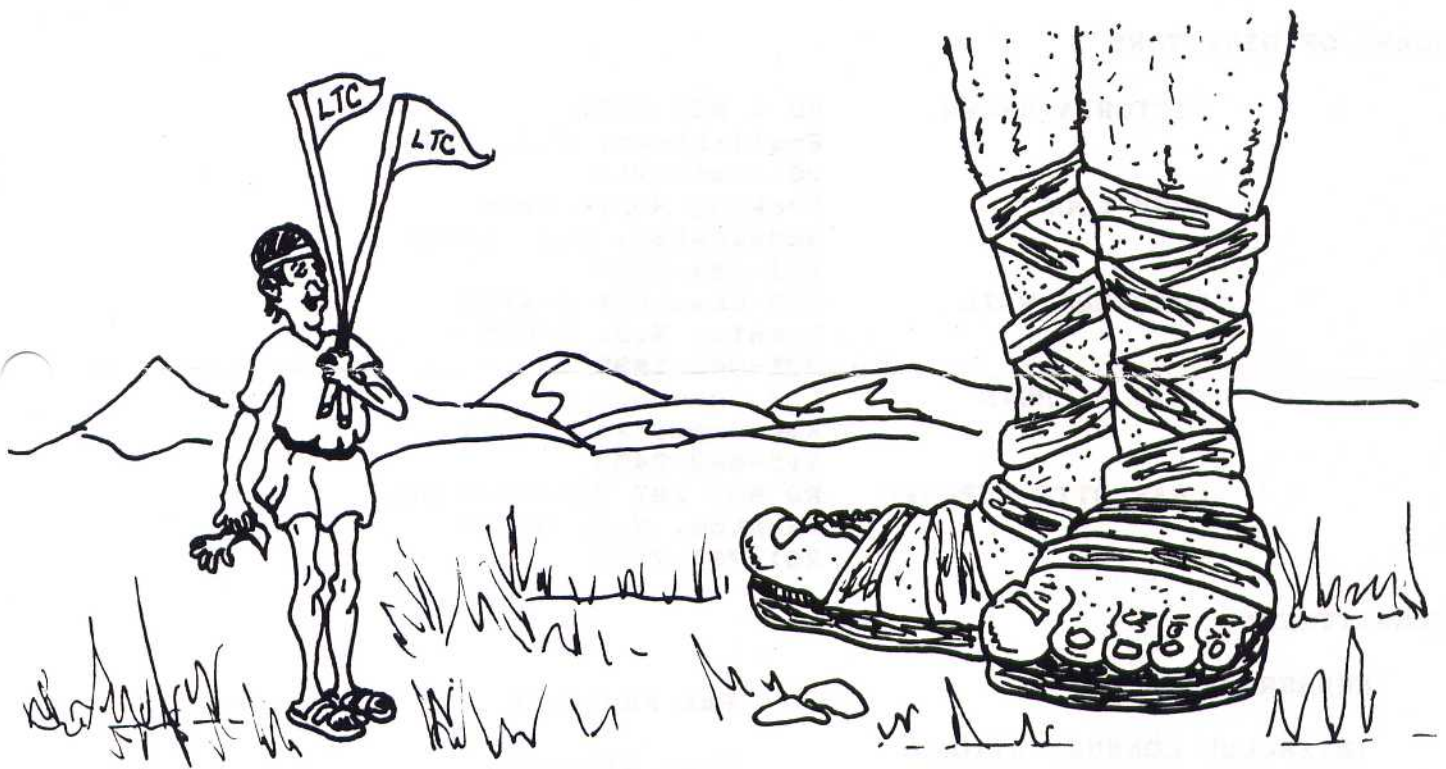


# COMMON SENTS

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"I'd like to talk to you about laying  
a track for my dog."

LENAPE TRACKING  
CLUB, INC.

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## FOOTPRINTS FROM THE PRESIDENT .....

First an apology to those of you who noticed that there was a covered dish supper scheduled for January. Our planned program was not available and we were not able to find a replacement. So the meeting was cancelled, since we haven't been having a great turnout at these events lately, I wasn't sure anyone would even notice. My sincere apologies to those who did notice and thought they missed coming. We will try for another date this year.

There was a problem with the mailing of the last newsletter, two came back with no address label on them. We have found, luckily, the two people those probably were sent to. If anyone did not get the Oct.-Dec. 87 issue, contact me.

The results of the survey are in and thanks to Fran Wilmeth they have been tabulated. Fran prepared a letter to the AKC Tracking Advisory Committee She sent copies of our survey, the comments that were on the surveys and the letter to the AKC, Mid-West Tracking Club and the Tracking Club of Florida from whom we adapted the survey. We are all hopeful that the Advisory Committee will listen to those of us who are tracking from all parts of the country and that they will make changes in the rules that will help our chosen sport of tracking.

The flyer for the Tracking Experience Day is in this newsletter. Feel free to make copies to give to your friends. Fran Wilmeth is chairing this event again, Vickie Brown has agreed to be her assistant. They still need help that day, let them know if you are available.

Pat Paulding has made the arrangements for the dinner to be held on March 19th. It is earlier this year because of Easter falling where it does.

Thanks goes to all the above mentioned people for their continued work for the club. Martha Hamil, Marion Rapp, and Maeleine Loos have contributed to this newsletter. Thanks to them for their contribution to this issue.

Hoping to see a good turn out at the dinner and Experience day. SEE YOU THERE !!!

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 19TH	ANNUAL DINNER, HOLIDAY INN CLINTON, NJ
APRIL 30	TRACKING EXPERIENCE DAY STOCKTON, NJ
OCTOBER ??	??? PICNIC ???
NOV. 5 & 6	CERTIFICATION MATCH LEBANON TOWNSHIP, NJ

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### DEADLINE FOR TIDBITS - MARCH 19TH

Send to Joanne Mac Kinnon (see Who's Who for address) or bring to the dinner on March 19th

# TRACKING TESTS

# TRACKING TEST EXCELLENT

March 13--Sunday

Va. Manassas  
POTOMAC VALLEY ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL CLUB  
National Battlefield Park  
CLOSES: Mar. 2 Fee: \$30.00  
David Haygood, TRIAL SEC. 4500 Upper Cub Run Dr.,  
Chantilly, VA 22021  
Total Entry Limit: 5  
Miss D. L. Gatford  
Miss P.A. Lawrence

March 20--Sunday

Pa. Avella  
GOLDEN TRIANGLE OBDIANCE TRAINING CLUB  
Gretta MacIntyres Farm, RD 2 Box 304  
CLOSES: Mar. 5 Fee: \$25.00  
Dr. Nancy B. Amer, TRIAL SEC. Rt. 6, Waterworks Road  
Sewickley, PA 15143  
Total Entry Limit: 7  
C. G. Conley  
Ms. J. Thompson

April 17--Sunday

PA. Furnace  
MT. NITTANY DOG TRAINING CLUB  
Pennsylvania State University Farms, Ag. Progress  
Farms at Rock Springs, Rock Spring, Rt. 45  
CLOSES: April 4  
Ms. Linda Arbie, TRAIL SEC., RD 2, Box 2280, Bellefonte,  
PA., 16823  
Total Entry Limit: 4

April 23--Saturday

MA. Hamilton  
NEW ENGLAND DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.  
Nancy's Corner  
CLOSES: Apr. 7  
L. Gordene Everett, TRIAL SEC. 72 Welles Avenue,  
Dorchester, MA 02124

March 6--Sunday

MD Clarksburg  
CAPITAL DOG TRAINING CLUB OF WASHINGTON, D.C., INC.  
Communications Satellite Corporation  
CLOSES: Feb. 24 Fee: \$40.00  
Richard Hodges, TRIAL SEC. 14741 Sugarland Lane,  
Poolesville, MD 20837  
Total Entry Limit: 5  
Mrs. B. P. Connelly  
Dr. E. Conrad

March 13--Sunday

VA Manassas  
POTOMAC VALLEY ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL CLUB  
National Battlefield Park  
CLOSES: Mar. 2 Fee: \$45.00  
David L. Haygood, TRIAL SECRETARY, 4500 Upper Cub Run  
Dr., Chantilly, VA 22021  
Total Entry Limit: 4  
Miss D. L. Gatford  
Miss P.A. Lawrence

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April 24--Sunday

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Nancy's Corner  
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Dorchester, MA 02124



At K-9 OTC of Essex Co., NJ, "Bonnie", a Kerry Blue Terrier trained by Dottie Vail earned her last leg for her CD. Three legs in three tries. NICE JOB !!! "Bucky", Dottie's Golden Retriever earned his 2nd leg on his CDX at the same trial - that's two legs in three tries. ANOTHER NICE JOB !!! CONGRATULATIONS !!!!



Noticed in the TICK TALK column in the PAFTA (Palo alto Foothills Tracking Assn.) newsletter ----- "In the State of New Jersey there are only two (2) tracking judges and no tracking tests. Unfortunately this is true.



# Training Averts Tragedy

By Maeleine Loos  
Rocking Horse Farm  
Bedminster, NJ 07921

Originally printed  
in FRONT & FINISH.

The more control I have over my dog the more freedom the dog has sums up my feelings about dog training. My titles earned are so much icing on the cake. Somehow I never thought of this as the difference between life and death, but on February 24th our German Shepherd, Kandi's instant response to my sit command saved her from strangling to death.

On one of the dogs twice weekly horseback rides with me going along the edge of a field we had ridden many times before, I suddenly heard Kandi scream. She had been running several yards to my right and on turning immediately saw that her head was caught in a snare trap. She was struggling fiercely and strangling herself at the same time, as the wire loops tightened around her throat. I instinctively cupped my hands and shouted "Kandi sit!", which she did instantly and commanded "Sit-Stay!" together with the hand signal. At least for the moment the choking stopped.

I quickly walked my horse near her, pulling the reins over his head and looping them through my arm telling him "Whoa" with a stay signal. (Horses can be trained to stand stay also.) The wire noose had completely gone over the ear and had tightened on top of the other ear. I could feel the wire squeezing into the skin but had difficulty seeing through her heavy undercoat.

I cautiously urged her a few inches closer to me so that even

though the noose retained its strangle hold there was slack from the loop stop to where it was anchored in the ground. Feather UD our nine year old Collie came and sat next to her.

It crossed my mind to put both dogs on a down-stay and ride about three minutes to the nearest road and hope a car would come along, but I immediately dismissed that idea knowing I couldn't leave Kandi. Although panting from taut wire and the terror of her situation she sat like a statue as I frantically pushed and squeezed on the wire and prayed at the same time. Somehow I found the correct combination and the wire loop loosened just enough for me to squeeze the collar out and then slowly work the noose over her head. She sat dazed for a few seconds, shook herself and then she and Feather were off running again. I pulled the loop all the way through so no other animal could get caught.

In addition to the wire loop, which is designed to catch the animal's foot, leg or head, the trap has a support wire attached to a wooden or metal stake in the ground that holds the snare upright. When caught the wire loop continues to tighten as the animal struggles furiously to free himself. If the head or neck is caught he strangles himself to death while struggling to get free.

Because the trap was illegal I notified the township police who accompanied me to the site, but said there was nothing they could

do. I then contacted the N.J. Dept of Fish and Game and found them to be very interested and concerned. A detailed account of the incident was taken followed up by a call from a wild life agent familiar with the area. Accompanied by another officer the two men walked the land finding the remains of two old traps, came to the house to report and then returned with me to the site once again. With all we hear about the impossibility of working with government agencies I was im-

pressed with the help and cooperation I received from the wild life control officer. My main concern was with other traps in the area and I now carry a pair of wire cutters with me.

Since starting in obedience in 1972, Kandi is the first dog who probably will never see the inside of an obedience ring even though we got an ILP number for her. For daily living, however, she had to learn all novice work, boundary training and distance control which saved her life.

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## PROPOSED MEMBER

MARIANNE HIGGS, 528 Massachusetts Ave #2, Lakewood, N.J. 08701  
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Marianne has Shetland Sheepdogs with many titles, American, Canadian, and United Kennel Club. She has been recommended by Fran Wilmeth and Victoria Brown.

If no objections to her membership are received by the secretary within one month of the mailing of this newsletter she will be a member.





December 1987

## NEWS RELEASE

By now all of you should have received a copy of our first newsletter-the M.T.A. News. Jan Wall should be commended for her hard work and nimble fingers on her computer. The M.T.A. News will be published approximately one month before our scheduled general meetings in January, April, July, and October. If you have anything that you wish to contribute, or comment on, please submit this to Jan or Jim Woodhall one month in advance of publication.

The M.T.A. is currently putting together a questionnaire that will be sent out to all M.T.A. members including all Chicagoland area tracking participants in 1987. The Tracking Club of Central Florida supplied the bulk of the questions along with the format. Information from these questionnaires will be tabulated and given to the A.K.C. Tracking Advisory Committee prior to their scheduled meeting next March. Please take time to fill out the form - Remember, if you want change to take place, you must act! Deadline for submitting the questionnaire is February 15th. If you don't receive one, please give us a call and we'll make sure we send one out to you.

The M.T.A. Club representatives that receive all the M.T.A. news, booklets, publications, etc. should make this information available to all their respective club members at their general meetings. The M.T.A. is here to serve all club members, so if you're interested in what we do for your club, ask your M.T.A. representative.

Our next general meeting will be held on Saturday, January 16th, 1988, at the business of Jim Woodhall, American Fire and Safety Bureau, at 10620 West Grand Avenue, Franklin Park, Illinois. Meeting time is 7:00 P.M.

Last but not least, don't forget the M.T.A. sponsored Tracking Seminar on April 17, 1988. The enclosed flyer will give all the details.

For more information on the M.T.A., or the upcoming Tracking Seminar, you can contact one of the following:

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Jim Proffitt  
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Glendale Heights, IL 60139  
President M.T.A.

Jim Woodhall  
5920 Smith  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014  
Corresponding Secretary



The information on this page is copied from the National Doberman Magazine. They are the judges comments about the tracking test held as part of their speciality last fall, the test that Lenape helped to support by providing the land, the equipment and the tracklayers.

A copy of this information will be sent in to AKC with all our other papers. We thank the judges for the kind words about our support of the event.

## TRACKING



T.D. TRACKING TEST  
by  
HARRY C. BRODERSEN

The tracking test at the Lebanon Township Municipal Building was indeed an excellent day with ideal weather, fields and other conditions. Even the majority of those being tested were ready and anxious to go, with butterflies.

Unfortunately, the day wasn't up to par, and of the six being tested one passed with flying colors. The best display was the first three dogs who had drawn tracks 1, 2, and 3. They all passed the test in good manner, showing excellent desire and performance. However, only the dog having the second track passed by finding the dropped glove at the end of the 1/4 mile track. The First and Third tracking dogs failed to pick-up or indicate the dropped articles at the end of their tracks to alert the handler of the article being passed over.

This oversight by dog and handler of an article happens very seldom since the scented glove is generally the strongest scent on the track.

The judges (2), exhibitors and gallery were all extremely disappointed with these results but had hoped the last three would make the day anyway. This was not to be, tho the fields, weather and other conditions continued to be ideal. However, the last three Dobes failed to reach the first corner for the change in direction of the track before wandering off, as if the track layer had gone that way.

I use this opportunity to thank the Lenape Tracking Club for their effort in supporting this affair for the DPCA. They were all professionals for the judges over the two days of that club's support of this event. Other tracking clubs could use a chapter or two from their book on tracking and support of such an event.

T.D. TRACKING TEST  
by  
CAROLE CARUTHERS ARTIM

The tracking test was well run by the secretary Martha Hamil. She made every effort to be sure that everything we needed was there and she did a quality performance in accomplishing that. The tracklayers, supplied by the Lenape Tracking Club, did a fine job and the fields were excellent. Even the weather cooperated by being sunny on Tuesday for the plotting of the tracks, raining overnight, and partly cloudy/sunny on Wednesday morning for the trial.

In spite of all our preparations, three of the dogs entered decided that today was not their day to perform. Two dogs, Shady Acres Caines Last Hurrah and Easy Does It Wind Walker, worked beautiful tracks, hardly casting on the turns, but missed the glove. Two unfortunate failures which I'm sure will accomplish their degree soon. The only qualifier of the day, Easy Does It Lite & Lacey, owned by Bobbie Crissey, also performed nicely for a Tracking degree well earned.



## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting was held at the Mac Kinnons on Jan. 21, 1988

Board discussed the upcoming TED and the need for help.

The date and dinner plans were discussed, Pat Paulding is handling the arrangements.

Discussion on the progress of the materials needed for applying to the AKC to hold tracking tests. Vickie Brown has handed in the final membership list with the information. Peg and Joanne have been working on the history. The history is complete (we think), but needs to be typed in the final format. A rundown on what other materials, i.e. news clippings, history letter, sample newsletter, etc., will be included when we send in the materials was shared with the Board.

Fran reported on the results of the survey forms for the AKC advisory committee.

Next Board meeting will be held Friday, February 19th at the Lebanon Township Municipal Building.

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## SURVEY RESULTS

On the following two pages are the results of the survey. They were compiled by Fran Wilmeth. THANK YOU FRAN. She also typed up two pages of comments, and a cover letter for the AKC.

Have only included the results of the survey here, the additional pages would raise our postage for the newsletter too high. If you want a copy of the letter and the comments, please send a SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope) to Fran (address is on the Who's Who page) and request a copy.

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## NEWSLETTER NEEDS HELP

Your editor appreciates the articles that people have contributed to the last two newsletters. But they came from the same people that have been helping all along.

PLEASE .... this is your newsletter, send in a Tidbit, a funny story, a cartoon or an article from a paper or a magazine.

We also need ideas for the cover. This month's was "stolen" from a newspaper ad. When I spied the big feet, I clipped it out as I was sure someday I'd find a use for it in the newsletter. Yesterday, while thinking about what I could use on the cover this time, that sketch and the appropriate caption popped into mind.

Please send ideas, information and any suggestions in to your editor ...she's wearing out fast ! ! !