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**Cross Country Tracking Club
Annual General Meeting
Awards and Christmas Party
Dec. 2015**



Cake made by Marie Robinson

Here are some of the happy handlers who earned tracking titles this year. Left to right, back row;
Dwyn Tomlinson...German Shepherd Dog ..Buffy BH
Cindy Trann...Golden Retriever...Rogue TD
Gail Gordon...Bedlington Terrier..Madison TD
Vivien Hill...German Shepherd Dog..Amara TD
Front row; Eileen Fisher...Golden Retriever..Kara TD
Std. Wire-Haired Dachshund Dexter..UTDX &Tracking
Champion !

Susan Coutts.Labrador Retriever.Tank UTDX &
Tracking Champion !

Missing from the picture who also earned tracking titles in
2015 were;

Laura Wright,, Vizsla..Emma UTD & AKC TDX

Pamela Burns .Std Wire-Haired Dachshunds..Leider TDX &
Wire-Haired Dachshund. Streak TDX



More pics from the AGM and Party.



NAMBR Tracking Test Nov. 15, 2015 Judge Laura McKay

The TD & Urban test started in sunshine and about 10* .. Very light breeze. We had 6 TD dogs entered and 1 UTDX dog.

Three TD dogs passed today. L to R

Boomer

Mini Poodle/Golden Retriever
DOB September 4, 1012
Elsa Joy Varady, Ottawa, On.

Rosie

Chesapeake Bay Retriever
DOB March 17, 2014
David & Sharon Johnston, Ottawa, On.
Handled by Kim Cooper



Grief

Malinois/GSD
DOB Dec 27, 2012
Kim Cooper, Navan, On.

Thanks to all the tracklayers for the love-

Tracklayers and judge after the test.
It really does take a village to run Tracking Tests



Tracklayers and judge enjoying the Fish & Chips after all tracks were plotted.
L to R: Sue Godbehere, Eileen Fisher, Marie-P Babin, Laura McKay (Judge)
Connie Gavin (CKC Tracking Rep. Zone 5) Maryke Warwick and Deb Mahon.

CCTC Members' Brags.....



“Finn”

Round the Bend Finn N-SE

“Finn” earned both his N-NE & N-SE (Novice and senior earthdog) this past Summer.

Owned by Lynda Rupay

“Tenor”

Pinebank's Encore Performer SH WCX TDX
UTD RE CDX

“Tenor” earned his CDX at the LOC
Obedience Trial Feb 6, 2016 on LOC's 50th
Anniversary.

Owned by Laura McKay



CCTC Members' Brags.....



“Casey”

With judge and his handler after receiving his
Standard Novice Agility title .
Longgun’s Sharp Shooter, CD RN WC JH AGN
Owned by **Ann Whan**



“Power”

Power earned his SDDA scent detection
Novice Title (SD-A). Nov.21, 2015
Cavanhill’s Phantom Healer FDCH-G SDN
(SP) SD-A RIT
Owned by **Victoria Vidal–Ribas**



“Summer”

Summer earned her CGN on Nov. 29, 2015

Nuphar’s Soak Up The Sun CGN
Owned by Stephanie Dixon

Summer - Nuphar's Soak Up the Sun

New Little Trackers..



“Elroy”

Born Oct. 23rd. 2015

Castlegar Elroy At Autumwynd
Labrador Retriever

It will be so much fun starting with a brand new little tracker..who has already gotten two Best Baby Puppy in Group .

Owned by Marie-P Babin



“Zina”

Born Sept. 23rd. 2015

Batik Simply Amazing

Will be taking part in many dog sports.

Owned by Irene Mullan



“Grimm”

Born Dec.25. 2015

Von Kalt Bach
German Shepherd Dog, will be doing
Shutzhund and CKC tracking.

Owned by Gladys Kinsman



“Grayson”

Born Dec. 22, 2015

Devonsleigh’s Moments in Time
Labrador Retriever

Owned by Allyson Thompson

Apple Banana Biscotti for the Pooches

4 cups all-purpose flour
¼ teaspoon baking powder

¼ teaspoon baking soda

1 cup banana chopped and peeled

½ cup blueberries thawed if frozen

2 tablespoons canola oil

2 tablespoons water

1 large egg

1 teaspoon vanilla



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 F (180 C).
2. In a large bowl, combine flour, baking powder and baking soda.
3. In a food processor, combine banana, blueberries, oil, water, egg and vanilla.
4. Puree until smooth.
5. Pour over dry ingredients and mix well.
6. In the bowl and using hands, knead until dough holds together.
7. Transfer to lightly floured surface.
8. Divide dough into 2 equal pieces. Shape each piece into a log. Flatten the logs to make about 4 inches wide.
9. With a fork, poke holes all over the surface of the logs. Place about 4 inches apart on baking sheet.
10. Bake in preheated oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until firm. Place pan on a rack and let cool for 30 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 300°F.
11. With a sharp knife, cut each log into.
12. 1/4-inch/0.5 cm thick slices. Place, cut side down, about 1/2 inch (1 cm) apart on baking sheets.
13. Bake for 30 minutes longer or until hard.

New Club Member:

Deborah Dorken djdorken@gmail.com Doberman Pinschers
Lynda Rupay lvrupay@sympatico.ca Jack Russell Terrier

Gone But Never Forgotten.....



“Bentley”

Elliquin Bentley (9 Championship Points)
Nov. 24, 2014—Jan. 9, 2016
Will be missed by Allyson, Bob & Shannon
Thompson.



“Elliott”

CH. SR Castlegar Elliott CDX WCI JH TD RE
(2 Utility Legs) Am CDX
Feb 18,2001-Dec 9,2015
Loved and missed by Maryke Warwick



Elliott & his Great Grandson
Bentley are now together at the
Rainbow Bridge



“Romeo”

Beaushiloh Let It Be Romeo

July 14,2005 - Feb. 28 2016

Romeo was multi-talented Golden Retriever and a
“Super Dog” He will be missed by Pauline Norman



CCTC 2015 Tracking Titles

TD

"Kara" Goldencol's Karamel Delight WC PCD TD
Golden Retriever **Eileen Fisher**

TD

"Madison" CH. Shelburne Blackstock I'mnolamb TD
Bedlington Terrier **Gail Gordon**

TD

"Rogue" Goldendreams Going Rogue JH CD WC TD
Golden Retriever **Cindy Trann**

TD

"Amara" Clarot's Amara TD
German shepherd Dog **Steve & Vivien Hill**

UTD AKC TDX

"Emma" CH. Sansoucis's Gem North Of Forty-Nine CDX RE TDX FDJ CGN UTD AKC TDX
Vizsla **Laura Wright**

TDX

"Leider" FC Lieder von Lowenherz TDX, RN.
Std. Wire-Haired Dachshund **Pamela Burns**

TDX

"Streak" FC Streak von Lowenherz CD, RN,ME, TDX
Std. Wire-Haired Dachshund **Pamela Burns**

UTDX TCH (Tracking Champion)

"Tank" TCH. Autumwynd Storm Tracker CD RE WC
Labrador Retriever **Susan Coutts**

UTDX TCH. (Tracking Champion)

"Dexter" TCH. CH. Victory's Bean With The Devil RE AGIS AGIJS
Std. Wire-Haired Dachshund **Eileen Fisher**

BH

"Buffy" Buffy Vom Bergblick BH
German Shepherd Dog **Dwyn Tomlinson**

CROSS COUNTRY TRACKING CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

December 18, 2015

At the Home of Eileen Fisher

53 Walkerton Drive

Markham, ON

Scheduled Start 8:30 p.m.

Present:

Sandra Brodie, Marie-P. Babin, Susan Coutts, Stephanie Dixon, Deborah Dorken, Wendy Downing, Eileen Fisher, Connie Gavin, Sue Godbehere, Gail Gordon, Steve and Vivian Hill, Wendy Mackie, Fay Meeson, Anne Passafiume, Barry Robinson, Linda Rupay, Susan Skolnick, Dwyn Tomlinson, Cindy Trann, Maryke Warwick, Anne Whan

Meeting called to order by Eileen Fisher at 9:32 p.m. Eileen Fisher chaired the meeting.

Previous Minutes

A motion was made by Sandy Brodie, seconded by Anne Whan and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the December 19, 2014 AGM. There was no business arising from these minutes

President's Report

2015 CCTC President Report for our 19th Year !

Welcome everyone to our 19th CCTC Annual General Meeting and Awards' night.

We've had a great year in 2015 with our 5 Tracking tests plus the NAMBR test. Thanks to all the help from all our tracklayers and all the other members who help in other ways like secretaries, bringing food for after tests, Our HQ at Bev Wiggans. All our executives and to Eileen Fisher for welcoming us all into her home for the AGM and great gathering of Club members. Also a thank you to our tracking Rep. Connie Gavin who also runs the website and the Facebook page.

We have looked into getting TDX fields and some didn't work out but we now have a very promising place where a few TDX tracks could work out in the Fall. Thanks to Cindy Trann who got permission for us to use fields just north of Pickering near Claremont which is in our area of operation as it's in Durham County. Looking forward to plotting tracks there and see how many will fit. Possibly have an all TDX test for November.

We've added a few new Club members this year so welcome to them all.

Congratulations to all who worked hard in getting their dogs ready to enter tests and passed ! We will be doing Awards after the meeting.

All the Best in the New Year ! Keep on Tracking.....

Yours Truly, Marie-P Babin (Club Pres.)

Treasurer's Report As of November 17, 2015 Cheques

Jan. 13, 2015	#166	- \$ 81.14	For Marie
Jan. 13, 2015	#167	- \$ 72.00	For Maryke
Jan. 17, 2015	#168	- \$236.87	For Maryke Newsletter
Feb. 13, 2015	#169	- \$100.00	For Lab. Ret. Adoption in Memory of Candy Rennie
Mar. 16, 2015	#170	- \$431.94	For Maryke Newsletter

Mar. 19, 2015	#171 - \$177.95 For Eileen – Judges Lunch
Mar. 19, 2015	#172 - \$ 23.50 Cards For Laura for Judging
Apr. 27, 2015	#135 - \$ 25.99
May 1, 2015	#173 - \$100.00 For Donna For Judging
May 9, 2015	#145 - \$179.62 Track Layers Lunch
May 10, 2015	#199 - \$ 50.00 Marie’s Judging Gift
Jul. 10, 2015	#138 - \$126.00 For Marie, Gas For Judging
Aug. 25, 2015	#018 - \$374.27 For Maryke, Newsletter
Sept. 7, 2015	#147 - \$ 99.21 Stamps & Cards
Oct. 4 , 2015	#019 - \$ 79.10 Membership Cards
Oct. 4, 2015	#148 - \$ 55.00 For Maryke Groceries
Oct. 4, 2015	#149 - \$161.45 For Eileen For Track Layers Lunch and Canadian Kennel Club
Oct.17, 2015	#020 - \$ 66.21 Lunch
Oct.18, 2015	#069 - \$100.00 Judges Gifts

As of November 17, 2015 Deposits

Jan. 25, 2015	\$100.00
Mar.11,2015	\$ 75.00
Feb. 11,2015	\$260.00
Apr. 16,2015	\$ 50.00 Membership
Apr. 23,2015	\$415.00
May 11,2015	\$715.00 Membership
May 15,2015	\$131.57 Nambr Test
June 19,2015	\$ 50.00 Membership
Aug. 11,2015	\$ 30.00 Membership
Oct. 9, 2015	\$777.50 For the Nov.1,2015 Tracking Test and Membership
Oct.19 ,2015	\$585.00
Nov. 9 ,2015	\$870.00 Tracking Test and Membership
Nov.16,2015	\$ 25.00 Membership
Total	\$4,084.07

Prepared by Dorothy Phillips and presented by Maryke Warwick. There was a total of \$4,084.07 in income and \$4, 920.00 in expenses with expenses for footsies and rosettes outstanding. The current balance is \$1,948.18.

A motion was made by Anne Passafiume, seconded by Connie Gavin and carried unanimously to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented.

Membership Update Prepared and presented by Maryke Warwick

There were 57 members at the end of 2014. 2 members did not renew for 2015 and 9 people joined the Club in 2015, so the membership at the end of 2015 stands at 64.

Test Secretaries Report Prepared and presented by Eileen Fisher

on behalf of Maryke Warwick, Sandra Brodie, Susan Skolnick and Fay Meeson.

Urban Test, April 19 2015

Judge: Laura McKay. Test Secretary Susan Skolnick.

Track Layers: Maryke Warwick, Irene Mullan, Debbie Brick and Pamela Burns.

There were 4 UTD entries, 1 pass and 1 UTDX entry, 0 pass.

TD/TDX Test May 10 2015 in memory of Candy Rennie

Judge: Marie-P Babin. Test Secretary: Sandra Brodie.

Track Layers: Connie Gavin, Deb MacFarlane, Gladys Kinsman, Rob MacFarlane, Deb Mahon, Anne Passafiume, Linda Rupay, Dorothy Phillips and Maryke Warwick.

There were 8 TD entries, 3 passes and 1 TDX entry, 0 pass.

TD/TDX Test, October 04 2015

Judge: Marie-P Babin (who replaced Donna Brinkworth). Test Secretary: Eileen Fisher.

Track Layers: Dorothy Phillips, Stephanie Dixon, Sue Godbehere, Eileen Fisher, Maryke Warwick and Pamela Burns.

There were 8 TD entries, 3 passes. There was 1 TDX entry, 0 pass.

Urban Test October 18 2015

Judge: Marie-P Babin. Test Secretary: Fay Meeson.

Track Layers: Sue Godbehere, Dorothy Phillips, Eileen Fisher, Joseph Weir, Dwyn Tomlinson and Maryke Warwick.

There were 3 UTD entries and no passes. There were 3 UTDX entries and 2 passes.

TD/TDX Test November 01 2015

Judge: Sharon Smith. Test Secretary: Sandra Brodie.

Track Layers: Anne Whan, Linda Rupay, Maryke Warwick, Debby MacFarlane, Rob Mahon, Deb Mahon, Sandy Brodie and Marie-P Babin.

There were 7 TD entries with 6 passes. There was 1 TDX entry, 0 pass.

Maryke Warwick should be especially applauded for being a track layer at every test this year. Not only that, but she definitely holds the Club record for the longest hike to and from laying a TD track!

For all of our 2015 tests the percentage pass rates were as follows:

TD 52% TDX 0% UTD 14% UTDX 50%

The CKC has approved the following dates for our 2016 tracking tests.

April 17 Urban Test. Test Secretary: Susan Skolnick. Judge: Jack Wilhelm (pending CKC approval)

May 08 TD/TDX Test. Test Secretary: Dwyn Tomlinson. Judge: Marie-P Babin (pending CKC approval)

October 02 TD/TDX Test. Test Secretary Eileen Fisher. Judge _____

October 16 Urban Test. Test Secretary Fay Meeson. Judge _____

October 30 TDX Test. Test Secretary Sandy Brodie. Judge Marie-P Babin (pending CKC approval)

A motion was made by Sue Godbehere, seconded by Connie Gavin and carried unanimously to accept the Test Secretaries Report as presented.

Social Secretary's Report Prepared Dorothy Phillips and presented by Maryke Warwick

There were 11 sympathies, 2 get well and 1 "thinking of you" cards send out during the past year. Cards Sent Out for The Year 2015

Gladys Kinsman	Sympathy Card for Her Dog (Gismo) sent April 27,2015
Susan Coutts	Sympathy Card for Her Dog (Trust) sent April 27,2015
Stephanie Dixon	Sympathy Card for Her Dog sent April 29, 2015
Marie Babin	Sympathy Card for Her Aunt sent May 27, 2015
Irene Mullan	Sympathy Card for Her Puppy sent June 2, 2015
Maureen Smith	Sympathy Card for Her Dog (Titan) sent June 24, 2015
Gladys Kinsman	Sympathy Card for (Morgan) sent July 24, 2015
Stephanie Dixon	Sympathy Card for Dog (Gemma) sent Sept. 3,2015
Susan Coutts	Sympathy Card for Dog (Kira) sent Sept. 3, 2015
Gladys Kinsman	Sympathy Card for Her Husband sent Sept. 15,2015
Allyson Thompson	Sympathy Card for Her Dog (Trina) sent Sept. 15,2015

Newsletter Update Prepared and presented by Marie-P. Babin

It would be more cost-effective for the Club to send the newsletter electronically via e-mail or put it on Facebook. It is currently prepared by Marie and edited by Maryke, then printed and sent via regular mail. Marie encouraged members to send in their "brags", whether tracking related or not.

Website Update Prepared and presented by Connie Gavin.

Facebook and Website Update Prepared and presented by Connie Gavin

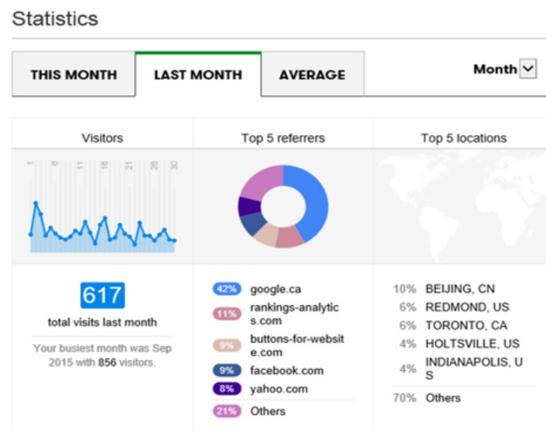
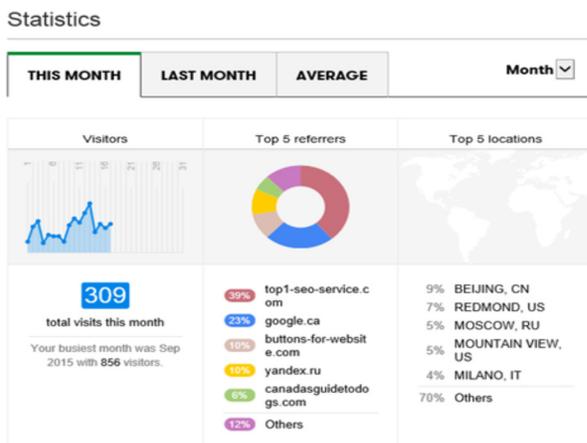
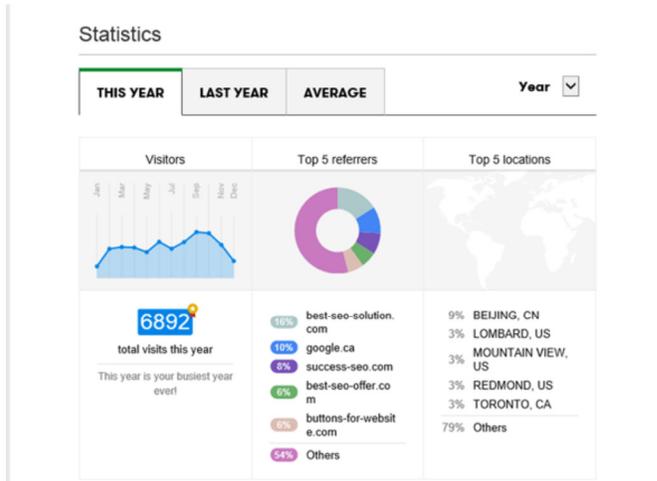
FACEBOOK REPORT:

We currently have 109 Facebook members on the CCTC page
Members are becoming more active in posting comments and pictures to the page, especially after a test day. We have over 100 photos posted on the Facebook page!

WEBSITE REPORT:

This year so far, there were approx. 6900 visits to our website. Unfortunately, 10% of those were from Beijing!

Many more were from other European countries and the US There is a new list on the website of all tracking tests in Ontario.



New Business

Newsletter: There was consensus that the newsletter should be sent electronically.

TDX Fields: The Club only has one TDX field at the moment. There is a possibility of additional fields in Sunderland which is in the Club's territory of Durham. The executive will check this out. It is possible that if these are viable, TDX tests may be held separately from TD tests.

Election of Officers: There were no new nominees and the existing officers were re-elected by acclamation. President: Marie-P. Babin Vice-President: Eileen Fisher Secretary: Maryke Warwick Treasurer: Dorothy Phillips Membership Director: Maryke Warwick
There being no further business, a motion was made by Cindy Trann, seconded by Sandy Brodie and carried unanimously to close the meeting.

Eileen Fisher declared the meeting closed at 10:02 p.m.

Turns By Rosemary Janoch

Once your dog is doing a 100 yard straight line track well, it is time to introduce turns. If your dog, however, is wildly casting from one side of the track to the other, is uncommitted to the track, or is looking back to you constantly for help, I suggest you continue to work your dog on straight line tracks for a while. Increase your dog's motivation to track with shorter tracks and better goodies at the glove until your dog is doing the 100 yard tracks well and then move on to teaching turns. There are a variety of methods that have been successfully used to teach turns. One method is to turn your straight line track into a gently sweeping arc. Gradually increase the sharpness of the arc until it becomes a 90 degree turn (see Figure 1). A similar method involves a serpentine track. The track gradually snakes its way through a field. Increase the sharpness of the serpentine track until the dog is doing a series of left and right turns (see Figure 2).

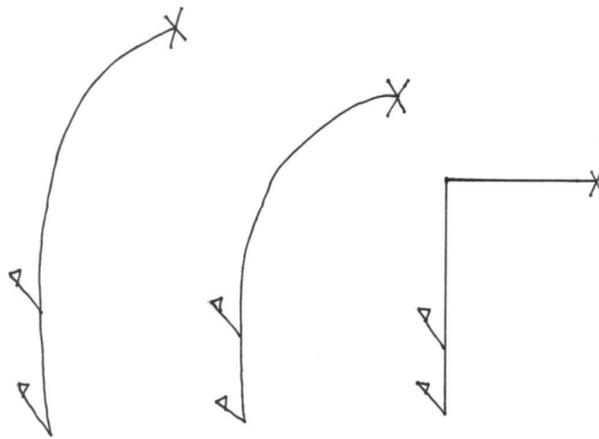


Figure 1

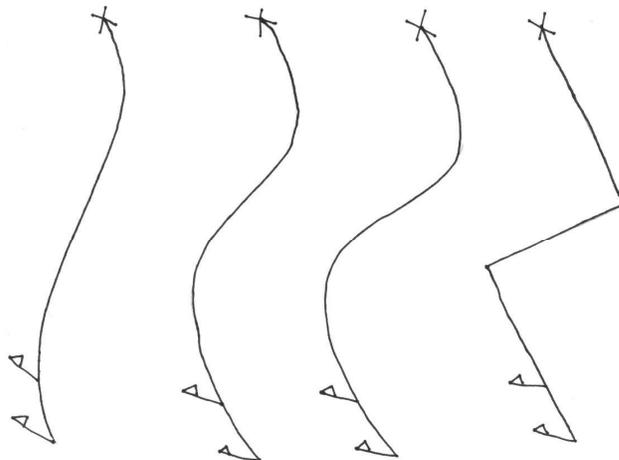


Figure 2

I generally start my dogs on 45 degree turns after they have been doing straight line tracks well (see Figure 3). Usually the dog comes to the end of the straight line, stops tracking, and looks bewildered. That is the time to encourage the dog to look for the new direction of the track. If necessary, point to the ground to get the dog's nose smelling again. Take a step or two forward in the new direction of the track. I have found that my dogs only needed a few experiences with 45 degree turns before they were ready for full 90 degree turns. I have known many trainers who don't even bother with the 45 degree turns. The first turn their dog sees is a 90 degree turn. Whatever method you decide to use, be sure to practice the turns to both the left and right.

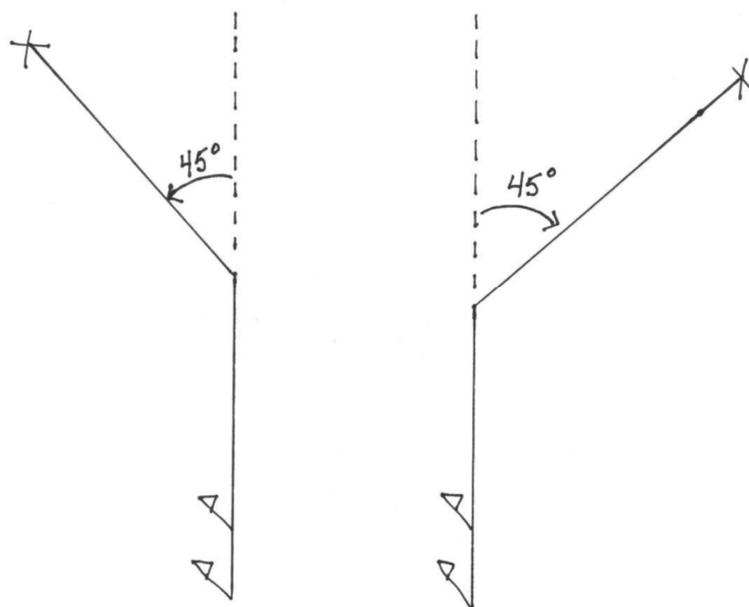


Figure 3

The secret to doing turns well at a tracking test is the handler's ability to read the dog's body language. A handler learns to read the dog's body language through weeks and weeks of doing turns that are well marked. You cannot learn to read a dog's change in behavior at a turn unless you know precisely where the turn is located. Turns are frequently marked with flags, wooden clothespins, or natural ground markers.

Flags can be purchased, but it is easy to make homemade ones by tying a strip of cloth onto a stake. If cloth strips waving in the breeze distract your dog, paint the tips of the stakes a bright visible color for yourself and omit the cloth. In high cover, rugged terrain, and woods, use brightly colored clothespins. You can purchase the plain brown spring-type wooden clothespins at your local hardware store or Wal-Mart. Paint the clothespins by stretching a rope between two trees. Hang the clothespins on the rope. Spray the clothespins first with white paint. Then spray on a second coat of a bright color that can be seen from a considerable distance. Blaze orange and florescent pink are popular choices. Avoid browns, greens, beiges, or any other color that will blend with the natural surroundings. Wait for a relatively windless day and be sure to stand upwind before spraying your clothespins. Take this advice from someone who learned the hard way! You can purchase multicolored plastic clothespins that don't require the spray paint, but I find that they break too easily.

If you are using natural ground markers to indicate your turns, be sure to pick distinctive ones. Turning at a thistle in a field full of thistles is not a good idea since the marker you have selected is not distinctive. Will you be able to identify the thistle you turned at from 10 or 20 yards away so that you can read your dog's turn indication? If not, choose a different ground marker. Unusual plants, distinctive weeds, boulders, change of vegetative color, or ground debris like a discarded can or wrapper can all be used effectively to identify turns.

If you wish to make turns easier for your dog, try one or more of the following:

1. Make the turn *into* the wind so the scent of the new leg is blowing towards the dog.
2. Put an article or food shortly after the turn to increase the dog's motivation to turn and also to provide a reward for turning.
3. Take baby steps for the first 5 or 10 yards after the turn to provide the dog with extra scent to help him locate the new leg of the track.
4. Turn in thick, lush vegetation which will create a tunnel of scent for the dog to follow.
5. Avoid all of the situations listed below.

If your dog makes turns well and you want to challenge your dog by making the turns more difficult, try one of these suggestions:

1. Turn on a downhill slope which encourages most dogs to overshoot the turn.
2. Turn into a crosswind.
3. Make the turn on sparse vegetation or bare ground.
4. Deliberately overshoot the turn and then retrace your path several steps before making the turn. Your dog will be forced to look behind you to find the turn.
5. Make an acute turn.
6. Turn in a dip or low area where scent tends to pool.
7. Turn near hedgerows, buildings, fences, tree lines, etc. where scent tends to swirl.
8. Make a turn at a change of vegetation.

Challenging your dog with difficult turns is fine as long as you keep in mind that tracking needs to be fun and motivational for the dog. Do not throw so many challenges at your dog that he begins to see tracking as a stressful, difficult, non-rewarding experience. You want to give your dog many positive happy experiences working out turns and finding the new legs of the track. Build on each of the dog's successes and add challenges as he is ready for them.