

## 2017 UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2018 Upcoming events

TED: April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018,  
date TBD

VST: May 13, 2018, Brookdale  
Community College

TD: TD- Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 2018, Hoffman  
Park, Hampton, NJ

TDX- Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, location  
TBD

# LENAPE TRACKING CLUB OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY, INC



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

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Hello Lenape members,

Winter is coming to an end & the spring season will be upon us quickly. Our events will be starting soon. Here are some reminders...

**FIRST...** The TED will be on April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> (follow up day). I'm taking names of volunteers to be scheduled both days. There will be many tasks that we need club members to help with. Please consider joining us to make this, our only money making event, a financial success for the club.

**SECOND....** The VST trial is on May 12<sup>th</sup>. (plotting) and 13<sup>th</sup> (trial). We will need volunteers for this trial including 5 experienced tracklayers that can commit both Saturday & Sunday.

**LASTLY...** For the upcoming spring trialing season, I want to remind everyone that if club members are ready to certify your dogs, please give me a call & we'll get it done. Closing dates are coming up. I would love to see our members get into some spring trials.

Soooooooo, let's all check our calendars and get back to me with dates that you can help out. ASAP!!!!!!

Thank you all for support. Lenape can only survive with the help of our members. Let's give our club the support it deserves.

Gratefully yours,  
Gina DeAlmeida  
President  
Lenape Tracking Club

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Reminder to get your Membership renewal sent in. I have received several, but not all. I have sent snail mail reminders. Get your dues in to continue receiving newsletters.

Just a reminder of the **Newsletter deadlines** and publication dates through mid-year 2018. Send all brags, member profiles, and information to be published in the newsletter to: Tammy Snyder at [tsrotts1@twcny.rr.com](mailto:tsrotts1@twcny.rr.com)

<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Deadlines</b>	<b>Published</b>
Jan/Feb:	Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mar 1 <sup>st</sup> 2018
Mar/Apr	April 15 <sup>th</sup>	May 1 <sup>st</sup> 2018
May/June	June 15 <sup>th</sup>	July 1 <sup>st</sup> 2018

### **Board Meeting Minutes:**

There was no board meeting since the last newsletter. Look for information from the board in the coming year.

**New Members: Membership director:** Tammy Snyder  
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New members will be announced here. As membership director, I am going to try something new for membership renewal. I am going to include the membership renewal form here in the newsletter for next 2-3 newsletters. It will be on its own page, at the end of the newsletter.

**Member's Brags: Congrats to those members who are out and about with their pups and having a good time!**

Janet Kelly and Steeler

They spent some time in NYC at the Westminster Meet the Breeds, Here are a few pics of the day. They represented their breed well.



## New Tracking Titles: Look for upcoming good news with the spring trials.

### Recent Lenape Events:

**Member profile:** This section of the newsletter will be reserved for a member profile each issue. It is my hope, since many of Lenape's members live away from the club area that we can get to know each other in this format. This can be a place for all members to learn about new venues to try with their dogs. If you want to submit something on another club member or yourself and your own dogs, just send it to me at [tsrotts1@twcny.rr.com](mailto:tsrotts1@twcny.rr.com)

### MEMBER PROFILE: STORY FROM JANET DOERER

My Belgian Malinois Burr Oaks Time To Dream Again, aka „Dreamer“, MAY be on the TV show Madam Secretary. It's a very small part and it's in the background. It is supposed to be for this season, and the episode number is 16. So, if we are not on the cutting floor, we will be a star. Here is our story:

- > On January 10th, I got a call from Kim who works for Animal Actors. She said they were looking for a Malinois for the filming of Madam Secretary. She asked me to send some pictures of Dreamer. I took some pictures of him sitting, standing, and laying down and hoped she would like them.
- > On January 18th, Kim sent me a text (by the way - I don't text - I have an old flip phone) that Dreamer would be needed on January 24th at 8:30 a.m. at Broadway Stage in Long Island City, NY. Yikes, NY City. I have to drive in NY City? This should be interesting.
- > January 19th, Kim sent me another text, they may need me to handle too. So I need to send her pictures of me and sizes. OH Boy, I'm going to be a star, maybe I'll be FOUND, but then I was never lost, I have a tracking dog.
- > January 23rd, Steve from Animal Actors texted me (what's with the texting, you know how hard it is to text on a flip phone)? He said I should wear what I wear to a dog show. Well now that is pretty vague for me, what venue are you talking? Showing in breed vs obedience vs agility vs tracking. Got it down to Khaki pants and work boots. Ok, I can do that. My roll would be training bomb squad dogs on an agility course.
- > January 23rd, 7:30 at night. Steve said he had the wrong studio, not Broadway Stage, but Brooklyn Studio. Good thing it was a few blocks of where I thought I was going so it wasn't that bad.
- > January 24th, got up at 5 a.m. The drive into the city wasn't that bad; only a thirty minute delay for the Lincoln Tunnel. Got there about 8:25. I had a phone number to call when I got there for someone to tell me where to park. I found that is a very important detail, parking in NY is not an easy task. A person came out and moved a cone and had me park on the street near the studio. I left Dreamer in the car and went to check out the building. Steve told me and a few other girls to go to wardrobe, which was down the street. We walked to wardrobe and they gave me a jacket, vest, and treat bag, my pants and boots were good. Then I went back to the studio and asked if I could walk Dreamer around inside. Steve said sure. Dreamer was great! It was one big room with kennel runs on one side; suitcases and boxes in front of the runs. On the side was a small agility course with an A-frame, a tunnel, a dog walk, and weave poles. I would be working on the A-frame and the tunnel.
- > I was standing near the door with Dreamer when Te'a Leoni (Madam Secretary) walked in. She

started petting Dreamer and asked his name. I told her his name was Dreamer and he was very friendly. She looks like she does on TV. They

> started shooting the first scene with a German Shepherd at about 10 a.m. It was fun watching all the setup and Dreamer seemed fine with all of it. In the first scene, all the Shepherd had to do was sit there next to Madam Secretary while she read about two minutes of cue cards. They had to take the scene about 8 times. The dog would not stay sitting. Dreamer wanted to say, “put me in coach, I can do that”. Most of the rest of the morning was taping near the runs with no dogs. Then we had lunch about 1 p.m. We were told they would need the dogs after lunch.

> After lunch I brought Dreamer back into the studio. There had been no room for a crate, so he spent the morning in the car, which was fine by him. At about 3 p.m. they put all the dogs in their places. Some of the dogs were in the runs. One dog was up in a loft overhead, one dog was sniffing the suitcases, and one dog was sniffing the boxes. Dreamer and my job was to run the agility. We started practicing. I had him run up the A-frame, down the A-frame, and through the straight tunnel. Then I had him turn around and do it again in the other direction. Dreamer was happy to be doing something. While we were practicing, Steve came over and said, “you may not want to run him too much, you don't want him to get tired.” I said he’s a Malinois, they don't get tired. He said, “They don't until they do”. So I stopped and had him lay down for awhile.

> At about 4 p.m. they were ready to take the scene with us in the background. Geoffrey Arend (Matt Mohoney) and Patina Miller (Daisy Grant) would be standing by the boxes and then they would start walking toward the agility area, then walk alongside the agility area. During that time Dreamer would be running up the A-Frame and through the tunnel. Behind us was a beagle running up and over the dog walk. There were two other girls that where there also to “help” us with the dogs. Dreamer did great, he never got tired! He just kept going up and down and through, then back again. Over and over and over again. He had the same energy on the last run as he had on the first. I of course was a lot slower on my back and forth by the last run. Patina said they voted Dreamer as the best dog there; I said yes he is a good boy. At about 5 p.m. they were done. We went back to wardrobe and got changed and filled out all the paper work for payment (yes, I actually got paid).

> I left the studio about 5:30, drove past the Empire State building, and then hit lots of traffic on Interstate 78 because of 2 accidents. But it was GREAT and we had a really nice time.

> So, like I said I don't even know if we will be on the show or not. We are supposed to be on episode 16 in Season 4. So watch for the new up and coming stars. You can all say, you knew us when .....

**NON-LENAPE EVENTS OF INTEREST: None at this time**

**Memorials: None at this time**

**Research:** to see the whole article click on the link below.

[HTTPS://ACADEMIC.OUP.COM/CHEMSE/ARTICLE/30/4/291/270231](https://academic.oup.com/chemse/article/30/4/291/270231)

# How Many Footsteps Do Dogs Need to Determine the Direction of an Odour Trail?

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## Abstract

Dogs have the ability to determine the direction of an odour trail left by a human. This study examined how much olfactory information from this trail is required by dogs to determine direction. Six dogs, able to determine direction, were tested on a 21 footstep trail laid on 21 individual carpet squares, one footstep per square, by the same individual wearing the same shoes. Dogs brought in at right-angles to the trail at its centre were able to correctly determine direction better than chance ( $P < 0.025$ ). Dogs were unable to determine direction when the order of the footsteps was randomized by rearranging the order of the carpet squares. When the individual odour cue was removed, but ground disturbance left, dogs were unable to determine direction, indicating that it was the odour of the individual that was used to determine direction. In the final experiment the number of footsteps made available to the dog was reduced from 21 to 11 and then 9, 7, 5 and finally 3. Dogs were able to determine direction from 5 footsteps but not 3. It was calculated that it takes  $\sim 1\text{--}2$  s for the odour information in footsteps to change to provide discernible information that can be used by dogs to determine direction. The process by which dogs may determine direction from odour cues is discussed.