



# Common Scents

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## *President's Message*

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I would like to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself and provide some of my background. My husband Frank and I have been active Lenape members since 2000. I have been a Board Member as well as holding the position of Vice President.

TED and the club's Certification Match have been my charges for the past 3 years. I enjoyed every minute of them and I was afforded the opportunity to take on the roll of Chief Track Layer for our TDX this past year.

I am excited about this position and will embrace the task with energy and respect. This club has a great reputation set forth by it's membership and it is my intention to carry it forward.

Carol Shields

## *Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey*

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## *Tracking in the Trees*

I had these marvelous plans to track Willow regularly once we got to Big Pine Key in the Florida Keys – new terrain, a lot of sand and oolite (the ancient coral land surface in the keys from Big Pine south), and imagine the cross track possibilities – Key deer in abundance, loose chickens, and all kinds of big birds messing things up! A little tougher than she's used to. Unfortunately, we've had strong winds – 15-20 mph with gusts most days – and 80 degree temps. Can't even set up a rally course without stuff blowing away – and one can't get anything (including flags) into this concrete-like surface composed of ancient dead skeletons without blasting. What doesn't blow away gets burned off. So, we've whiled away the time with tennis and bumper practice when it's cool enough for her to show some energy, and taken her swimming as often as possible for her coconut retrieves.

However, Willow's nose is working overtime. So many new smells, so many exciting creatures to investigate. She nearly kissed a manatee swimming in the canal, admires the birds at nose level in the gumbo limbo tree adjacent to our deck, and seems to think the pelicans are her special playmates. But the iguanas are the most mysterious. There are several vacant fields adjacent to the house which we use for training, and I've watched the large lizards as they munch their way across them – then disappear into the low mangrove hedges which line the canal. When I take the Wee One out, her nose goes immediately to the trail of something – which in one definite case I know was an iguana. She tracked it along the ground, to the mangrove – then up and into the mangrove, standing on her hind legs with her front pawing through the green wicker as her nose took her higher in the branches. She almost tried to two-leg it as she followed the scent above her head, then down, then back up again. Hated to pull her off, but I wasn't ready to deal with a wet dog if she fell in.

We did give her a chance to follow through on one trail she was adamant about exploring on Big Torch Key. There's an undeveloped area about 10 miles off the Overseas Highway which we use for training which is oolite surrounded by white mangrove high ground verging into black mangrove swamp. This is the place where she rolled onto a discarded crocodile, and tracked a raccoon last year (lots of them around). This year she was insistent about following another trail, leaving the white, sun blasted crumbly surface of the path and ducking into the mangrove nose to the ground on a mission. Wayne gingerly wove his way into the puzzle of branches hot on her heels – to find she had tracked and retrieved a box turtle! She was every bit as delighted as if it were a glove. (Wonder how old that trail was – like how long does it take a turtle to perambulate about 30 yards?)

So I guess one can say she's been tracking. When the wind dies down, I may even join her.





### ***First Aid in Pets – About Bleeding***

Pet first aid and people first aid have most all the common sense stuff in common. Take bleeding, for example. Aside from the fact we all have blood, there's minor bleeding (superficial, scratches and the like), major bleeding, and minor that looks like major (nails cut too far, ear and head wounds, etc).

Aside from the minor injuries, which can, for the most part be cleaned with soap and water (DO NOT use hydrogen peroxide, alcohol or other antibacterial agents) and left alone, the most important thing to remember is that in all the others, you must act. Wringing one's hands while watching a pup shake a bloody ear all over everything is not helpful. A knowledge of first aid prepares one to act immediately.

In cases of a deep wound, or blood is spurting indicating an artery has been severed, apply direct pressure, raise wound above heart if possible, and transport to vet immediately. Other cuts on the head or ears, particularly, will bleed a lot. Again, staunch the bleeding by application of direct pressure, and wrap. If wound continues to bleed thru, apply new wrap over old, and continue pressure. Do see the vet for anything bleeding this badly as stitches will most likely be required.

If it's a nail; which has either torn, or been cut too high, use styptic. In lieu of that, flour works, as does applying a bar of soap. (Incidentally, apropos of nothing medical, you can plug a leak in a gas tank with bar soap; it'll hold until you can get your vehicle to a repair shop.)

Other problems with blood requiring a veterinarian visit:

- Failure to clot (sometimes the result of poisons ie warfarin – or prescription medication such as coumadin)

- Blood in the urine (Infection)

- Obvious red blood in stool (worms)

- Black stool (ulcers, cancer)

- Bleeding from the eye

- Or Nose – not related to being struck

*AC (from Red Cross Pet First Aid, and, "Apply pressure to treat minor bleeding", by Susan McCullough, Your Dog, Tufts University Press, January 2007, p 8.)*



## **Xylitol, Macadamia Nuts and Easter Lilies**

There are new comestibles every day added to the "banned for pets list" that cause problems when dogs or cats "comest" them. We've all heard of chocolate (not a major problem unless you've a small animal and you're talking about pure dark chocolate – or an enormous amount of it), grapes and raisins – potentially lethal to some dogs (quantity vs body weight a factor, although it may not take many), and some onions (wish somebody could tell me which onions). Most recently I heard that xylitol (a sugar substitute found in candy and *nicorette* gum) can cause a "potentially fatal hypoglycemia and liver damage" [call vet immediately, but she will probably recommend that you induce vomiting], and macadamia nuts have been known to cause tremors, hypothermia and weakness [in some dogs]. Also on the list of no-nos: moldy food (please guys, even coyotes prefer fresh), rising dough (wonder if that applies to cookie dough ice cream?), and tobacco.

Then, of course there are all those chemicals usually found in the garage - antifreeze tops the list here (not exactly considered a comestible in any case – but quite lethal), so immediately induce vomiting and get immediately to vet. Two household products have taken a bad rap over the internet (Febreze and Swiffer stuff). They have been persistently touted as hazardous – but just simply aren't, according to everybody's testing (probably posted by some man who wants to see women on their hands and knees scrubbing things...)

Pointsettias may not be recommended for canine or feline diets, but they are not really toxic, according to Jill Richardson, DVM, a veterinary toxicology consultant in Seacaucus, NJ. However, Dr. Richardson reports that, "Even licking the leaves on an Easter Lily, or licking some pollen can be enough to send your cat into fatal kidney failure."

Grass, on the other hand, is good. (Should mention that while Kiki is an inside cat, I never fail to keep her well supplied with a choice freshly grown salad – works wonders for hairball control.) Milk? The jury's out. Many cats are somewhat lactose intolerant (Kiki's one of them), and if you happen to have a long haired, light haired cat, you do not wish to provide a saucer of milk. Or cream. Trust me on that one.

In any event, until we find the next food product or chemical accused of doing dastardly things to our loved ones, keep a supply of hydrogen peroxide handy, along with the number for poison control, and use common sense in keeping the nasties locked up. And toss the lilies.

Happy Spring.....AC

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### **REMINDER**

have you paid your 2007 dues yet.  
CLUB DUES ARE DUE.



## **Lenape Tracking Club Annual Awards 2007**

The following people were presented with awards at the March 17, 2007 meeting .

Donna Ellis	Gina DeAlmeide
Midwatch Solar Flair VCD1 OA AXJ	Rottweiler
Gracie	Nordike's Nothing But the Best
Oriole Dog Training Club	RN, CGC
4-30-2006	Toro
	Lenape Tracking Club
	11-5-2006
Bev Olson	Joan Luckhardt
Greyhound	Golden Retriever
Rhewllyd Let Er Fly	Traeloch's Touched by the Sun
Breeze	RN
Lenape Tracking Club	Phlaire
11-5-2006	Lenape Tracking Club
	11-5-2006
Marilyn Traurig	Susan Paulis
Curly Coated Retriever	Gaylan's Gracie's Fancy Free
SpringCurl Royal Doulton At LandaraCurl	CGC
CGC/TDI RN TD CD	Jerry
Dina	Lackawana KC
Lenape Tracking Club	11-26-2006
11-5-2006	
Susan Paulis	
Gaylan's Gracie's Fancy Free CGC	
Jerry	
Lackawana KC	
11-26-2006	

Lenape Tracking Club's 2006  
Outstanding Service Award:

Carol Shields





## **Editor's Corner**

### **Dog Proverbs**

- "The dog's kennel is not the place to keep a sausage." - Danish Proverb  
"To live long, eat like a cat, drink like a dog." - German Proverb  
"The dog wags his tail, not for you, but for your bread." - Portuguese Proverb  
"The barking of a dog does not disturb the man on a camel." - Egyptian Proverb  
"Children aren't dogs; adults aren't gods." - Haitian Proverb  
"Beware of a silent dog and still water." - Latin Proverb  
"One dog barks at something, the rest bark at him." - Chinese Proverb  
"Do not respond to a barking dog." - Moroccan Jewish saying  
"Only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the noonday sun." - Indian Proverb  
"Those who sleep with dogs will rise with fleas." - Italian Proverb  
"Show a dog a finger, and he wants the whole hand." - Yiddish Proverb  
"If you are a host to your guest, be a host to his dog also." - Russian Proverb  
"An honest man is not the worse because a dog barks at him." - Danish Proverb  
"Every dog is allowed one bite." - US Proverb  
"A good dog deserves a good bone." - US Proverb  
"If you stop every time a dog barks, your road will never end." - Saudi Arabian Proverb  
"Dog does not eat dog." - Proverb  
"Give a dog a bad name and hang him." - Proverb  
"Why keep a dog and bark yourself?" - Proverb

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## ***Please Note...***

**Tracking Experience Day: April 14, 2007**

The follow-up dates: 4/29 5/12 and 6/3.

**We could use more volunteers.**

**If interested please contact:**

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**Certification Workshop**

September 22 & 24, 2007

**Tracking Dog Test**

November 3 & 4, 2007

**Tracking Dog Excellent Test**

November 10 & 11, 2007

*Celebrating a Holiday in April....Happy Holidays to all our Lenape Club Members*

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## ***Brags and Tidbits***

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Mimi Ruch is proud to announce:

SR, UCD Mimi's Pintail Pond Geordie, CDX, JH, RN, WC finished his CDX at 1st Dog Training Club of No NJ's 3/18 trial. Mimi Ruch - Owner/Handler

On March 18, Flat-coated Retriever, Light-foot's Lampwick, known as Wick earned his first AKC CDX leg at the First Dog trial, and his first Rally Excellent leg. A nice way to celebrate his 8th birthday. The next weekend before he earned a Rally Excellent leg at The Lower Camden trial. On March 31 and April 1st, he earned two Novice Standard legs in AKC agility, placing second in both classes, jumping at 24". His handler, Peg Forte, says he enjoys whatever he is asked to do and his tail is always wagging while he's performing.

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Please send all articles of interest, brags or news you would like to share with others to...

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## ***Any Suggestions?***

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The Lenape membership is encouraged to share any suggestions or concerns with the Lenape Board. We are always trying to improve attendance at our events, improve our programs and get more people involved in tracking. You can reach any Board member by phone (listings in this newsletter) or by emailing [info@lenapetrackingclub.org](mailto:info@lenapetrackingclub.org).