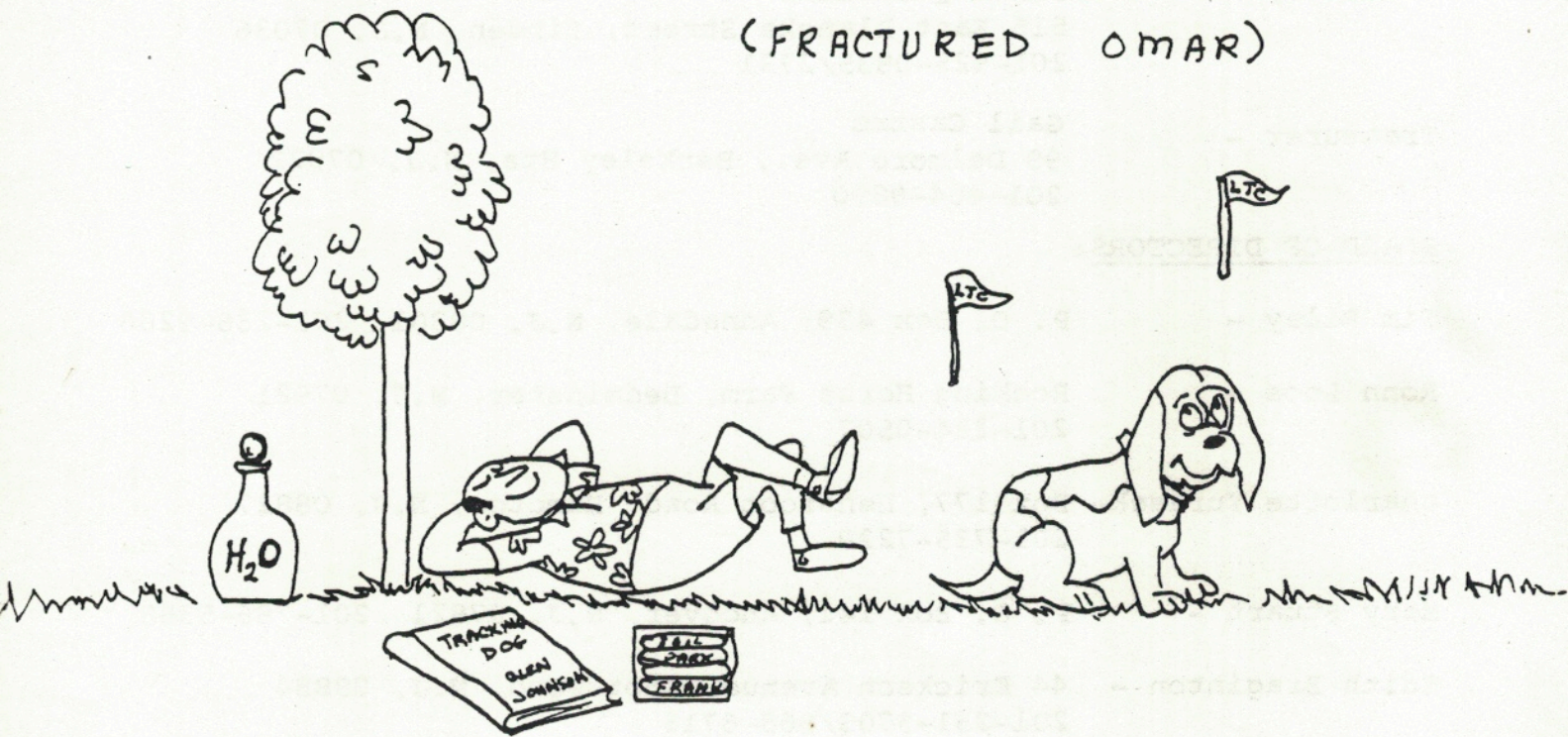


Here with a pack of hotdogs beneath  
the Bough  
A jug of water, a Tracking book —  
a Dog  
Beside me barking in the  
Wilderness  
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## FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

If the editors of our newsletter could see the stacks of unfinished business and unanswered correspondence piled high on the President's desk, they might partially understand why this message took so long. I thought retirement would provide me with lots of free time but then I got involved with trying to train five dogs at various stages of obedience, running back and forth to Brandy Lane Farm in Mt. Holly, N.J. four times a week. Then my old school district asked me to come back two days a week and with dog shows on the weekends and OHA obedience classes I teach one night a week, I find time is at a premium. My public apologies to the editors who do a super job in spite of presidential delays.

I did not get to the last "follow-up" on June 4th due to a conflict. It was the Norwick-Norfolk Terrier Club National Specialty and where else can one see 42 Mollie Browns in one place? However, Charlotte Schwartz tells me that an English Springer Spaniel who started tracking with this year's Tracking Experience Day is ready for certification! How's that for enthusiasm and consistent work in our sport! At one of the dog shows a Bernese Mountain Dog owner who also started at the Experience Day told me her dog had done a 325 yard straight track in grand style so she has decided to invest in a harness and continue training.

Speaking of harnesses, Charlotte highly recommends leather and has recently purchased one for her German Shepherd, Morgan, from J&J Dog Supplies, P. O. Box 1499, Galesburg, Illinois 61401 (309-375-6944). They are non-restrictive, made of harness leather and come in three sizes, small (24"-31"), medium (29"-39" girth) and large (38"-46" girth). Each is (\$25.00) twenty-five dollars. They also have a Latigo leather tracking harness for smaller breeds, a Toy (13" to 17" girth) and an extra small (17" to 24" girth) for twenty dollars (\$20.00). I have one of these for my Schipperke and it is lightweight and soft. J&J Dog Supplies will send a free catalog upon request.

I hope to see you at the July 9th follow-up and the August picnic. Start collecting items for the Chinese Auction now. Happy tracking!

FRAN WILMETH

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 9th - TED follow-up session (all are welcome)

\*August 20th - Annual Picnic and General Meeting at MacKinnons

\*Flyer on last page of this newsletter

November 12th & 13th - Fall Certification

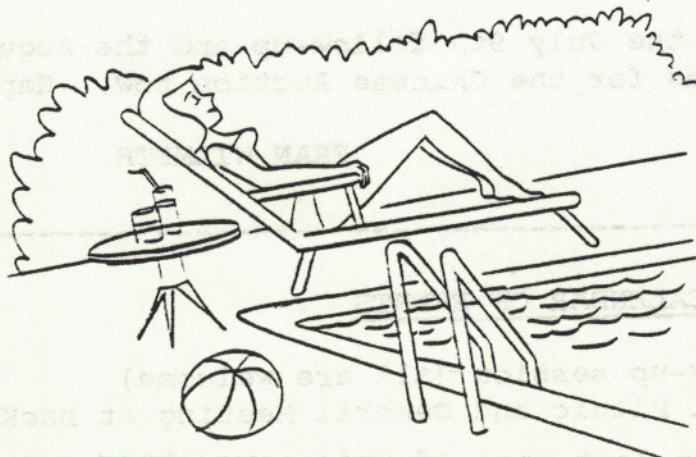
March 1984 - Annual Dinner Meeting

## TRACKING TESTS

- Sept. 18: NY, Great Bend NORTH COUNTRY KENNEL CLUB, INC. Knighttime Kennel., Champion Road; Jane Eckelman, Trial Sec., Rt. 18: Carthage, NY. 13619 Closes: Sept. 7, Fee: \$25
- Sept. 25: PA, Quakertown ALLENTOWN DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC. Smith's Farm. Jeanne M. Smith, Trial Sec., RD 4, Box 275, Quakertown, Pa. Closes: Sept. 14 Fee: \$25
- Oct. 16: NY, Oyster Bay Suffolk Obedience Training Club, Inc. Schiff Estate. Hedy Juffras, Trial Sec., 3134 Riverside Drive, Wantagh, NY 11793 Closes: Oct. 14 Fee: \$25
- Oct. 16: PA, Reading BERKS COUNTY DOG TRAINING CLUB. Tulpehecker Farms, Joanne P. Ney, Trial Sec., RD 1491, Club Rd., Bethel, Pa., 19507 Closes: Oct. 5 Fee: \$20.
- Oct 22: MA, Southboro CONCORD DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC. Lynbrook Farm, Roanne Center, Trial Sec., 13 Aberdeen rd., W. Chelmsford, Mass. 01863 Closes: Oct. 14 Fee: \$35
- Oct. 22: NJ, Holmdel TOWN & COUNTRY DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC. Laura Harding Bayonett Farms, Isabel B. Drzewiecki, Trial Sec. 33 Nottingham Way, Millington, NJ. 07946 Closes: Oct. 5 Fee: \$
- Oct. 29: NY, New Paltz PORT CHESTER OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB, INC. Mahonk Fields, Lila Wolfman, Trial Sec, 484 Harrison Ave., Harrison, NY 10528 Closes: Oct. 19 Fee: \$20
- Oct. 30: MD, Clarksburg HYATTSVILLE DOG TRAINING CLUB, Communications Satellite Corp., Hazel Moseley, Trial Sec., 2604 Kenway Lane, Bowie, MD 20715 Closes: Oct. 22 Fee: \$20

## TRACKING TESTS EXCELLENT

- OCT. 23: MA. Southboro CONCORD DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC. Lynbrook Farm, Roanne Center, Trial Sec. 13 Aberdeen Rd., W. Chelmsford, MA 01633 Closes: Oct 14 Fee: \$35



Frequent inquiries as to how young can you start to train a dog to track and how to proceed with a puppy in tracking training prompted us to request an article from Elissa Kirkegard-Bush who has experience in training puppies to track.

## HOW TO PUT YOUR FAITH IN A SEVEN MONTH OLD PUPPY (OR I COULD BE THE MOST GULLIBLE PERSON AROUND)

By Elissa J. Kirkegard-Bush

Tracking a puppy is both rewarding and fun. It channels all of those youthful efforts into something constructive and positive in addition to teaching the puppy to learn our way. A puppy will naturally use its nose to locate you or a kennel mate so why not allow him to "do his thing" following AKC's guidelines?

I usually introduce my puppies to tracking when they are very, very young, around sixteen weeks. We consider tracking to be a series of exercises and we break them all down carefully so the puppy begins to put together a tracking vocabulary. The first thing I do is introduce him to a "glovie", in the house, just playing. I repeat the word over and over again while tossing the glove around and making it fun, fun, fun. I personally do not encourage tug of wars with the glove because I have retrievers that must later on do field work, holding a bird gently and giving it up readily. If you do not plan on any retrieving work, you can pull and tug.

Next I introduce the harness to the puppies. I again do this in the house and usually reward the pup with a biscuit after he has accepted having the harness put on him. One word here, we do have difficulty finding non-restrictive harnesses that will grow with the puppies but

they are so oblivious once they start running and tracking they don't seem to mind if it is a little large. Since the puppies have had no real formal obedience training and have no temptation to look to us for guidance, they have no qualms about dragging you around a field at a fairly fast clip!

As far as method used, I employ Johnson's method of double laying the first straight tracks out and back and then introducing corners slowly one at a time. I find that the puppies are a bit erratic at times, using their noses to air scent or getting distracted by things around them, but generally they are honest and find it to be great fun. Until they are six months old, the longest track I would lay is 300 yards and the oldest I would make it is one-half hour. I try to teach the basics in the spring and if I have to work in the summer or fall, I track in the very early hours at 5:00 or 6:00 A.M.

I do use food but I leave an awful lot of it out in the field because usually the puppies move too fast to stop and pick it up. Ahh. . . running. Because of the introduction of TDX, running is being looked upon as undesirable because big mistakes can be made if the dog is moving faster than a trot. However, I attempt to make tracking a big game and often I will run flat out with a pup to keep up his enthusiasm.

I do track with an unrestricted harness and lead but I do not check the youngsters like I do an adult or TDX dog. If the pups overrun a corner, I "correct" by showing great surprise that they would "fib" to me, AND WITH GREAT EXCITEMENT, I show them where the track went.

When I first start corners, I put the article upwind about ten yards so the dog scents it almost as soon as he gets to the corner and he turns.

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I then continue to successively move it away from the corner in about five yard advances until the leg is about 50 yards long and then I introduce another corner with an article about 10 yards upwind. I continue to lengthen the legs away from the corner until I have worked to about four corners.

When I first start out, I ask the dog to find his "glovie" while I am putting on the harness. When the puppy comes to the glove, I make a great fuss and pull out the food reward. I try to keep the praise up for one minute and tell him how wonderful it is to find the "glovie".

If I find the dog has trouble with starts or corners, I pepper the area with hot dogs every five to ten yards to self-motivate him and to reconfirm the connection in his mind that the human scent brings him to the glove and I am just overjoyed when he locates my missing glove.

I attempt to put the TD on a dog as his first title before he is fifteen months old for several reasons. I feel the structured routine of Novice obedience is too advanced for a puppy to concentrate solely on. Physically, it helps to develop my breed dogs' hind quarters without stressing the body. As I have said before, a puppy will naturally use its' nose so you don't have to teach it to track, just to use its' nose in accordance with AKC rules. Finally, and most important, I feel the confidence that is instilled in these puppies as a result of our following them around and believing in them carries with them for the rest of their life, not to mention the unique bond that is felt when you and your puppy are all alone in a field working a problem out together.

Thank You Elissa

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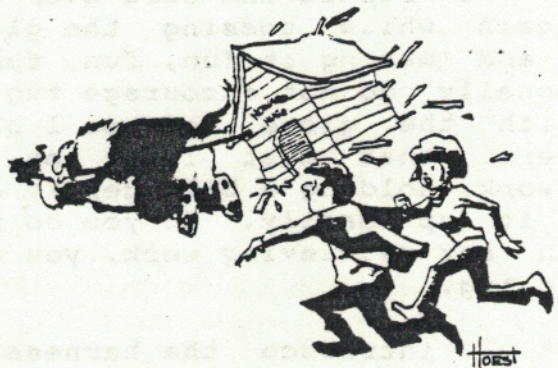
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## HOWARD HUGE



"No problem, huh?  
Just tie him to his doghouse, huh?"

\*Tobrelle's Intrepid Traveler CD TD has completed his CD as follows:

1st leg - Princeton DTC 194

2nd leg - The 1st DTC of Northern NJ 192½

3rd leg - Penn Treaty KC 190

also back-up legs at Trenton KC 191 and Allentown DTC 185.  
Tobrelle's Intrepid Traveler lives with Jeanne Smith in Pennsylvania.\*

\*Lisa Bush's Backachers' Bo of Bushmills, CD TD received a CDX leg at the Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac on April 22, 1983 and a second leg on April 30, 1983 at Wilmington Kennel Club with a score of 191.\*

\*JR's Ramblin Rose now has 4 points toward her Norfolk championship. "Amy", as she is known by her friends, was owner/handled by Mary Rose Coyle. Two of these points were picked-up Memorial Day week-end at Plainfield and Union Kennel Club Shows.\*

Keep up the good work and let's hear from the rest of you.

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WDEF

Lenape Tracking Club is now a member of the Working Dog Education Fund. A brief update on what is happening is listed below:

WDEF was able to get working dog activities publicized in the March 20th edition of the Newark Star Ledger. Legislation revising the antiquated laws are still be worked on. WDEF is trying to establish a Working Dog Archives in a prominent university. Their letterhead has been revised to show that they support all breeds of dogs and not just AKC recognized working dogs.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICIZE YOUR CLUB AND YOUR WORKING DOG EVENTS is given to those who wish to participate in the Bedminster Library display in August. Items depicting working dog activities will be displayed for one month along with any pamphlets you may wish to leave on your breed. Individuals and/or Clubs please contact Pat Paulding (201-638-4652) by July 10th.

The WDEF is planning a General Membership meeting in the Fall on a Friday evening, September 23 or 30.

Lenape Tracking will be display tracking harnesses and lines and Glen Johnson's book on tracking.

## BLACK RIBBON

On April 7, 1983 I put down my Irish Water Spaniel, Ch. Mallyree Molly of Bushmills, CDX, TDX WCX after she was struck by a car the night before. I had her entries filled out for Utility and s she and I had worked so very hard in the four and one-half years we were together. I miss her terribly and cannot understand what would have made her go up to the road when we concentrate on exercises that teach the dogs not to go near that road. Constant memories flood my mind but the day she got her TDX and made it look so easy I relive again and again. Her humor and love for life were unique and the fact that they can be so quickly taken from you makes you want to appreciate them more when they are near.

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### WHAT IS A CHINESE AUCTION?

At our Annual Picnic we will be having a Chinese Auction. So there is no confusion for new members who may be attending the picnic here is a brief description of what a Chinese Auction is:

Each member brings an item(s) that they may have at home that they no longer want and could be of use to someone else. It may be something you wanted to get rid of for years, but didn't have the heart to throw away.

If you have a special talent you wish to offer that is welcome also(i.e. portrait painting, macrame dog leash, ect.)

Your trash could be someone else's treasure. Bring whatever you can.

The items you bring will be given numbers. Tickets will be sold (usually 10 for a \$1.00), you will place a ticket in a bag numbered for the item you want. If your number is drawn, you win. Simple as that and lots of fun!

See you at the picnic!

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Mail to Ralph R. MacKinnon, Box 197 RD 1, Pittstown, N.J. 08867

Mail by AUGUST 14th with your payment of \$3.00 per person.

I plan to attend the picnic \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_  
The following people will be attending with me \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ salad \_\_\_\_\_ dessert  
(please indicate which you are bringing)

Total number attending                      x\$3.00 =

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