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## FOOTPRINTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Another year is drawing to a close, LTC members made a big decision this year - to apply to the AKC to become sanctioned to hold Tracking Tests. We have all the paperwork nearly ready to send in, it has been a monumental task. It would have been easier if we didn't have 12 years of activities to report on.

At this point in time there are no Tracking Tests being held in the state of New Jersey and only two people in this state are licensed to judge Tracking Tests. Even though open areas to track are diminishing, making it more difficult to find areas to train and to hold tests, if our chosen sport is to survive in this area we need to be a strong active club. Once we reach the status of holding tests we will need dedicated working members to participate even more than we need them now.

I want to thank all those who contributed to this issue, it was great to have things to type up and not to have to write everything from scratch. Linda Riley's thoughts on how she felt at the match are priceless. Vicky Brown's report of the picnic's fun event is terrific. The People Tracks that Pat Etchells typed in advance so all I have to do is put them in place are great. An article on "Playing the Egg Game" given to me by Martha Hamil added to the variety. This has been the easiest newsletter to do in a long, long time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of them for their contribution to this issue.

There is a lot of very important information in this issue - MOST IMPORTANT IS THE SURVEY - we need these back right away so that we can have our results ready to send in to the AKC in early January so that our feelings on these matters will be brought to the Tracking Advisory Committees attention. So PLEASE if you really care about the sport of Tracking - take a few minutes and fill out the survey and send it to Fran Wilmeth today. Now's your chance to stand up and be counted.

Also want to remind everyone that it time to send in your dues for 1988. Form is on the last page.

May you all have a very Merry Christmas and many Happy Days of Tracking in 1988 !!!

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JAN. 16, 1988	PROGRAM/COVERED DISH SUPPER
MARCH	ANNUAL DINNER
APRIL 30, 1988	TRACKING EXPERIENCE DAY HELP NEEDED - contact Fran Wilmeth
Nov. 5 & 6, 1988	CERTIFICATION MATCH

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Deadline for TIDBITS - Jan. 16, 1988

Send to Joanne Mac Kinnon, see WHO'S WHO for address or bring them to the Covered Dish/Program on Jan. 16th



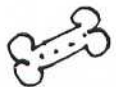
# TID BITS



Susan Cone sent along the following tidbit: KATMAI ABIGAIL ADAMS AM/CAN CD placed 4th in the Novice Division of the Gaines Eastern Regional held August 15th - 16th in Niagara Falls, N.Y. Scoring is done on a "points off" basis - Abby had a total 5 1/2 points off in her 3 Novice classes and won a run-off for 4th place.



Randie Meyer reported that her Belgian Tervuren bitch, CODA'S TAKE TO THE ROAD added a CH before her name as well as a TD after!



Dot Vail's Kerry Blue Terrier BONNIE got her first leg in NB at her first trial which was the Suffolk OTC Trial on 9/26/87.



Gail Castro wrote us the following: "Our Alaskan Malamute "NUKI" (WYVERN'S NUKI S'NO ANGEL, WPD) was Winners Bitch and Best of Winners at the Westbury Kennel Assoc. Show on Long Island on 9/27. This is her first point ever so we're still pretty excited. It was her first time in the Open Class and her first show since she was a puppy!"



BIT O' SKYE'S PIPE MAJOR CDX WCX owned by Joanne and Ralph Mac Kinnon earned his first Junior Hunter leg at the Swamp Dog Club Hunting Test held on October 3, 1987.

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## MIDWEST TRACKING ASSOCIATION

The following two pages of the newsletter are about the Midwest Tracking Association. This association has become very active in the mid western United States. It was through Jim Woodhull's phone call to me that we were able to receive a copy of the survey that is included at the end of this issue.

Lenape has joined this association as an associate club membership, which means that we are a club outside their area, but will entitle us to mailings, a voice, but no voting power. At the November Board meeting the Board voted to joining with them would help us all improve the sport of tracking through the united effort.

If you wish to join as an individual you may do so as an associate individual membership, this means you live outside their geographic area, entitles you to mailings, a voice, but gives you no voting power.

PLEASE READ MIDWEST'S INFORMATION AND PLEASE FILLOUT AND MAIL IN THE SURVEY ON PAGES 13 & 14.



What is the M.T.A.? It is the newly formed MIDWEST TRACKING ASSOCIATION with 18 area clubs representing over 2,800 members as well as individual and associate members, and we're still still growing.

Some of our initial purposes and goals are:

- To correlate and coordinate current tracking trial test dates and events of the members clubs. There are now 40 tests held per year in the Midwest area alone.

- To develop a schedule of projected dates for the next 7 years.

- To create better communication between clubs and to make a stronger liason with the American Kennel Club to promote the Sport of Tracking.

- To address some of the problems we have in tracking, such as, the "lottery" vs. "in order received" entries and procedures for refunding an entry fee when someone withdraws from a test. (There currently is not a universal agreement on the latter).

- To address issues that the tracking community feels are important.

- To have a stronger voice with the AKC.

There have been many complaints and also many excellent suggestions, including separating tracking from obedience and having tracking stand alone with regulations that fit the problems of the tracking field.

What are your comments? Would you, your club or association be interested in joining us, or perhaps start an association of your own in your area? Let us hear from you.

Please send letters to our Corresponding Secretary, Jim Woodhall, 5920 Smith Road, Crystal Lake, IL 60014.

Jim Proffitt, Chairman





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November 3, 1987

NEWS RELEASE

To date the Midwest Tracking Association now represents 19 area clubs, 22 single members, and well over 2500 people. We have come a long way in the short span of seven months and listed below are just a few issues we're working on for the upcoming tracking advisory board meeting to be held in March 1988,

- 1) FOOTWEAR FOR TD TRACKLAYERS
- 2) BITCHES IN SEASON - SHOULD THEY BE ALLOWED TO RUN?
- 3) ALTERNATES - METHOD FOR HANDLING DRAW, FEES, ETC.
- 4) ENTRY FEES - WHEN TO GIVE REFUNDS, ETC.

We have also formed a Rules Advisory Committee to research and report back to the M.T.A. membership suggested policy changes regarding all aspects of tracking. Your input is imperative on any issue you may think is important.

The M.T.A. has also scheduled a tracking seminar titled "Tracking and the A.K.C." This seminar is designed for everyone interested in the sport of tracking. Not a "training" seminar but a seminar to cover rules and regulations, how they apply to you as an exhibitor, as well as the test giving club. Many of the topics covered will include all facets of a tracking test and how they apply to test secretaries and chairpersons, test giving clubs, new and experienced track layers, exhibitors and judges.

Panel members attending from the A.K.C. are as follows:

Roberta Campbell - Coordinator Obedience  
Bob Squires - Director of Obedience-Field  
John Barnard - A.K.C. Tracking Representatives  
Wally Kodis - A.K.C. Representative

For additional information regarding M.T.A. membership, Rules Advisory Committee or the Tracking Seminar please drop us a line. Remember its imperative you take a few moments and respond to the issues. If you want something changed now is the time to act.

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## HANDLERS THOUGHTS DURING A TRACKING MATCH by Linda Riley

Here we are - our first Tracking Match. What are we doing here? Still not sure we are ready for this. .... Everybody's so helpful - maybe it'll be okay .... Pray we draw a low number - Somebody was listening, we got Track 2!

Go watch the start of the first track to see how it's done. What a shame! - they didn't pass. Better get Molly out of the car - try to remember everything: harness, line (will it tangle today?), water.

Oh heavens, the judge is calling for dog number 2. Here we go! Listen to the judge's instructions, try to make the fingers work - get the collar off and harness on. We're at the first flag! Will she take the scent? Yes! Past the second flag, up the hill. Oh Molly, I hope you know where you are going.

Wow, she seems so confident. Oops, her head is up - maybe it's the first turn - will she find it? Off to the left. Here's the judge behind me - hold my breath - will she stop us? No - we must be right! Three more turns - can't believe we're still on the track - not a sound from the judge. Another turn - we've gone all the way 'round the field - this must be the homestretch!

Now Molly, if you can only find the glove. Will this last leg never end? Oh, I can't believe it - the glove's in her mouth - - - Whoopee !!!!

Molly is my first obedience and tracking dog. I adopted her from the Somerset County Humane Society. She had been abandoned at 5 weeks of age suffering from malnutrition and mange.

Maeliene Loos introduced us to obedience and encouraged me to get Molly's I.L.P. (Indefinite Laiting Privilege) registration as a Tibetan Terrier. This is for dogs without papers that are obviously a purebred and for dogs that are part of the miscellaneous group. With Maeliene's help, Molly now has her U.D., completed in May of '87. Next a T.D.!

Editor's note: Molly and Linda began tracking training in late May. After certifying at our match, Molly was entered in the Dauphin DTC Tracking Test on Nov. 22. Unfortunately Molly took interest in a nest of field mice, but all of us who have seen her track are sure she will get that T.D. title soon.





## PEOPLE TRACKS

Ronn & Maeliene Loos

A sick ten-month-old German Shepherd rescued from the shelter was the beginning of Ronn and Maeliene's involvement with dog activities. Maeliene agreed to take Holli in only on the condition that Ronn take her to dog school. Liking the training and matching routine, they then also started six-year-old Kelsey (a pure-bred long coated German Shepherd the SPCA had classified as a shepherd-collie mix).

The Loos have always had mixed breeds that they picked up as strays or adopted from a shelter. Ronn is partial to shepherds, and Maeliene, to collies as a result of Albert Peyson Terhune's books, which she read as a child.

Titles earned by their dogs include:

Hollie, UDT (rescued German Shepherd)  
Kelsey, UDT (rescued German Shepherd)  
OTCH Waltstone Impulse, TD (Rough Collie)  
Heather McFeather, UD (rescued Rough Collie)

They got interested in tracking because they wanted their dogs to get all the titles they were eligible for. Maeliene did the obedience, and Ronn, the tracking. Harry Broderson got him started with Hollie, and the results were three tracking titles on three different dogs.

Besides being active in dog activities, the Loos love to trail ride. They are involved with the Gladstone Driving Event and were recently referees on the 12-mile marathon course.

On a personal note, Ronn and Maeliene have been married for 35 years - during most of which Ronn has been employed by the Bell System. Maeliene fills her days training privately for titles and/or better behaved pets. She also offers free training for anyone adopting a dog from their local pound and counsels harried pet owners referred to her by local vets and shelters. The family currently is made up of three dogs, three cats, and two horses.

### THE TRUEST FRIEND

A dog is a comfort,  
and ally in a sometimes unfriendly  
world.

A dog is a welcoming committee  
that lets you know you're home, all  
right!

A dog is the certainty that home is  
where you most want to be.

A dog is a chance to express yourself  
without the fear of seeming foolish,  
a chance to share emotions that others  
of our kind too often repel—tenderness,  
outright joy, love.

A dog hears your secret needs and sym-  
pathizes or artfully distracts you from  
your woes.

A dog defeats loneliness, defies unhappi-  
ness and teaches hard humans the virtue  
of play.

A dog gives you the feeling, however  
untrue, that you're worth his affection.

A dog holds to values this world has  
forgotten—duty, loyalty, respect.

A dog will obey you, bestowing upon a  
master power one's own children come  
to challenge.

Most of all, especially in times like  
these, a dog is the truest and most  
reliable friend.

—Gail Peterson

From the book *For Those Who Love Pets*.  
Published by Hallmark Cards, Inc.



PICNIC - OCT. 17TH  
reported by Vicky Brown

At Lenape's picnic on October 17th one of the events was the completion of an obstacle course which the dogs ran against time after an initial practice run-through. The course was designed by Edie Braginton and Vicky Brown.

Edie has always had a special interest in obstacle courses and some of the ideas for the course came from obstacles that were demonstrated by Bud Cramer at Bob Self's Summer School this past June. Bud Cramer has written a book about agility work which is very popular in Great Britain.

Lenape's course was constructed mostly of cardboard and wood and was a fairly low level of difficulty (some participants might dispute this) since most dogs had no experience with this type of event.

The course started with a raised plank for the dog to walk. This was followed by a large cardboard tunnel (which some handlers crawled through in an attempt to encourage their dogs). Then came three low jumps in a row followed by another cardboard tunnel with material at the end which the dog had to push his way through. This obstacle suffered a nervous collapse before the end of the event and had to be held up by our unofficial tunnel crew, the Irwin Children.

Next came a set of weaving poles which were poles placed several feet apart in a straight line. The dog and the handler had to weave through them much as a skier on a slalom course. This was followed by a window jump which was a large piece of cardboard in which a rectangular hole had been cut for the dog to jump through. The final obstacle was a foam tunnel supported by picnic benches.

The course was a lot of fun and handlers used many embarrassing techniques to get their dog to do the various parts. I understand that there are some candid photos of certain human rumps disappearing into cardboard tunnels. If it all sounds like fun and you missed it, plan to join us next year. By the way, the winner was "Snow" with her handler Beth Etchells.

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Harry & Susan Shaw, 107 Seven Corner Road, Perkasi, Pa. 18944  
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These applicants will become members one month after newsletter is mailed unless there are any objections received by the Secretary by that time.



## PET CONCERNS

# PLAYING THE EGG GAME

Putting your pet on hen-fruit patrol can be easy.  
By Mikki Smith

I don't have to worry about gathering eggs any more because I've trained my dogs to collect them for me. It's a game we play. Dogs really like to work, and it's fun to teach them to help you. Mine fetch firewood and the mail, carry backpacks and work as lifeguards (I live on the shore), while also serving as faithful companions and guardians. For them, gathering eggs is a pleasant diversion.

Any dog past the playful puppy stage—seven or eight months—and large enough to comfortably handle an egg in its mouth can learn the game. (Of course, if you're working with an older dog you should always check its teeth for decay or damage before starting any fetch-and-carry training.) I usually work with Bouviers, but I've taught "egging" to collies and mixed breeds too—the kind of dog doesn't really matter. Females, however, do seem to have a lighter, maternal grasp—particularly if they've experienced motherhood. So I prefer to use a female for delicate fetching tasks. Males are able to gather eggs, but females seem to perform the task with less effort.

In any case, don't worry: Eggs aren't as fragile as they seem. In all my training sessions I've had only one egg broken (by a rambunctious pup). So don't be nervous—you and your dog aren't going to end up with egg on your faces.

To start, your dog should already respond to basic commands such as "down," "come," "stay," etc. Any previous fetch-and-carry experience is helpful, but not necessary. To become a successful egger, the dog needs to learn only three special commands: "pick it up," "easy," and "release." (Of course, if your pet already responds to variations of these commands—"fetch" instead of "pick it up," for example, or "let go" instead of "release," there's no need to teach the new ones.)

Most dogs learn "pick it up" readily. Just

place an object the dog likes—a favorite toy, a small soup bone, whatever—within the dog's reach. Then point to the item while giving the command "pick it up," and lavishly praise the dog when it picks up the object on command and brings it to you. I've been training dogs for over 15 years and have never encountered one that wouldn't respond to "pick it up" almost immediately.

The command "easy" is best taught by offering both a treat and generous praise (some trainers say praise alone is sufficient, but I get better results faster by offering a tangible reward as well). Hold a treat between your fingers and offer it to the dog while giving the command "easy," but release the treat *only* if the dog reaches for it in a relaxed manner. If your dog snaps or grabs, withhold the reward and scold the animal with a firm "no." Offer the treat again with the command "easy," and give it to the animal, along with abundant praise, if the dog responds accordingly.

"Release" is the *easiest* command to teach. Steady the animal's head with one hand and, while giving the command "release," gently move your other hand toward the dog's mouth to receive the object. If the dog is reluctant to let go, sternly say the dog's name and repeat the command "release" while forcibly removing the object from the dog's mouth. Even if you have to take the object, give the dog praise so it'll know that "release" is the expected behavior. Then repeat the process until the dog lets go of the item on its own.

Most dogs can learn these commands in only a few sessions. It's often best to limit a day's training to a single command and wait till the next day to start on a new one. Naturally some dogs do learn faster than others; a few of my "students" have become proficient eggers within a couple of days, while others have taken longer (two weeks was the longest). Just don't rush your

pet; be patient. Remember, this is a game.

When your dog can carefully pick up an object and give it to you, you can start teaching it to retrieve eggs. Round up some plastic foam cups, and wait for a time when the dog isn't tired or hungry so you'll get its full attention.

Ready? Place a plastic foam cup on the lawn, step away from it, and direct the dog's attention to the cup by pointing at it. Then give two commands: "Pick it up . . . easy."

When the dog picks up the cup, call the animal to you and give the command "release" while you gently remove the cup from the dog's mouth. Lavishly praise the dog, even if the cup is punctured. Lots of praise will quickly instill positive behavior. Repeat the process until the dog is comfortable with the procedure—this might take only a few minutes, or several sessions.

Once your dog is successfully retrieving cups that are in plain view, start putting them in easy hiding places—under hedges or shrubs, in sheltered areas or in the shadows, anywhere a free-range chicken might choose to lay an egg. Make a big game of it by walking your dog around the yard and giving lots of praise (and perhaps a treat) every time it finds and retrieves a cup.

When your dog is consistently picking up the cups and giving them to you, and if the cups are only slightly punctured, your pet's ready to retrieve real eggs. Put the eggs in plain sight first, and when the dog retrieves those, start hiding them in easy-to-find places. Again, make a game of it, and give your dog lots of praise and encouragement every time it finds an egg.

Eventually, your pet will play "find the egg" all on its own, just for the fun of it, without commands from you. It'll search for, pick up and deliver eggs to you as long as you give it lots of love and praise (which, of course, is the key to training your dog to do any task). ☺





## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Board Meeting - Oct. 1, 1987 Fran Wilmeth and Joanne Mac Kinnon reported on the two demonstrations on tracking that they did for Sussex Hills Kennel Club and for the Luzerne DTC in Penna. They were sent \$100 donations from each club and they asked that this money be set aside in the treasury for Educational purposes. The Board was in agreement.

The final plans for the Doberman Tracking Test and the club's Match were discussed. Plans for the picnic and the dog events were discussed. Edie Braginton and Vicki Brown will handle the dog events.

General discussion on the need for more members to work on club events and the need for new members with enthusiasm and willingness to work.

The progress on the preparation of the work needed for applying to the AKC to become sanctioned to hold tests was discussed.

Picnic - General Meeting - Nominating committee was voted on by the members present.

Treasurer Pat Paulding wanted the memberships input as to whether the "Educational fund" monies should be put into a separate account. After discussion it was voted that the monies should remain in the main account.

Board Meeting - November 19, 1987 The Board discussed the possibility of having the newsletter be a quarterly publication in the future with additional special mailings made if it was necessary to contact the membership.

The Board voted to join the Midwest Tracking Association.

The Tracking Experience Day will be held on April 30th with Fran Wilmeth again serving as Chairperson. FRAN NEEDS AN ASSISTANT FOR THIS EVENT. The Board voted to up the fee for Experience Day Dog and Handlers to \$25.

The Treasurer reported a working balance of \$695.16 plus \$200.00 in the Education Fund.

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## CERTIFICATION MATCH - NOVEMBER 1, 1987

We had 11 entrants, but one didn't show up so we ran 10 tracks. Our judge for the day was Suzanne Dolbon from Enola, PA. She did a terrific job, even remained unruffled when we found someone had removed and changed some flags on one track. We all enjoyed having the opportunity to meet Sue and as usual we learned from having the exposure to another judge.

The weather was beautiful, and all the dogs made good attempts, all showed they did know something about tracking. Only two dogs qualified, Linda Riley's "Molly", a Tibetan Terrier and Joe Dainty's Golden Retriever, "Chipper".

Joe and Linda are among the newest members of our club and everyone was pleased to see their dogs have such a good tracking day. We wish them good luck when they go for the "T".

Editors note: Linda Riley and Molly were entered in the Dauphin Test and were unsuccessful as Molly discovered a nest of mice on the track.



## PEOPLE TRACKS

Dr. Laurella Mc Clelland

Laurella started in "dogs" when she was given a chihuahua that she had helped raise from puppyhood. Although this dog was never titled, she did take a beginner's obedience course (and was responsible for Laurella's buying a house instead of renting an apartment!)

Several breeds of dogs have subsequently made their home with Laurella. A long haired chihuahua turned out to be too fragile for obedience work but made a wonderful loving pet. The third dog, a sheltie, was suited for both obedience and tracking. And finally a Papillon filled the bill as a small sturdy dog who could do obedience well.

Laurella's titled dogs are:

Luvy's Highland Fling, UDT, Can UD (Sheltie)  
Kine-Ahera Wrong Way Corrigan, UDTX (Pap)

When asked how she got interested in tracking, Laurella replied that her sheltie had earned all her obedience titles when she was five, and Laurella wanted to do something more. Then Corry, the Pap, made the decision that he wanted to track. He had just come along for the ride during one training session, and when given the opportunity to try out a track, he broke a lead in his rush to get to the end!

Besides obedience, other dog-related activities include giving demonstrations for school children, retirement groups and nursing homes. Laurella is also an active participant in her dog club activities.

Laurella is single and shares her home with two dogs. Other hobbies include spectator participation at musical events, ballet, wildlife and nature, needlework, reading, and music.

An amusing story related by Laurella had to do with tracking. Just as Laurella and her pap started off, a big mower started going directly down the course of the last leg. However, they continued on their way. When they arrived at the last leg, Corry tracked it despite the mower, but he had a hard time finding the glove, which was in little pieces. Picking up one piece, he seemed to say, "That sure was a very small glove!"

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### AKC TRACKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE WANTS INPUT FROM TRACKING ENTHUSIASTS

We cannot over emphasize this - NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY - your opportunity to participate in possible changes that the AKC Tracking Advisory Committee could recommend that to the AKC concerning Tracking Rules and Guidelines.

If you know of someone interested in Tracking but not a member of this club, make a copy for them to send in too.

Please fill out the survey on the next page and send it to Fran Wilmeth by Dec. 31, 1987