



# Common Scents

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## Congratulations New Title Holders

### Tracking Dog Test



Agape by Grace Alone, CD TD  
Papillon Bitch  
Owned by Chris Allen  
Handled by Bev Olsen

### Tracking Dog Excellent Test

Whitfield Bluvu Perigee, CDX TDX  
English Cocker Spaniel Bitch  
Owned and Handled by Glenn Williams



#### General Membership Meeting

February 25, 2006

#### General Membership Meeting

March 19, 2006

#### Tracking Experience Day

April 1, 2006

#### TED Follow-Up Days

April 23, 2006 May 13, 2006

June 11, 2006

# ***Laying Track for the TDX***

*By Gina DeAlmeida*

This was my first experience laying a TDX track & what a great day I had. I learned so much from the judges while plotting the fields the day before the test. They were so open to share their experiences with me.

First of all, the most important tools for this job are good pair of boots & a sharp pair of snipers. I soon realized that when the judge's decided to make a turn, that there is no stopping them - not the biggest sticker bush or the wettest bog. Another interesting item was walking between trees in the woods; this seemed to be a true test of accuracy for the upcoming lucky team to run this track. Dropping the assorted articles, ignoring the woodchuck holes, deciding where to lay the cross track, placing the turns in specific areas of the field - all of these were very important the day before the test. But most of all, we would have still been standing in the middle of the fields not knowing which was the best route to take without having a knowledgeable person with you that knows exactly what is over that hill or past that area of wooded land.

I cannot tell you how nervous I was laying the track the morning of the test. All the details that were decided on the day before by the judges, could all go up in smoke with me making one wrong turn this morning. All the measuring, map making, decisions on article drops, turns, cross tracks, wooded sections, & of course all the walking - I needed to be on the money accurate when laying this track down. I headed to the field, with the judges watching me, and started my track. "Now don't forget anything!" I told my self...Read your map accurately, pick up all the correct flags (not the cross track flags), drop all the articles in the correct order, make the correct turns, do not walk into a tree in the woods, do not get stuck in the wet bog, remove all the colored tape markers on the branches, walk in a straight line between turns, stay on the track, make it to the end without a problem.. I DID IT!!! It felt great to think that a team might be able to add letters to the end of their dogs name. I know I would love it.

***What fun to see the dog run the test!***

***I truly enjoyed the day and I would love to do it again next year!!!***





## ***Cris Courduff***

### ***Kaiser von Duff RN TD***

To anyone who thinks that just because their dog can indicate turtles and deer poop with little effort will be a natural tracking dog, should walk in my shoes.



We started out right by attending Lenape's TED in April 2004 and the first follow-up day on article indication but then missed the next two due to conflicts. Besides, this was going to be a breeze, the dog is a natural. Well, we were off and running and I mean running! At the end of the track, I was out of breath. Someone said with this dog, just close your eyes and hang on, so I did. When he over shot the turns, he would circle until he found the track.

On August 8, 2004, Lenape's certification workshop, we blew by the first turn and kept on going. What a disappointment! I then followed along with the judge and other members and learned a lot by watching and asking questions. After the other trackers were completed and land and time still available, the judge offered a second track. I agreed and we certified.

We entered Lenape's 2004 TD test on October 31 and got in. It was an unbelievably gusty, windy day. We drew the first track, which was on the top of a hill in an open field. Off we went running, circled and made the first turn, circled and made the second turn and kept on going...whistle!

We entered Burlington County Kennel Club's trial on December 4<sup>th</sup> and got in. I left my house at 4:30 am and knew that Kaiser hadn't done his morning constitution so I tried to encourage him to go when we arrived at the tracking site. No luck. All he wanted to do was track. I drew track 6. Each time we drove to the next track, I got Kaiser out and tried to get him to go. When it was time for us to run our track, you can guess. All he wanted to do was go. He was then more interested in looking around and finding critter holes...whistle.

I gave us a break and concentrated on Rally and finished his Rally Novice title in three shows with scores of 95, 99 and 99. I then met Sue Ammerman and boy did she wise me up. Don't run, hold back at the turns, read your dog and don't get him out until the track is ready. I worked hard at teaching this natural tracking dog and started seeing results. Since our original certification had run out, we had to re-certify and did so with Sue Ammerman. We entered Lenape's 2005 TD test on November 6 and got in. I cannot explain what happened. It was a nice day except for the fog in the morning. We again drew the first track and I choked. It was a different field but across from the 2004 field. This time we didn't run, we walked right past the first turn and up to the hedgerow and paralleled the second leg...whistle. Only one dog and handler qualified out of 8 entries. I was really bummed out.

The next day I laid a track and asked my husband to follow us for the insecurity and distraction factor. Kaiser nailed each turn and found the glove without hesitation. Then wondering if we were working tracks too close to home. Sue laid a track for us in Wind Gap and the same thing happened.

I entered Dauphin's TD test on November 13<sup>th</sup> and got in. Again, it was a nice day and this time WE DID IT !! Four hundred forty-five yards with no less than six critter hole investigations, Kaiser nailed the turns and found the glove in seven minutes.

Thanks to all the club members for their knowledge and support (I should never have missed the follow up days). Thanks also to Peter and Molly Heide for their incredible hospitality and to Sue Ammerman for damage control.

## ***Proposed New Lenape Members***

The following person(s) have applied for membership in the Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey. They have fulfilled all of the requirements of new members and will become members in 30 days from the mailing of this newsletter unless we receive written comments as to why they should not become a member.

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Recommended by:  
Teryl Lebkuecher and Bev Olsen

## ***Braggs and Tidbits***

**Gina DeAlmeida**...has added a new member to the family.  
Toro is bound to have a TD behind his name in no time.

**Teryl Lebkuecher**...Mace the Cardigan has earned his  
Rally Advanced title.



## ***Lenape's Second Tracking Class Comes to a Close***

*By Teryl Lebkuecher*

Lenape's second Beginning Tracking Class held their last class on a COLD day. All of the participants had a very successful six weeks of tracking. The enrollment included a variety of dogs: a Nova Scotia Duck Trolling Retriever mix, two Labs, a German Shepherd, American Staffordshire Terrier, a Rottweiler and a Golden Retriever. We were very lucky, canceling only one class due to snow. The dogs wanted to track but the handlers thought better.

Overall, this was a very young group of dogs. Four dogs being under one year and the oldest being six years. There are few things more enjoyable than watching a green dog learn to track. The green handlers are fun to watch as well. We will be seeing these teams at the area TD tests in the very near future. Again, my thanks goes to Marilyn Mueller for her help and support.

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