



Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey

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COMMON SCENTS

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The TED flyer is included with this newsletter. Please make copies, be sure to do both sides, and distribute at your dog activities.

And mark April 5th on your calendar and come out and help at TED.

Missed Tidbits...



In the last newsletter Tidbits sent in by Pat Etchells were accidentally omitted. The editor apologizes for this omission.

Delta got legs toward her CD at Somerset Hills (4th place), Lehigh Valley (4th Place), Hatboro and Southern NJ Cocker Club (2nd place).

Also, **Pat Etchells'** brown rescue girl Beans (Just Full O' Beans) got her CD with legs at Lehigh Valley, Hatboro and Southern NJ Cocker Club (3rd place). She also had a "moment of fame" as part of a dog segment on the CBS Early Show in July and is in a 2003 Cocker Puppy Calendar.

Kona, Beans' littermate, is "Mr. October" in a 2003 Cocker Calendar.



The photo sent to accompany the "Starfish" story was also not included because the editor did not feel it would reproduce well.

President's Message

Is this the payback? Last summer was so very hot and dry. By the time we had our test there had been some rain. Since the beginning of November there has been plenty of rain and I'm sure everyone was out enjoying the moist conditions.

How are you doing in the snow? Tracking in light snow cover is a great way to learn to read your dog. You can really tell how well your dog is following the scent.

Now that the holidays are over, with an interest in dogs, is thinking about matches, tests and training classes. Please remember the TED program on April 5th. Mark your calendar for that day and be available to work with Lenape Tracking Club.

The TED program is our only money raising project and this one day supports the club for the year.

Alice Crans is chairperson this year and she is going to be asking all the members to pitch in and help.

We always have a good time and see many people we haven't seen all year. Lunch is always good also.

The February meeting is to be on the 15th and the snow date is the 22nd is a general meeting. We have a business meeting at which time the nominating committee will give their report. Then you will have the opportunity to nominate candidates from the floor.

The meeting is followed by a lunch of soup and desserts. The speaker for the afternoon will be Alice Crans and her topic will be her experience with Topaz in Crisis Intervention Disaster Response. (see page 6 for details of the meeting)

I hope to see you at the meeting.

Barbara Greenfield

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A TRIBUTE TO BEAUTY!

On December 27, 2002 nine years to the day I had to make that call that all of us who own dogs at some point in time have to make. I called our vet. To come to my house to send my wonderful rescued greyhound Beauty over the bridge. It as a very sad time at my house as my husband and I sat and held her head while the vet gave her that final injection to take away all her pain and sadness she had from the cancer that was raging in her left shoulder.

Nine years again when we went to pick up our first rescued greyhound I never dreamed she would end up being such a wonderful dog and be capable of doing so many things. The day we picked her up her tail and her nose met under her belly she was so shy. Well, I soon found out with a lot of love and patience she could do many things and even though she was a sight hound, her very favorite thing was to use her nose.

In November the following year she got her TD on her very first try, then she went on to get her TDX and was well on her way to a VST when she started going lame with the cancer. Some of you at Lenape got to see her when she did the demo track for the TED day one year.

Beauty also earned 2 CDS an AKC and a UKC and 3 out of 6 of those legs she earned in pouring down rain. She earned an agility Novice jumpers title and had 1 leg on her novice standard which again the lameness put a stop to.

Seven of the 9 years I had Beauty I taught an all greyhound obedience class of which Beauty was the star, as each week she would show these people that greyhounds certainly could SIT, lay down, come when called and do all kinds of wonderful things besides chase rabbits and be couch potatoes.



She also was a wonderful therapy dog and spent many hours visiting nursing homes.

I cannot say enough to tell you what a wonderful, devoted, loving creature she was but I can tell you she was loved by many and I have a tremendous love and respect for this breed because of her.

We love you and we miss you our wonderful girl!!!!!!! Bev and Rich Olsen

Tidbits...



Just a reminder to all our members, we welcome your brags—no matter what your dog(s) have accomplished. May we suggested that when your dog accomplishes something that you send it to the newsletter editor right away so that you don't forget. Also while we like to use photos they do not always reproduce well.

Bev Olsen's *Rainman* took a Best of Winners and a Best of Breed with a Group 2 at the UKC shows (2 in 1 day) held in south Jersey on January 18. That finished him so he is now a UKC Champion U-CH Corwynt Glaw Dyn O Rhewllyd. Rain is 18 months old. Rain also has his first Herding Tested Leg.

The editor must apologize to Bev for incorrectly labeling a photo of her Cardigan Welsh Corgi, *Snowflake* as a Pembroke. Your editor certainly knows the difference between the two breeds, it was a momentary brain lapse. Snowflakes titles are AKC VCD2 (CDX AX AXJ TD) She is the first Cardigan Corgi to earn that title. She also has NADAC Open Standard and Novice Jumpers titles.

Laurie Shuren's Aussie *MeMe* got her first AKC Novice leg on 12/15 with a score of 181.5. Just to add to the excitement, an exhibitor was being taken out in a gurney with a minor injury, it got caught on the gates. Why do these things happen to me??

On 1/11 MeMe and Laurie got a 190 and second place in Novice A today for their second leg !!

On 11/4 before Laurie broke a rib, *MeMe* and *Willy* each got a leg in AKC standard novice agility and they each got a half leg in NADAC/ASCA standard novice agility.

Lisa Pattison reports that three of her Aussies finished their Novice jumpers title the weekend of Nov 8th and 9th. For *Murphy* it means he now has his VCD1 title!! They did it in style. *Shelby* took 2nd in the 20 inch, *Murphy* took 3rd in the 20 inch and *Lacey* took 4th in the 20 inch!

On 1/11 *Lacey* also qualified in Nov B, one more leg and she has her VCD1!!

NEED A HARNESS ?

Alice Crans will be ordering harnesses for TED. If you need a harness call or e-mail Alice by March 15th and she will order you one.

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Thank you to the following who contributed to this newsletter:

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You all made my job much easier.

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Tidbits don't have to be something your dog has accomplished. If you have a funny story or got a great doggie oriented e-mail.... send it on.

If you have a tracking training question perhaps the answer would help someone else. Send in your question and we will publish it and our suggestions on what to do.

Do you have a favorite website—Tell us about it and share it's URL with us

Most of us know the basics of CPR for people.....but what if your pet suddenly stops breathing or has a hearth attack? Go to these sites, and learn how to save your pet. Illustrated diagrams will show you how to do 'mouth-to-snout resuscitation,' feel for a pulse, and where (and how many times) to pump for CPR.

<http://www.rescuecritters.com/cpr.html>

For special feline first-aid instructions, try:

<http://www.sniksnak.com/cathealth/firstaid.html>

It could save your pet's life!!!

Tracking Tests

The board voted to eliminate the tracking test list in the newsletter. The information is available on the AKC website (www.akc.org) Use the pull down menu under Dog Events. Select Reults and Reports then select Events/Results Search. You can search multiple states and a range of dates to find the info on Tracking Tests.

Information on tests is also available in the AKC Events Calendar (the supplement to the AKC Gazette. But every test isn't always listed there. The info on the AKC website is more up-to-date.

The Case of the Fearless Ferret

by Alice Crans



I am fortunate enough to be able to bring my golden, Topaz to work with me on occasion. (Of course, being retired, I only go in on occasion.) Unlike other people who bring their livestock to

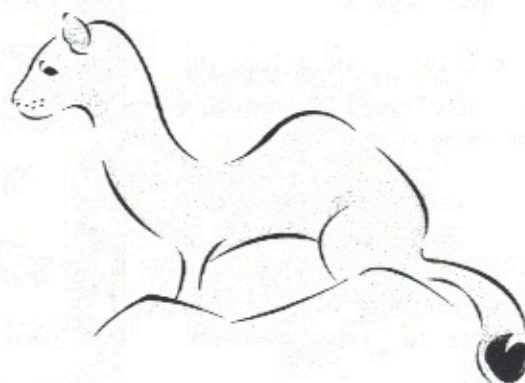
work, I not only do not have to confine her to one office, but I *can't* confine her to one office. She is appropriated by the graduate students, and is the official "greeter" for the lab. People are insulted if she ignores them. Naturally, employees are hired on the basis of how well they get along with Topaz. (Like all goldens, she is an inordinately good judge of character....) Of course the environment is safe, and we always check to be certain there are no other canines in residence at the time of our arrival – and I post a sign "Golden Guard on Duty" when she is in residence.

Anyway, I brought her to the lab last week when a group of us had a short course followed by a test. While we were all discussing with the lecturer some of the finer points of killing things safely (bugs, that is), Topaz left my side in almost a prance, keeping her nose about three feet off the floor – apparently keeping it in a stream of scent. Then panic struck. She was several rows ahead of me (off lead) and sticking her nose up.....well, where it shouldn't be, and I discovered this long, slinky, furry thing with beady eyes sniffing her back! Priscilla (the person she had trailed down the aisle), thought the reactions hilarious, all I could think of was one gulp and Topaz has had a weasel lunch. I got over in a flash, got Topi under control and continued to observe. Lots of curiosity, no apparent fear on either side. It was Topaz' first encounter with a ferret, Ursa by name. (Ursa *minor* by size.)

All went well for the next half hour or so, until Priscilla handed Ursa over to another student. Ary was not really in control of the situation – or Ursa. She kept slinking through his hands, over his shoulder and coming over to Topaz with interest. At one point, I gave Topi a drink of water from a cup – which absolutely fascinated Ursa. Crawling up Ary's chest, she kept trying to look in his coffee cup. While keeping up his discussion with the lecturer, Ary responded by dipping his finger in said cup giving the ferret drops of coffee. Then Topi got up for a closer look – maybe even a few drops of coffee for herself. Ary was paying absolutely no attention to Ursa, and within seconds, Ursa had crawled over the edge of his cup and jumped in. Suddenly there was a flurry of ferret, coffee, cup and Ary. Topi was well splashed, Ursa was soaked and ran off in a brown stain, and the class broke up. Topaz' nose finally ferreted out the fearless ferret. She wasn't really hiding – just getting into more trouble underneath the audio/visual table.

After a brief bath, all livestock were well. Ary spend the next half hour cleaning the chair and floor in the lecture room, Ursa was returned – albeit a little damp - to her rightful owner, and I passed my test. The incident did remind me of why I have never had a ferret as a pet – they are much too much like kids. (And graduate students!)

Alice Crans



TRACKING

FIND IT! Tracking for me was one of the most enjoyable sports that I could share with my dog. I love the outdoors as much as the dogs do, so what could be more fun on a beautiful fall day then walking through a wide open field

together. Don't get me wrong, depending on the season, you could also experience cold, rainy windy or hot days but that's all part of tracking and you need to be prepared for all types of weather. Before starting your training you need to understand that this a totally positive program. There can be no negative corrections used or the dog will begin to fail.



(photo by Laurie Shuren)

Woody negotiating a turn. You can see the tracking stake (enhanced by editor) out in front. You want to stay on that path until you're sure the dog has found the correct path.

Training the dog can be done alone, however it is a lot easier if you have a friend to train with. The equipment you need includes, a non restrictive tracking harness and tracking line of at least 50 feet, a few leather articles, six to eight tracking stakes, raingear, a clipboard, paper and pen and one dog.

But before we ever got out to the fields at all we started in the house. Using an old leather glove or even a toy, we played a game of fetch and tug of war until Woody really came to love the glove. With that accomplished, I started putting him on a sit stay in one room and hiding the glove in another room and then telling him to go "find it". At first I put the glove in easy to find spots, such as on top of a chair. After he was successful with that I gradually made it harder for him to find. As he became adept at using his nose, it was time to move outdoors.

We started by placing the first flag with the dog and handler approximately two feet behind it and the tracklayer exciting the dog with the glove by waving it and throwing it in the air. The tracklayer then walks straight away from the dog, into the wind, waving the glove and keeping the dogs attention. The tracklayer walks out about 15 feet, turns and faces the dog, calling the dog's name, again showing the glove and places it on the ground and then the tracklayer walks back on the same path. Meanwhile the handler should also be keeping the dog excited and focused on the glove. As soon as

the glove is placed on the ground, the handler should command the dog to "track" or "find it" following the dog at about 5 to 10 feet. When the dog indicates the article, the handler should get down and give exuberant praise. The tracklayer should now place a flag, excite the dog in the same way, walk out 15 feet, call the dogs' name, place the article on the ground, then walk back on the same track to the start flag. As soon as the tracklayer passes the dog and handler by a few paces, the handler should give the command to track and again follow the dog and praise when completed. On the third track, we would follow the same procedures except at the 15 foot mark the tracklayer pauses to place a flag to his left and continue walking another 20 feet. Again, follow the same procedures as before, placing the glove and returning on the same track. After the tracklayer passes, the handler starts the track and praises on completion. In these early exercises, the new track is started on the spot that the previous glove was dropped. It's important to understand that the dog believe you when you tell him that there's something out there to find. So always carry an extra article with you just in case the dog is unsuccessful at finding the first article, you can then make it a success by throwing out a second one for him to find.

From here on you continue to lengthen the track, lengthen the time of the track, and start to add angles and turns. All of the training needs to be done at a slow pace as not to confuse the dog. Don't start anything new until he completely understands the last step you taught him. I honestly did not train everyday, doing three tracks and a time and doing them three times a day. In this day and age for most of us, time is at a premium and tracking does take a lot of time. But if you get out there with your dog when you can and follow a good training schedule and don't ask for more then he's capable of doing, you should be fine.

The first dog I attempted to train was less then enthusiastic and I had a real problem reading him. Unfortunately for McKade and me, we didn't follow it through to the end. Next came Woody and he loved using his nose and finding the glove, so he made it relatively easy for me to understand and train. I was lucky to have a friend who already had tracking titles on her dogs help me to train my dog. My first tracking test with Woody was a failure because I didn't trust my dog when he was right and we got whistled off the track. At the second test, he didn't give me the time to question him and he finished the track in just over 5 minutes. When he turned around with that glove in his mouth I was over whelmed with emotion and yes, ok, I cried.

Tracking is a great sport partly in fact that the age of the dog is irrelevant. You can take your retired show or agility dog and get out in the field with him and still have some fun.

This article only explains the very beginning of the training routine. Next month we'll talk about aging the track and longer tracks. For those of you that are interested, I recommend Glen R. Johnson's book, Tracking Dog, theory & methods. According to Glen R. Johnson, whose book I found extremely helpful, these three tracks should be repeated three times a day for the first week. Glen Johnson's book has a chart that you can follow.

My plan from here is to start Gnat this fall with his training. I'll let you know how it goes.

This article (part 1) was written by Sue Iobst for the Garden State Australian Shepherd Association newsletter.

Lenape Tracking Club of Central Jersey

GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15th

**at the Lebanon Township Municipal Building, Glen Gardner
11:00 AM—Lunch provided, Speaker after Lunch**

Slate of officers for 2003-2004

President	Beverly Olsen
Vice President	Alice Crans
Treasurer	John Etchells
Secretary	Mimi Ruch

Board members:

Peg Forte
Peter Heide
Lisa Pattison
Teryl Lebkuecher
Laurie Shuren

Respectfully submitted by the nominating committee of: Alice Crans, Chair, Molly Heide and Laurie Shuren

Nominations, from the floor, for these positions can be made at the February 15th meeting.

Barbara Greenfield will be serving on the board as immediate Past President.

SPEAKER: ALICE CRANS

Crisis Intervention/Disaster Response *A New Bandana for Therapy Animals*

Dogs have been used for years to provide comfort for people. Most well known is their service in nursing homes, which is characterized by the phrase "Animal Assisted Activities". Less well known is their more specific service directed to specific needs situations and people. The most recent "jobs" in the therapy world for dogs and cats are those involving the comfort they can provide in crisis situations (generally a small scale event in a less complex environment, such as comforting family members after a tragic loss) and in response to disasters – events of catastrophic scale as in the aftermath of the World Trade attack.

The latter are very new to us in the United States, and a number of groups are in the learning stages. One thing is certain, the therapy animals are a vital part of a unified disaster response effort, and these efforts must be orchestrated with the consent of other cooperating agencies such as the Red Cross and FEMA. One group certifying animals for disaster response nation wide is HOPE Crisis, based in Oregon. Alice Crans was accepted in a four day workshop in Rockland County, NY, where she was evaluated and welcomed to join the organization as a group leader. She will discuss the paces the animals and their handlers were put through both in the screening prior to the workshop and at the workshop itself. She will also talk about the current efforts of the Red Cross, and the TheraPet organization in screening and training both animals and handlers to work in some of these more specific therapy situations.

DIRECTIONS:

From the East: I-78 to Exit 16 (Route 31 North). * Take Rt. 31 north - as you approach the second light, stay to the right as jug handle takes you off onto Route 513 at the 513 - Grayrock Shopping Center - at the STOP sign turn right and note mileage at this point. Follow Rt. 513 to and through High Bridge. Shortly past Voorhees High School, turn left onto Rt. 628. There is an old, unopened Sunoco gas station on the corner. This turn will be 3.9 miles from the light on Rt. 31. Follow Rt. 628 to full stop at Hill Rd. Turn left. Watch for brick buildings on the left - first a firehouse, then the Municipal Building, then the First Aid Squad. (Total mileage from light on Rt. 31 is 5.7 miles). Park in the rear of the buildings.

From the West: I-78 to Exit 15. Right at end of ramp. Take Main Street into the town of Clinton. At the light in the center of town, turn left onto Halstead Street (Route 513). Observe the speed limit here! Halstead will end at Route 31 where you turn left and will be at the first light. Follow directions above from *

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Meeting with Speaker

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15 Awards Meeting-Leb. Twp.

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21 8:00 AM Certification Workshop - Ringoes, NJ

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Dates listed are subject to change.

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IMPORTANT DATES

TED 2003
Saturday, April 5th

TED Follow-up Sessions
April 27
May 10
June 8

Please save these dates
Come out and help

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The Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey was founded in June 1975, for the purpose of assisting people in the training of their dogs in tracking, to encourage sportsmanlike competition in tracking tests and to sponsor educational programs of interest to tracking enthusiasts.

Tracking demonstrates a dogs' ability to recognize and follow human scent, a skill that is useful in the service of mankind.

Deadline
For next issue is
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