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COMMON SCENTS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



The Certification Match was held at Mollie Heidi's home due to a problem with the fields we were expecting to use. It seems the fields have been plowed and planted and will not be available for the test either. Thanks to Mollie and her neighbors for allowing us to use

their land. Since there were only four entries, the judge was able to fit them in by being a little creative. Peg Forte's big stinky feet really came through for me. Raven and I actually managed to do a decent track and certify. I was a little hesitant to walk almost up to the neighbor's front door, but the track really did go there! Basset Muffie and handler Priscilla White had problems with the first turn, but did well after being put back on the track. (By the way, it was Muffie's first birthday and we all enjoyed her chocolate birthday cake.) The other two dogs decided they were not inclined to track that day.

Coming up on October 28 is the Tracklayer's Certification. We will have a picnic and some club members have volunteered to talk about training for a TDX. The Tracklayer's Certification is a great chance for some of the newer members to learn about map making and it is a prerequisite for those who would like to lay track at a test. It'll be fun, so come on out!

Our test is on November 5th. Anyone who would like to help (bring food, lay track, etc.) is welcome. We'll be calling you.

Anna Burbank

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tracklayer Certification/Meeting
.....Saturday, October 28, 1995

Tracking Test
.....Sunday, November 5, 1995

TED '96
.....Sunday, April 21, 1996



PAT BLAKE and mix **Holly** were in the **AMBOR Highlight** twice. They were photographed at the UKC Match, where she was HS AMBOR dog.

NEEDED - VOLUNTEERS

Our test is rapidly approaching. If you want to be a tracklayer, call John Etchells at 908-236-2423. And Priscilla Gabosch will be seeking food donations - 609-858-6227

FIRST TRACKING CHAMPION!!!

Congratulations to Darlene Ceretto of Lombard IL, owner of 11 1/2 year old GSD Bitch Sealair's Raggedy Ann UDTX, who became the first dog awarded the CT (Champion Tracker) title by passing at the NW Obedience Club of Suburban Chicago's VST test on September 10.

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CERTIFICATION MATCH

As Anna indicated in her President's Message, she was a very happy camper. It was the best, most enthusiastic track I've ever seen her Dobie Raven do! Anna and I had gone out the week before and done a short, motivational track with a HUGE jackpot - I think it was about a pound of cheese chunks and a great big blueberry muffin - under the glove. It worked!!!

Priscilla White's Basset Muffie showed us that she really knew what tracking was all about. Unfortunately, a rabbit leaped out where the second leg led, and Priscilla thought Muffie was going hunting and held her back... Muffie obliged and went for a wander - but when she was subsequently put back on the track, she did an excellent job. An unlucky break, but a certification should be in her near future.

Judge Sue Dolbin was her usual upbeat, helpful self. I think she really appreciated the fact that she didn't have to drive ANYWHERE - since she was one of the judges who had taken part in our 12-track all-over-the-county test two years ago!

A big thanks to all the members who made the day so successful. The tracklayers were Peg Forte, John Etchells and me. Besides the tracklayers and hosts Mollie & Peter Heide, contributing to the after-tracklaying dinner were Anna Burbank and Pat Blake (who also organized a yummy after-match lunch). Additional day of match supporters were Karl Gabosch, Barbara Greenfield, Linda Riley, and Mimi Ruch. The turnout was not large, but those of us who made it had a very educational and enjoyable time.

Pat Etchells

CLEVER CANINE COMPANIONS

by Pat Blake

Clever Canine Companions offers three working dog titles (VCC-Versatile Canine Companion, VCCX - Versatile Canine Companion Excellent and O-VCCX - Outstanding Versatile Canine Companion Excellent) with a special Dog of Merit award for the dog with the most points accumulated at the end of the year. A plaque is also given to the person who has done outstanding work in the "dog field." This is "The Extra Mile".

These titles are open to mixed breeds as well as pure breeds.

Many titles (Ch, TD, TDX), as you will see, can be used toward the VCC, VCCX titles.

There are 10 categories. All phases of dog performances are considered. There are many "Open" portions that can be used also.

Category 1 is required. This is a service oriented program. Its purpose is to show the public how much more valued a well socialized and well trained dog can be. This category is a team effort of both the owner's and dog's work. In Category 1 the owner gets credit for all the hours and years of volunteer work. Examples would be: assisting your dog clubs in any manner, instructing or assisting, writing articles, visiting nursing homes

or schools (give dates). As many as 3 points can be given to the dog's score in Category 1. When you have accomplished the proofs for Category 1, it applies to all your dogs.

Other categories include health certificates, obedience, tracking, conformation, herding, protection, draft work, soundness, and other (hero dog, therapy, etc.) Anything else the dog has done (with verifications), awards received, booth points, all can be applied toward these titles. Booth points are given for day-long programs such as pet fairs, rescue fairs and demonstrations, etc. (Min. 4 hours).

The VCC title requires 5 points from a minimum of 3 categories.

The VCCX title requires 10 points from a minimum of 5 categories.

The O-VCCX requires a previous title, 6 categories and a minimum of 25 points.

A newsletter is published in February, listing all dogs registered and their accomplishments.

Clever Canine Companions also offers a certificate for dogs who do therapy work. The dog does not have to belong to an organization, but proofs of visits are required.

YOU'RE GETTING TOO INVOLVED WITH DOG SHOWS WHEN ...

reprinted from *Doberman World HOTLINE*,
Summer, 1980

- You take your daughter to the ballet and she asks you to buy a catalog.
- The neighbors bring their new baby over to show you and you ask to see its pedigree.
- At the supermarket checkout stand you suddenly realize that your basket contains a loaf of bread, a can of beans, and six cases of dog food.
- You have to sit in the kennel in the summer because it is the only part of the house that is air-conditioned.
- You open your handbag at a party and three dog biscuits and a hunk of liver fall out.
- You get your monthly vet bill and it more than the one from your doctor.
- It suddenly dawns on you that your wardrobe consists entirely of slacks and tennis shoes.
- You find yourself trying to put a training collar on your kids.
- You can't get into the garage because it already contains four crates, a pooper scooper, and a couple of exercise pens.
- You announce to your friends that your sister has whelped a baby girl.
- Your bookworm friend says that she just finished "Hamlet" and you murmur that you didn't know she had a Great Dane.
- You traveled to 24 different cities in the past five months and the only way you can remember one from the other was the condition the ring was in.
- Your family complains that the only combs for their hair are for Greyhounds, and you won't let them use them.!



TRAINING TOOL

by John Ross in "Dog Talk"
reprinted from *Washington State Cocker
Spaniel Club's Hi Lites*, July, 1995

A rolled-up newspaper can be an effective training tool when used properly. For example, use the rolled-up newspaper if your dog chews something or has a housebreaking accident ...

Take the rolled-up newspaper and hit yourself on the head as you repeat the phrase, "I forgot to watch my dog, I forgot to watch my dog." This is the only time a rolled-up newspaper should be used in training. If your dog laughs at you when you do this, praise him.

WHAT IS A JUDGE

reprinted from *Palo Alto Foothills Tracking
Association's Gone Trackin'*, October, 1987

A judge is ... an odd person, who gives up weekends to travel on planes, that are always late, to strange places for the purpose of acquiring sore feet, indigestion, and often, a hangover. A mathematical genius with a computerized brain, a soft heart, and a gift for diplomacy, who can exist for long periods of time without going to the bathroom.

A judge is: supposed to remember that the rules are flexible and ought to be bent a little when you are in the ring - but you'll report him if he does it for the other guy; is a creature with ESP, six eyes and four ears, who can arrange a ring under the wildest circumstances so that it presents ideal working conditions for any dog; is the only one in the ring who is not permitted to make a mistake; is stupid and heartless if you don't place in the ribbons, fair and understanding if you took a first, and the greatest judge you ever showed under if you come out BOB; is given the red carpet VIP treatment before and during the show, but becomes instantly invisible as soon as the last class is finished and he's handed his expense check; is a dedicated character who loves what he's doing in spite of everything and tries to do it as well as he can, in hopes of keeping the sport something everyone can enjoy.