



SPRING 2002

President's Message.

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Here we are in "2002"

Spring is just around the corner and our Spring TD Test will be held on May 5/02

Terry Smith will be Judging.

Come on out to watch the Test if you're not entered. We can always use a cheering gallery, or helping feet if you can help in Track laying.

It's time to get the harnesses and lunge lines out and do some Tracking now that the nicer weather is closer. We know how much our dogs love to track.

I'd like to welcome Eileen.Fisher as our new Test secretary & Maryke.Warwick as our new Club secretary.

I'd like to thank Sandra.Coombs for all the years she has helped in doing these jobs for our Club and hope she'll continue to help in other ways.

Marie-P.Babin



Tracklayers at previous test

STORY SHARING

Don't forget to share your stories with the rest of us. Whether you've been successful or maybe not so successful or even have a few tricks up your sleeve that might help the rest of us. Whatever your sport, let us know and we'll see it gets to print. You and your companions have worked hard so BRAG A LITTLE.

1- CH.Castlegar Elliott owned by Maryke.Warwick got his Championship at the very young age of 9 1/2 months finishing with a Best Puppy in Group !! Exclusively handled by Marie-P.Babin. [Black Labrador Ret.]

2- Ch.Oaklea Raven at Autumwynd CDX WC JH TD CGC Am.CD owned by Marie-P.Babin earned her 1st leg of her UD title, and her 1st leg of her Am.CDX title

WEALL & CULLEN OUTTING

Hoping everyone had a great Christmas and New Years !

In December a few of members and friends enjoyed an evening at the miniature village in Whitby . There was Maryke.Warwick , Eileen.Fisher , Bev.Wiggans , Sandra.Coombs , Dorothy.Phillips, and her husband Brian, Anne Passafiume, and her husband Tony, Kathy.O'Connor , and myself.

If you've never been there, it's a must in the future. Especially at Christmas time. There must be billions of lights. The miniature village is all lit up with the miniature Santa Claus parade running through the downtown street.

Each house, store, building, church and school is a replica of the same somewhere in the Durham area. There's a train station, and the train runs throughout the village. Once you pass the area of miniatures, the walk contin-

ues to see many other wonderfully lit areas.

We walked the whole route which took about an hour and a half without rushing, then we enjoyed some warm refreshments inside. They have a great little store where you could purchase some special Christmas decorations and ornaments.

We plan to go again next year, so if you've ever thought of going there for an evening , dress for the weather, and join us !!

We'll let you know when the time comes.

Marie-P.Babin

Story Sharing con't.

3- Landmark's Causing Ruckus { Tu} CDX WCI JH CGC SJA Therapy Dog. Am.UD WCI JH UKC CD owned by Irene.Mullan. "Tu" earned his Am. UD at the age of 10 yrs and 10 months. He also earned his 2nd leg of his Can. UD. At 10 yrs. and 11 months. [Chocolate Labrador Retriever]

4- Victory's Mackenzie CDX owned by Eileen.Fisher earned her 1st leg of her Am.CDX [Std.Wire Haired-Dachschund]

5- Setherwood Zackary CD WC SJA Therapy dog {Jaimie} owned by Eileen.Fisher recently made his "500th" visit as a St.John Ambulance Therapy Dog. He visits at Participation House in Markham Ont. He also visits Special needs children in schools. The eleven year old Golden Retriever enjoys his line of work.

Send in your stories !!

THIS SPACE IS RESERVED FOR YOU.....

A TRACKER'S QUIZ

1- What year was tracking introduced in the USA ?

2- What year was tracking first introduced in Canada ?

3- Who was the first Ontario Tracking Judge ?

4-How many Tracking Judges are there in Canada ?

5- Are bitches in season allowed to compete in Tracking Tests ?

6- What is the length of a TD test ?

7- What is the length of a TDX Test ?

8- Does a dog pass a TDX if he did not indicate the first article but indicated the other two on the track ?

9- Are you allowed to restart a dog on a TD test ?

10- Are you allowed to restart a dog on a TDX test ?

TRACKING TIPS

Before beginning your training, you need to find a flat field, with good short grass or other vegetation. You need at least an acre or two to start a single dog. The important thing in the beginning is motivating the dog. This means making the activity fun and easy, so avoid thistles, uneven terrain or other negative things in the field that might discourage the dog. Also, avoid areas of high human traffic or intense wildlife. The dog does not need these distractions yet.

On the first day, you will need two tracking stakes (wooden dowels with a cloth flag attached), a leather glove, and some food that the dog likes in bite-sized pieces. The first two or three training days are dedicated to convincing the dog that there is something on the glove that he wants; not necessarily to get the dog to track. You also need a leash (but not a flexi-lead - they often jerk the dog, who thinks it's a correction).

Glove Work

Start with the handler kneeling beside the dog, holding the harness or collar so that the dog cannot follow the tracklayer. The tracklayer should start about one or two steps in front of the dog and handler, facing them, with the glove and a piece of food. The tracklayer places a piece of food on top of the glove, and shows it to the dog. When the dog shows interest in taking the glove with the food on it, the tracklayer backs up a step or two and places the glove/food on the ground in front of him, in plain sight of the dog. The dog is allowed to immediately get the food on the glove, and should be praised for doing so. After doing this a few times, most dogs get excited about this new way to get treats.

This process is called "glove work," and is designed to teach the dog that finding the glove is something he wants to do. If another reward other than food, such as a toy or even the glove itself is more interesting to the dog than the food, then use that. The key at this early stage is to motivate the dog to find the glove, with whatever he associates with it. Food normally works best for most hounds.

First Track

Once you have practiced the glove work a few times, and the dog has responded by finding the glove (probably by sight, not scent), the first short track can be laid. The tracklayer starts by standing one or two steps in front of the dog/handler, facing away from them, with glove and food in hand, and places a tracking stake in the ground next to him. The tracklayer should then turn around, with a piece of food on top of the glove, and show the dog the glove and food, just as with the glove work. (It may be necessary to let the dog smell the food on the glove, to get his attention). Once the dog displays interest in the glove, the tracklayer should turn around and walk about five steps away from the dog/handler, placing another tracking stake in the ground. He then turns around, faces the dog/handler, and waves the glove/food in the air, getting the dog's attention, and verbally encourages the dog to come get it. The handler restrains the dog from getting it until the tracklayer lays it on the ground, quickly returns to the starting stake, and walks behind the dog/handler. If this is done correctly, the dog will then run to the glove and find the food (on lead, with the handler following at whatever speed the dog wants to go). It is important for the tracklayer to be behind the dog and handler, and not moving, when the dog is allowed to find the glove. This is to minimize the distractions of any movement, and to encourage the dog to find the glove, not the tracklayer.

A track that is laid as described here is called a "double-laid" track. This means the tracklayer walks out to the second flag and back again, walking the same track twice. Double-laid tracks will be used for at least several training sessions, until the dog begins to use his nose to find the glove. Once the dog has learned to track by scenting the ground instead of looking for the glove only by sight, "single-laid" tracks will be used.

Once the dog is able to find the glove at five steps, being rewarded with food and praise each time, it is time to increase the length of the track. The second track should be about 10 steps long, and the third, about 15 steps. During the first few days, don't expect the dog to use his nose, although he might choose to do so anyway. If the dog has difficulty at a particular length of track, back up to the length at which he was last successful, or shorter. Then, stop after a positive success for the day. The first day's training session should last no more than about 15 minutes, especially for young dogs with short attention spans.

TRACKING QUIZ ANSWERS.....

- 1- It was first introduced in the early 1930's in the USA.
- 2- In Canada tracking wasn't introduced until the late 1940's
- 3- Our first Ontario Tracking Judge was Marguerite Charter who is also a well known Obedience Judge.
- 4- There are 21 in Canada in 2002
- 5- Yes, if the club holding the Test states it in their official premium list. They get the last track.
- 6- A TD test is between 400 and 450 metres long.
- 7- A TDX test is between 900 and 1000 metres long.
- 8- Yes, he passes.
- 9- Yes, a dog may be restarted provided the dog has not passed the second flag.
- 10- Yes, a dog may be restarted provided he has not gone more than 5 metres from the start.

Reminders

This will be your last News-letter if you have NOT renewed your CCTC membership for 2002.

If you've lost your renewal form and would like to rejoin the Club, please contact Maryke Warwick at 905-471-4053 or e-mail maryke5024@rogers.com

We are in need of a new News-letter Editor. If you are interested in this position please contact Marie-P. Babin at autumwynd@sympatico.ca

Keep your membership list on hand to call other members in your area for tracking get-togethers.

CCTC GENERAL MEETING

The meeting is at Lia MacDonald's home at 7:00 pm. Come out and take part in discussions and decisions on Club matters and upcoming events.

THE RULES OF SEVENS

By the time a puppy is 7 weeks old, it should have:

- 1) BEEN ON** 7 different surfaces: Carpet, Concrete, Wood, Vinyl, Grass, Dirt, Gravel, Wood Chips, Newspaper
- 2) PLAYED WITH** 7 different types of objects: Big Balls, Small Balls, Soft Fabric Toys, Fuzzy Balls, Squeaky Toys, Metal Items, Wooden Items, Paper & Cardboard Items, Milk/Soda Jugs Etc.
- 3) BEEN IN** 7 different locations: Front Yard, Back Yard, Basement, Kitchen, Car, Garage, Laundry Room, Bathroom, Crate, Kennel Etc.
- 4) BEEN EXPOSED** to 7 challenges: Climbed a box, Climbed off a box, Go thru a tunnel, Climbed up steps, Climbed down steps, Climbed over obstacles, Played hide & seek, Go in & out doorway with a step Etc.
- 5) EATEN FROM** 7 different containers: Metal, Plastic, Cardboard, Paper, China, Pie Plate, Frying pan Etc.
- 6) EATEN IN** 7 different locations: Crate, Yard, Kitchen, Basement, Laundry room, Bathroom, X-pen Etc.
- 7) MET AND PLAYED WITH** 7 new people: including



DID THE TRACK GO THAT WAY ????