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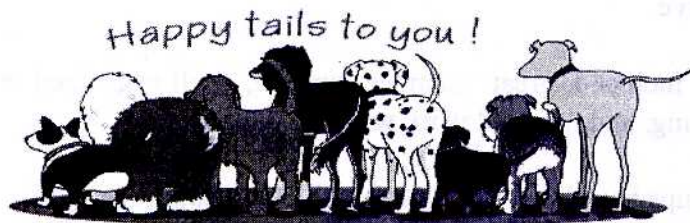
President's Message

We have completed another successful TED. I would like to thank all those members who made a commitment to this event and followed through. The reputation of this event is far reaching. This became quite evident to me in November of 2006, when I began receiving application requests.

TED is the only fund raising venue Lenape has. The dollars generated support our Certification, TD, TDX, the annual awards dinner and of course the trophies given to the new titleholders.

Lives today are a multitude of activities, all clamoring for more attention than at times is possible. Our Club clamors as well. I ask as we move rapidly through 2007, you the membership, please keep our events in your forethoughts. Without sufficient volunteers we will be unable to continue to offer the high quality of events Lenape is know for.

Summer is off to a wonderful start. Be happy and safe.
Carol.



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Lenape's Tracking Education Day

TED 2007 was held on Saturday, April 14th. We had beautiful, crisp, sunny weather. This year's event drew 18 dog and handler teams as well as 4 auditor slots. Dog breeds included Labrador, Golden, Chesapeake Bay, and Flat Coated Retrievers, a Border Collie, Sheltie, English Springer Spaniels, Irish Setters, a Beagle, a Cesky, Norfolk and Border Terrier, and 2 Rotweilers.

This was possibly the best TED so far. Participants were eager and very enthusiastic. Teryl's PowerPoint presentation was a huge success. Handlers were able to walk the "Demo Dog" track with track layer Gina DeAlmeida during map making, thus providing them with the actual visual landmarks John Etchells spoke about during his instruction. "Big Hit"

Our afternoon field session was held over in Treptow Park. The Club scouts did a great job finding this location. 16 Feedback form were returned and below are the results:

Overall Rating of a 3, received 1.

Comment-felt leaving for the afternoon session could have been more organized.

Overall Rating of a 4, received 2.

Only one comment of the dog too long in the car

Overall Rating of a 5, received 12.

Nothing negative.

Positive remarks included great member support, well-organized event, station and hands on training, and the field work with the dogs.

The first 2 follow-ups have been completed with outstanding turnouts.

Teryl, Mimi and Gina conducted the first one, which was lead handling.

Carol, Joan and Sue worked the second, which was article indication.

The following people are a directly responsible for another successful TED:

Teryl Lebkuecher, Alyson Fuge, Barbara Ridder-Irwin, John Etchells, Joan Luckhardt, Peg Forte, Rose Mary Laubach, Linda Schmauser, Lisa Pattison, Mimi Ruch, Donna Hess, Gina DeAlmeida, Marilyn Mueller, Chris Courduff, Peter Heide, Diane Thompson, Mollie Heide, Frank Shields, Claire Gelok.

Thank you all so much!!!!!!!!!!

Canine Summer Safety Tips

The AKC sends us the following Summer Safety Tips:

Health Tips:

We may know our canine companions better than anyone else, but it is important to remember most of us are not medical professionals. If you are uncertain how to treat your dog's medical needs or if you have any questions, you should contact your veterinarian immediately. It is important to keep the following information in mind with the arrival of summer:

Have your dog's vaccinations updated if necessary. Diseases such as rabies, distemper and parvo are ever-present dangers and necessary precautions should be taken.

Beware of insect bites. If your dog is bitten or stung, remove the stinger and watch the site for an allergic reaction. If a reaction occurs or there have been multiple wasp, bee or mosquito bites, take the animal to the vet.

Talk with your veterinarian about flea and tick prevention medications.

Heartworm is a common problem for dogs. Take your dog to a vet for a heartworm check every spring and follow your vet's advice for heartworm precautions.

Most lawn and garden products may be hazardous. Make sure that plants and fertilizers within the dog's reach are not toxic.

The outdoors exposes dogs to the elements. Dogs may need extra brushing and bathing to stay clean and healthy.

No matter how careful and responsible you may be, accidents can happen. Make sure your vet's phone number is close at hand and available to all family members.

General Summer Safety Concerns

Hot weather can make anyone feel uncomfortable, and your dog is no exception. Here are some safety concerns for responsible dog owners:

Never leave your dog unattended in direct sunlight or in a closed vehicle. Heatstroke can occur and lead to brain damage or death. Signs of heatstroke are panting, drooling, rapid pulse and fever. Immediately immerse the dog in cool water and seek emergency veterinary assistance.

Never leave your dog unattended in a hot, parked car. When it's only 80 degrees outside, the inside of a car can heat up to more than 120 degrees in just minutes. Leaving the windows partially rolled down will not help. Your dog is susceptible to heat stroke and possible death in these conditions.

AKC Canine Summer Safety Tips Continued.

Always make sure your dog has access to fresh water.

All dogs should have proper identification at all times. The AKC suggests a collar with an ID tag, along with a tattoo or a microchip.

Keep your dog on a leash when he is outdoors to prevent accidents and injuries.

Try to avoid strenuous exercise with your dog on extremely hot days and refrain from physical activity when the sun's heat is most intense.

Beach Tips

Taking your dog to the beach can be a great way to spend a beautiful summer day. However, as a responsible dog owner there are certain precautions you should take: Provide plenty of fresh water and shade for your dog.

Dogs can get sunburn, especially short-haired dogs and ones with pink skin and white hair. Limit your dog's exposure when the sun is unusually strong, and apply sunblock to his ears and nose 30 minutes before going outside. Check with a lifeguard for daily water conditions - dogs are easy targets for jellyfish and sea lice.

If your dog is out of shape, don't encourage him to run on the sand. Running on a beach is strenuous exercise, and a dog that is out of shape can easily pull a tendon or ligament.

Cool ocean water is tempting to your dog. Do not allow him to drink too much seawater. The salt in the water will make him sick.

Salt and other minerals found in the ocean can damage your dog's coat. So, when you are ready to leave for the day, rinse him off with fresh water.

Not all beaches permit dogs. Check local ordinances before you begin your excursion to the beach.

Does Your Doggy Paddle?



The majority of dogs can swim and they love it. But dogs entering the water for the first time should be tested. Here are some important tips for teaching your dog how to swim:

AKC Summer Canine Safety Continued:

Never throw your dog into the water.

Start in shallow water, and call your dog's name. You can also try to coax him in with a treat or toy - but always keep your dog within reach.

Another way to introduce your dog to the water is with a dog that already swims and is friendly with your dog. Let your dog follow his friend.

If your dog begins to doggy-paddle with his front legs only, lift his hind legs and help him float. He should quickly catch on and will then keep his back end up.

Swimming is a great form of exercise, but don't let your dog overdo it. He will be using new muscles and may tire quickly.

Be careful of strong tides that are hazardous for even the best swimmers.

Never leave your dog unattended! You should always be in a position to help him get out of the water.

New Member

The following person has applied for membership in Lenape Tracking Club of Central NJ. They have fulfilled all the requirements of new members and will become a member in 30 days from the mailing of this newsletter unless the secretary receives written comments as to why they should not become a member.

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Please Note...

November 4, 2007
Tracking Dog Test
Judges, Michelle Gillette and Lynda McKee

November 11, 2007
Tracking Dog Excellent Test
Judges, Ray Desmarais and Salle Richards



Volunteers...if interested please contact:

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Editor's Corner

Did you know about . . .

Introduction to Deer Search Inc.

Deer Search is a private organization of volunteers who track wounded deer and bear with leashed tracking dogs. Most of us are hunters and our goal is to reduce crippling losses during hunting season. The majority of us live in New York State and are members of one of the two New York chapters of Deer Search. We also have out of state members who track under licenses and rules issued by their own state.

Deer Search has a total of about 150 members. In New York State we have an apprenticeship program for handlers, and we offer them assistance in training their dogs. Our dispatching systems put hunters who have a problem in touch with dog handlers who can assist them. Handlers track wounded big game for hunters on a volunteer basis. No personal fees are charged, but hunters may make contributions to Deer Search Inc., a tax exempt, non-for-profit corporation.

Deer Search compensates handlers for their travel expenses when going on deer calls; the organization also carries liability insurance to protect members on calls or other Deer Search activities.

In its present form Deer Search works primarily with deer hunters in New York State, but we would like to promote what we do in other states as well. The example set by Deer Search in New York, and the leadership of Deer Search members in Wisconsin, Vermont and Illinois helped to bring about the legal introduction of blood tracking with leashed dogs in these states. In recent years other states allowed the use of tracking dogs: Maine, Kentucky, Maryland, Alaska, Ohio.

In many other states the use of dogs in any association with deer hunting is still illegal because of the way that early laws were written to prohibit the use of dogs to drive deer to hunters.

As was the case in New York special legislation would be required to authorize the use of tracking dogs as they are used in Deer Search. Deer Search is ready to advise and assist residents of other states in developing their own programs.

Tracking Organizations

The following are dog organizations that offer tracking tests and trials for sport in the United States and Canada.

American Kennel Club

United Schutzhund Clubs of America, 3810 Paule Ave, St. Louis MO 63125-1718

Australian Shepherd Club of America, 6091 E. State Hwy. 21, Bryan TX 77808

Independent Work and Sport Dog Association, P.O. Box 7272, Olympia, WA 98507
(Schutzhund, working dogs)

Landesverband DVG America, Sandi Nethercutt, Secretary, 5718 Watson Circle, Dallas, Texas 75225. (Schutzhund)

A.M.B.O.R. (American Mixed Breed Obedience Registry) Offers tracking titles, as well as obedience titles, for mixed-breed dogs. P.O. Box 7841 Rockford IL 61126-7841

Canadian Kennel Club, 100-89 Skyway Ave., Unit 100, Etobicoke, Ontario M9W 6R4

Brags and Tidbits

Lisa Pattison, has a hugh brag, her 12.5 yr old aussie (my first dog) Murphy earned his TDX yesterday in VT! He did a fantastic job!

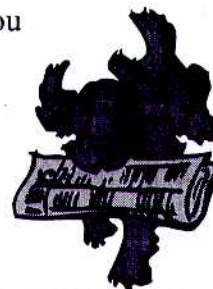
The following teams earned their TD at Oriole Dog Training Club, Sunday, April 8, 2007
CH Voyager's Images Of Autumn OA OAJ, *Golden Retriever* A Fuge/K Emge
Quicksilver Q-Eye-It Riot RN HSAs HIAs HXAs, *Border Collie* D Thompson

The Joy Encouragement Award, this award is issued on a calendar basis for the highest average of at least three scores for any Curly Coated Retriever in Novice A.
Keysteel Sunstone Star, aka Sunny. Mr. & Mrs. M. Traurig



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

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Any Suggestions?

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.