

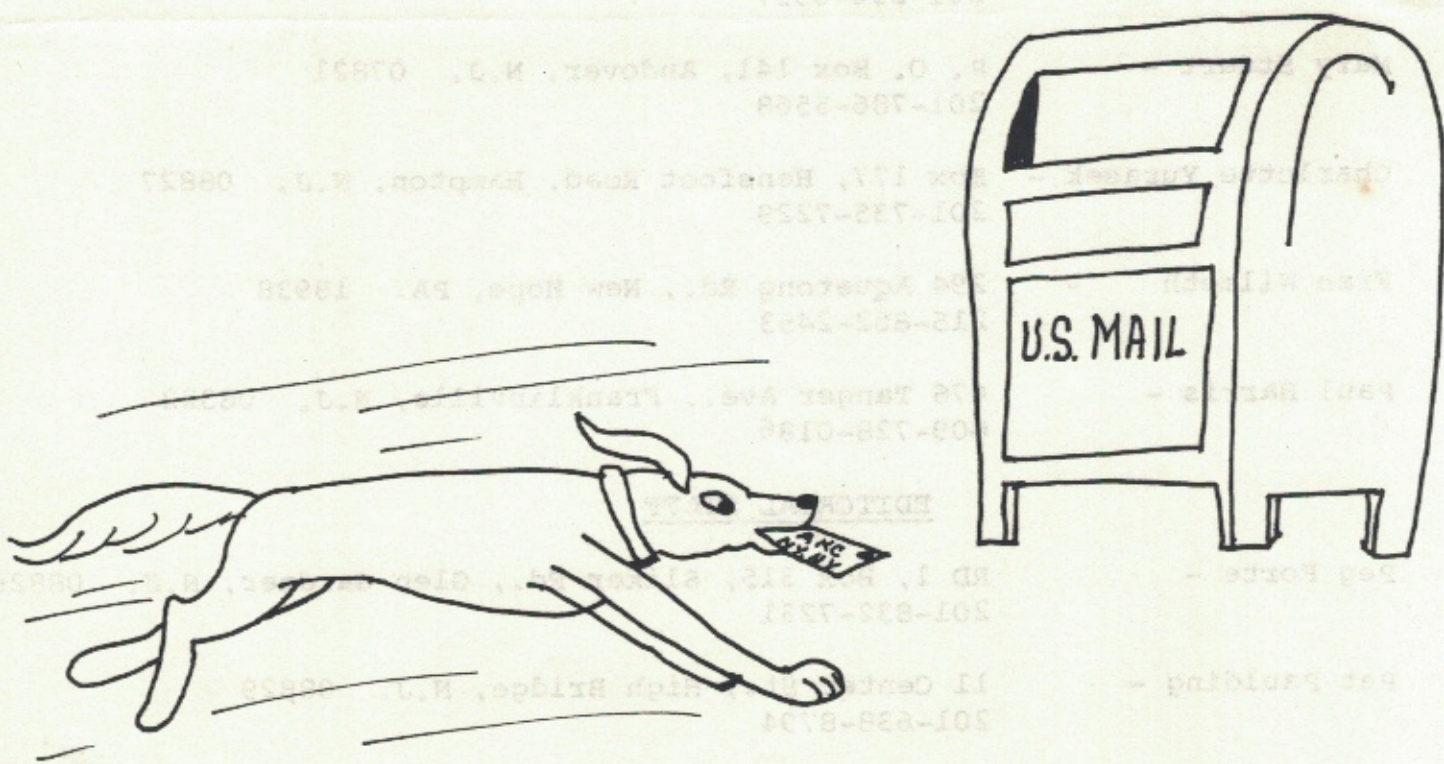
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Finally some nice cool weather, however, "Nicolle" and I will not be enjoying it. "Nicolle" tore the cruciate ligament in her other hind leg two weeks ago (she did the right leg 2 years ago).

On September 23 we had our quest speaker Jeff Loy speaking on the second and third Behavior Rule. Some people recently acquired puppies and learned quite a bit to try out on them. The General Meeting was not called to order because only eight members were present. I mention the number because a quorum of twelve was needed to vote on an amendment to the constitution. This amendment now appears elsewhere in the newsletter and if there is no opposition it will become fact with the printing of the next newsletter.

The next item of interest is the Certification Match on November 3 and 4. Tracklayers will be needed both days. Please contact Janet Quodmine for your assignment. Even moral support is welcomed.

On November 10 and 11 your support is needed at the Gaines Classic at the Dunn's Sport Center in Elizabeth, please contact me for more information.

Now the item of great importance to all trackers. Those at the picnic in August and the General Meeting in September have the particulars and hopefully have acted. The AKC has passed an Amendment making entry into tracking tests a lottery. If your name is drawn you're in, if not, good luck at the next drawing.

Lenape has sent in their letter of opposition to the AKC and has engaged in a mailing to Tracking Enthusiast and Tracking Judges, as well as passing out photocopied letters to be signed by interested dog people and mailed to Mr. Dearing at the AKC individually. A copy of all this material follows. Also attached is an excerpt from the responses we have received so far. They have been very interesting and informative and most feel as we do. Please review this material and if you have any further comments or ideas, let me hear from you. Time is of the essence. This amendment is scheduled to take effect on November 1, 1984. Please try to send your letters to AKC as soon as possible.

Hope to see you at the Certification Match in November or the Gaines Classic and maybe at both.

Keep those Tidbits coming in. This is your newsletter and your club, support it any way you can. What you think is nothing, can be a big help to us.

PAT PAULDING

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 3&4 Certification Match, Lebanon Twnshp.  
Nov. 10&11 Gaines Classic, Elizabeth





FOUNDED In 1975

11 Center Street  
High Bridge, N.J. 08829  
August 24, 1984

Mr. James Dearing  
American Kennel Club  
51 Madison Avenue  
New York City, New York 10010

Dear Mr. Dearing:

As President of Lenape Tracking Club, Inc. I wish to express the concern of the members about amendment under Chapter 1, Section 26A. Although we are not recognized by AKC, we are quite active in the tracking world and two of our members are tracking judges. This amendment has shocked our current 59 members.

If this amendment was issued to prevent pre-knowledge entry (which we do know exists), it was a good attempt. However, we don't believe it solves the problem, but creates new ones.

With our combined knowledge of tracking (and Lenape's 9 years of active existence) we find it quite difficult to accept a drawing of entries two weeks prior to the test. This means that for months the dog must be kept in tip top physical and mental condition and ready to go. Considering the time and energy involved in tracking this is almost impossible. This method also presents a problem with TD Certification since it is only good for six months and if you have bad luck it may take you over a year to be accepted. Another drawback is, if you have an older dog ready to go now and you have to wait for the luck of the draw, he may be too old and unable to continue the rigorous training needed to be ready on call.

The members of Lenape Tracking Club discussed this matter on August 18, 1984 and wish to make several recommendations. They are as follows:

If the drawing method is to be used then it should be done during the first month of publication since more often than not the quota is filled the first week. This will allow the winners to go ahead and prepare their dogs.



We also realize that there currently is a problem of not enough tracking tests to accommodate all those who desire to enter such tests. This is particularly true of the TDX test. We have noticed that many dogs entered in TDX tests in our area are not really ready. Conversations with several TDX judges confirm this. (In checking the AKC Gazette for the past six months, we find that only 47 dogs out of 174 entries in TDX trials passed. This represents 27% of the entries.) Therefore, we would like to suggest that certification be required before dogs are accepted in TDX trials.

We acknowledge that a TDX test is very time consuming. However, the certification test would not have to be a regulation TDX track. The majority of failures seem to be dogs who cannot get away from the starting flag or cannot handle the cross tracks or cannot handle the age of the track. Therefore, the TDX certification test could be a basic TD track with a single starting flag, one set of cross tracks and aged three to four hours. We think that this type of certification requirement would eliminate many of those applicants to TDX tests who are not fully prepared.

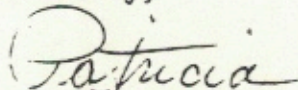
Another suggestion to help ease the over abundance of TDX entries would be to permit the first alternate entry to run the sixth track if such has been laid "in case of unforeseen circumstances," but has not been used. This would be done at the judges' discretion but it would give an additional dog and handler a chance at the TDX title. If the track has been laid, the articles are on it and the cross tracks are in place, it seems better to utilize the track than waste it.

We are truly concerned about this amendment and feel strongly that it is a handicap to tracking enthusiasts. Please give serious consideration to our comments and serious consideration to putting a hold on said amendment.

We would be most interested in hearing your comments on this matter.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Cordially,



Patricia A. Paulding  
President, Lenape Tracking Club, Inc.



Chapter 1, Section 26a

Drawing of Entries for Tracking and Tracking Dog Excellent Tests. Entries in a Tracking Test or Tracking Dog Excellent Test shall be accepted up until the official closing date, even though the advertised limit has been reached, and a drawing will be held within 48 hours of the closing to determine which entries will participate in the test. Entries will be drawn by the Test Secretary on a date, hour, and place specified in the premium list; such a place need not be identical to the place where entries are received. The drawing will be completely random among all entries received, except that in a Tracking Test, preference shall be given to those dogs which have not previously earned a Tracking title, and in a Tracking Dog Excellent Test, preference shall be given to dogs which have not earned a TDX.

When the advertised limit has been drawn, all remaining entries, subject to the same preferences set forth in the preceding paragraph, shall be assigned a position on an Alternate List corresponding to the order in which they were drawn. The Test Secretary shall then notify all entries of the results of the draw.

Drawing by lot for the assignment of dogs to the tracks is the responsibility of the judges, as set forth in Chapter 7, Section 3, and Chapter 8, Section 4.



EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS RECEIVED FROM JUDGES AND TRACKING CLUBS IN  
RESPONSE TO LENAPE'S INQUIRY OF August 24, 1984

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"I have written and sent a 10 page 'caustic' letter of opposition to Mr. Dearing, and am waiting for his response. ....I am in agreement with the Idea of certification, but considering the time involved and the crosstrack layers, etc. I feel we may wish we had not gone that route. ....The Amendment, however, is totally unacceptable, and will shortly cause clubs to stop funding and holding T.D.X. Tests because their club members cannot get in, and for so many other reasons...."

Robert McSwain, Monroe, WA. TDX Judge

"One of our greatest disappointments with the Amendment was that it was printed in the August Gazette as approved by the AKC Board of Directors rather than as a 'Proposed Amendment'. We feel that the Board of Directors is selling the U.S. Tracking Community short by not permitting some suggested modifications of their ideas. ....We are not too disturbed with the 'draw' method for T.D.X. and feel it can best be dealt with in providing a very early closing date, e.g. 2 months prior to a T.D.X. test so that possible entrants aren't left hanging until the last minute...2 weeks before a test. ....Our club's general opinion on T.D.X. certification is somewhat uncertain at time."

Gateway Tracking Club, Ballwin, MO.

"Glad to hear you folks in the east are also opposed to the new tracking regulation -- and how do you like the way it became FACT before we ever had a chance to comment on it! ....I read my letter to my club, Mountain States Dog Training Club, which voted to officially protest as a club. ....I agree with your proposals -- especially using the sixth TDX tracking for a 'real exhibitor' and certification for TDX. However, I brought up the latter issue when I say on the last obedience advisory committee and was soundly defeated on that. 'Too much trouble,' they insisted. ....3) Many out-of-town exhibitors travel in for a combined tracking test/obedience trial weekend. If their name is not drawn for the tracking test, they are faced with losing the obedience entry fees or traveling a very long distance for just one trial -- unless tracking test entries are scheduled to close at least a month ahead of the event."

Helen Phillips, Arvada, CO., TDX Judge

"I think many of us are particularly concerned that no input seemed to be asked for before the amendment was passed. ....1) an individual could be entered in any number of tests and never have his entry drawn; at least under the present system, a person does have a chance of mailing an early entry and having it received in time;.... TDX training in particular is most time-consuming; because of the inherent difficulties of the TDX test, bring a dog to peak performance at the proper time is crucial. ....We also question whether an individual who lives at a distance and cannot attend the drawing will have any more protection under the new system than he does at present;....



6) as tracking judges who actively train and track our own dogs we personally will be hampered in knowing which assignments to accept, because we will not know which tests our dogs can ever get in."

Marallyn and Edwin Wright, TDX Judges

"When the change was published in the August GAZETTE with a 'has approved' label, I wrote to Mr. Dearing and expressed my dismay that this had been considered, put into final form, delivered to the Board of Directors, and adopted by them without any input from the Tracking fraternity. I had an opportunity to talk with Mr. Dearing....and he did agree, I think, that this had not been the ideal way to handle the matter. ....Mr. Dearing pointed out that one of the reasons the lottery proposal came about was that some Clubs adopted the attitude that they were going to the expense and effort to put on the Test, and that it would be a 'closed' affair for their own members. This, of course, is very unfair and contrary to A.K.C..... I will agree with you to some extent on the lack of preparation for some dogs. It was particularly true in the beginning....You certainly get 100% backing from me on the proposal to use the alternate track at a T.D.X. ..2. Permit a Club to limit the number of TOTAL entries it will accept. If there are to be 8 tracks, for example, only 8 additional entries need to be taken. This would give people a 50/50 chance in the lottery. As it is, I KNOW what will happen out here: everyone will enter every Test hoping that sooner or latter they will make the draw. So we will be faced with 8 tracks and 35 entries - not very good odds. ....4. A dog who enters and fails a Tracking Test will not be eligible to be a regular entrant at the next local (100 miles? 200 miles?) Tracking Test, but if his name is drawn, may be placed on the list of alternates. This would require some communication and coordination among Tracking Test Secretaries.....5. I believe that Tracking should have its own book of rules and regulations and that Tracking should be removed from the control of the Obedience Advisory Committee and put into the hands of a Tracking Advisory Committee made up of those who are ACTIVELY TRAINING/SHOWING/JUDGING our sport."

Mid Rothrock, Sebastopol, CA. 95472

TDX Judge

"First of all, I believe that AKC made a grave mistake in putting forth their new ruling without consulting Tracking Clubs, Obedience Clubs that put on TD and TDX Tests, and Judges. I believe there should have been some input from these sources before the ruling was put into effect. ....I fully agree with your comments concerning the drawing and keeping your dog in shape--this is particularly hard with TDX when the dog is normally older than those in the T.D. Tests, and the energy and time spent is hard not only on the handler but on the tracker when a large question of whether or not you will get into the Test is not certain. ....I agree that some type of certification is needed before a dog is entered into a TDX Test. I fully agree with your proposal for the type of certification needed. I, too, have seen dogs entered in TDX that were far from ready yet they took a place from a dog that was ready."

Florida, TDX Judge



"I have not talked to anyone who is in favor of this amendment. I understand our AKC rep. thinks it is a good idea and that Jim Dearing was in favor of the amendment. ....I know as judges we generally number the alternate track the one which we feel is the least desirable ...hardest for everyone to work on. As a TDX judge, I feel 5 full TDX tracks that have been run and the 6 TDX tracks that are walked the day previously really leave the judges exhausted. ....Another idea they do up in Canada, make the entry fee i.e. \$50.00 and refund say \$20.00 to the exhibitor and dog if they pass. Another suggestion.... require certification for even the TDX since I fell far too many dogs are entered and take the space and time at an official test that could better be filled by a better trained dog and handler. ....AKC and CKC obedience judges for at least 25 years....have another Corgi ready but the entry is being held for that illustrious 'drawing' the 28th of Oct. and the Test is scheduled two weeks later in Nov. So I already am experienceing the new ruling. I know that the entry was one of the 1st 10 (it's a 2 day test) but because of the ruling they can't close the entries, can't do anything but wait and we will only have two weeks to work our dogs IF we are one of the entries drawn."

Janice R. Thomas, Woodinville, WA  
TDX Judge

"After my 2nd TDX trial I was convinced that TDX entries should be certified. Jim said it would involve too much work and most judges wouldn't do it. I explained that a regular TD track would do as outlined in your letter. ....As to the spare TDX track I have decided that since it is not required I will no longer include them until the powers that be accept them as a qualifying track if passed."

William Hutchins, Bryn Mawr, PA  
TDX Judge

"I'm sorry -- I can't agree with your club's stand against the recent AKC amenment dealing with drawing for tracks. Tracking dogs, once schooled in our fine sport, never forget the game and are able to attain their previous level in only a session or two, much as humans retain the ability to operate a bicycle. ....I believe your idea of a TDX certification track is a good one -- if we should go to screening possible entries, your proposal would be one I could support."

Went Brown, Albuquerque, N.M.  
TDX Judge

"I was a person who talked to both Dearing and Jack Ward (a long time obedience associate) and suggested a format similar to the one which the AKC has put into effect. ....John Hasibar, Test Secretary and also a TDX judge....has worked long and hard to get other clubs in the Chicago area to have TDX test. He feels now with the new regulation that people are not entering a test but rather a lottery. And how many people are going to train their dog to enter a lottery. It opened my eyes as it was something I had not considered"

Larson Jones, Gainesville, FLA TDX Jd



"Your idea of an early drawing for the TDX is a possible solution. However, what if you don't have five entries? I just judged a TDX in Fairbanks, Alaska where we had two dogs entered. If this test had been an early closing there may not have been any entries. .... Certifying a dog for the TDX test would take a considerable amount of time. I don't have the time and I think most tracking judges have the same problem. Maybe what could be done is two people who train with a TDX entrant could send in a report stating that they saw the dog and handler perform a regulation TDX test at a location on a certain date."

Ken Buxton, Loveland, OH TDX Judge

"Last year, I wrote Jim Dearing expressing my dismay at with the quality of dogs competing for TDX titles. I suggested, as you also propose, that a certification be required by all dogs entering TDX tests. .... In subsequent conversations with me, Jim appears willing to accept the need for such a certification, but has pointed out the difficulty, in certain areas of the country, to find judges willing and able to conduct a TDX certification -- even just an abbreviated TDX test. .... I agree wholeheartedly with your proposal to permit the first alternate entry to run the sixth track, ....

Samuel A. Gardner, Lakeland, FLA.

TDX Judge

*And the letters are still coming.....*

*There is a sample letter enclosed--please sign  
and send in.... or write your own letter  
but above all.....*

# *Do It*

# *Today!*



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Mr. James Dearing  
American Kennel Club  
51 Madison Avenue  
New York City, New York 10010

Dear Mr. Dearing:

As a owner interested in the sport of tracking I wish to express my dissatisfaction with Amendment to Chapter 1, Section 26a that is to take effect on November 1, 1984. I am concerned with the manner in which the Amendment has been passed without consulting tracking clubs and/or tracking enthusiast. While there is in deed a problem with getting a dog entered in a TDX test the method as described in this amendment is not without major problems, for example:

For months the dog must be kept in tip top physical and mental condition and ready to go in least than two weeks time, if you are one of the lucky ones; considering the time and energy involved in tracking this is quite difficult. This method also presents a problem with TD Certification since it is only good for six months and it may take you over a year to have your name drawn, if at all. Another drawback is, if you have an older dog ready to go now and you have to wait for the luck of the draw, he may be too old and unable to continue the rigorous training needed to be ready on call. (Tracking has proven to be a good outlet for dogs who for various reasons cannot continue with obedience or other activities).

To preserve the sport of tracking, I sincerely hope you will consider my concerns which are shared by other tracking enthusiasts by rescinding this proposed amendment and by working with those actively participating in the sport to find an equitable solution.

Cordially, \_\_\_\_\_



## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LENAPE'S CONSTITUTION

### Article 4, Section 4c

Additional nominations may be made at the February meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his name is proposed and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position and the additional nominations which are provided herein may be made only from those members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee. There must be a minimum of two candidates nominated for each position. No candidate may be nominated twice for the same position.

CHANGE: delete the sentence: There must be a minimum of two candidates nominated for each position.

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\*The Irish Water Spaniels are at it again. Delta, who arrived from England about 10 months ago finished her CD with a first and second place at the four show she was entered in. This was accomplished in a nine day period. She also obtained her working certificate and she passed her tracking test at Allentown. Lisa was really please with her ability to work so hard. "She is such a little shrimp, but she has a big heart!", said Lisa.

A year ago May we published an article by Lisa and she now claims it was the start of her literary career. An article about importing a dog into the United States will appear in Dog World, but Lisa doesn't know what issue. Get up the good work Lisa, glad we could be of assistance in your new interest.\*\*

\*We received an article from Charlotte Schwartz when she was in Australia this summer. The article is entitled THE MAGIC OF TRACKING or Tracking in Australia? Who me???. The item will appear in the next issue. THANKS CHARLOTTE, I ENJOYED READING IT AND THINK THE MEMBERS WILL TOO.\*\* (One of the advantages of being the editor).

\*JEAN NEVIUS, I did receive your August 24th note and literature. It was most timely. Lenape now co-owns the literature on HUG-A-TREE. Information about the program appears elsewhere.\*\*

\*Someone handed me an article by Dr. Fox - What your Pet's Nose Knows". I want to thank whoever it was and advise them I plan to publish it in the next issue.\*\*



## TRACKING TESTS

- Oct. 14: PA, Reading BERKS COUNTY DOG TRAINING CLUB. Tulpehecker Farms, Sandra K. Campbell, Trial Sec., RD 3, Box 830, Mohnton, Pa., 19540 Closes: Oct. 3 Fee: \$20 Limit: 10
- Oct 20: NJ, Holmdel TOWN AND COUNTRY DOG TRAINING CLUB, Laura Harding's Bayonet Farm, Mrs. Stanley Bronson, Trial Sec., 295 Bridle Path, Mountainside, N.J. 07092 Closes: Oct. 2 Fee: \$20 Limit: 5
- Oct. 27: NY, New Paltz PORT CHESTER OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB, INC. Mohonk Fields, Lila Wolfman, Trial Sec, 484 Harrison Ave., Harrison, NY 10528 Closes: Oct. 17 Fee: \$25 Limit: 6
- Oct. 28: MD, Clarksburg HYATTSVILLE DOG TRAINING CLUB Communications Satellite Corporation, Dianne G. Maas, Trail Sec., 4650 Solomons Island Rd., Huntington MD 20639 Closes: Oct. 13, Fee: \$20 Limit: 10
- Nov. 3: MD, Hydes ORIOLE DOG TRAINING CLUB K-9 Lodge, R. Harold Cash, Trial Sec., 1002 Kirkcoln Rd., Towson, MD 21204 Closes: Oct. 17 Fee: \$20 Limit: 10
- Nov. 25: NJ BURLINGTON KENNEL CLUB for information Kathy Uhrman 609 - 267 - 3566

## TRACKING TESTS EXCELLENT

- Oct. 14: NY, Ridge SUFFOLK OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB, INC. N.Y. State Department of Conservation, Barbara Busch, Trail Sec., 88 Horton St., West Islip, N.Y. 11795 Closes: Oct. 3 Fee: \$50 Limit: 4
- Oct. 14: PA Berwyn PHILADELPHIA DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC. June G. Oswald, Trial Sec. 3 Brookside Rd. Erdenhiem, Pa. 19118 Closes: Oct.3 Fee: \$50 Limit: 5
- Oct. 20: NJ, Holmdel TOWN & COUNTRY DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC. Laura Harding Bayonet Farms, Mrs. Stanley Bronson, Trial Sec. 295 Bridle Path, Mountainside, N.J. 07092 Closes: Oct. 10 Fee \$40 Limit: 3
- Oct. 21: MA Southboro CONCORD DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC. Lynbrook Farm Charles G. Coburn, Trail Sec., 5 Old Rd., Westford, MA 01866 Closes: Oct. 13 Fee: \$50 Limit: 5
- Oct. 27: NY New Paltz PORT CHESTER OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB. Mohonk Fields Lila Wolffman, Trial Sec. 484 Harrison Ave. Harrison, N.Y. 10528 Closes: Oct. 17 Fee: \$40 Limit: 3
- Oct. 28: NY Clinton CENTRAL NEW YORK KENNEL CLUB Sharon aville, Trial Sec. 9419 Summit Rd., Cassville, N.Y. 13318 Closes Oct. 18 Fee: \$50 Limit: 5
- Nov. 2 MA Ayer TRACKING CLUB OF MASSACHUSETTS Nashoba Valley Hospital Fields Marianne Wood Trial Sec., P.O. Box 56, 148 Washington St. Ayer, MA 01432 Closes: Oct. 19 Fee: \$50 Limit: 5
- Nov. 4: PA Eighty Four GOLDEN TRIANGLE OBEDIENCE CLUB Mingo Creek County Park. Janet R. Pierson, Trial Sec. 390 Ambard Ave. Pittsburgh, Pa. 15202 Closes: Oct. 17 Fee: \$50 Limit: 5
- Nov. 25: PA Annville DAUPHIN DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC. Indiantown Gap Military Installation Areas. Jennie Ertter, Trial Sec., 5108 Lake Dr., Harrisburg, PA 17112 Closes: Nov. 9 Fee: \$50 Limit 5



## "HUG-A-TREE AND SURVIVE"

In July Peg Forte, along with three members of West Jersey Canine Search and Rescue, was certified by Ab Taylor to be a presenter of the Hug-A-Tree program. Details of the program are below and on enclosed brochure.

At the picnic meeting Lenape members voted to purchase the slides for the pprogram, to share them with West Jersey and work cooperatively with them on presenting the program in the northern New Jersey area. We will consider traveling further if time and scheduling permits.

### Survival Education for Children

After a young boy lost his life in California, many people affected by this tragedy had a desire to prevent it from occuring again. They developed "Hug-A-Tree and Survive", a slide presentation and demonstration designed to teach children, aged 5-12, basic survival principles.

The hope of those presenting the program has always been that someday a child, who has seen this program, will remain calm and aware enough to remain safe, instead of becoming disoriented. If lost, he or she will know that people are searching, how they are searching, and how to take care of him/herself until help arrives. There has been documentation of cases where this program has been successful in this goal.

The presenters of the program are certified trained members of volunteer organizations. In this area they are members of West Jersey Canine Search and Rescue and the Lenape Tracking Club, Inc. Both of these groups utilize the scenting abilities of dogs to find lost persons.

The Program runs from 30 - 45 minutes.

It is suitable for grades K-6, for Scouts, and Camp groups. The program is also available for PTA or other adult meetings. Our primary objective is to have a many children as possible see the program.

To arrange a program in your school or for your group please contact:

MILLIE CURTIS	201 - 996 - 4090
CAROLINE HEBARD	201 - 766 - 7125
PEG FORTE	201 - 832 - 7231

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE PROGRAM

For more information please send a self-addressed stamped legal size envelope to:

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National Office HUG-A-TREE  
6465 Lance Way  
San Diego, CA92120

619-286-7536  
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