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TRACKING TEST
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1991 (tentative)

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Tidbits



VICKY BROWN 's Golden Retriever **Spice** had a High in Trial in Maryland while getting a backup leg on her CD title.

BETTY FLETCHER has a new CDX dog! Her Pembroke Corgi **Ming** earned his title during two Massachusetts weekends.

The new kid on the block is JOANNE MACKINNON's Golden Retriever bitch, who, at nine weeks, was still looking for a name!

Our sympathies are extended to PAT PAULDING on the sudden death of **Czarina**, her young Malamute bitch.

MARION RAPP's Cardigan **Hope** had her picture in *The Daily News* on September 25. She and Marion had taken part in St. Hubert's Dog Walk and were waiting in line to have her paw read by a fortune teller. A photographer wanted a picture of the costumed fortune teller and some dogs sitting around the table with the crystal ball. They pulled

up four chairs and put the dogs on sit-stays on the chairs, and the photographer snapped away. Incidentally, the fortune teller told Hope that she would have a big 11th birthday bash on November 4th.

CHARLOTTE SCHWARTZ writes from Florida that she has recently had eye surgery to remove corneal scar tissue. She has just released a new publication *How to House and Crate Train Your Puppy*. And she is still teaching KPT and doing problem solving.

Basset Hound **Fred** SVIZENY finished up his CD title at Morris Hills, after getting earlier legs at Ramapo and the Basset National Specialty.

FRAN WILMETH has two legs on Schipperke **Joy's** CD title from Lower Camden and Morris Hills. And Norwich **Jackson** was part of the agility demonstration at the Philadelphia dog show.

(Send news to PO Box 326, Lebanon, NJ 08833)



JANUARY MEETING



"How to be an assistant at TED" will be the topic of our next general meeting on Thursday evening, January 31 (snow date February 7) at 7:30 at the MacKinnon's home. This program is going to be kind of a brainstorming/planning session. Both former assistants and new members who want to help should attend, as we want to get some

uniformity and set some guidelines as to the way we start our the beginning trackers. For directions, see enclosure or call Joanne at 908-735-7793.

The nominating committee's proposed slate (on page 3), will be formally presented, and nominations will be accepted from the floor.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Our first AKC Sanctioned Tracking Test is now history. Thanks to a top notch group of hard working members, all went smoothly. I was not there on track plotting day (I had hoped to have an entry), but I've been told that the judges really liked our fields. When I watched the dogs run the tracks on Sunday, I realized that these two women had used the fields differently than any previous judges. It was most interesting to see what they had plotted. I was favorably impressed.

If I try to thank everyone who pitched in, I'm afraid I'll miss someone, but I must mention the test secretary, Marty Hamil, and her able assistant, Pat Etchells who filled in when Marty had to be away on business. Chief track layer John Etchells had his track layers in good form. Janet Quodomine's chili was excellent as usual. I don't think she had any to take home for her family. Other members also contributed goodies for our lunch. Judge Salle Crooks and her German Shepherd stayed with Marty Hamil Friday night and Salle with Shepherd and Sue Dolbin stayed with Peg Forte Saturday night. After being at the test site all day Saturday for track plotting, the Etchells managed to hold a most pleasant dinner at their home for the judges, track layers and board members. I managed to get away from the Lower Camden County Obedience Trial in time to drop off two Schipperkes in New Hope and get up to Lebanon for the dinner. It was well worth all the driving.

The details of the Test are written up elsewhere in this Newsletter, but I do want to say that I'm delighted that one of our founding members, Joanne MacKinnon and her Golden Skye, earned their T at our first AKC test. I also appreciate the fact that Mike Clemens, President of the Hudson Valley Tracking Club and a licensed tracking judge, came down all the way from Albany, NY, to support our entry. His twelve year old TDX German Shepherd ran a textbook track which was beautiful to see. We wish the other three entries had been successful, but the deer herds or something seemed to affect their powers of concentration. The fields were in

beautiful condition. We again thank Jane Henderson for letting us use her property.

There is a new book available, *Tracking From the Ground Up*, by Sandy Ganz and Susan Boyd. These are the two tracking judges who wrote *Tracking Dog Excellent - A Handbook*. The new book has many ideas and training schedules for both TD and TDX work. The Club will probably buy twelve or more for resale as the book is cheaper by the dozen.

Work has started on Tracking Experience Day 1991, which will be held on April 27th. This year I remembered the AKC *Gazette's* five-month lead time and sent off our announcement for their Seminar section in early November. An ad has also gone to the Princeton Dog Training Club for their Trial catalog.

I recently spent a pleasant Sunday afternoon talking about tracking at a meeting of the Southern New Jersey Cocker Spaniel Club. Also at the meeting were some guests from the Burlington County Kennel Club who are interested in reinstating the Burlington County Club's tracking test, which used to be held in mid-November in the Mount Holly/Lumberton area. They lost their fields several years ago but say they now have new fields available. So perhaps New Jersey will have two tracking test in the future.

Hudson Valley Tracking Club is holding their second AKC tracking test the first weekend in April. Their first test was September 30, 1990. We should support this club just as they, in the person of Mike Clemens, supported us. So work this winter to have your dogs ready for April. Jackson and I have set our goal to be ready.

Christmas suggestion: buy all your family members new leather gloves and/or wallets and then grab the old ones for your tracking bag. HAPPY HOLIDAYS to all trackers, two legged and four legged.

Fran Wilmeth, President

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S SLATE

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NJFDC MEETING PROGRAM - DECEMBER 3, 1990

Paul Firling, Director of AKC's Department of Investigations and Inspections, spoke to the Federation on "What AKC is doing about those who traffic in pure bred dogs."

"Unless an individual breeds or disposes of his dog, the private owner of one or two dogs is not required to keep any record other than the registration certificate issued to him by AKC." So states the *REGULATIONS FOR RECORD KEEPING AND IDENTIFICATION OF DOGS*. Some Club members may fall into this category, but a good many of us don't!

Although these regulations were presumably designed to keep track of numerous litters generated by large-scale breeders, hobby breeders are also bound by them. If a number of similar dogs are kept, each dog must be marked, tagged or tattooed so that a definite identification can be made. Tattoos must be unique (this would exclude "kennel" registrations by agencies such as TATTOO-A-PET). If you choose to use

microchips, you must also have a scanner on your premises so that AKC can verify identity of dogs at any time. Permanent tags are also acceptable. Dog owners are required to keep extensive records of acquisition, mating, whelping, sale of puppies and death. These data can be kept on AKC blanks (available for purchase in book format) or on forms which contain all the information, but if records are kept on computer, a hard copy must be made.

As far as control of "puppy mill" conditions is concerned, AKC maintains that although its main function is a registry, it has now adopted a policy of reporting to the appropriate authorities conditions which it deems inhumane or unsanitary. It will also suspend AKC privileges to persons found guilty of mistreating dogs. The Board has also proposed an amendment to the Rules that would place a time limit on both registering a litter and on registering individually dogs from the litter. The logic behind this is to reduce the chance of blue slips being used fraudulently.

PEOPLE TRACKS

featuring Martha Hamil

Marty was apparently born to dogs and dog activities. Her parents had 2 hounds and a Spitz when she was born and Marty was never without a dog (and cats) while growing up. Although looked upon as pets by the children, the dogs were working "farm" dogs. Marty's first purchased dog was a collie(?) cross for a quarter (the asking price was one for a quarter or 2 for a nickel) at age 12. The next dog purchase was a Doberman after Marty had graduated from college and spent 4 years in the Navy. She showed that first Dobie a few times but could not afford such things on a grad student's pay.

Breeds Marty has owned are South Arkansas Heeling Hounds, American Eskimos (Spitz), "English" Shepherds, German Shepherds, Black & Tan Coonhounds, Collie(?) Cross, Pembroke Welsh Corgi, and Doberman Pinschers. She likes Dobies because of an article in a magazine!

Titles of Marty's dogs are:

Ch Capstone Captivator, CD
Ch Brunswigs Hester Pryne

Personally, Marty is single with no children. She's a mineralogist in middle management at Engelhard

Corp. Her major hobbies are softball, mysteries and re-upholstering and refinishing furniture.

Marty got interested in tracking because of a TED flyer. She thought, "My dogs can do that and it sounds like a lot of fun!"

Other animal activities are breeding, showing, obedience, judging at matches and cats (Vincent, an Abyssinian, is Marty's first purebred cat and runs the household!)

Marty's relates an amusing dog story: "My youngest brother was born two months shy of my third birthday. And my parents made the mistake of asking me what I thought he should be named. My immediate response was, "Jack". After considering that it was a good name and they had no other one picked out, plus listen to my screaming conniptions at other suggestions, they named him Jack. It was several months before they began to wonder, "Why Jack?" as I knew no one with that name. After reflecting upon it and questioning me, they found to their consternation that their youngest son was named after a big, black English shepherd that belonged to a merchant in town!"



TRACKING TEST



Our first tracking test was extremely successful. We were fortunate enough to have one of the balmiest November weekends in some time. The fields had been cut long enough ago to have about six inches of growth, and the poison ivy and ticks were not in great abundance.

The first track, laid by Pat Etchells, was in the high part of the larger driveway field, and it was drawn by Michael Clemens' UDTX German Shepherd. Even at age 12, she knew what tracking was all about and gave us a promising start of the test. The second track, in the lower part of the same field, was laid by Millie Hefner, but the Weimaraner who drew it didn't fare as well. Edie Braginton put down the third track in the goat pasture, and the Svizeny's Fred Basset took a try at it. A herd of deer on the second or third leg (while Fred was on the first leg) put down such strong cross tracks that Fred insisted that the track went where it really didn't. Joanne Mackinnon drew the fourth track which Peg Forte had laid in the

upper part of the large far field, and her account follows. The Brittany who had John Etchells' track in the lower part of the field was not successful. Since we had not used Betty Fletcher's alternate track in the smaller driveway field, Fran Wilmeth's Norwich, Jackson, took a stab at it, but it was not his day either.

This test represents a lot of behind-the-scenes work by a lot of people. Linda Riley and Marty Hamil got the paperwork to AKC and the entries coordinated, and Linda later had the trophies made for the passing dogs. Dotty Vail was on hand as Chairman, rulebook in hand, hoping no incidents of misconduct would occur (they didn't!). Pat Etchells prepared the catalogs, etc. Janet Quodmine applied her culinary skills to preparing a pot of delicious chili. The tracklayers treated the judges to a potluck supper, and Peg Forte put them up overnight.

THOUGHTS ON SKYE's TRACK

by Joanne MacKinnon

To say I was nervous is putting it mildly! I had every confidence in Skye's tracking ability, but I knew that I had to uphold my end of the bargain as a handler, and that was what was making the knots tighten in my stomach that Sunday morning.

Just why were we here? Skye loves to track and so do I. He has been a wonderful dog to share tracking with - a natural! However, we have not encountered many really difficult situations. Due to the wet summer, we really have not had to work hard on the track. Would I be able to help out if the tracking got tough? Would I understand the messages Skye was sending me? Of course the fact that we had had a week of very warm, dry weather had me very concerned.

The time has come. As we approach the flags, I try to concentrate on the field out ahead of us. Then we go through our usual "Putting on the harness" routine. Skye seems eager with a good attitude. We have a good start. Then - heart failure - WHAT IS HE DOING? He is munching away on the wonderful "treats" left by the numerous deer that inhabit Jane's beautiful fields. He has never done this on a track, and we have not even made the first turn. Somehow between scolding him for snacking and encouraging him to "find the glove" we find ourselves on the second leg. We are looking pretty good now, confidence returning. Oh No - more deer ----!!! Skye is snacking but still tracking. We

are running out of field. There must be a turn soon. Is he searching for more deer "hot dogs" or indicating loss of track? He says we should turn up field and away we go. Well you guess it, just as the confidence was returning, so did the same old question, was he searching for the glove, manure, or were we at a turn? It seemed as though an hour had passed, and it was hot. I knew Skye was running out of steam and so was I. I probably should have brought along the water. I found myself babbling at him - "where's the glove?", "find the track", "blah, blah, blah". I have never had to say more than "good dog" on a track in training. At this point into the track, my whole tracking life (15+ years) passed before my eyes. My only thought was that we just couldn't fail after coming this far. I recalled my first certification test with Piper (my first TD dog) and how we eventually worked out a difficult situation. I also recalled my friend Lisa's comment when I was stuck on a corner during one of our tracking sessions. She said not too kindly, "your dog is telling you that the track is not there, SO MOVE!" AND MOVE WE DID. I started backing up, encouraging Skye to leave the spot we were stuck on and search fresh ground. Finally, he gave a slight indication that there was something interesting to the left. Was it the track or more deer droppings? I couldn't tell, but I followed him, and sure enough, he became a "tracking dog" again before my eyes. I really felt we were going to do it, AND WE DID!!

AN EMERGENCY TECHNIQUE TO PREVENT BRAIN DAMAGE TO YOUR PET

by Jeffrey Dobkin

(Condensed from Morris Hills Dog Training Club's 11/15 meeting announcement)

... Your neighbor's pool.... Electrical wires.
...sleeping pills...

What do all these instances have in common? They are all tragic. And they all call for immediate action. They also give you a chance to save your pet by a simple action called the "Dobkin Technique for Preventing Brain Damage." It can be done by a child. And it can be described over the phone The technique is a time buying measure to prevent brain damage to your pet until you can get him to the proper medical facilities. It triggers a natural reaction - found in every mammal - to conserve oxygen in the event your pet receives no oxygen to his brain.

After about five minutes (depending on the species) without oxygen, the animal starts suffering irreversible brain damage. The technique seeks to trigger the oxygen conserving reflex known as the mammalian diving reflex. To delay death, the reflex slows blood flow to the outer extremities of the body - diverting available blood to the organs that will keep the animal alive: heart, lungs, brain, etc. Established by thousands of years of genetics, it prepares the animal to survive a fall and submergence into water. For the technique to work, the water must be 58 degrees or colder - the mean temperature of the water of the world.

The Dobkin Technique works on both young and old, conscious and unconscious animals, to give them the ability to extract extra oxygen from the blood supply. Everything depends on speed - how soon the technique is triggered after the animal stops breathing. Nothing can save an animal after too long a period of oxygen deprivation. But the Dobkin Technique works almost instantly on pets that have stopped breathing to conserve oxygen - delaying brain injury and death for possibly up to an hour.

...The key element of the reflex is that is triggered by a facial immersion in cold water. Immersing the face of an animal or pet in ice water will trigger this reflex - same as if the animal has fallen and was submerged in cold water. An animal's best chances of suffocation survival is resuscitation after a cold water drowning.

... But what does all this have to do with your dog? In the case of your pet who has recently stopped breathing, the Dobkin Technique will give you precious moments to get your dog (or cat) to a veterinarian - who may be able to initiate CPR, pump his stomach, and/or give electrocardial shock - to stimulate the animal's heart back to life. The technique is a time buying procedure - so you can get your pet to the proper authorities for professional care.

The Dobkin Technique is simple to initiate: Place cold water or cold wet towels on your pet's face - being sure to cover his eyes. Both the coldness and the wetness are necessary to trigger this response. The water must be 58 degrees or colder - which is to say water from your refrigerator is more than cold enough. In the winter, tap water from a running tap is also cold enough. In the summer, ice, towels and water will mix to produce a temperature cold enough to trigger this response. Most immediately: time is of the essence - remember, you only have a few minutes after an animal has stopped breathing until brain damage starts - so apply cold wet towels as soon as possible.

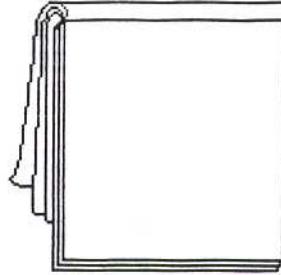
What else can you do? After immersing the face and keeping it immersed (making sure not to cover the pet's nose so he can breathe), if there are still cold wet towels or ice water, wet the animal down to reduce his body temperature. And get to proper help immediately.

If you know animal CPR (although not many people do), this would be the time to use it, in conjunction with the Dobkin Technique. If you don't know animal CPR, no time to learn it now - just wet the pet's nose with ice water - and run, don't walk, with your pet to the nearest veterinary hospital. If someone else is present, have him or her call the clinic to alert them you are on the way with a pet and the condition.

I hope you never have to use the Dobkin Technique ... but if you do, I certainly hope you remember it. If this procedure saves your pet, this article will pay for itself many time over in the love you get back from your dog every time he wags his tail when he sees you. Best of luck and Godspeed.

LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY PERTAINING TO CARE AND CONTROL OF ANIMALS

by Eugenia B. Bishop
(from the NJFDC December newsletter)



When they prepare a Will, most people assume that by doing so they have made adequate provision for their dogs. The members of BCKC learned that this is not always true. One of our members became ill and placed her two dogs in a boarding kennel on her way to the hospital. There she had a stroke and went into a coma which lasted for several months before she died.

Although several club members volunteered to care for her dogs during this time, we discovered no one had the legal authority to get them released

from the boarding kennel. The member's only living relatives declined to take action to be appointed her legal guardian. Thus, not only did the dogs spend many months in a kennel, but the estate had to pay a huge board bill to get the dogs released so they could be placed in homes.

Any pet owner who lives alone should have a limited power of attorney prepared that would authorize an individual of your choice to take possession of your pets and care for them in case you are incapacitated.

TRACKING TIPS

Reprinted from Hudson Valley Tracking Club's *Dog Scents*, September, 1990, by Mike Clemens

In beginning tracking all you need is yourself and your dog. There is no need to have anyone else there with you. I start a beginning dog tied up to a stake or tree and turn him into a frenzy. I get him excited with whatever turns him on, trying to avoid any excitement with the use of food. Usually this is a ball or some squeaky toy. I have a starting flag set up and I keep the dog's attention on the object up to the start. I then proceed in a straight line about 25 yards and set up a second flag. At this stage turn to face your dog, flag #2 to your back, and make a big deal over the object again. Put the object down, making sure that the dog sees what you are doing and return as quickly as you can to the dog. The dog may or may not have a harness on. It will be easier for all if the dog is in harness, but always use a short leash in beginning tracking. Do not become obsessed with the leash; let it drag. Keep your dog as close to the buckle as possible. Run up to the starting flag, using your right hand for guidance, stop and point to the ground. As soon

as your dog puts his nose down near your hand, giving large praise at the exact moment this happens, you then move down the track toward the second flag. As soon as the nose comes up, you immediately repeat what you did at the starting flag. This is what I call frustration tracking. Hopefully the dog will get the idea that the only way to get to the object is to put his nose down by being praised by his handler. When you finally transverse the 25 yards and find the object, your praise must be extraordinary. You must be as excited or more excited than the dog in finding that object. You must possess two skills in beginning tracking: 1. A Good Actor. 2. Very Good Timing. The dog must feel that you want to get to the object as soon as possible and your dog can only learn this through correctly timed praise as to the proper procedure to take in order to get to the object. Beginning Tracking can be back breaking and frustrating, but is rewarding in the end if you tough it out.