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DATES TO REMEMBER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1989

PICNIC

and GENERAL MEETING

See flyer inside

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH & 19TH

FALL CERTIFICATION MATCH

Premium List will follow

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1990

TRACKING EXPERIENCE DAY

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NEWSLETTER: Marion Rapp

NOTE: Please change Charlotte Schwartz's address on your membership list. She lives at 13238 Whitehaven Lane #1203 in Fort Myers, Fl. The typo-gremlin struck again. Sorry!

PATCHES FOR SALE!

Neat Lenape Tracking Club Patches are for sale at the unbeatable price of \$3.00. Colorful, eye catching, these three inch beauties are the same as the sweatshirt design. Wear them on jackets, vests, etc. Get your order in to Linda Riley, Box 385, Peapack, N.J. 07977, soon before they are sold out.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

This is being written in the lull between three days of torrential rains which have dumped over five inches of rain in my area and the arrival of Hurricane Hugo. By the time you read it, we will have assisted moved on with life. A little moisture is great for tracking. ridiculous.

Lenape Tracking Club
Marion Rapp, Editor
8 Canfield Rd.
Convent Station, NJ 07961

Dear Marion,

Please register my new address with those concerned so that I continue to receive the newsletter and other bits and pieces from my favorite club.

I have sold my large home here in sunny Florida and bought a Condo which means I can swim without cleaning the pool, enjoy a beautiful yard without cutting grass, and live among creature comforts without feeling like its costing me the earth!

For my old friends, an explanation....I had originally been living with my daughter and grandson. Now, Brett is off to the University of Florida at Gainesville (where have the years gone?!) and my daughter has bought another house for herself. That leaves me and my Ginger, an apricot toy poodle (of course I have a dog...I couldn't live without one!), in our new Condo. I love it here because everything is provided without the hassles of procuring labor, supplies, etc. It's the ideal way for a single gal to live and still have time to enjoy life.

I work full time as the bookkeeper for my daughter's three furniture stores and enjoy my job immensely. I'm into bird watching, gardening, beach and shelling, and that still time leave: for theatre and music with my friends, of whom I have quite a few.

Tracking? No, I haven't tried it with Ginger...afraid a 'gator might get her in the bush! However, I do have good news. One of the dogs I trained in Tasmania is now certified and the first Tasmanian dog to ever do so. Says something about the system, doesn't it? His name is Egon. He's a lovely German Shepherd trained by his owner, Denis DeCarteret. And I want you to know I'm very proud of the two of them....they worked many long cold, wet hours in paddocks waist high in grass and weeds to achieve their certification. One day Denis will take Egon to the mainland to get his "TD", I suppose, but as far as I'm concerned, they are already a terrific team.

I miss you all and each spring remember the wonderful tracking days with my friends from Lenape. Love to you all.

Charlotte
Charlotte
13238 Whitehaven Lane, #1203
Ft. Myers, Fl 33912

PS-Special Hello to Fran W.!

Phone # 813-768-9481

PEOPLE TRACKS

featuring Gail Palmer

Gail Palmer grew up with dogs in the house, so it was only natural to get one, a German Shepherd, when she got married. When they decided that two dogs in the house would be more than twice the fun, they got another Shepherd - this time from a breeder very involved in obedience work. She requested that Gail get a CD on Shadow, and in so doing, Gail became addicted to the sport. In the twenty-four years since that time, Gail has also shown two Bernese to their championships.

German Shepherds and Bernese Mt. Dogs are Gail's favorite breeds, the former because they are beautiful, intelligent and loyal companions, and the latter because they are big lovable dogs, beautifully marked, intelligent, and love to be with people - the kind of huggable puppies you don't want to grow up!

Gail's honor roll includes the following dogs:

Alm-Har's Y-Shadow, UDT, Can CD
Palmer's Hector of Wyemede, CD
Ch Wyemede 'n Palmer "B" Bernerbear, CD TD
Ch Palmer's Astarte von Ursa, CD
Almhar's Totem Timetraveler, CD

Tracking became an interest when Shadow had her UD and there was nothing else to do with her. The interest in tracking had not really taken hold at that point, and their training methods were "hit and miss" - not like the Johnson method used today.

Other animal non-tracking activities have include breeding two litters of Bernese and showing in obedience. Currently a Shepherd is trying for legs in Open. The other animal member of the household is a little black cat, who came to them as a stray and is now "queen of the hill."

Personally, Gail is married, and has two adult sons (one married). The family appreciates the dogs and works with them, but they do not participate - but they bask in reflected glory when Gail does something terrific!

Gail relates her most amusing animal stories:

"The home of one of my Berner puppies was at the tip of the Delmarva Peninsula on the Chesapeake Bay. He had many unspoiled acres to roam, and as a young dog he really enjoyed his freedom. He had a very special friend. One day while his owner was watching, a young deer came onto the field to join the dog, Arthur, in a romp on a spacious lawn. Nature called, and Arthur stopped to relieve himself. The deer stopped too. When Arthur was finished, they resumed their interrupted play.

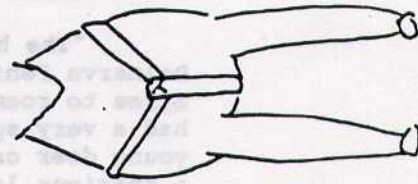
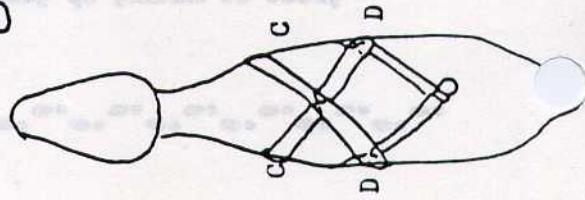
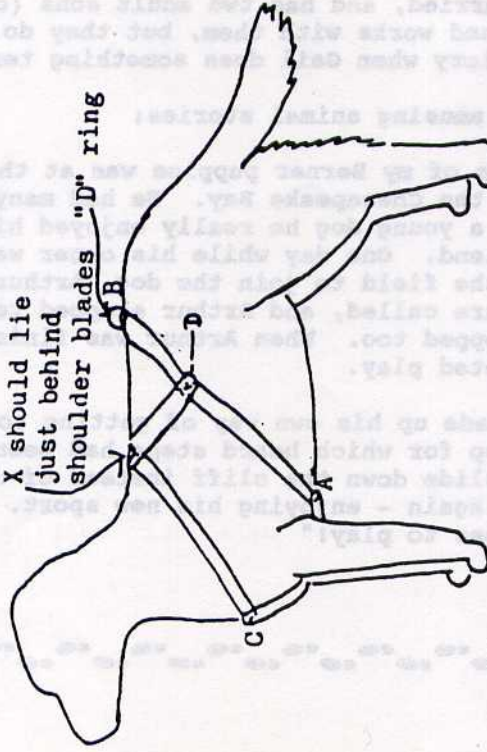
This same dog made up his own way of getting to the beach. There was a 4-foot drop for which board steps had been made. Arthur decided he wanted to slide down the cliff instead of using the steps. He did this again and again - enjoying his new sport. Berners are great at making up games to play!"

TRACKING HARNESS

Materials:

About 1 yard of 1" cotton webbing (not nylon, it is abrasive) obtainable at most fabric stores, often in various colors and patterns. For large dogs allow more material.
1" welded "D" ring - not split rings, they can pull open. We find them at the Farm Bureau.
Heavy duty thread in sewing machine or sewing awl with waxed string.

X should lie just behind shoulder blades "D" ring



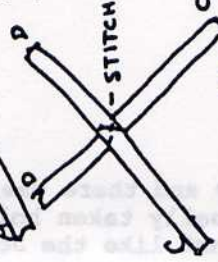
Step 1.

Measure from point A to B, double and add 2 inches. Slide "D" ring to center and stitch securely in place.



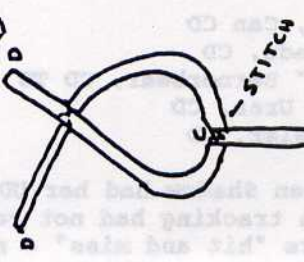
Step 2.

Measure from C to D, add 2 inches - cut 2 pieces. Join at center forming a cross - stitch securely.



Step 3.

Measure from C to A - short piece. This piece should be measured from point of breast bone to just behind the elbows. Add 3 inches for turnover. Join short piece and the two C-D pieces as illustrated.

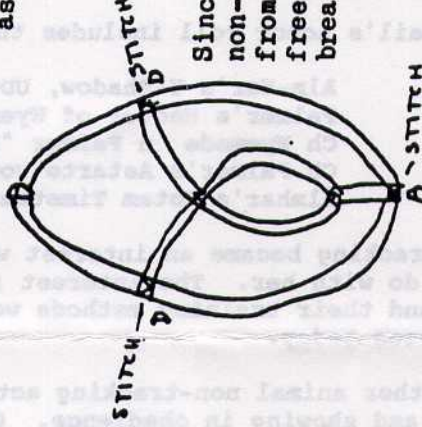


Step 4.

Join the other end of short piece to the two raw ends of "D" ring piece folding end of short piece over and stitching through 3 thicknesses.

Step 5.

Finally join the loose ends of the cross-over pieces at right angles to the "D" ring piece as shown.



Since the ideal tracking harness should be non-restrictive, this harness has been adapted from the sled dog harness, which allows the dog freedom to pull without interfering with breathing or movement.

When putting the harness on your dog, hold the cross and "D" ring together and place over dog's head. Then fold dog's forepaw at pastern and put bent leg through leg hole. Repeat for other leg.

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PEOPLE TRACKS

featuring Toni Brouillard

Toni and her husband are both animal people, and in fact met at a stable the first time she went out to ride. A Rhodesian Ridgeback joined their family at the point when they bought their first house. They started in obedience classes to learn to handle a dog his size, and showing for titles was a natural offshoot.

The Brouillards selected their breed because they wanted a dog for a pet that would be large enough for them to take out with them when they rode their horses cross country and quiet enough to stay home alone during the day. As it turned out, they never really did use the dog for cross country riding because his hunting instincts were so strong they figured they'd spend the entire ride chasing him chasing whatever was moving.

Titles their dogs earned are:

Hope Ridge Rijali Redigo, CD
Kajongwe's Samusha, CD

Redigo's CD title was achieved over three years - because he wasn't interested. His favorite trick was to stop during the heeling and watch dogs in the adjacent rings jumping fences and retrieving dumbbells. He never took to dumbbells himself, however... Later the female got her title in short order, but it meant drives to faraway indoor shows because she didn't like bugs! When it came time to go on to do open work with her, horses were more of a priority, and she became a pet.

Toni got interested in tracking when her male convinced her they shouldn't do any more obedience showing, and she thought he might enjoy it. Their move to Connecticut separated them from a support group, and they never went further.

Other animal activities revolve around horses. Toni currently owns a thoroughbred gelding with whom she's been doing adult equitation and hunter divisions, and lately dressage. Her horse activity currently is a hobby. She's not an avid show person chasing points. Like the dog activities, it's a time to get away from everything else.

On a personal basis, Toni and her husband currently share their home with three cats: two male Persian types and a female Siamese. Toni works full time as a consultant in the data processing field and still finds time to ride her horse four days a week and show. Other activities involve tracing thoroughbred pedigrees back to the beginning of the available records and tracing race records.

Her amusing dog story involved Redigo, the male Ridgeback:

My husband and I went shopping for floor tile. We took Redigo with us, but didn't think the owners of the tile shop would want a dog inside, so we took turns staying by the front door with the dog. Although hesitant, the owner said we could bring the dog in if he would behave. Brought him in and gave him a down command and continued our shopping. The dog didn't budge from the spot. It just so happened that someone was in there with a couple small children who were running all over the store. When they left, the owner said he'd rather have our dog in the shop anytime than the children that had just left!

FLAG CONSTRUCTION:

Flags are used to mark the direction of the track. When you are training, you must know where the start of your track is, which direction the track goes in, exactly where each turn is and where the article is supposed to be. You will need at least eight stakes, lightweight so that you can carry them into the field and with some sort of flagging on top so that you can see them from a couple of hundred yards distance. One end should be sharpened to permit easy insertion into the ground. Painting the stake white makes it easier to see.

Flags are easy to make. You can use $\frac{1}{2}$ " dowels, three to four feet in length. You will find these at most hardware stores or building supply stores. You sharpen one end. At the other end, glue or staple on bright material such as surveyor tape or a square of bright colored cloth, preferably solid in color, which can be a remnant from a dry goods store. Each set of flags should be the same color.

You may prefer to use garden stakes if you can find tall metal ones that are not too heavy to carry. You may be able to find "Stake Wire Marking Flags" used by utility workers, surveyors, etc. When you get more advanced and your dog starts to use the flags as guideposts, you will need something to mark corners that he cannot see from a distance. Try colored plastic pinch clothes pins that can be attached to a weed or clump of grass. A short garden stake sprayed with fluorescent paint can be used at corners. You can also tie narrow strips of cloth to weeds or grass. Just remember to pick up all corner markers and don't pollute the field by leaving such items behind.

You should have at least two conventional stakes or flags to use as starting flags so your dog becomes accustomed to starting his track at a stake. He will have to do so in a test.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

We have received an application for membership from the following person:

Mrs. Elizabeth Fletcher, Box D, Ironia,
N.J. 201-584-9200 (week days only)

Breed of dog: Welch Corgi Pembroke

If no objections are received by the secretary, Dorothea Vail within 30 days of the mailing of this newsletter this person will be a member according to by-laws.

Dorothea Vail, 329 Crescent Ave., Leonia,
N. J., 07605

