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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Hopefully it will be a good year for "T's" and "TDX's".

The New Year has presented one problem so far - no location for our Annual Awards Dinner, but we are working on it. We are also open for suggestions.

Fran Wilmeth is our Tracking Experience Day Chairperson and will be looking for help soon. Please work with her in any way you can. I believe she still needs a Co-chairperson - any volunteers?

Charlotte Schwartz has finally had her book published - "Friend to Friend -- Dogs That Help Mankind". Howell Publishers. Charlotte has graciously offered to autograph your book at the Experience Day.

It's that time of year again when dues are due. Please send them to Peg Forte. Also remember to send your Tid Bits and art work to your editors. This is your newsletter, let's hear from you.

Not much else to say. Haven't seen anyone due to the holidays and the cold weather so I look forward to seeing you at the dinner (when we decide when and where).

Wait till the weather warms up, then keep on tracking.

PAT

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#### Calendar of Events

March	Annual Dinner, date & place to be announced*
April 27***	TED (Tracking Experience Day) Jane Henderson's Fara Volunteers needed....contact Fran Wilmeth
May 16 & 17	Bernese Mt. Dog Club of America Tracking Test, Lebanon Twp. Municipal Bldg. May 16 - plotting tracks May 17th - Test Help needed both days.
August	Annual Picnic

\* The place we held the dinner last year is unavailable, we are open to suggestions and assistance. Call Ralph Mac Kinnon 201-735-7793 if you can help us solve our dilemma.

\*\*\* Please note date was incorrect last month, it is Saturday, April 27th



# Tid Bits



Vicky Brown's German Shepherd YLKA'S MASTER BLEND passed the tracking test at Hyattsville DTC on October 28th to earn his "T". "Brock" also earned the third leg on his CDX the day before completing two titles in one weekend at the age of only twenty months!



Lillian Puchalski's Golden "Daisy Mae" is doing fairly well in her tracking training. Lillian also writes that she has a new Sheltie named "Cotton" who is just starting her tracking training and since she is a "chow hound" she hopes she will learn to use her nose. Lillian plans on attending the Volhard Seminar held by the "Wilkes Barre DTC" in March. If you plan to attend the seminar be sure to look for Lillian and say "hi"!



Congratulations to Tim and Marie Riley on the birth of a baby girl "Margaret" on January 4, 1985. Margaret weighed in at 8 lbs. 3 ozs.



Kristen duFosse passed along the following story about her dog Lucy's adventure or more likely misadventure as an animal actor. She said that Lucy got an assignment from Animal Actors to do a commercial for cable TV. Lucy was to be the "family dog" in a living room scene. However, after much delay and repeated takes under very hot lights it was decided not to use the dog anyway! What a disappointment - all that time under the hot lights for nothing. One bright note Kris reports they were to be paid for their time anyway. Better luck on Lucy's next assignment!

## ITEMS OF INTEREST:



The U.S. Agriculture Department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has brought up to date its helpful fact sheet, "Pets - They Need Proper Care to Travel by Air." It covers requirements for shipping animals, including age, cage, scheduling, markings, food and water and health certificates. For copies write to Editor, Animal Care Matters, 732 Federal Buidling, Hyattsville, Md. 20782.



Recognition of the value of pets in cheering the sick and aged was given by the recent passage of a New York State law allowing pets in health-related facilities. The battle for passage took more than two years. Nursing homes in particular are taking advantage of such programs.



A needlepoint kit depicting the dog's breed: Excellent ones can be obtained from Creatures and Critters, 3143 Martin, Melrose Park, Ill. 60164 (312 455 3812). Catalogue 50 cents. (Avoid those available in most needlework stores - they're generally not accurate.)



## MORE ITEMS OF INTEREST



From Gaines comes the following: All of the papers presented at the 33rd Annual Gaines Veterinary Symposium held this past September are appearing in the December issue of The Compendium on Continuing Education for the Practicing Veterinarian. For those who don't receive the magazine Gaines has a limited number of reprints available. The topics covered include: Influence of Diet on Progression of Canine Renal Disease; Radiology of the Aging Dog: Its Clinical Application; Canine Skin Tumors: A Logical Approach to Diagnosis and Treatment; Arthritis and the Geriatric Patient; Immune Senescence; Evaluation of Management of Chronic Renal Disease; Anesthesia of the Geriatric Dog. To receive your free reprint, write: Symposium Papers, Box 1007, Kankakee, IL 60902.



Mae Dell send along a clipping from The Wall Street Journal with the intriguing title "Why You Shouldn't Sing La Marseillaise In Computer Factory". The article begins "Face it. People are filthy. At rest a person sheds at least 100,000 particles a minute of flaking flesh, saliva, hair spray, rouge, dried shaving cream, dandruff, Flugge's droplets, lint, sodium and dead mouth tissue. With slight head movement the same person sheds 500,000 particles. Slow walking, five million. Exercising, 30 million". The article goes on to explain that each particle is capable of destroying a semiconductor circuit, the "chip" that makes computers think. However Mae's only comment is "think of all the things dogs must smell"!!

## The Dogs of War

**D**uring World War II, the U.S. Army tried to train scout dogs to recognize Japanese soldiers by their smell.

In November 1942, about 25 men from the 100th Infantry Battalion, which consisted entirely of Japanese Americans, were shipped to Cat Island in the Gulf of Mexico. Also quartered there were about 50 dogs. Each day, the men were pressed into a bizarre game of hide-and-seek with the animals. The soldiers would hide in thick vegetation or cross through swamps, doing their best to throw the dogs off their scent. When a dog spotted its quarry, a trainer would fire a shot, and the soldier would fall "dead." The men carried chunks of horse meat, which the dogs were allowed to attack.

Later, the dogs were taught to attack the men themselves, who wore padded clothing and masks. The Army reasoned that if dogs could be trained to smell the presence of Japanese Americans on tropical Cat Island, they would fare just as well in the Pacific against real Japanese troops.

But the experiment, which had been approved by President Roosevelt, was a failure. There was absolutely no evidence that the Japanese exude any telltale odor; the dogs attacked any



K-9 patrol team in Burma, 1944

soldier who was hiding. The Army did use dogs as patrols, scouts and sentries in the Pacific later in the war, but the Cat Island program, disbanded after four months, was a case of barking up the wrong tree.

—Idea submitted by Ben Tamashiro, Honolulu, Hawaii.



The following article is reprinted by permission of the author from "GONE TRACKIN'", the Palo Alto Foothills Tracking Association Publication Dec. 1984. The author is a Tracking Judge and Tracking exhibitor. Part II will appear in the future. Thank you Shirley Hammond.

DEAR T.D.X. HOPEFUL

by Shirley Hammond

Recently the editor of PAFTA's newsletter 'GONE TRACKIN' asked me to write a short article on common errors, noted in tests, of handlers and dogs from the Judges viewpoint.

I put my JUDGES HAT on, took pen in hand and with all good intentions began reviewing all the Advanced Tracks and T.D.X. tracks I could recall since 1974.

Well, here I go out on a limb! The most significant factor occurring, time after time, is the "Handler NOT reading the dog"!

Okay! Calm down! This is not a cop out! Handler not reading the dog covers a multitude of situations and conditions.

Let me share a situation:

SCENARIO. This tracking team completed a 10 week T.D. training course. They did a nice job on the certification track. They entered, and got in, the first test in March. Passed with flying colors.

Now on to bigger and better things! Started training the very next week for a May T.D.X. test. The dog had been working 2 hour aged tracks and had been doing a 1000 paces in preparation for T.D. test.

IS THIS A REASONABLE GOAL? The handler readily admitted this was pushing a bit, but she could answer YES to the following check list by the time the T.D.X. entries came out:

1. The dog could track well on 3-1/2 hour old tracks.
2. Starts well from a single stake.
3. Seems to have good concentration and motivation on 1500 + pace tracks. Happy tracker!
4. Seldom commits to cross tracks.
5. Good article recognition.
6. Worked well through major obstacles such as roads, trees, and fences. Had even worked short legs across plowed ground.

The rationale became: My dog is a good, motivated, happy tracker and can perform all of the above well -- if WE draw a good track -- We have just as good a chance to pass as anyone.



Well the team didn't pass! WHY? In the final analysis the handler left two important factors to CHANCE and GOOD LUCK.

You guessed it! READING THE DOG and EXPERIENCE.

The handler had a good tracking dog, but, because of this the handler had very little experience in seeing the dog work out very difficult problems. They encountered a problem (5 ft high mustard plants in bloom) that they had not included in the training. The handler knew the dog was frustrated, that was evident. Reading the dog with understanding so you can become an active helping member of the team requires EXPERIENCE.

Let me slip on my TRAINERS HAT at this point and share some of my training philosophy, a lot of it was gained while wearing the EXHIBITORS HAT!

EXPERIENCE is gained through carefully designed tracks to give the dog and handler as wide a variety of cover, articles, obstacles, and strange situations as you can dream up. Imagination should know no bounds. BELIEVE ME judges have great imaginations!

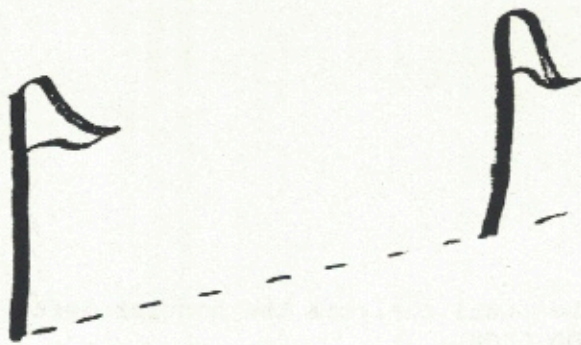
The tracking team in our scenario had the basics, but there remained much work to be accomplished before entering a test.

Therein lies the problem that we all encounter with too many entries in too few T.D.X. tests!

A.K.C. has tried to solve the problem of getting into a test by the lottery method. I feel, the BLAME for creating this problem lies with you and me, the tracking enthusiasts who are so gung-ho and anxious to get into a test, that we trust to chance and good luck. We need to analyze our training program. Make plans for increasing the dogs physical endurance, design training tracks that challenge both handler and dog and build experience. IT TAKES TIME AND HARD WORK TO EARN A T.D.X! That's the challenge A.K.C. designed into the test. The goal is to produce an EXCELLENT TRACKING DOG --- not a dog that can pass with good luck.

P.S. For those of you who do not recognize the scenario used in this paper--I confess. Part II will continue with training philosophies and methods.





### TRACKING TESTS

- MARCH 10 VA Manassas POTOMAC VALLEY ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL CLUB,  
National Battlefield Park; Patricia A. Long, Trial Sec. 4113 Mt.  
Atlas Lane, Haymarket, Va. 22069 LIMIT: 4 FEE: \$20 CLOSES: FEB. 28
- MARCH 17 VA Concord JAMES RIVER KENNEL CLUB, INC Robin's Nest Farm, Rt. 24  
Patricia Straw, Trial Sec, 10612 Timberlake Rd., Lynchburg, Va 24502  
LIMIT: 12 FEE: \$20.50 CLOSES: MARCH 6
- MARCH 17 PA Hershey DAUPHIN DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC. Milton Hershey  
School Farms; Linda Chokren, Trial Sec., 125 Florence Dr.  
Harrisburg, Pa., 17112 LIMIT: 12 FEE: \$25 CLOSES: MARCH 3
- MARCH 24 MD Cheltenham SOUTHERN MARYLAND DOG TRAINING CLUB OF  
FORESTVILLE, Boy's Village of Maryland; Doris Bester, Trial Sec.  
7012 Wells Parkway, Hyattsville, MD 20782 LIMIT: 10 FEE: \$25  
CLOSES: MARCH 13
- APRIL 21 NY New Paltz TACONIC HILLS KENNEL CLUB, INC. Mohunk Fields  
Hellie Sherck, Trial Sec, 221 E. 78TH ST., NEWYORK, N.Y. 10021  
LIMIT: 10 FEE: ? CLOSES: MARCH 25
- MAY 5 MD Clarksburg CAPITAL DOG TRAINING CLUB OF WASHINGTON, D.C.  
Communication Satellite Corporation; Doris Bester, Trial Sec,  
7012 Wells Parkway, Hyattsville, Md 20782 LIMIT: 10 FEE: \$20  
CLOSES: APRIL 24

### TRACKING TESTS EXCELLENT

- MARCH 10 VA Manassas POTOMAC VALLEY ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL CLUB National  
Battlefield Park; Patricia A. Long, Trial Sec, 4113 Mt. Atlas Lane,  
Haymarket, Va 22069 LIMIT: 5 FEE: \$35 CLOSES: FEBRUARY 29
- APRIL 6 OH Bethel QUEEN CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB East Fork Lake State Park  
Sandra Watson, Trial Sec, 364 B St. Andrews Dr., Cincinnati,  
Oh 45246 LIMIT: 3 FEE: ? CLOSES: MARCH 28







FOUNDED in 1975

## TRACKING EXPERIENCE DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1985

TIME: 8:30 AM SHARP Rain or Shine

PLACE: HENDERSON FARM, STOCKTON, N.J.

BEGINNING TRACKING WITH CHARLOTTE SCHWARTZ\*

TIME: 8:30 AM SHARP to 5:00 PM, with a break for lunch.  
(complimentary doughnuts and coffee available in the morning, beverage and dessert provided at lunch time, but please remember to bring your own lunch)

COST: HANDLER/DOG TEAM: \$15.00 (includes copy of Johnson's The Tracking Trainers Handbook - list \$4.95)

SPECTATOR: \$10.00 (includes copy of Handbook)

Work sessions ("Follow-ups") will be held on a regular basis after this initial session to help you continue with your tracking training. These sessions will start at 9:00 AM. There is no extra charge for these sessions. You must indicate, before your departure on April 27th, your intention to attend.

These sessions will be an informal Training opportunity to follow-up on the procedures demonstrated during the TRACKING EXPERIENCE DAY. Members with tracking experience will be available on this day to assist you. The frequency and dates of these sessions will be determined by the interest of those participating.

Copies of Glen Johnson's TRACKING DOG, THEORY AND METHODS will be available for purchase at a cost of \$12.00 (list \$12.95)

\*CHARLOTTE SCHWARTZ is a professional trainer who has found that Glen Johnson's Method works best for her and her students. In fact, she offers Johnson's method exclusively. Her enthusiasm for the Sport is infectious as any of her students can testify. Handlers will be given specific instructions regarding practice and the systematic progress through the Training Manual to achieve optimum success. In the 1st segment of the tracking seminar we will discuss the how and why of teaching tracking, equipment, training method and schedule. In the second portion of the seminar we will work with each dog/handler team individually in the field to insure the proper beginning procedure. If you are serious about teaching your dog to track, plan to spend a day with the LENAPE TRACKING CLUB, INC and Charlotte!!!

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DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES APRIL 20, 1985

We reserve the right to limit the entries so please DO NOT DELAY their return as they will be accepted on a FIRST COME BASIS.



## DIRECTIONS TO THE HENDERSON FARM, STOCKTON, NEW JERSEY

From the North, West, and East: Proceed to the Flemington Traffic Circle, junction of Routes 202 and 31. Follow signs for Route 12, Frenchtown around the second circle. At the third circle go past Route 12, take the next road (Route 523) toward Stockton. Stay on Route 523 through Sergeantsville (blinking light). 1.7 miles from the Sergeantsville light will be sign on the left for Sandy Ridge Baptist Church. Take the next left onto a dirt road, then enter through the second gate on the left. If you arrive in Stockton, back track on Rt. 523.

From South: Proceed to Stockton, N.J., follow Route 523 North for 1 mile. Turn right onto dirt road as noted in above directions.

### WATCH FOR SIGNS SAYING LTC

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#### \* CHECK LIST \* THINGS TO BRING \* CHECK LIST \* THINGS TO BRING \*

BOOTS, RAIN GEAR	6 FRANKFURTERS (sliced for dog)
LAWN CHAIRS	NON-CHOKE COLLAR & LEAD
WATER FOR DOG	AND OF COURSE, YOUR DOG!!!
LUNCH FOR YOU	

IMPORTANT \*\*\*\*\* NO DOGS WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE BUILDING DURING LECTURE PERIODS. PLEASE COME PREPARED TO CRATE OR CONFINED YOUR DOG DURING THE LECTURES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: FRAM WILMETH 215-862-2453  
PEG FORTE 201-832-7231

### CUT HERE AND SAVE DIRECTIONS ABOVE

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### REGISTRATION FORM

TRACKING EXPERIENCE DAY '85

APRIL 27, 1985

HANDLER/DOG TEAM	@ \$15.00 (Includes copy of Johnson's THE TRACKING TRAINERS HANDBOOK)
SPECTATOR	@ \$10.00 (also includes the Handbook)

Make checks payable to LENAPE TRACKING CLUB, INC. and mail with this reservation to: Frances Wilmeth, 294 Aquetong Rd., New Hope, PA 18938

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

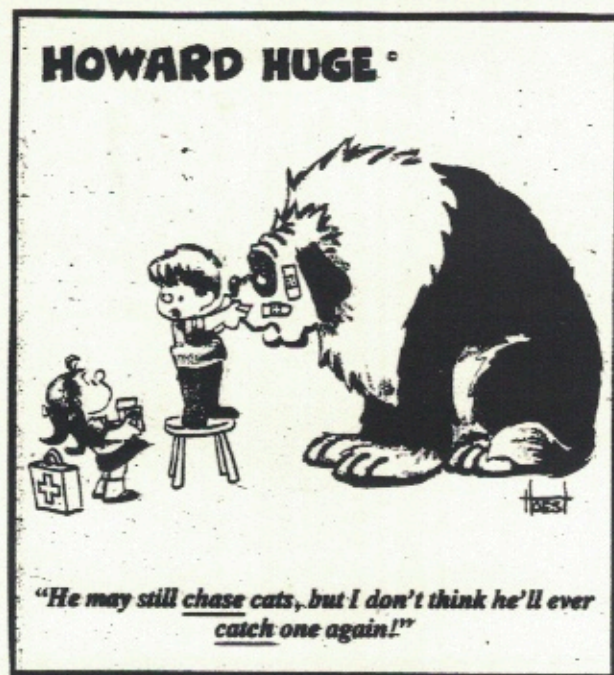
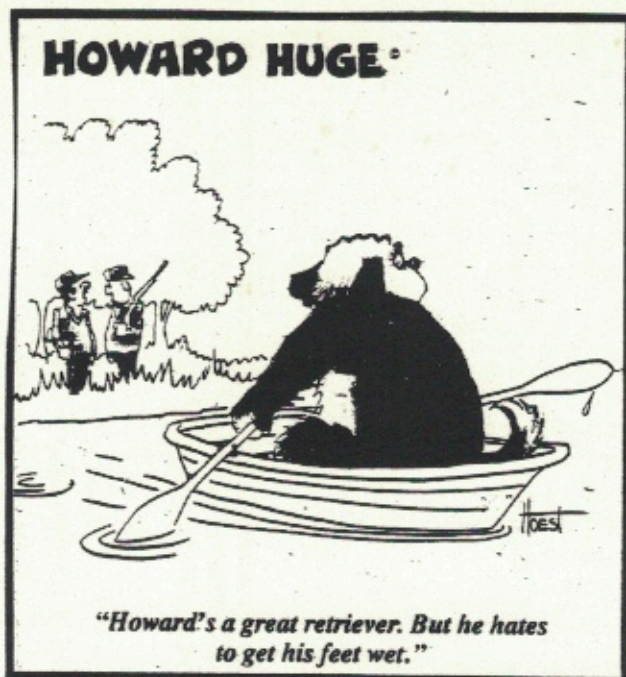
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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

BREED OF DOG I'M BRINGING \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* DON'T FORGET TO KEEP TOP HALF FOR DIRECTIONS \*\*\*





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### 1985 DUES REMINDER

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DUES TODAY. DEADLINE JANUARY 31ST.  
 INDIVIDUAL MEMBER \$10.00      FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$15.00

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ INDIVIDUAL \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ AREA CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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IF YOUR DOG EARNED A TD OR TDX DURING 1984 PLEASE INCLUDE WITH YOUR DUES HOW YOU WISH YOUR DOG'S NAME TO READ ON THE AWARD PLAQUE

PLEASE SEND THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

MRS. PEG FORTE, R.D. #1, Box 315, Sliker Road, Glen Gardner, N.J.  
 08826

Sorry for the omission of the address in the last issue. Those dues that were sent to the Treasurer have been recorded and membership cards sent out.