



LENAPE TRACKING CLUB OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY

COMMON SCENTS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Spring is here! The Easter bunny came and we managed to keep the dogs from eating the eggs before the kids could find them.



TED is coming up on April 21st. (Dave wants to know who "Ted" is and why his name is on my calendar in big letters.) As always, we need plenty of volunteers to make the day a success. There are a couple of other dog events on the same day this year, so we might be a little light in the volunteer department. Be a group leader, harness seller, food server, parking lot watcher! There are lots of opportunities for volunteering. One of the comments people always make is that the people in Lenape are so friendly. Come and help spread this vicious rumor! Peg Forte is organizing things, so give her a call if you can be there. Also, if anyone knows of fields we could use for the follow-ups, please let Peg know. The follow-ups are usually held at Deerpath Park in Flemington. Last year they decided not to mow. Some of the fields were so covered with brambles that they were unusable. We really need to find another site.

Salle Richards and Arthur Twiss will be judging our test in November. Salle has been very encouraging about putting on a TDX and this year we are going to try it. This year's test will be a combination TD/TDX. It should be a great learning experience for all involved. We hope to do most of the learning before the day of the event! In this vein, some of our members have volunteered to help lay

track at the Clumber club's TDX on May 1st. If anyone else would like to help, give Pat Etchells a ring.

See you at TED!

Anna Burbank

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Follow-up 1
..... Saturday, June 8, 1996

Follow-up 2
..... Sunday, July 7, 1996

Follow-up 3
..... Saturday, August 10, 1996

Certification Workshop
..... Sunday, September 22, 1996

Tracking Test
..... Sunday, November 3, 1996

TED PLANNING MEETING & BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 18 - 7:30 p.m.
at the Etchells home
Lebanon, NJ
call for directions
908-236-423

ALL WORKERS WELCOME!

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TRACKING EXPERIENCE DAY - APRIL 21, 1996 FROM THE CHAIRPERSON -

Each spring for 17 years, Lenape has held their TED. It takes the combined effort of many to make this day work.

The object of the day is to introduce people to the sport of tracking. But it is really much more than that - it is the opportunity for those of us who love the sport to share our enthusiasm and knowledge with others.

This year it seems as though some of our regular workers have other commitments on April 21st. This weekend I will be calling our members to be sure that we have enough workers. You don't have to be a group leader - we need help with the food, leading the groups from station to station when we are outside in the morning, selling books and harnesses, etc.

And we will also need help at the follow-up sessions during June, July and August. There is something every club member can do..... so Please be ready to say yes to helping out --- I'll be calling you !

Peg Forte

TRACKLAYERS NEEDED

The Clumber Club of America is holding a TD/TDX test at its National Specialty here in Hunterdon County, and Lenape has volunteered to help out. This is a GREAT opportunity for members to learn about TDX tracklaying before our test this fall (especially since the judges are Club friends Salle Richards and Mike Clemens)!!! If anyone is free for plotting on Tuesday, April 30 and tracklaying on Wednesday, May 1, give a call - (908) 236-2423.



RONN & MAELIENE LOOS' rescue Collie **Pennie** earned finished her UDX. Ronn handled her in Open and Maeliene in Utility!

REPORT FROM THE NJFDC

On April 1 the NJFDC held its annual meeting. In addition to the election of officers, the Federation passed a motion to fund a NJFDC scholarship to graduate Vet students to help defray the cost of their education. The Board is looking for suggestions from members and clubs on how to raise funds for the scholarship. Ideas included: a match show, seminars, etc.

Legislative Reports: Bill A-482, which deals with training standards for animal control officers, is currently before the State Assembly. It is very similar to a bill the Federation supported last year that died in committee. The Federation suggested that member clubs write their Assembly person and the Speaker of the Assembly urging that the bill be posted and brought to a vote. The Senate version will be S-366. It was also reported that the National Forest Service is proposing a plan that would prohibit all dogs from the Roosevelt-Arapaho National Forest. This forest covers a large portion of the Wyoming-Colorado Front Range Area. Finally, the Federation President reported that Kentucky was passing some very breeder-favorable dog legislation. It defines "Hobby Breeders" and specifies that no jurisdiction will pass breed specific laws. On a different note, the President stated that member club should analyze the local legislation that they support. Some of the ordinances that NJ clubs have supported in the past have turned out to be breed specific legislation.

John Etchells

MEMBERSHIP

The following person has submitted an application for membership. She will become a member 30 days after the mailing of this newsletter unless the secretary, Pat Etchells, PO Box 326, Lebanon, NJ 08833, receives any letters of objection within 30 days.

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PBGV - -Valerie, Chrissy

Sponsors - Karl Gabosch

Priscilla Gabosch

BEARDIES ON THE RIGHT TRACK!

written by Jane Modjeski for her breed magazine

After three years of procrastinating and several nudges from friends, Boomer and I harnessed up and tried Tracking! Every April for the last 19 years the Lenape Tracking Club in New Jersey has held a Tracking Experience Day. So April 22, last year, we were there. 8 a.m. sharp! I set Boomer's crate up under a tree near a Dalmatian, 2 PBGVs, 3 GSDs, 4 miscellaneous breed, and it's true - 5 Golden Retrievers barking. Sounds like a weird twist on Christmas? 24 dogs all waiting!



The day was perfect, cool and overcast with a nice breeze. At check-in each participant received a full size packet including a standard clipboard personalized with our name, name tag,

2 sizes of tracklaying maps, address lists of the club members as well as the participants, a club newsletter, tracking hints and an outline of the day's activities. We were divided into 4 groups. Boomer and I were matched with 3 GSDs, a Sheltie and a Standard Poodle. The host club plied the participants with coffee, rolls and juice and gave a brief overview of the day and explained what happened at a tracking test.

Then it was time for our first outdoor demo. A club member "laid a track" while another member explained how to "map" the track being laid. While the track "aged" (you have to learn a whole new lingo to track!) the participants asked questions. Then a young Golden that had only been training for a short time ran the track. It was exciting to see him work. He obviously enjoyed tracking.

The group went back inside for more food! and drink and facilities. On to the topic of Scent - what affects it and details on track laying and map making. Then back outside for more hands on. We broke into 4 groups and went through 4 stations: Pace measuring - which involved walking out 100 yards up a slight incline and back to determine our length of pace. You keep track of how many steps you take and divide into 100 yards each way to get an average. The incline out and decline back tested how accurately we kept our stride length. Then we all walked another track and there was a contest to see

who had the most accurate estimate of its length. The prize was to be awarded at the end of the seminar. Map Making covered terrain identifiers or natural markers to determine where the track ran and turns were laid. Lead Handling - with a very gracious gentlemen who acted as our tracking "dog" so we could experience the pull of straight forward movement and "casting" or circling as the dog searched for the track. He had a 40 foot tracking line (standard length for tracking) clipped to the back of his jeans belt loop! Starting a Dog - which covered the basics, minimal equipment necessary (dog, harness, tracking lead, tracking objects, flags, maps, clipboard, motivators, patience and a good sense of humor). Motivators could be used and this station discussed food vs. toy or article training.

We broke for a huge club catered lunch and dessert break. There was also an opportunity to purchase books and equipment for those who needed supplies. Boomer and I now have 2 sets of flags, a harness and books. The rest of the equipment we already had or could make easily.

After lunch it was finally time for dogs! So out we trooped and now the skies were not so friendly. It started to look a little rainy! But you do just like in Breed or Obedience or Herding or any sport and go out, rain or shine. So we packed up our supplies and moved into a neighboring field to "start" our dogs.

Each sub-group of six dogs and handlers had two club members that laid 3 tracks for each dog, 10, 15 and 20 yards long. Lenape does use food and every other step a slice of hot dog or cheese marked the track up to the end where the article which everyone had brought (articles usually are leather and can be old gloves, wallets, etc.,) was placed. Boomer's big success was his clear article identification. He leaped up in the air, pounced the glove, grabbed it and went into an immediate down. Yes, luck can be with you - he did it on his own! We didn't do as well as the GSDs on the speed of running the track, but no one came close to his identification technique, and that can be a big factor in pass or fail in the actual test. If your judge doesn't see that the dog found the article, you don't pass!

It was then time to go in, summarize the day, fill out questionnaires of how the day could be improved (not much to improve - it was great!) and plan for the 3 follow-up sessions that are included with the initial application fee. And ... the results of the contest. The winner received a neat LL Bean tote bag and was only a few feet off the actual distance. Believe it or not, I won! So I can pace and map accurately and Boomer does a great article ID. Now we have to put the middle in place and learn how to go 440 to 550 yards, with 2 or more right angle turns, the track being 30 minutes to 2 hours old with fairly consistent terrain and no clear obstacles like fences, woods, streams, etc., Piece of cake... Last fall there was also a tracking certification test sponsored by Lenape which if you pass gives you 4 signed vouchers from a certified tracking judge saying your dog is ready to enter a real TD test. You are actually put through a representative track test. These vouchers are good for one year and must be sent with your application for a TD test. Just like in herding you must successfully enter and then be "drawn" as a participant.

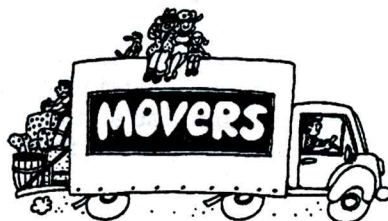
So it's a lot of work and seems like lots of fun and a great way to meet new people and have a neat time with your Beardie buddy. Check your local match bulletin if you have one for your area for similar programs. There are also a number of successful tracking people in the BCCA that may be able to steer you to a local training club. If not there are several excellent books and videos to guide you.

P.S. Boomer was Lenape's first Beardie! They thought he was great (maybe a little noisy...) and hope to see more Beardies next spring...Hint!!! So go out and have some fun with our Beardie and put that nose to work and out of things like butter, swimming pools, roasts, shoes, shrubbery, etc.

MOVING WITH YOUR PET

America is a culture on the move.

From late May until late August, people will pack up their belongings, children, plants and pets and head off. Some will move just down the block, others to a new time zone.



But for everyone moving means planning ahead for a less stressful experience.

When pets are a part of your family, remember that moving can stress them out too.

"Animals can sense and react to stress just like people," said Dr. William Fortney, professor of veterinary medicine at Kansas State University. "Anything we can do to make it easier on them can make recovering from the move easier on us. And the older the pet, the more stress they have."

As you pack your suitcase of items you want to keep handy, be sure and pack one for your pet too. You want to be sure your pet's health and rabies certificates are in a convenient spot.

"If your pet has a favorite blanket or toy, put that in their suitcase. Also pack their food, bowls and medicine in there. That way everything is handy and in one place. And don't wash blankets and toys. Pets want a comforting scent they recognize," said Fortney.

During the trip, keep the pet with you. Don't pack them in the moving van or the back of the truck. If they're in the same car, you will know if they're comfortable or need anything.

During pet pit stops, always keep the animal on a leash even if you know your pet would never go anywhere without you, Fortney said. And never leave your pet in the car with the windows rolled up. A car heats up quickly and can get hot enough to cause your pet's death.

Know beforehand if your animal is a good traveler or needs medication for nervousness or carsickness, Fortney said.

"A long trip to a new place is not the time you want to find out that your cat gets sick in the car," said Fortney.

This has been a post from KSUPET-L, an electronic mailing list about pet health, utilizing expertise from Kansas State University veterinarians.

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HOW TO SPEND A TWO-DOG NIGHT

By Bev Ryba (With The Voice Of Experience!)

From the February, 1996 issue of *Canine Classified*, Houston, Texas via the January 1994 issue of *Canine Classified*, by way of the March 1984 Newsletter of the Spring Valley Working Dog Club (Also used in C.C. in 1984 or 1985)

I will address myself mostly to the rules for sleeping with two dogs. For the few who have already mastered this technique, I will later add a cat, although I urge beginners to leave the cat out.

To achieve any sort of success, certain arbitrary conditions must be assumed, the first one being that you must have a king-sized bed. There is no point in lying down in anything smaller. While the size of the breed of dog is not important (people who sleep with dogs know that before the night is over



everybody collects into a pile), the condition of the dogs may be. Very thin dogs, for example, are lumpier.

I have selected the two-dog minimum because, as we shall see, it is the only way to stay in bed at all. The key word here is **LEVERAGE**. All dogs spend the night pressed tightly against their human bedfellows, but no two dogs ever sleep on the same side. This is, in part, an expression of the "Let Sleeping Dogs Lie Principle". It is also to create leverage.



Because the human being is always in the middle, held tightly in place by the dogs and by his blanket (which the dogs are sleeping on top of), restlessness and recurring cramps are difficult to handle. Here is the tip: When you first lie down, **AND BEFORE THE DOGS SETTLE AGAINST EACH SIDE OF YOU**, spread your legs three inches apart. Stiffen and hold out **NO MATTER HOW GREAT THE PRESSURE!** When the time comes to turn over, bring the legs together quickly under the now slightly slackened blanket and revolve **BEFORE THE DOGS WAKE UP**. As soon as you have assumed a new position, allow for those crucial three inches again; otherwise, you're a mummy for the rest of the night.

NEVER SPREAD THE LEGS MORE THAN THREE INCHES! A dog's favorite place to sleep is in the hollow created by legs too widely spread, and once settled, he and you are frozen into position until morning. (There is a way out of this trap, but it is difficult to describe without slides). Dogs who

prefer to sleep on their backs **MUST BE GIVEN SPACE THREE TIMES THE HEIGHT OF THE DOG AT THE SHOULDER**. Dogs who like pillows may be accommodated if you sleep on your side with the legs scissored so that each dog has an ankle for a chin rest. Above all, **BEWARE OF CURLING!** When the curl is reversed, both dogs are dislocated, resulting in low growls on both sides of you.

When you are ready to add a cat, position is all important. All cats prefer to sleep in hollows, but **NO CAT WILL SLEEP ON THE SAME SIDE AS A DOG**. (Remember, you have only two sides). **YOU MUST THEREFORE BECOME A TRIANGLE!** Do this by assuming a horizontal diver's crouch, thereby creating not only three more-or less exclusive sides but two hollows as well. With one dog at your front, and the other against your back, the cat can curl into the hollow at the back of your bent knees, separated from both dogs. All will then sleep soundly.



This entire technique still needs a lot of refinement. A method that deals with early morning scratching needs to be developed, and the problem of pretending to sleep while being closely scrutinized by various animals needs to be solved.

TRAINING TIP - MEDS & SCENT

reprinted from OTC of Wichita Falls "The High Jump" via Quincy KC "The Tattle-Tail" via Pasinta Obedience Club News via Des Moines OTC "Waggin' Tales"

Did you know that medication of ANY kind, including heartworm preventative, Lyme's vaccine, antibiotics, or even aspirin, **WILL** affect your dog's sense of smell for at least five days after the last dose (or until it clears the system).

If you have your dog entered in Utility or a tracking event on the day **AFTER** you normally would give it a heartworm tablet, you would be wise to wait an extra day and give the tablet after the test. It won't hurt the dog, and it won't throw him a curve, either. Don't consciously set your dog up to fail.