

# Common Scents

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President's Message

Summer is finally upon us and it has been an interesting one so far. I hope all of you are enjoying these days. We have some up and coming club events that I would like to keep the membership in the loop. Tracklayer certification will be held within the next month. If anyone is interested in becoming a tracklayer please send you name to Christine Landuyt. Also coming up will be our Club Certification on September 22 and 23. We are looking for tracklayers. Please contact me, Carol Shields if you are available. Rosemary Laubach is the event secretary should anyone be ready to become certified for their TD.

One final note before I close, a key Club member's name was omitted from the TED recognition list; Bev Olsen. Bev has been a TED volunteer for as long as I can remember and with her help the event is smooth running. Thanks Bev!!!!

Enjoy what is left of the Summer. Stay cool and happy tracking.

Carol

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# Noses are a good thing, Mostly.

Since Willow does so well following a track, it's best if she learns to routinely pick up the glove at the end of the track. Thus, we've learned to rev up the excitement level when she does. Unfortunately, the behavior has a halo effect; Willow has expanded it to mean we love her to give us any glove – from anywhere. So, when Wayne is chopping wood, she attempts to pull the gloves from his hands, the guy comes to deliver oil, she pries off his gloves. All the children's gloves find their way into her mouth in winter, and I just discovered that when I give a child the grooming glove in the school where she works, Willow decides she must take it off the child's hand! We now need to teach discrimination.

On the other hand (pun intended), retrievers and noses go well together. Not only does the Wee One indicate and flush a pheasant, then bring back the bird when we hunt, but, being Willow, she takes it one step further. Occasionally I find an assortment of food items on my kitchen counter — today it was an unopened bag of hot dog rolls. After questioning the household, I found that Wayne had put them there, but he had discovered them on the front porch. An hour or so later, the neighbor came over — to collect his groceries. Seems he had returned from the store, and was putting some items in his freezer. While his back was turned, Willow was apparently walking off with bags and bringing them to my house. Still unopened, unmolested. (His daughter told him what Willow was doing - but he ignored her.) That is almost a 200 yard retrieve each time she made the run!

On second thought, now that we are on a fixed income, this trait may not be a bad one. Imagine having your dog do the shopping for you. However, I really have to encourage the retrieval of more protein – not so much starch! (More discrimination training.) Although, how safe would a package of chicken be in her mouth – over that distance?

Alice ("mother" of a thief) Crans

# Healthy Flea Fighting dog biscuits

Ingredients:

2 cups whole-wheat flour

½ cup wheat germ

½ cup brewer's yeast

1 teaspoon salt

2 cloves garlic, ground

3 tablespoons olive oil

1 can low sodium chicken stock

Directions:

Preheat oven to 200□ C.

Grease 4 baking sheets.

Combine in a large mixing bowl the whole flour, wheat germ, brewer's yeast and salt.

Mix the oil and garlic together and then add in flour and stock until all of the ingredients are mixed.

The mixture should be sticky but not too wet. Make dough into a ball. Put mass onto a floured surface and roll out until the all the dough is about 1 ½ cm thick. Using a biscuit cutter, cut into uniform shapes.

Place the raw biscuits on the baking sheets and bake in the oven for approximately 20 to 25 minutes or until completely browned. After you turn off the oven leave biscuits in so that they harden completely.

Put into an airtight container and store in the fridge or freezer.

Makes about 18 biscuits.

Healthy Tips:

Did you know that not only are Brewer's yeast and garlic great supplements, but they have both been proven in laboratory tests to keep fleas at bay. Make sure to give your dog time to get used to eating Brewer's yeast and then you can begin putting it in all of his food, as it is completely beneficial has not side affects and will help to increase his resistance to the bloodsucking jumpers.

# 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: Carol Shields woof4@verizon.net or 732-787-4209.



## Editor's Corner

We've used this with pretty good success in areas where we don't want to spray herbicides, like in the dog yard, around the runs and even selected areas of the garden.

Not a permanent solution but certainly more environmentally friendly than things like Roundup.

Shell Busey's Weed Killer Formula

4 cups (1 Litre) of white vinegar
1/4 cup (50 ml) of table salt
2 tsp (10 ml) of your favorite liquid dish soap
Put this mixture into a spray bottle and spray it on your weeds when it is hot out.

For 1 gallon of mixture multiply by 4

Remember, this formula really works and is only recommended for driveways, sidewalks and the like. If you spray it onto the weeds in your lawn, you're going to kill the grass too and create a big ugly brown spot.

mix can be effectively applied to larger areas using a 1 or 2 gallon pressure sprayer.





# Brags and Tidbits

Alyson Fuge's Golden Retriever...Jacaranda's Lion's Share CCA CGC Shumba earned his CGC!

Gina DeAlmeida's Toro has a brag to add...
"Nordikes Nothing But The Best TD, RA, TT, CGC, TDI"



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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.