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FOOTPRINTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Please read the flyer for the Nov. 8th Covered Dish Supper. Please return your slip to Charlotte Yurasek on time so we can plan accordingly. The speaker and his partner are looking forward to sharing their experiences with us. Join us.

Track layers are needed for the Fall match. Contact Janet Quodomine (201-852-7127) for details. Janet also needs an assistant to take over for the last half of the Sunday activities. No one has volunteered yet. Janet is doing the match for the fifth year, she will be there both days, but must leave early on Sunday as her sister is getting married that afternoon. Even with a family commitment Janet will still carry on her task as Match Show Chairperson, surely there is someone out there who can volunteer some time and effort.

I would like to thank Pat Paulding and Dortha Vail for their articles included in this newsletter. Both came as a pleasant surprise. And Harrison Rapp for the Tracking Tests List which arrives on time every two months without any reminder. Also a thank you to Kris Du Fosse who often sends me postcards and brief notes with cartoons enclosed. These people and a few others are doing their share, if everyone would do as much I wouldn't have to write these pleas as above.

England was a marvelous experience, got to do some doggie things like attend an Open show (like our match shows, but pre-entered) at New Market Race Course. It was the only day it poured in England while we were there ... but that's no problem. They expect rain so they hold shows places where it is possible to get under some shelter, they just pick up the judges table and move when it starts to pour. My son Greg and I had a fabulous time and we can't wait to go again.

We also had the opportunity to visit a British Guide Dog School and we saw a RAF dog team perform fantastic feats at the "Royal Tournament."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOV. 1 & 2	FALL CERTIFICATION MATCH JUDGE: CAROL CROTHERS
NOV. 8TH	COVERED DISH SUPPER & PROGRAM
NOV. 23rd	PORT CHESTER SCENT DAY
MARCH 28, 1987	ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER
APRIL 25, 1987	TRACKING EXPERIENCE DAY

TID BITS to Joanne Mac Kinnon by NOV. 10TH

Tid Bits



Vicky Brown has sent along the following news: "My German Shepherd, BROCK, and I went to Canada in July. BROCK had one leg on his Canadian UD from May and needed two more. He was shown in six trials and qualified 5 times winding up with a total of six legs. He also earned two second and three third places. He was shown in the non-regular Versatility class and earned a 196 1/2 and a second place (losing the run-off for first). BROCK is now an AMERICAN and CANADIAN UDT. He also has one OTCH point and will be shown in the competition classes in the fall, but completing the OTCH is not one of my goals. There is also a new Shepherd around our house. She is Brock's daughter and is named ALI. Tracking is the first title on her agenda. Here's hoping it works out". CONGRATULATIONS to Vicky and Brock and we're sure there will be a "T" after Ali's name soon! PS Vicky also writes that she has been approved by the AKC as a provisional judge of the Novice Class! Now there is one busy lady!!



Charlotte Schwartz has moved to Ft. Meyers, Florida. We don't have the address yet, but will pass it along when we get it. She has one book at the printers (on puppies) and another in the works. We'll keep you posted on that too.



Joanne Mac Kinnon's Golden "Jezebel" has earned her W.C., she passed the test at the Lenape Golden Retriever Club test in September. Congratulations!



Fran Wilmeth had been busy with her Norwich Terriers. "Freddie" got her third leg at Pocono Mt. and her fourth at Lehigh Valley Kennel Club in September. "Jackson" was 1st in Novice B at a match under Judge Dorothea Veil.



Greg Forte's 4th Seeing Eye puppy "Gayle" will be returning to Morristown for training in early November. In October a male lab named "Zion" is arriving (don't know what color he is).



Mary Stuart has a new black lab puppy (actually he's not so little anymore). His name is "Matthew" and what a great puppy ... Mr. Personality Plus. Good Luck!

Proposed New Member:

Diane Carney, 156 Erie Ave., Telford, PA 18969 German Shepherd

As per our Constitution, Diane will become a member one month after the publication of this newsletter if no adverse mail has been sent to the Secretary.

PEOPLE TRACKS

SUE LAVOIE ... MEMBER

Sue writes that she always had dogs, mostly mixed breeds and she enjoyed spending time with them and doing things with them. She enrolled in a K.P.T. (Kindergarten Puppy Training) course with her mixed breed puppy seven years ago, from there she started showing her in obedience matches and caught "the bug".

Presently Sue owns the previously mentioned 7 year old female mixed breed 'Corky' and a five year old female shepherd, 'Elise'. The shepherd was picked because she was working at a training kennel that bred shepherds and bought a pup through them. 'Elise's' full name is Auger's Elise Lavoie C.D.T.D.

Sue got interested in tracking when she heard of Lenape's Experience Day and heard what a fantastic trainer Charlotte Schwartz is. She attended a T.E.D. and continued to follow Glen Johnson's book. After a long rocky road to a C.D. she thoroughly enjoyed tracking training because her dog enjoys it so much.

Currently Sue is involved in Obedience training and showing, Search and Rescue work with the Ramapo Rescue Dog Assn, Therapy work (visiting nursing homes, etc.) with both her dogs and her rabbit. With all this she also finds time to be a volunteer at the West Milford (NJ) Animal Shelter.

A veterinary technician, Sue is single and 30 years old.

Her most amusing story dates from when 'Elise' was around 7-8 months old. Elise was entered in a local outdoor match show in the Novice B class. Everything went well until the heel off lead. 'Elise', like many 7-8 month old pups had a sudden burst of energy and devilishness and started to run like a maniac around the ring and would not come to me when I called her. I tried the harsh, I mean business type "COME!", then the happy "CO--OME", I got down and my knees and called she just thought this was the best game of try to catch me she had ever played! She would run past me just out of reach. Finally her judgement was off just a touch and I grabbed her as she passed. Sue is happy to report that 'Elise' hasn't done that in a long, long time. She is very reliable off leash anywhere and in most any situation. Puppies will be puppies, Sue guesses.

TRACKING TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS

HI! I'm Bucky Vail. I got conned into writing this little piece because my pack leader says she really doesn't have the time to sit down and do it. Don't know what makes her think I have so much time on my paws - the reason she is so busy is because she keeps me busy! Tracking twice a week, obedience training twice and sometimes three times a week, practice sessions, grooming sessions and the like. She also disappears frequently on weekends to something called an Obedience Trial.

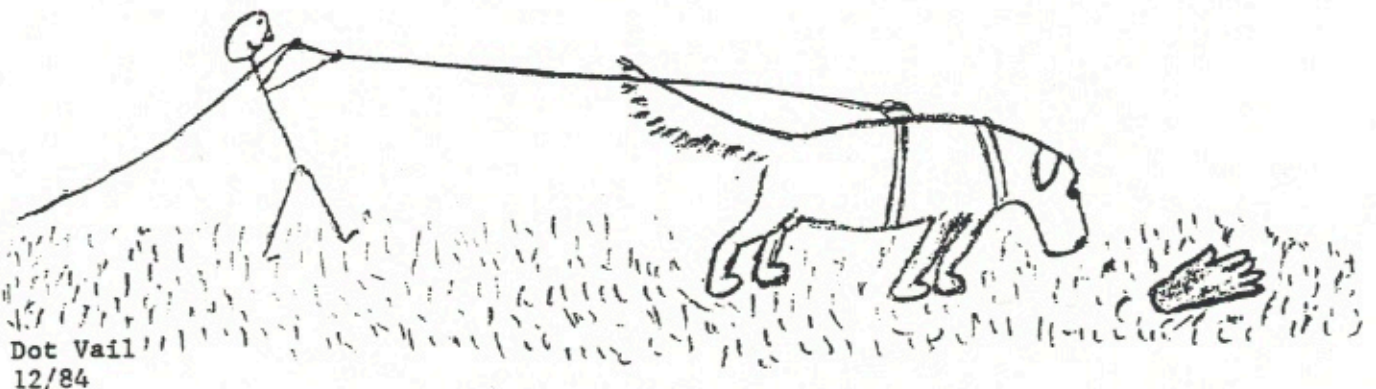
Anyway before I start let me tell you who and what I am. Actually I've already told you who I am. My father is Reggie Einhorn and my mother is Meggan Abbot. Boy! that's a lot to live up to! Anyway, to continue - my pack leader says there are two kinds of dogs: poodles and non-poodles. She has one of each. I'm the non-poodle, a golden retriever.

Okay. This story is supposed to be about only one thing - tracking, so I guess I better get on with it. Sometime early last spring my pack leader decided to teach me to track! Ha! She apparently didn't know that you don't have to teach a golden retriever to track. I knew how to track but Boy! did she ever have to be taught how to handle! She thought she could track better than I could. You have no idea how frustrating it is to tell someone at the end of a thirty or forty foot lead where the track goes and have her say "No! No! it goes this way!" To make a long story short, it was months before she started seeing it my way. Finally she began to accept the fact that if I said it went this way she'd jolly well better believe it. There was still an occasional bit of skepticism on her part, but I was getting her over that.

At last the day came when she accepted my commands - I had made a handler out of her. It took a lot of patience on my part, but it was worth it - we were now working as a team.

Now our tracking instructor, Carol Postley of the Port Chester Obedience Training Club, suggested that we get certified by an AKC approved judge so we would be eligible to enter a tracking trial to qualify for a tracking dog title. Carol made arrangements for this at the Port Chester Obedience Training Club Tracking Trial on 10/27/84, where we successfully completed the certification track. My pack leader immediately sent in an entry for the Burlington County Kennel Club Tracking Trial on 11/25/84, where we successfully completed our track to earn the TD title.

So I'm not just plain Bucky anymore - I'm Stardust Buckaroo, T.D. However, my friends may still call me Bucky.



During the past nine years of being involved with dogs I have learned much about their dignity and sensitivity. I have learned how proud dogs are and I have watched and heard of many who were robbed of this pride and dignity in the name of "LOVE".

Before I continue I would like to list a few definitions as they appear in Second College Edition of The American Heritage Dictionary:

LOVE - (5) An intense emotional attachment, as for a pet or treasured object.

LIVE - (5) To conduct one's life in a particular manner. (6) To pursue a positive, satisfying existence.

EMOTION - (3) The part of the consciousness that involves feeling or sensibility (a choice determined by emotion rather than reason.)

EXIST - (3) To live at a level that is below an expected or desirable standard.

I am writing this article, not to condemn anyone, but to help those who may be faced with the decision of "Should I or shouldn't I". Emotions sometimes run strong and cloud our judgement, but if we look at the definitions above and think about "Spot" playing with the kids his head held high and his tail wagging, then the decision should be easier. What would "Spot" want you to do? I think he would want you and the family to remember him that way.

Look at "Queenie's" puppies, aren't they adorable! Now look at "Queenie," achy, not interested in eating, not really wanting to do much of anything anymore. "She's not in pain, the Vet said so". But look at the definitions, is it "time to let go"?

What about the companion dog that has gone walking with you, helped eat your meals, slept on your bed? Do the definitions apply here? What do you think?

Give pride and dignity back to your dog, give real love to your pet "let go" when the time comes.

Ending a pet's suffering

"Dear Ann Landers: I have thought several times about writing to you but this time I didn't even finish my coffee.

Your "Dog's Plea" outraged me. The poem was great until I reached the last paragraph. How can any true animal lover suggest putting his pet to sleep? As the owner of three dogs and two cats, I can assure you that no matter how old they get I would never consider destroying them. These dear animals look to me to care for them and I shall do so until natural death takes over.

It is not up to me to decide when they go. If the life of an animal can be terminated because he is old and "not having any fun," why can't this same principle be applied to humans? You are treading on dangerous ground and I am — Outraged in Orlando

"Dear Out: Because I have no pets I decided to ask a good friend and longtime owner of cats and dogs to respond. This letter is from Mrs. Walter Cronkite.

"Dear Ann Landers: I am glad you asked me to reply to the woman in Orlando who couldn't finish her coffee.

A while ~~ago~~ sent away for a Living Will. This document states that if the time comes when I can no longer take part in decisions for my own future, and there is no reason

By ANN LANDERS



able expectation of my recovery from extreme medical or physical disability, I be allowed to die and not be kept alive by medication, artificial means or heroic measures. I can do no less for my pet.

We have had two dogs in the last 38 years. Both lived to the ripe old age of 17. The first died of natural causes. Buzzie, however, did not grow old gracefully. He became blind, arthritic and incontinent. It was heart-breaking to see him bump into furniture and cry from the pain that wracked his tortured body. You were visiting us when Walter and I took Buzzie to the vet and asked that he be put out of his misery.

We now have a cat. We expect Dancer to live a long and happy life, with a painless, peaceful death at the end. If she becomes terminally ill or the infirmities of old age make her miserable, we would not hesitate to ask the vet to put an end to her agony. People who love their pets do

not let them suffer. — Betsy Cronkite (N.Y.)

Dear Betsy: Bless you and "The Most Trusted." I knew you would come up with a beautiful response and you did not disappoint me.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The date for the Awards Dinner has been set for March 28, 1987. It will be held at the Holiday Inn in Clinton, N.J. Pat Paulding has confirmed the date and will get the menu and prices early next year.

Fran Wilketh brought before the board the possibility that we will be asked to assist with the Tracking Test and possibly a TDX Test to be held in conjunction with the Doberman Pinscher Club of America Speciality some time in Oct. of 1987 in the Somerville NJ area. We have agreed that it would be possible for the club to assist, but are awaiting details.

Port Chester's Fall Scent Day will be on Sunday, Nov. 23rd. We have been asked to participate, but we haven't been told just what they want us to do yet.

The Club purchased a Video Tape from the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club in Idaho on tracking. We will rent it to members for \$10. If it is returned in good shape, \$5 will be refunded. Must be rewound and shipped back at the renters expense. If not rewound \$2 additional will be deducted before the refund is sent. The tape is 4 1/2 hours long. Contact Peg Forte to 'rent' the tape.

Fran has been hearing from some other tracking clubs and we hope she will write an article for the next newsletter about her Interclub Communications.

Plans for the Fall Match were discussed. Janet Quodomine has contacted Mr. Alan Miller of the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Dept. and he has agreed to come to our Nov. 8th meeting with his partner "Buckwheat".

Planning for the TED for next year were discussed at length. The Board feels that losing Charlotte Schwartz as our instructor is unfortunate, we have among our members enough expertise to carry on introducing tracking to interested dog handlers.

THE FAR SIDE



"You idiot! We want the scent
on the pillow! On the pillow!"

LENAPE TRACKING CLUB, INC.

TO CERTIFICATION MATCH

DATE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1986 JUDGE: CAROL CROTHERS
ENTRY FEE: \$10.00.....ENTRIES CLOSE OCT. 27, 1986LIMITED TO 10 ENTRIES
TIME: ORDER OF TRACKS WILL BE DRAWN AT 8:45 AM....FIRST TRACK TO BE RUN AT 9AM
MAIL ENTRIES TO: JANET QUODOMINE

164 Petersburg Rd.
Hackettstown, N.J. 07840 201-852-7127

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LENAPE TRACKING CLUB, INC.

MATCH HEADQUARTERS: LEBANON TOWNSHIP (N.J.) MUNICIPAL BUILDING, LEBANON

DIRECTIONS: On your New Jersey map locate the intersection of I 78 (east-west) and Rte. 31 (north-south) and proceed as follows: Take Rte. 31 north to first traffic light (Rte. 513) turn right and note mileage from light. Follow Rte. 513 to and through High Bridge. Just past Voorhees High School turn left onto Rte. 628 (Woodglen Road). There is a Chevron Gas Station on the corner. This turn will be 3.9 miles from the light on Rte. 31. Follow Rte. 628 to full stop at Hill Road and turn left (Rte. 628 west). As you proceed, note buildings on left. First will be the Lebanon Township Firehouse, then the Municipal Building and then the First Aid Squad Building. Total mileage from Rte. 31 light: 5.7 miles.

All dogs passing these tracks will then be certified ready to enter AKC TRACKING TESTS. Entries will be accepted on a FIRST COME BASIS and a list of alternates will be maintained in the event an original entry is withdrawn. No refunds will be made unless a substitute is available. All entries will be acknowledged by mail.

COMPLIMENTARY DONUTS AND COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE MORNING. BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH. THIS MATCH IS HELD "RAIN OR SHINE" SO COME PREPARED WITH APPROPRIATE ALL-WEATHER GEAR. DON'T FORGET WATER FOR YOUR DOG AND A CHAIR FOR YOURSELF.

Those not entered in the tracks are invited to join us in the gallery. We also invite those who want to know more about TRACK-LAYING to join us on Saturday, November 1, 1986 with Judge CAROL CROTHERS to plot the tracks to be used the next day. We also need help on Sunday to insure that every aspect of the Match is successful. Anyone interested in participating in any part of this Match should contact Janet Quodome, 201-852-7127. R E M E M B E R - THE FIELDS WE USE ARE PRIVATELY OWNED SO PLEASE RESPECT THIS FACT!

LENAPE TRACKING CLUB, INC.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1986

TO CERTIFICATION MATCH ENTRY FORM

ENTRY FEE \$10.00

ENTRIES CLOSE October 27, 1986

MAIL ENTRY TO: JANET QUODOMINE

164 Petersburg Road, Hackettstown, N.J. 07840

YOUR NAME: _____ PHONE NO. () _____

ADDRESS: _____

FULL AKC NAME OF DOG _____

AKC REGISTRATION NO. _____ BREED _____ SEX _____

If making more than one entry, clearly list NAME and REGISTRATION NUMBER of each dog.

I (we) agree to hold Lenape Tracking Club, Inc., its members, directors, officers, agents or show secretary and the owners of the premises, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or near said premises and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim and further agree to hold "club" and "owners" harmless from any claim for loss or injury to this dog.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR AGENT
(MUST BE SIGNED)

TRACKING TESTS

Sunday, October 12

PA Reading
Berks County Dog Training Club
Tulpehecker Farms & surrounding area

Closes: Oct 1 Fee \$25.00

Mrs. Sandra K. Campbell, Trial Sec.
Rd 3, Box 830
Mohnton, PA 19540

Total Entry Limit: 10

Judges
M.A. Clemens

Saturday, October 18

N.J. Holmdel
Town & Country Dog Training Club, Inc.
Laura Harding Bayonett Farms,
Middletown Rd.

Closes: Oct. 8 Fee \$35.00

Mrs. Stanley Bronson, Trial Sec.
295 Bridle Path
Mountainside, N.J. 07092

Total Entry Limit: 5

Judges
H.C. Brodersen
Mrs. B.P. Connelly

Saturday, October 25

NY New Paltz
Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.
Mohonk Fields, Brook Farm

Closes: Oct 8 Fee: \$25.00

Ms. Lila Wolfman, Trial Sec.
484 Harrison Ave.
Harrison, N.Y. 10528

Total Entry Limit: 0

Judges
Mrs. C.A. Parkinson
H.C. Brodersen

TRACKING TESTS EXCELLENT

Saturday, October 18

NJ Holmdel
Town & Country Dog Training Club, Inc.
Laura Harding Bayonett Farms,
Middletown Rd.

Closes: Sept. 26 Fee \$45.00

Mrs. Stanley Bronson, Trial Sec.
295 Bridle Path
Mountainside, N.J. 07092

Total Entry Limit: 3

Judges
H.C. Brodersen
Mrs. B. P. Connelly

Saturday, October 25

NY New Paltz
Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.
Mohonk Fields, Brook Farm

Closes: Oct. 8 Fee \$40.00

Ms. Lila Wolfman, Trial Sec.
484 Harrison Ave.
Harrison, N.Y. 10528

Total Entry Limit: 3

Judges
Mrs. C. A. Parkinson
H.C. Brodersen

Sunday, October 26

NY Clinton
Central New York Kennel Club
Corner of Skyline Drive & Roberts Rd.

Closes: Sept 27 Fee \$60.00

Afton A. Sweigert, Trial Sec.
RD 3, Box 479
Clinton, N.Y. 13323

Total Entry Limit: 5

Judges
L.W. Brown
Mrs. S.W. Brown

U.S. dogs—too much time on their paws

BIRMINGHAM, Mich.—Your dog is making a mess on the floor or barking like a maniac out of frustration because it has no purpose in life, such as a job herding sheep, and is bored stiff, says a trainer.

"All of the dogs who live in America have had their work taken away," said dog trainer Barbara Bocci. "They no longer herd. They don't pull sleds. They're unemployed. They have nothing to do for 24 hours a day. The biggies are when the owners come home, when they get fed. Maybe if they're lucky, they get to go for a walk."

Bocci, owner of Trainers Obedience Center Inc., says dogs should get obedience training—be taught to do tricks or fetch things—to put meaning back into their lives.

COVERED DISH SUPPER & PROGRAM

WHEN: NOVEMBER 8TH AT 6:00PM

WHERE: CLINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CENTER STREET, CLINTON, NJ

WHY: FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND A SPECIAL PROGRAM AT 6:00 PM

"BUCKWHEAT" & SHERIFF'S OFFICER ALAN MILLER



Drug-Sniffing Labrador Retriever Joins Sheriff's Staff

'Buckwheat' is finding drugs

FLEMINGTON — "Buckwheat," the county's drug detection dog, has already assisted in seven drug seizures since being "hired" last June, said Sheriff Warren Peterson Monday.

The three-year-old Labrador has uncovered several thousand dollars worth of "crack" (a potent form of cocaine), cocaine, marijuana and methamphetamine, according to Peterson. The dog, which cost the county \$1,250, is proving to be a bargain.

DIRECTIONS:

Route 78 West - Go to Clinton Exit (only one), go over the highway to full stop, turn right onto Center Street, proceed to Church on right.

Route 78 East - Go to Washington (rt 31 North) Exit. Continue to full stop. Turn left onto Center Street, Church is on your right.

Route 31 South - exit at Clinton Exit (movie theatre) go straight onto Center Street, Church is on your right.

Route 31 North - Exit at Clinton Exit, go over highway to full stop, turn right onto Center Street, Church is on your right.

MEMBERS AND GUESTS WELCOME AT THE COVERED DISH SUPPER. \$3.00 PER PERSON

PLEASE INDICATE ON THE FORM BELOW WHAT YOU ARE BRINGING TOP THE DINNER. THE CLUB WILL SUPPLY MEAT AND DRINKS AND PAPER PRODUCTS. WE NEED SALADS, HOT DISHES, DESSERTS.

PLEASE MAIL IN THE RESERVATION WITH FEE TO CHARLOTTE YURASEK, BOX 177, HENSFOOT RD., HAMPTON, N.J. 08827

DEADLINE FOR SUPPER RESERVATION: NOV. 3RD.

I AM ATTENDING WITH _____ GUESTS. TOTAL REMITTED: _____

I WILL BRING _____ TO SHARE.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE # _____