

**April-June 2013** 

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### **Urban Tracking Test April 14, 2013**



April 14, 2013 Cross Country Tracking Club test held it's Urban Tracking Dog Test. There were 6 dogs entered in UTD, no UTDX entered.

There were 3 Labrador Ret, 1 Golden Ret, 1 Rottweiler and 1 Dachshund. The following dog passed:

CH OTCH SR Castlegar Marlo At Autumwynd TD UTD RE WC JH CGN Labrador Retriever female Feb18, 2001. (12 years old) owned by Marie-P Babin

### Tracking Dog and Tracking Dog Excellent Dog Test May 12, 2013



The temperature was cold and the weather conditions varied from sunshine to driving rain and sleet throughout the day. We had 8 TD entries and their tracks were all on alfalfa. The following dogs were successful:

**Lieder von Lowenherz TD** a Standard Wire Hair Dachshund owned & handled by Pamela Burns **Ch Winfree's Mr Grumpy Gill CD RN TD** an English Cocker Spaniel owned & handled by Wendy Downing.

**Holly CD TD** a Parson Russell Terrier, owned by Ricki Abrams, handled by Maryke Warwick. **Pheasant Ridges Just You Wait TD** an English Cocker Spaniel owned & handled by Phyllis Shortt.

**Goldendreams Good To Go WCX SH CDX TD** a Golden Retriever owned & handled by Cindy Trann.

Okali von Narnia TD a German Shepherd Dog owned & handled by Gino Brun.

The TDX Test was held in alfalfa, mixed hay and grass, 2 dogs were entered and the following dog passed:

**Book's Mystical Kylene TDX** an Australian Shepherd owned & handled by Jane Book. Thanks to our judge Pando Stepanis and our tracklayers Susan Coutts, Tascha Gagnon, Marie-P Babin, Eileen Fisher, Ruth Ann Miller & Lynda Rupay.

# **CCTC** Members' Brags...



CH OTCH SR Castlegar Marlo At Autumwynd TD UTD RE WC JH CGN "Marlo" earned her UTD April 2013 Owned by Marie-P Babin



CH SHR Gowrielea's Notorious WC CDX RN JH CGN Am RN "Tory" earned his CDX title April 2013
Shown here with his Breeder/Handler & Club Member
Bruce Russell. Owned by Sandy Brodie



Goldendreams Good To Go WCX SH CDX TD "Rush" earned her TD title May 2013
Owned & handled by Cindy Trann

# CCTC Members' Brags



Ch Winfree's Mr Grumpy Gill CD RN TD "Winston" earned his TD title May 2013 owned & handled by Wendy Downing



**Lieder von Lowenherz TD "Lieder"** earned his TD title May 2013
Owned & handled by Pamela Burns



Pheasant Ridges Just You Wait TD "Higgins" passed his TD title May 2013 Owned & handled by Phyllis Shortt

Holly CD TD N-CD TD UTD
"Holly" earned her CKC TD May 2013
Owned by Ricki Abrams & handled by Maryke Warwick

## **More CCTC Brags**



MOTCH Jaymar's Well Dressed at Luvits AGNS, AGNJS, AAC ADC, SGDC AGIJS.

"Gucci" earned his MOTCH May 2013

Owned by Ricki Abrams



Ch Winfree's Mr Grumpy Gill CD RN CPE2 "Winston" earned his Standard CPE level 2 May 2013 and his RA June 2013 Owned by Wendy Downing



OTCH Umber Doncy RN WCX SH TD "Umber" earned her OTCH title April 2013 Owned by Ron Bobson



Ch. Sansouci's Gem North Of Forty-Nine, CD RA TD Am TD CD RN FDJ JH NAVHDA NA Pz I "Emma" earned her CKC RA title, April 2013 and her AKC CD & RN titles June 2013
Owned by Laura Wright

## More CCTC Member Brags



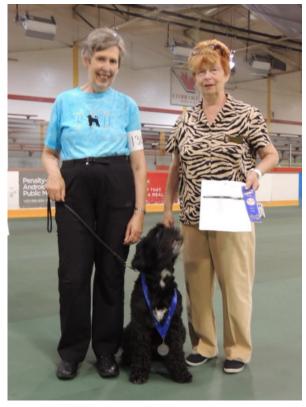
CH Victory's Bean With The Devil CD TDX AGI RE UTD CH MOTCH AGMCH Carnaby Ace Ventura TDX UTD "Dexter" earned his UTD title June 2, 2013 in Thunder

Owned by Eileen Fisher



"Ace" earned his UTD title June 2, 2013 in Thunder Bay

Owned by Helena Tracz and handled by Eileen Fisher



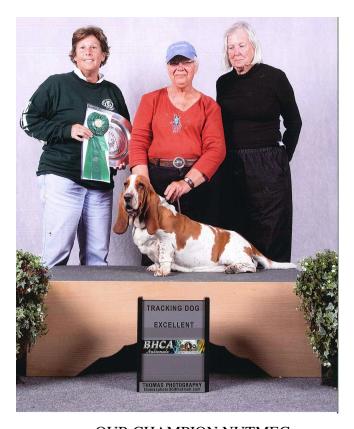
Ch C'Harbr Dancing By The Sea CGN CD JWD RA "Charlston" earned his RA title June 2013

Owned by Anne Passafiume



Pinebank's Encore Performer TD JH WCX RN Am TD "Tenor" earned his WCI and WCX titles May 2013 at the LOC WC-I-X Test and his RN title ay NYOC June 2013 Owned by Laura McKay

#### Gone But Not Forgotten.....



OUR CHAMPION <u>NUTMEG</u>
AKC CH GIN DIC'S RED DIRT GIRL AKC TDX and CKC TDX

Nutmeg was one of a litter of eleven puppies born to my A/C Champion, A/C TD on October 19th, 2004. She was lovely red and white puppy. She died on March 2, 2013 at age eight and half just ten days after being diagnosed with Lymphoma.

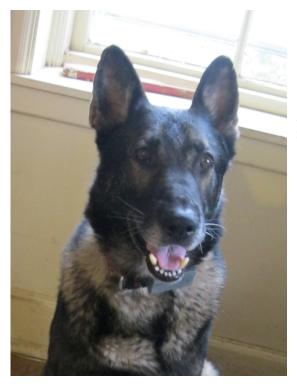
As a ten week old puppy she was placed with a friend who was to show and to train her to hunt rabbits. This meant she spent her first year in a kennel receiving little training and attention, and was not entered in the breed ring. I soon realized that keeping my name on her registration as a co-owner was very wise and she came back to live with us. She came back to us with the call name Brat and refused to answer to it! I quickly changed her name to Nutmeg to which she immediately responded.

She finished quickly in the AKC Breed Ring and really enjoyed tracking as well as running rabbits. She earned her AKC TD in November 2006, her CKC TD in September 2006, her AKC TDX in October 2010 in the State of Washington at the BHCA National Specialty and her CKC TDX in November 2010 at the Cross Country Tracking Club Test in Whitby, ONT. She never seemed very interested in Urban Tracking. I was most proud of her when she earned BHCA Certificate as a Hunting Hound at our National Specialty in Wisconsin in October 2011.

She was a marvelous companion for her human family. She was especially sensitive when things were not going well for us humans in our household. We will all miss her so much.

Linda O. Gonzalez

#### Gone But Not Forgotten.....



Carmspack Comox Nov 29, 2002– July 2, 2013 A very sweet boy who was loved and will be greatly missed by Bev Wiggans.

## **Upstream Salmon Treats for your K-9's**

1 cup oat flour 1 cup brown rice flour 16 oz. can wild salmon 1/4 cup oat bran 1 egg 1/2 cup water.

Preheat oven 350\*. Empty all contents (including juices) from can of salmon into a food processor and puree.

Combine all ingredients together and mix until a dough forms.

Roll out on a lightly floured surface to 1/4" thickness.

Use a pizza cutter or knife to cut into bite sized pieces for training.

Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper (easy clean up).

Place on cookie sheet. They can be rather close together as they don't grow while cooking.

Bake 20-25 min. Remove from the oven and let cool completely on a rack. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

This treat is low in fat, high in protein, rich in omega-3 fatty acids.

Salmon is an excellent source of selenium, niacin and vitamin B12 and a good source of phosphorous, magnesium and vitamin B6.

#### **New Club Members**

Catherine Bickley	cbickley@idirect.com	Schapendoes
Mary MacKay	pawsitiverepro@gmail.com	Doberman Pinscher
Rob & Veronica Matthews	roverbarbets@gmail.com	Barbet
Phyllis Shortt	shorttbred@sympatico.ca	Border Collie, English Cocker Spaniel, Mini Dachshund

# **CCTC Members' Brags**

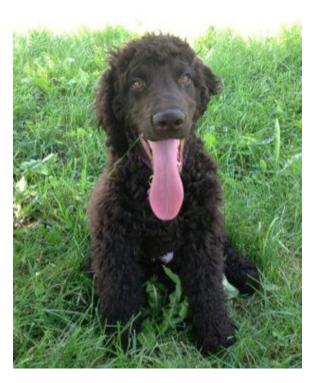


OTCH Thistledoon Tu Hot Fur Me WC RN Am CDX RN UKC CDX RO1 N-CD
"OUCH" earned his Nambr CD & UKC-CDX in 3 straight
Owned By Irene Mullan



Ch Elliquin Whistlin' Thru P-CD TD RN CGN "Whistle" earned her CGN title June 2013 Owned by Maryke Warwick

### New Little Tracker



"Pogo"
Whistlestop's Pogo Takes the Cake
Born Feb 6, 2013
Pogo is a Irish Water Spaniel owned by Susan Rickwood and Marg Schneider

### **An Urban Tracking Test in Thunder Bay**

At the end of May, Helena Tracz and I set off from Owen Sound with our 2 English Cockers and 2 Standard Wire Hair Dachshunds. We were making a long awaited trip north to Thunder Bay for two weeks. While there, we were attending a Convocation at Lakehead University for my cousin's daughter. We were visiting with Helena's family and had entered an urban tracking test put on by the Thunder Bay Kennel and Tracking Club, which amazingly was on the same weekend.

We had a great run up there crossing to Manatoulin Island on the Chi-Cheemaun Ferry (Dexter's 5<sup>th</sup> crossing). We then enjoyed the magnificent scenery along the north shore of Lake Superior.

After arriving in Thunder Bay, we had 4 days to prepare for the Tracking Test, interspersed with wining and dining with the extended Tracz family.

As the dogs had been totally out of routine, we decided to track them every day until the Sunday test. This meant driving around looking for suitable UTD type places. We also knew to avoid the University campus, as track plotting was due to start on the Friday of that week and that was an area that would be used.

It is not easy working in a strange place like that, but we did manage to complete a track for both Dexter and Ace each day. We did run into Judge Marie, Apprentice Donna Brinkworth one time, but dutifully did a quick retreat not wishing to incur their wrath.....

On Sunday morning the draw was at a Timmies....familiar territory anyway. There were 5 UTD dogs and 1 UTDX. Karen Boyes, the Test Chair, ran the proceedings with military precision. I drew track #1 with Dexter and Helena drew track #5 for Ace. The draw items were packages of lovely doggie and human goodies with the track number on the bottom.





Off we then went in a familiar convoy to Dexter's track, which happened to be at the University. The weather was around 8 degrees Celsius, but windy. Dexter's track started up a grassy slope and then turned right along a ridge. At the end of the ridge was a steep, wide ditch which bordered a campus road. OK nowhere else to go so down we went and over the road. He was on a roll so I had no option but to follow him. We then passed through a narrow gap in a line of solid cement blocks which lined the car park. It was a typical northern car park with plug in posts all over it and another line of blocks further down. Dexter headed down to the other end then began to work his way back up again. The wind was funnelling through the gaps in the blocks which made him have to work hard. He worked around until he zeroed onto a wooden article. Was I pleased to see it and that it had a note on it to say it was part of a tracking test and to leave it alone!! Naturally, I grabbed it.

He then headed off to the other side of the parking lot and had to exit via another gap in the blocks. Finally he worked his way around the outside of a building and across a path. On this section of the track he detoured to pounce on some unfortunate creature in some long grass!! He also showed me a large ski glove, but alas it was declined by the judging panel. Finally, after crossing the path, he set off onto grass, through fir trees. After an open turn, he found a leather glove, and a cheer went up.

He had completed the track in 18 minutes, compared with 16 minutes for his TDX!!! The terrain and the winds made him have to work hard, but it was worth it. Susan Venn was our track layer and it was her first track, so it was great for her too.

**Track #5** was in a different type of location. There were grassy areas verging onto a park, and what turned out to be a parking lot to the side of a building, and a water-filled ditch. On the first grassy legs, Ace took off like a demon possessed. Then he jumped the ditch and of course I had to follow. I didn't have time to decide whether to take off or land on my artificial knee!!!!! Then after casting back and forth, over the ditch we went again. He located the piece of wood which was definitely encouraging. He then worked his way down a path and suddenly there was the parking lot. Upon entering the parking lot, he indicated an old tin can with something still inside. I verified with the judges that metal was not an option and as I didn't wish to put the rusty object into my pocket, I made the mistake of tossing it to the side. Ace of course followed it's trajectory but fortunately returned to the track. Finally after more casting side to side, he found the leather glove at the end of the lot, and the cheer went up.





It was a great feeling to have both dogs track so well and rise to the occasion.

The Club presented each dog with a lovely UTD Medallion, along with the Rosette.

On the back of the Rosette was all dog's name, date, club and title. Again a classy touch.

It was wonderful to be able to be a part of such a well run tracking test and to meet the great people from that Club. They certainly went out of their way to make us welcome.

I was so pleased to finally meet Donna Brinkworth, who finished her Apprentice-Judging assignments that weekend. She is going to judge CCTC's Urban Test on October 20, and I can't wait to hear more of her stories and experiences.



Eileen Fisher

