



LENAPE TRACKING CLUB OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY, INC

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello Lenape members!

UPCOMING EVENTS 2020

TED: April 25th 2020

VST: May 17th 2020

TD: Oct. 4th 2020

TDX: Nov. 8th 2020

**Tracklayer Certification:
TBD**

*****Don't forget that all Lenape Tracking Club trials have a worker draw*****

Submit your worker credits with your entry.

Well, spring is right around the corner & hopefully everyone is getting back outside with their 4 legged friends. We have been very lucky this winter with the gentle weather we're having. Let's keep our fingers & paws crossed that it continues right into spring.

We have 2 events coming up quickly....

4/25 - Tracking Experience Day (now a 1 day event)

5/17 - VST trial at Brookdale Community College

Both events are very important to the club & all members involved.

** Tracking Experience Day is the **ONLY** money making event for our club & we still need a few more volunteers. So please check your calendars to see if you can spare a day to help.

** VST trial needs someone to organize & lead the event. Pulling together tracklayers, hospitality, housing for judges, etc. I have all the ribbons & most of the supplies. Let me know if you might be interested in taking the lead with this event.

On another note... there are still 4-5 members that have not paid their club dues. Please expedite or you will be removed from membership list & lose your membership benefits.

Looking forward to a fun spring with lots of time in the tracking fields.

Hope to see you all sometime during our spring events.

Remember, I'm available for certifying your dog - just contact me.

Happy to do it!!!!

HAPPY TRACKING TO ALL 🐾🐾🐾🐾

Gina DeAlmeida, LTC President

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@twcnny.rr.com

Newsletter	Deadlines	Published
Mar/Apr	Apr.15 th	May 1 st 2020
May/June	June 15 th	July 1 st 2020
July/Aug	Aug. 15 th	Sept. 1 st 2020

New Members: **Membership director:** Tammy Snyder
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Daniel Fraser
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Daniel has 2 Golden Retrievers, Teddy and Lucy. He does obedience and scent work with them. Daniel attended 2 events, the TED in April and the TD in Oct. He is sponsored by Janet Kelly and Rose Mary Laubach. He is willing to become tracklayer certified. Any concerns for admitting Mr. Fraser should be directed to the board. He will be entered as a new member with the next newsletter.

There were no objections to Daniel, so please welcome him to Lenape Tracking club. Welcome Daniel!!! Please send me a write up about you and your dogs for the member profile section, so we can get to know you and your pups. You can send that to me by e-mail at tsrotts1@twcnny.rr.com for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Please welcome Monique Buzzarté as the new IO Groups list manager. She will be adding new members to IO Groups list, as they are approved. She will also update the files section. If you have something that needs to be added to the files section, please send to Monique at: monique@buzzarte.org

Member's Brags:

Tammy and Brick

Brick earned the first 2 legs of his CDX on Feb. 8th and 9th at the Syracuse Obedience Training Club trial, under judges Jean Nocilly and Lisa Mitchell. He just turned 2 years old on Jan. 19th.

Cris and Ruger

EZBROOKS Hot Shot Ruger @Dream Park in November 2019, earned his Open JWW Title & 1 Open Std. leg jumping 26".

Cris Courduff & Ruger
(a keeper)



New Tracking Title: NONE this newsletter

Veterinary News: Thanks Cris for providing this account of your experience for our members.

This is an item of interest for anyone, besides me, that never experienced the effects of a Thyroid Condition:

My 4-1/2 year old German Shepherd, Ruger, who aced his CD, RN, RA, RE, RAE, RM, with no N/Q's, started to, (as I thought), lose interest. All he wanted to do was lay around, seeming disinterested in everything. Everything except a couple of FAST CAT Trials, and with his extreme "prey-drive", to look for and chase squirrels up trees. He was lack-luster in Obedience and Agility and even Tracking. I couldn't get him to break a trot. Without my noticing, it was a very gradual decline in attitude, energy and interest. Whenever I would stop to talk to anyone, even with their dog, he would immediately lay down with his head on his paws. He was gaining weight, up to 101.4, even though I had cut back on his meals, and his coat was starting to get lack-luster and not soft. My husband and I were thinking he was aging quickly, or maybe his background was more laid-back. At his Vet check-ups, everything was "great"!! People were telling me I shouldn't be jumping him at 24". He looks like he's having trouble jumping. He is 26" at the withers, and if I continue in Open & Utility, he will have to jump 26". I remember when I showed my female GSD, Liebchen, she was jumping 32" as an 8 year old, even after having a litter of 7 puppies at 6yrs. old. Ruger is my 6th GSD, and I'm wondering are today's GSD's not as athletic??

Then, at another Agility Trial in late August, people were telling me to have his Thyroid checked. Maybe some others did as well earlier, but I didn't know anything about Thyroid, nor did my Husband. He was telling me I should just let Ruger be a couch potato and get another puppy. Number one, I have a lot invested in Ruger, who is as sweet as can be, and number two, I'm not sure I will out-live him! I made an appointment for a blood test, which was sent to Michigan State University, Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, and it came back with extremely poor results. His lows were way below the norms and his highs were over the top! on Sept. 1st, he was started on Thyroxine tabs, twice a day. In two days, Tom & I started noticing a difference in his alertness. He was again wagging his tail, which I hadn't noticed he had also stopped doing. In one month, his second blood test now shows him back in the margins of normal in all levels. He will be on the medication for the rest of his life, which is a small sacrifice. My Vet says that if Ruger had to have anything, this is the least serious and most easily treated.

His energy level is back and people are noticing a different dog. He now weights 94lbs. and has his smile back!

I am writing this because I may be the only one who didn't know the effects of Thyroid disorder, but if it alerts anyone else, then it is worth it.

Cris Courduff & EZBROOKS Hot Shot Ruger

The Novel Corona Virus, Covid-19 is all over the news. We all travel and have events coming up in the coming months that may or may not put us at risk. Some basic precautions we can all take: Wash hands frequently when coming in contact with other people, and surfaces, stay away from people exhibiting signs like, cough, fever, or who may have travelled to areas infected with the virus. This virus is now affecting people worldwide. This is by no means a reason to be scared, or panicked, but as travelers for events we have to be aware that some of the events we attend are also attended by those from all over the country and other parts of the world. Be aware, and assess your risk with the help of your healthcare team.

If you have a chronic health condition that predisposes you to respiratory infection, please consult your primary or specialist MD for special precautions you may need to take. Many are asking if this virus is something that we can get from dogs, or if our dogs can develop the infection from the novel virus?? Here is an article I have found from the NY Times to help address some common concerns. Be aware and stay safe.

No Evidence That Pets Can Get Covid-19, but Wash Your Hands Anyway

By: By James Gorman
Feb. 28, 2020

Unless you have the virus, or your pet is spending a lot of time with Covid-19 patients, no precautions are needed, or helpful.

Pet owners may be wondering whether Covid-19, the coronavirus that has infected thousands of people worldwide, is a threat to dogs or cats or can be carried by them. **So far, the short answer is no.**

Unless you are in an area where the disease is spreading rapidly, then there is no action or preparation necessary.

Even if you are in an area where many people have been infected with the coronavirus, there's no evidence that companion animals can be infected with it. Of course, veterinarians can't be absolutely sure about the infection because it is new, so if you have the virus, or are in an area with many human infections, some precautions might be useful.

Here are some quick facts and recommendations based on advice from the World Health Organization, the World Organization for Animal Health and the World Small Animal Veterinary Association.

Have any companion animals been infected by the virus?

Not as far as researchers know. One dog in Hong Kong that belongs to a patient with Covid-19 was tested for the virus and showed low levels of it in its nose and mouth. But the dog is not sick according to the Hong Kong health department, and the virus might be from contact with the patient or other surfaces. As anyone with a dog knows, their noses and mouths come in contact with just about everything.

Are there any precautions pet owners should take?

Not unless you are sick with the coronavirus or in an area where disease is spreading. The World Health Organization notes that it never hurts to wash your hands with soap and water **after** contact with pets. There's always the risk for salmonella and E. coli that can pass from animals to people.

If you are sick with Covid-19 and have a pet, the small animal vet association suggests that you wash your hands and wear a face mask around the pet, as you would around a person, and keep them inside, just to avoid any chance of spreading the virus.

What about advance preparation for a possible outbreak?

Experts have suggested having supplies of food and medications on hand for humans if you are concerned about an outbreak or other disaster. It can't hurt to put pet food on the list, as well as any medications your pet takes.

What if my pet gets sick?

If you have an animal that becomes sick after contact with people infected with Covid-19, you should call your veterinarian. Don't bring the animal into the vet's office without contacting the veterinarian first to discuss the animal's symptoms and its exposure. Remember, it's highly unlikely that a dog or cat could be infected.

What about vaccinations that veterinarians give for other coronaviruses that do make dogs sick. Would it help to get those vaccinations just in case?

No. Those vaccines are for different coronaviruses that cause a contagious intestinal disease in dogs. They are not licensed for other uses and there's no evidence that they work against other kinds of coronaviruses. The veterinary association says in its advisory to its members, "Veterinarians should NOT use such vaccines in the face of the current outbreak."

What if I'm in a country where there's no indication the virus is spreading?

Cuddle with your pets. Take them for walks. Keep them in your lap (if they fit) while the news is on. Animals can have a very calming effect. And they are always better off if their owners are relaxed. Then wash your hands.

James Gorman is a science writer at large and the host and writer of the video series "[ScienceTake](#)." He joined The Times in 1993 and is the author of several books, including "How to Build a Dinosaur," written with the paleontologist Jack Horner.