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FOOTPRINTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The following message is repeated from the May 1978 newsletter.

"You may have noticed an absence of a newsletter in the past two months, then again maybe you didn't even notice that a long time had passed since one had arrived at your abode. Many things have transpired to put crimps in the newsletter getting done..." Take a look at the Who's Who on the back of the cover "at the list of officers, committee chairpersons ... and you will see that the same names crop up constantly, I guess you could liken us folks to the first string of a football team. With a successful football team there is a second string to back up the first string when they are knocked out or on the sidelines due to injuries unfortunately we only have a first string, and the past few months have been rough on many of them. Many clubs go on for years on the efforts of just a few, but to remain seuccessful for long periods a club needs a second string to come along and pick up the ball when the first string fumbles now's the time to step forward and help out the committees or officers of your choice, we will explain the duties and have you do things, we don't know everyone's specialties you let us know if you have some special talents, we'll put you to work ... we are equal opportunity employers ... the pay scale is the same for all ... the satisfaction of helping YOUR club grow and prosper in its' aims."

These words are as true now as they were then and that is why they have been repeated. We need more help from the members to keep things going. Come out to Experience Day Follow-ups to help, volunteer to help type the newsletter or parts of it (or you can do the whole job), or help at the Fall Match.

At the Annual meeting in March those present voted to move the club towards the goal of holding AKC Tracking Teats. This involves a lot of paper work. You have already recieved your letters asking you to fill out a list of titles earned by your dogs, etc. IF YOU DIDN'T GET THIS LETTER IT IS BECAUSE YOUR DUES ARE LATE - A BLACK DOT APPEARS BY YOUR NAME ON YOUR ADDRESS LABEL. Please submit your dues to Pat Paulding, then you will get the above mentioned letter. Vickie Brown, Edie Braginton and Gail Palmer are working on the Committee to gather that material. Joanne Mac Kinnon and Peg Forte have apent much time piecing together the Club's history. There is more work to do before we get permission to hold Tests and more help will be needed. Those who have been doing the bulk of the work over the past 12 years are getting weary of the work load. They have other demands on their time. Please think about what YOU CAN DO O HELP YOUR CLUB !!!!

Peg Forte

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 18

Experience Day Follow-Up at Jane Henderson's All members welcome

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AUGUST 15 Experience Day Follow-Up at Jane Henderson's ALl members welcome

OCT. 6 & 7 Doberman Tracking Test

Tracklayers needed - Lenape agreed to help out

OCTOBER 17 PICNIC - Dog Events

at Joanne & Ralph Mac Kinnons We Need a games Chairperson

OCT. 31 & NOV. 1

FALL MATCH Janet Quodomine needs an assistant

Deadline for TIDBITS - AUG. 15, 1987

Send to Joanne Mac Kinnon, see Who's Who for address

BLACK DOT - This is your last newsletter unless Pat PAulding receives your dues PDQ (Pretty Darn Quick)
See Who's Who for Pat's address.

PROPOSED MEMBERS

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If no objections to the above listed proposed members is recieved by the Secretary within 30 days from the mailing of this newsletter, these persons will be members.

PEOPLE TRACKS

VICKIE BROWN - BOARD MEMBER

Vickie got started in dogs when she bought her first purebred dog (a Shepherd of course) and subcribed to the AKC Gazette and discovered Obedience Trials. Her first dog had a deformed paw and could not be shown, but when he died at nine, she bought another Shepherd and was one her way. Aside from one mixed breed, Vickie has always owned German Shepherds (seven of them in the past 13 years.) She thinks she was influenced by all those movies showing Shepherds doing marvelous things. She says she likes a dog which, while stable and approachable, is her dog and is not fawning over every person that comes along. The Shepherd standard refers to the Shepherd as "aloof".

Vickie's dogs and their titles are as follows:

Hilda von Galdsheim, American and Canadian CD Wynthea's Aamy, American & Canadian CD, Canadian CHampion Schulmeister's Admiration, American CDX, Canadian CD Schulmeister's Accolade, American & Canadian CDX Ylka's MAster Blend, American and Canadian UDT

The last three are still with Vickie, plus her puppy "Allie" and a 13 year old Collie-Shepherd cross named "Reject". There is also a 16 year old, somewhat frazzled cat named "Shoes".

Vickie became interested in Tracking when Edie (Braginton) came across an article on the founding and history of Lenape. She thinks the article may have been in "Off Lead". They made contact with the club, bought Johnson's "Tracking Dog" book and she began to track with one of her old dogs who is now dead. After coming to an Experience Day with one of her other dogs she finally got a "T" on the third dog she tried in Tracking.

Vickie is quite actively involved in obedience and she has put 19 titles on her dogs (American & Canadian) in the past 11 years). She is a member of the Bayshore Companian Dog Club and is currently serving her third term as President. She also trains classes for them and serves on various committees. In addition, Vickie is a member of the Obedience Stewards Club and stewards at about 10 trials a year. After serving as a judge at match shows for several years Vickie has recently been licensed by the AKC to judge the Novice Classes. She has about seven judging assignments for 1987. Although she doesn't do it very frequently she also enjoys putting on obedience demonstrations at schools.

Vickie is single and lives in a rural section of Monroe Township although her mailing address is Englishtown. She spends a lot of her free time caring for her house and yard (actually trying to keep it from being condemned). Another consistent hobby (now done on a small scale) is raising African Violets. Before getting so involved in dogs she had about 100 Violets.

Vickie's job is as a Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant for the Sayreville Board of Education. This means that she is part of a Child

Study Team that evaluates and re-evaluates handicapped and potentially handicapped children to determine the most appropriate program for them. SHe has been doing this for about 14 years and was previously an elementary teacher for about ten years.

Vickie's most amusing story concerns a cat she once owned. He was a tom cat named Billy Goat and was mostly black with a white chest and paws. Her mother was alive at the time and one day, when Vickie was at work, her mother went out front to discover that Billy had been hit by a car and killed. Knowing how upset I would be, she enlisted the neighbor boy to bury the cat before Vickie came home. He picked up the cat on a shovel and carried it into the back yard, dug a hole and was just completing the burial when they heard a "meow" and looked up to see Billy sitting on the porch railing watching his own funeral. They never did find out who the other cat was and always wondered if Billy had just used up one of his nine lives in this incident.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

We have held two Board meetings since the Annual Dinner meeting. Your Board members have made several descisions and plans.

August 30th, members will give a demonstration of tracking at the SUssex Hills Kennel Club point show in Florham Park. If you are interested in helping please contact Joanne Mac Kinnon 201-735-7793.

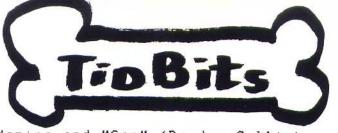
Tracking Experience Day, with our members doing the teaching, was a success. Those who have been attending the follow-ups are doing well.

Membership - 11 members are errant in paying their dues. They will be notified via the "Black Dot" method with the next newsletter.

Doberman Pincher Specialty Tracking Test - Oct 6 & 7th. Martha Hamil has located the fields and we are prepared to help. Volunteers are needed - call Fran Wilith 215-862-2453

Vicky BRown reported on the progress on compiling the necessary membership information for the AKC. Edie Braginton and Vicky prepared the form and sent it to the members. Response was about 50% by the first deadline. Gail Palmer is now trying to get the rest of the members to finish filling out the information or correct what they did send in where forms were incomplete. They now anticipate having this information completed by the ugust Board meeting.

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Janet Quodomine and "Gem" (Border Collie) earned a C.D. in October of 1986. Congratulations ! ! !



Dot Vail's Golden Retreiver "Bucky" added a C.D. to his T.D. in January of 1987. Way to go, "Bucky"!!!



Gail Castro's "Nuki" (Alaskan Malamute) completed the Working Pack Dog requirements. "Nuki" carried 30% of her weight in the pack during 3 - ten mile packing trips (one was an overnight campout) to complete the title. Impressive!!!



We just learned that Betty Bailey has had a stroke and is at Kessler Institute doing rehabilitation Therapy. Betty has had a rough year, she lost her husband in February and her last Sheltie is also gone. Words of cheer can be sent to her home address (as I was unable to unearth the address of Kessler tonight). Her home address is 272 Westville Ave., Caldwell, N.J. 07006.



Fran Wilmeth spent ten days in England which included a visit to the Wiondsor Dog Show. I'm sure she'll be glad to tell us about her trip at the next Follow-up on July 18th.



We received a thank you from June Oswald for the Club's "generous donation" to the Bill Hutchins Memorial Challenge Trophy. It will be offered each year at the Philadelphia DTC trial for the highest scoring dog with a T.D. without a U.D. It was offered for the first time at their show on May 2nd. Perhaps June can send in a Tidbit telling us who won it this year.



We could certainly use more items for this column from our members. Please send your Tidbits to Joanne Mac Kinnon by Aug. 15th.

When a Pet Dies

FT'S NATURAL TO GRIEVE WHEN A pet dies. Most pet-owners need as much support after the loss of a companion animal as when a human friend or family member dies, but they usually get far less sympathy. Death of the Family Pet, a free booklet, can help pet-owners faced with the loss of a beloved animal cope with the stages of grief and prepare to say a proper goodbye.

To order, send a stamped, selfaddressed, business-size envelope to Alpo Pet Center, Dept. P, P.O. Box 2187, Allentown, Pa. 18001.

CALLING ALL CHRS.

The city of Baltimore is proud of its canine unit. But some people apparently don't know about it. Police tell the story of a woman who returned home from work to find her house had been burglarized. She called police, and a canine officer patrolling nearby was the first to arrive.

With his dog on a leash by his side, he knocked at her door. When the woman answered her door, she took one look and said, "Not only do I come home from work to find all my things stolen, but when I call the police what do they do? They send me a blind policeman!"