



Common Scents

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Looking forward to seeing some of you at the general meeting coming up on February 23rd at 2pm at RoseMary and George Laubach's house. We'll be taking nominations for our elected board positions at the meeting and if that's not exciting enough to get you out on a cold winter day then I will tell you that we

will be having dessert, coffee and possibly a speaker (though we haven't been too successful at tracking one down yet - can't really top last year's speaker on stress in working dogs). Maybe Joan will bring some of her killer desserts. She really spoiled us at the last board meeting.

Our VST is fast approaching - March 17. Please put the date on your calendar. We'll be soliciting help soon. Don't feel you need to wait for us to ask, though!

Nancy Grove has been hard at work putting together a Lenape T-Shirt order. We will soon have some nice green t-shirts with embroidered Lenape logo. I think Nancy put out a call for orders on the Yahoo group. Please contact Nancy soon if you wanted a shirt but didn't order one yet.

And I guess that's about all the news from Lenape for now.

Anna Burbank

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nominations Meeting
.....Saturday, February 23
VST at Ramapo College 2013
..... Sunday, March 17
Awards Dinner/Annual Meeting
..... Sunday, March 24
TED 2013
... Saturday/Sunday, April 13/14
Certification Workshop 2013
..... Sunday, September 29
TD Test 2013
..... Sunday, October 13
TDX Test 2013
..... Sunday, November 10

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MEET THE EARLY MEMBERS

Janet Kelly – Joined 2002

Hi, everyone! My name is Janet Kelly, and I am truly the “prodigal” member of your organization, for which I apologize. It is almost inevitable that, whenever there is a Lenape function, my calendar is already “penciled in” with other dog-related activities.

I have lived in South Jersey all my life. I am a Registered Nurse, specializing in Operating Room, Post-Anesthesia Recovery Unit, and Pain Management. I am fortunate in that my current positions allow me some flexibility to pursue other endeavors. I am a member of the American Bloodhound Club, the current Vice-President of the Colonial (NE region) Bloodhound Club, and the Recording Secretary for the Gloucester County Kennel Club. In addition, I just completed my duties as Assistant Show Chair and CFO for the ABC’s 2012 National Specialty, which was held in Camp Hill, PA, this past October—an event which “consumed” much of my energies for the past 2-3 years—but I am happy to say it was a wonderful week and a truly grand time was had by all!

I have been “owned” by hounds for most of my life; my original breed was Smooth Dachshunds, which were all pets. As an adult, I yearned for larger breed, but was especially desirous of a dog with behavioral constancy. I really wanted a nice dog that I could trust. I read all the books and articles about choosing “the right breed for you”. Eventually, the Bloodhound became the breed of choice. After attending many, many dog shows and TWO National Specialties, I finally purchased my first Bloodhound, “Tattoo”. Despite myself, I

entered the Conformation ring with my new pup. I eventually put a Championship on Tattoo, then began American Bloodhound Club mantrailing with him. Tattoo earned the third and final ABC title, Mantrailer Excellent, at age 8—CH Rose Hollow’s Rose Tattoo, CGC, TDI, MTX, became a Working Dog of Merit in the ABC Hall of Fame. In addition to being a show dog and a working dog, Tattoo was a happy, proud, fun boy who made friends across the nation. He passed away at age 10 of renal failure, and I lost my first best friend.

Tattoo and I attended TED in 2002; he did well but sometimes had difficulty figuring out why I wanted him to track when he knew full well that the track layer was right next to us—in his mind, what was the point? If the track layer was not in our presence, he was decent at maintaining a close track (even though in trailing, staying close to the actual trail is optional).

My second Bloodhound, “Blue”, was born in Western Australia. Tattoo was his sire. He flew to the US at age 12 weeks, and began mantrailing almost immediately. Blue loved to work and travel; CH Baylord Apogee True Blue CGC MTX earned his Working Dog of Merit at age four. Blue was a gentle, sweet, intuitive boy who loved people and other dogs. Blue developed lymphoma just prior to age 11, and I lost my second best friend.



I became an ABC Trailing Trial Judge in late 2003. First judging assignments are for Entry Event Certification Tests (EECT), which cannot be earned until 6 months of age and must be passed prior to entering any Trailing Trial for the title. Judges must meet exacting requirements for each level before applying to judge at the next level.

There are three title levels—Mantrailer (MT), Mantrailer Intermediate (MTI), and Mantrailer Excellent (MTX). The levels differ by age of trail, presence of cross-runners, and amount of contamination; they are between 1/2 and 3/4 mile in length. MT trails are 4-6 hours old with one trail-layer; MTI trails are 8-18 hours old with moderate contamination and a cross-runner; MTX trails are 24-36 hours in age with heavy contamination (usually in an urban/suburban setting) and multiple runners. In each case, the dog and handler must identify the correct runner within an hour’s time. Trailing Trials started in the late 1980’s, and until a few years ago, there were only 1-2 trials per year in the entire country. In recent years,

many more trials have been held (about 6/year), and more people have qualified to judge. Still, there are less than 30 active judges overall. Since becoming a judge, I have participated in 29 trailing trials, traveling to every region of the country. This year, I will judge in the Northeast, the Northwest, and the Midwest. It is always special to see a bloodhound do “what they were bred to do”! Passing rates average 50% overall, and titles must be earned at sanctioned trials and must be earned in order (MT, MTL, MTX).

My third Bloodhound is “Steeler”—he is quite handsome as well as a prodigy. He earned TWO “Best Puppy in Match” awards on his 3-month birthday; he passed his EECT on his 6-month birthday and earned his MT at the first trial after that,

when he was 8 months of age. (Two days after that, he pulled me down and fractured my shoulder, putting all our plans on hold for a couple of months.) As soon as I could work with him again, Steeler made up for lost time, earning a 4-point major at his second conformation show, an MTI at age 11 months, and a 5-point major the next day at his third conformation show! He finished his CH with all majors, earned his MTX at 16 months (the youngest male bloodhound to ever do so), is a Grand Sweepstakes winner (twice), and became a Grand Champion before age two. He continues to work and show. He received an Award of Merit at the ABC 2012 National Specialty and finished 2012 as the #7 Bloodhound in Breed Points. Steeler has two Hound Group placements and is always owner-handled.

My tracking experience is limited; in addition to the TED, I judged the Gloucester County Kennel Club Tracking Match along with Chris Bartos prior to their first TD Trial. I have assisted at tracking trials for the ABC and the GCKC. Steeler and I hope to begin tracking sometime in 2013. I am hoping he does not have difficulty with the “step for step” nature of tracking, since trailing does not require such.

I hope to attend some LTC events in the near future. Thank you for your welcome!

TIDBITS



PEG FORTE's reports, “GCH StormWatch WhirlWynd ended 2012 as the number 10 Flat-coat (based on dogs defeated) in the country. At the AKC National Championship on Dec. 15 in Orlando Fl. she was Best of Opposite Sex. On January 12th at a show in Fredericksburg, VA she was given a Group 4 placement a great start for 2013. Wyn will be shown at the Westminster KC show on

February 12th and then at the Rockland KC shows. After that she will be bred to a Brightmoor Celtic Storm, a dog who resides in the Netherlands, though the wonders of frozen semen and surgical implantation. Then she will start her agility, rally and obedience career with an occasional breed show. On January 28 Wyn passed her CGC and temperament testing through TheraPet, Inc and is now certified as a Therapy Dog, so we will fit that into the schedule as well.”

Chloe, ANNETTE PIERCE's Labrador Retriever, earned her CDX with legs at Mid-Jersey Labrador Retriever Club (194.5 – 1st Place); Princeton Dog Training Club (196.5 – 2nd); and K-9 Obedience Club of Essex (192 – 3rd).



Nancy Grove is looking for more volunteers on April 13 & 14! Drop her an e-mail at fuzzbutz2@verizon.net or call 908-454-7292.

Remember, you don't need to be an expert tracker to lend a hand (in fact you may learn more by participating in TED again) – and you will earn worker credit!

K9 NOSE WORK – AN INSTRUCTOR’S PERSPECTIVE

By Martha Windisch CPDT-KA, CNWI

I became a CNWI, Certified Nose Work Instructor, in October 2012 after graduating from the NACSW (National Association of Canine Scent Work) instructor certification program. In order to complete the certification program, I attended three Course Segments which consisted of seven Nose Work instruction days. I also attended four Nose Work training dates with my Golden Retriever Sobey, which included Introduction to Nose Work, Introduction to Odor, Vehicles and Exteriors. Furthermore my Golden had to pass an ORT (Odor Recognition Test) and I had to teach Nose Work classes and submit class hours’ logs, videotapes and student evaluations. During the final Instructor’s Course, I had to pass a final exam to become certified. To maintain certification, I must earn and submit continuing education units by attending pertinent seminars and by volunteering at Nose Work Trials and other Nose Work events. Certified Nose Work Instructors are listed on the web site, www.nacsw.net/certifiedinstructors.php. Currently there are six CNWI’s in New Jersey, plus four additional Associate Nose Work Instructors who are working towards their certifications. I currently teach Nose Work classes at Clever K9 Dog Training School in Lakewood, NJ, Upfront Farm Dog Training Center in Allentown, NJ and Tabernacle Bed and Biscuit in Tabernacle, NJ. In March, I will be starting an Introduction to Nose Work Class at Pinelands Dog Training Center in Medford, NJ.

I attended my first K9 Nose Work seminar in March 2010 out of curiosity. The seminar, titled Introduction to Nose Work, was

taught by Amy Herot and Jill Marie O’Brien, two of the three Nose Work Founders. At this seminar, my Golden Retriever Sobey got to try Nose Work for the first time. Cardboard boxes were randomly arranged in the room. As I held Sobey, Jill placed the food box (a box with Sobey’s favorite treats that I provided) amongst the other boxes. Jill placed the box in a shell-game manner by faking a food toss in the wrong box. I released Sobey and she quickly searched and found the correct box and earned her treats. As time went on, I taught Sobey to do harder searches including height, corners, tight places, exterior spaces, interior spaces and vehicles. She learned to not only find treats, but also to find the Nose Work Level 1 scent of birch oil that had been placed on a Q-tip.

Through the introductory Nose Work seminar, I learned that Nose Work is great for working with a wide variety of dogs including those with no prior training, shy dogs, fearful dogs, reactive dogs, high-energy dogs, aging dogs, disabled dogs and also shelter dogs. Because of this, I became interested in teaching Nose Work to other handlers and their dogs including those I work with through my in-home dog training company. Many of my in-home training clients’ dogs have been rescued from shelters or other rescues, and Nose Work is important in their development of confidence and focus.

Besides teaching Nose Work to in-home clients, I also started teaching Nose Work classes at various locations in South Jersey. I enjoy the variety of dogs that attend my classes. This includes

my work with a rescue Corgi-mix who started as a private in-home client. At first, Roxie would hide under the bed when anyone, including me, came to the house. Gradually Roxie became braver and started to attend my puppy classes, at first just getting a massage while on her dog bed behind a sheet blind. Gradually she worked her way into a basic obedience class and even started to be able to do some of the exercises during class. Roxie’s confidence improved the most when she started attending Nose Work class at Tabernacle Bed and Biscuit. Now she enjoys her Nose Work searches with her tail up.

I also work with a shy Puli named Homer who at first would not leave his owner to search even several feet away. Because of Nose Work, Homer has become much more outgoing and now searches Nose Work boxes throughout the entire room.



I’ve worked with herding dogs who do Nose Work as if they are herding the scent; fun-loving pit bulls who speed around the room not minding what’s in their path on the way to the scent;

shepherds who have to check the perimeter of a room prior to indicating the location of the scent; retrievers who will pick up a scent-free object in the search area and find the scent while holding that object in their mouth; terriers who try to tunnel their way to the scent; slow dogs, deliberate dogs and incredibly fast dogs. It's fun to watch how each dog reacts when they are in odor and how each dog reacts when they have found the exact source of the scent. I like Nose Work because it is a motivational sport for dogs and also an enjoyable spectator sport for the handlers in my classes.

I help handlers provide their dogs experience in Nose Work such that they become "odor obedient" – this means that when their dog smells the odor (for example, birch oil for level 1) he reacts as if the odor were his favorite food treat. Just like Pavlov's bell, the dog smells the birch and salivates. Because Nose Work (via the methods taught to CNWIs) uses all positive reinforcement and rewards are allowed to be given in Nose Work trials, dogs develop tons of hunting drive to find the scent. I view "odor obedience" as "scent equals food" in the dog's mind combined with the "love of the hunt" making the odor even more valuable. When a dog has become *odor obedient*

the dog is able to do Nose Work in various distracting environments because the odor is more important to the dog than any of the distractions.

Amy Herot, one of the founders of K9 Nose Work, says, "Always have Nose Work odor on hand when travelling with your dog so you can be spontaneous and find completely new environments to run Nose Work searches. Not only will this type of training strengthen your dog's skills in K9 Nose Work, but if your dog is shy or fearful of new places, people, and dogs, or over-excited around those things, redirecting the dog's focus to the K9 Nose Work exercise can help give your dog confidence or calm him down in all aspects of his life."

As a Certified Nose Work instructor, I coach handlers in reading their dogs' body language and help them develop odor obedient dogs. Their dogs can then pass an Odor Recognition Test, enter a Nose Work Trial, or enjoy doing Nose Work for fun and a continuing increase in confidence and/or calmness. I highly recommend that you try Nose Work with your dog. Your dog will thank you for letting him do this fun new scenting activity.

FROM THE LEFT COAST

A five-acre piece of property in the Oregon woods just begs for outbuildings, and John took advantage of the opportunity to be creative. We are now in the process of building a 12 x 40 "playhouse".



The reason it is a playhouse is there is no way the county would have comprehended an application for a permit to build a caboose. But since it met all their construction criteria, the inspectors are really getting into the railroad spirit and are very supportive. (And in reality, it will be a playhouse for a big boy when it's done – and all the toy trains will finally move out of the garage....) The framing crew has just finished, and as soon as the studs are dry enough, and the electrician is done, it will be our job to take care of all the interior work and the exterior trim. It's still too cold to paint, but Oregon springs come early, so it shouldn't be too long before we can pull out the brushes.

And, for the record, lack of indoor plumbing will prevent it from becoming a place of exile for John.... (But the receipt checker at Costco today said to John as he saw our new dog pillow, "I see she got you a new bed – does it match your shed?" Little did he know – it DOES match!!!)

Pat Etchells

