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**CCTC UTD & UTDX Test Oct. 16/22**

**Judge Wendy McCullough**

**We had 2 UTD & 3 UTDX**

**Tracklayers;**

**Kim Cooper, Maryke Warwick, Eileen Fisher & Vivien Brennan**

**A Special Thank you to Wendy for taking on the assignment at the last minute from Marie-P Babin who was ill and had to stay-home.. It was very much appreciated since Wendy had to pull Saphira from the test in UTD to judge instead.**



**New UTD Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever male “Garnet”**

**CH.Roaneden’s Rare Gem TDCH TD CD CGN RE ETD-M UTD**

**Owned by Glenna MacLeod of Douro-Dummer On.**

**New UTDX & New Tracking Champion German Shepherd Dog female**

**TCH Mystery Eva Von Narnia “Eva”**

**Owned by Shirley Szilvasy of Guelph On.**



**Tracklayers; Kim, Maryke, Eileen & Vivien**



CCTC TD Test Nov. 6/22

Judge Laura McKay

Tracklayers; Eileen Fisher, Maryke Warwick, Vivien Brennan and Marie-P Babin

We have lost most of the field for this test and had to cut back to only 4 TD. Congrats to the two Passes !!



**“Tyrone”**

Tyrone Harold Finnegan TD 1 yr old male Mix breed  
Owned by **Jessyka McArthur** of Douro-Dummer On.



**“Forest”**

BluForEwe Like Peas’N’Carrots SDN S ETD TD  
CARO Novice SDDA Excellent  
5 yr old male Australian Cattle Dog Owned by ;  
**Cassia Devison** of Pickering On. (Club Member)

L to R

Marie-P Babin Tracklayer  
Laura McKay Test Judge  
Vivien Brennan Tracklayer  
Eileen Fisher Tracklayer  
Maryke Warwick Tracklayer  
Dwyn Tomlinson Test Secretary  
Kim Cooper Test Superintendent  
Photo by Steve Hill.

**This was the last time we can  
use this location.**





## CCTC Members' Brags

### “Lieder”

TCH Lieder von Lowenherz, RN UTDX VN JE AS  
RATN NBRH NBAR MBRH AKC Field CH. TD

“Lieder” earned his Advanced Sprinter Title

In North Gower. Full speed ahead on June 16/22

Nov.6/22 he also earned his Master Brush Hunt title !!

Owned by **Pamela Burns**



### “Nash”

Hellwigg's Firestorm SDIN SDN CGN

“Nash” earned his CGN Title June 19/22

Owned by **Adrienne Almey**



### “Bonny”

U-CH. Bonny vom Steinkreuz O NS CGN TD UTD

“Bonny” earned her UKC Championship June 2022

Owned by **Vladimir & Olga Semechko**

Handled by **Olga.**

## CCTC Members' Brags..

### "Stirling"

Can GCh/UKC CH, URO2, NN, NHD, AC, AV, AE Gowrielea's Scots Wha Hae CGN RE CD ATD SDIN SDN, VE, GRCC VC Am CCA, RI, TKA, CD-V

"Stirling" earned his UKC Novice Exterior Title July 3/22 and on July 10/22 Stirling earned his Novice vehicle title to finish the title UKC Novice Nosework.

On Aug. 13/22 Stirling earned 3 Titles in UKC Nosework. Advanced Containers, Adv. Exterior and Adv. Vehicle titles.

Owned by **Sandy Brodie**



### "Wing"

Zaniri Flight Back to Goldendreams WCX SH RE

"Wing" earned her Rally Advanced Title June 19/22

She also earned her Senior Hunter Title July 10/22  
in four straight trials

On July 17/22, **Wing** earned her Rally Excellent Title.

Owned by **Cindy Trann**





## CCTC Members' Brags..

### "Kaelan"

UKC CH. CKC GCH. Legendale's Reigning Warrior RN S CGN

"Kaelan" earned his UKC Championship on Oct. 30/22

Owned by **Deborah Dorken**



### "Beep"

Batik A Hint Of Blarney CD RA ATD JT

"Beep" earned her Rally Advanced Title on July 17/22

On Oct. 1/22 Beep earned her Agility Jumps & Tunnels

Owned by **Irene Mullan**



### "Saphira"

Signet Rhapsody In Blue TD RN

"Saphira" earned her Rally Novice Title July 17/22

Owned by **Wendy McCullough**



## CCTC Members' Brags...



### "Salsa"

Charbr's Dancing on the Edge CD RA SDIN SDO

SDE NS JT VN CGN

"Salsa" had a great summer !

May - Scent Detection Open title

June - Jumpers and Tunnels Agility title

July - Rally Advanced title

Scent Detection Exterior

Versatility Novice

Owned by **Anne Passafiume**



### "Gemma"

GRCH Foxfire's Alltime Gemstone CGN PCD CD RA

"Gemma" earned her Rally Advanced Title July 17/22

Owned by **Mary McKay**

### "Levon"

GCH. Castlegar Autumwynd He Shall Be Levon RI PCD SDIN S TD VN

"Levon" earned his **Pre-Companion Dog Title** July 29/22

On Aug. 14/22 he also earned his **Scent Detection Instinct Title**.

On Aug. 27/22 he then earned his **Sprinter Title**

He now also has his **Versatility Novice Title**.

Sept. 10/22 he also earned his **Rally Intermediate Title**

Sept. 24/22 He earned his **Tracking Dog Title**.

Owned by **Marie-P Babin**





## CCTC Members' Brags...

### "Kara"

U-RO1 MC ME NN SN MI MN MV NHD Goldencol's  
Karamel Delight WC TD PCD RA CGN CD NTD HIC SDE  
SX UTD VA MC SDI

"Kara" earned her UKC Master containers, Master Interior .  
And Master Exterior Aug. 13/22 Plus Master Vehicle.

Finishing the full Master Title MN

On Aug. 15/22 she also earned her

**CKC Scent Detection Excellent Title.**

Oct. 1/22 Kara earned her **Master Interior** title and to finish  
her **Scent Detection Interior title SDI**

Owned by **Eileen Fisher.**



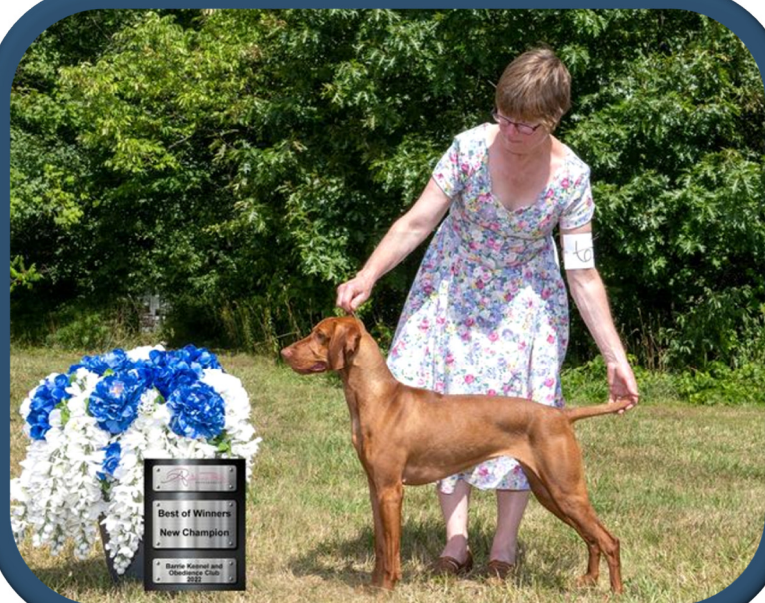
### "Max"

CH. White Winter To The Max

"Max" earned her **Conformation Championship**

on July 31/22

Owned by **Laura Wright**





# CCTC Members' Brags...

## “Sterling” and “Lily”

Conasauga Copper Lily SX, Virtual Home manners Puppy. Virtual Home Manners Adult. “Alphabet Challenge” her “20” ONE Prop Title NTD 2K-9 ETD

U-RO1 Reynard's Folly Sterling SPOT CGN PCD CD RA RI CA SX-6 SDX CRN ETD JRTCA RO1 JRTCA PNO AKC RI

“Sterling” earned his **CKC Sprinter Excellent #6** title on his Birthday Aug. 27/22

And now as of Oct. 23/22 **Lily** has earned her **Sprinter Excellent #3** and **Sterling** is up to **Sprinter Excellent #7**



Owned by Lynda Rupay & Tricia Budrow.

## “Sterling & Lily”

We had a wonderful time at the Midwest Jack Russell Terrier Club trial in Illinios. Thank you to all of the organizers and volunteers that made the weekend so much fun. Congratulations to Lily and Sterling for shining in their events and surpassing all of my expectations. Lily's first US trial. What a talented little girl. I am so proud of these two. ❤️ 🥰

## “Forest”

Bluforewe Like Peas’N Carrots SDN S ETD TD CA-RO Novice SDDA Excellent

“Forest” earned his SDDA Excellent Special Title with a perfect score on Aug. 2022

On Nov. 6/22 **Forest** earned his Tracking Dog Title.

Owned by **Cassia Devison**





## CCTC Members' Brags..



### “Ella Mae”

FC Gabriella Mae von Lowenherz TD JE AS VN  
RATN AKC Field CH. CCS NBAR NBRH

“Ella Mae” had an outstanding day at the Ottawa Valley Barn Hunt. She earned her **RATN** title and placed High in her Class for her first Open test.

On Sept. 1/22 Ella Mae earned her **Advanced Sprinter Title..**

On sept. 10/22 Ella Mae also earned her

**Master Brush Hunt Title..**

Owned by **Pamela Burns.**



### “Jamie”

U-CH.Gowrielea's Scottish Glory  
RINS WC AKC RI

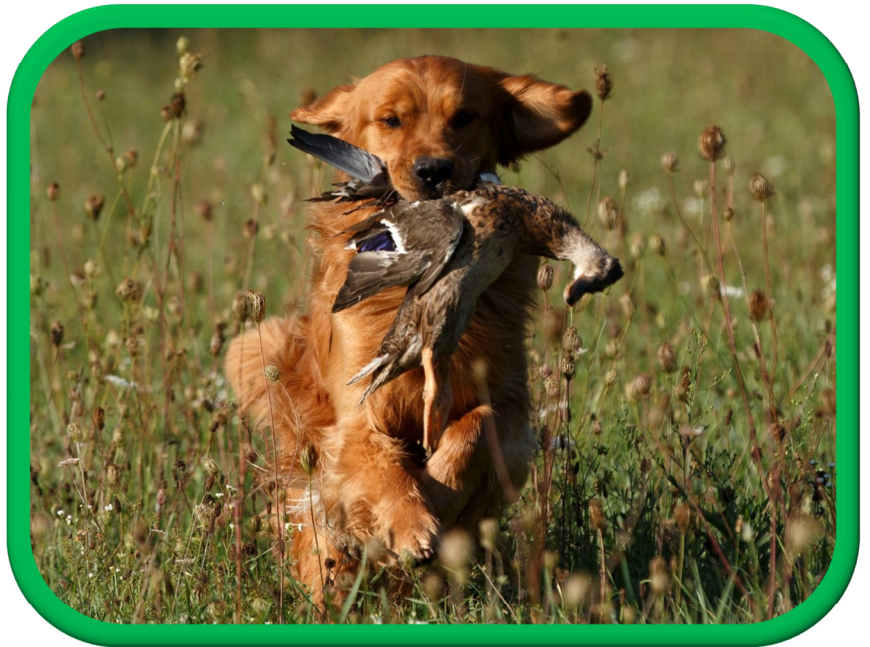
“Jamie” earned his **Working Certificate**

on Sept.8/22

Then on Oct.2/22 Jamie earned his

**Rally Intermediate Title..**

Owned by **Sandy Brodie**





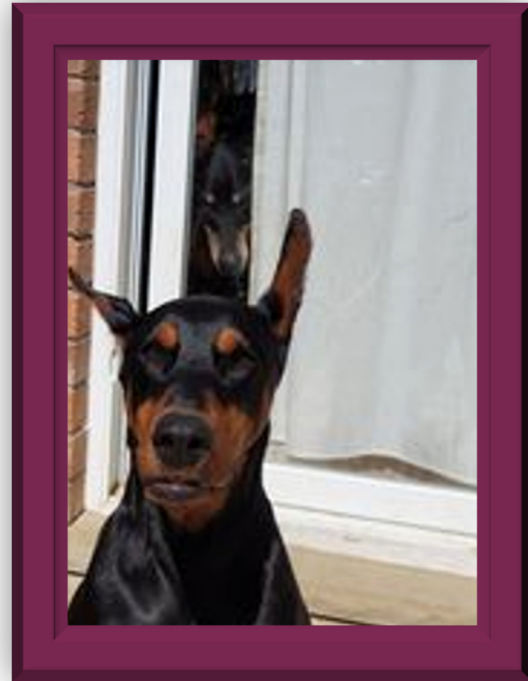
## CCTC Members' Brags..

### "Reign"

Legendales Reign Of Goldgrove

"Reign" qualified as a St. John's Therapy Dog and is now ready to do visitations .

Owned by **Deborah Dorken**



### "Lily"

Conasauga Copper Lily SX, SDN, Virtual Home manners Puppy. Virtual Home Manners Adult. "Alphabet Challenge" her "20" ONE Prop Title NTD 2K-9 ETD

"Lily" passed all three, Containers, Interior and Exterior searches to earn her **Scent Detection Novice Title**.

Owned by **Lynda Rupay & Tricia Budrow**.

### "Casey" & "Sydney"

OTCHX Longgun's Sharp Shooter, VA SX RA CGN IPS AGIS JH  
AGNJ WC SDE

"Casey" earned his **Scent Detection Excellent Title** on Oct. 1/22

Buddington's Down Under, PC, RA, CGN, SX4

"Sydney" earned his **Sprinter Excellent 4** on Sept. 18/22

Both owned by **Anne Whan**





**CCTC Members' Brags..**



**“Elroy”**

RBIS MBISS MBOSS MBPIS BPIS UKC CH. U-RO3 NN AHD AC SI GCHB.OTCH.Castlegar Elroy At Autumwynd CGN RM HIC SX SDO MC SDC TT VB, AKC RN NTD, DMWYD 2K-9

Oct. 1/22 Elroy earned his CKC Master Containers to finish his **Scent Detection Container Title. (SDC)**

Owned by **Marie-P Babin**



**“Autumn”**

CH Goldgrove Autumn Winds Dream On

“Autumn” finished her CKC Conformation Championship Aug. 2022

Owned by **Deborah Dorken**



**“Jessie”**

Cermel Mystic SD-S sp SX

“Jessie” earned her **Sprinter Excellent Title**  
Oct. Oct. 3/22

Owned by **Dorothy Phillips**



# New Little Tracker....



**“Keely”**

Castlegar Elliquin On An Even Keel Born Aug.8. 2022

Owned by **Maryke Warwick**

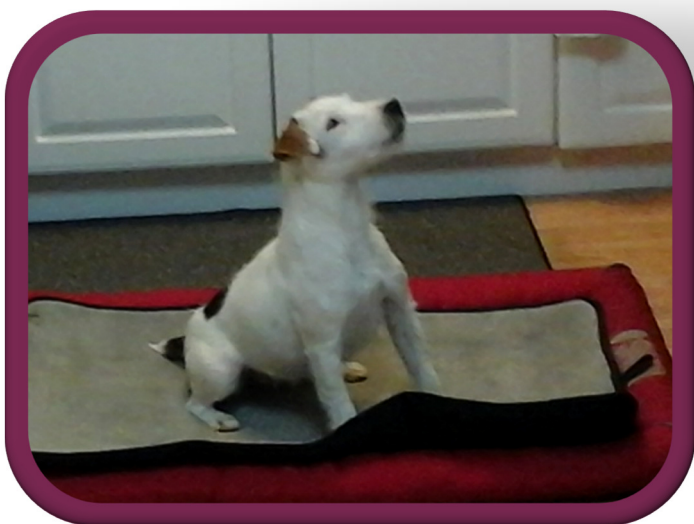
**Keely's 1st track at 8 weeks**



Keely at 3 months



# Another New Little Tracker !



## “Solana”

A 3 year old **Reynards Folly Solana**. A distant relation to Lynda’s Sterling.

So far so good , she is very sweet natured , a little timid at first , but is doing very well.

Loves her food so training should be a little easier. In two days she is offering a sit which is something she had never been taught since she only did conformation and a little jack work .

Solana also walks nicely on leash, and is not over the top, at least not yet. That may change as she becomes more comfortable in the new surroundings.

Owned by **Anne Whan** since **November 4, 2022**

## **Tracking in the Winter**

**By Laura McKay**

When I first started tracking years ago I tried tracking in the winter, but I quickly discovered that the weather was often too cold, too windy and too unpleasant to track. When the fields were covered with snow there didn't seem to be much point to tracking, since the surface was completely different from the hay fields and meadows that we were tracking in the rest of the year, so I stopped tracking in the late fall and started again in the spring. My dogs got a bit rusty over the winter, but recovered within a couple of weeks every spring. However, once I started urban tracking I found that I could enjoy some limited tracking in the winter, as long as the weather was not too nasty. If, like me, you find it hard to go for months without tracking, winter tracking allows you to get your 'fix' and avoid nasty withdrawal symptoms. Winter tracking requires some adjustments, but can be rewarding and enjoyable. \

### **Reasons to try tracking in the winter:**

Snow holds the footprints of your track, as well as all the footprints of people and animals that have walked on the tracking site before and after you have laid your track. This reduces or eliminates the need for making maps, while clearly showing where all cross tracks and contamination are relative to your track. Knowing exactly what your dog is sniffing allows you to learn to read when your dog is tracking and when he is sight-seeing. You can be more confident that your corrections for sight-seeing are appropriate and that you are not inadvertently correcting your dog when he is actually checking out the track layer's scent.

A light snowfall will leave a record of where people and animals habitually travel at your favourite tracking sites. You can use this information to plan appropriate tracks at those sites in the spring when the snow has melted and footprints aren't visible. You can plot tracks to avoid starts or turns on contaminated areas, or alternatively to test your dog's ability to navigate through areas of intense foot traffic.

Occasionally, there can be snowfalls on the day of a tracking test. A dog that is used to tracking in the snow should have no problem adjusting to the unusual conditions if it snows on the day of a tracking test.

**Preparing for winter tracking:**It can be very unpleasant to track in extreme cold and wind. Dress for the weather and pay particular attention to your gloves. Nothing spoils a tracking session like cold, wet hands. Aim for shorter tracks. Wear gloves that are waterproof, warm and thin enough so that you can feel the tracking line. I have found it more difficult to harness my dogs with gloves on, so you may want to harness the dog in the car. Fiddling with scent articles and food rewards can be a problem when it is cold. I use an oversized mitten on my left (non-dominant) hand and tuck several small articles inside so they are well scented and handy when track laying. The mitten can also hold food for rewards when running the track.

Don't forget protection for your dog. He may need a coat or boots. If your dog's article indication is a down, he may not be willing to indicate in cold snow. In any case, keep the sessions short so you and your dog don't get too cold. Although dogs can successfully track at temperatures well below freezing, the comfort of the handler, the track layer and the dog needs to be considered. Skip the really cold days entirely. Remember: we are doing this for fun. If you aren't having fun, wait for better weather. Maybe those cold days are more suited to scent detection practice indoors.



Watch out for road salt and other chemicals. Don't put a food drop where your dog is likely to scoop up road salt with the food. Better yet, wait until there is a thaw and or rain that washes away any road salt on hard surfaces. Snow plows are the hard surface, winter equivalent of lawn mowers. If you lay a track in an unplowed parking lot, don't be surprised if the track, your articles and your food drops have been plowed into snow banks when you come back to run it. Watch out for ice underneath a thin layer of snow in a parking lot.

Tracking in snow is easier for dogs once they are used to it. Snow is moist and holds the scent quite well. This can be an advantage for a beginner dog, but be prepared for some regression once the snow melts and leaves nothing but dead grass on the ground. Rest assured that your dog will come back to his top form once the grass starts to sprout.

### **Things to try:**

- 1- Turns. In light snow it's easy to see exactly where the turn is and how your dog reacts to it.
  - 2- Tracks through contamination. Find an area that already has some foot traffic through it and lay your track right through the contamination. Place rewards (food drops or articles) an appropriate distance past difficult challenges.
  - 3- For advanced dogs, put turns close to or even right at a contaminated area, like on a well-used footpath.
  - 4- Really old tracks. Because the snow holds the scent well, you can track advanced dogs on tracks that are several hours or even a day old.
  - 5- Serpentine, curves, half-circles are very easy to see in snow so you will know exactly how far off the track your dog strays. Use serpentine to introduce a beginner dog to turns because a gentle bend is less abrupt than a right angle turn.
- Serpentine also force a dog to pay attention to the track. Some dogs quickly learn that most tracks go in straight lines so once they have established the direction of a new leg they continue forward in a straight line without checking the track. Continually curving tracks force a dog to pay more careful attention to the track throughout its length.
- 6- Experiment with different types of snow cover to challenge your dog. Fresh, untouched snow is different from older snow cover that has seen lots human and animal activity over the course of several days.

Although this article is mostly directed at urban trackers, the same principles apply to field trackers. If your dog is distracted by wild animals (coyotes, foxes, etc.) then you can lay tracks that intersect animal tracks to see how your dog reacts to the animal contamination. Does your dog investigate briefly, but then get back to work? If not, you can correct and re-direct the dog to your track and then reward.

One more thing: most people assume that dogs will learn to follow the footprints visually. I don't think this is entirely or even mostly the case. Dogs may eventually learn to look in footprints for scent, but they live an olfactory world much more than we do. Footprints are depressions that hold scent, so dogs will put their noses in footprints, both on the track and nearby cross tracks to determine what scent was left there. Some scent from your track may migrate to nearby cross tracks for a short distance. If you think your dog is just following the footprints visually, try laying a track that goes over significant, very old contamination. Most dogs will track through the old contamination successfully.

You can learn a lot about your dog's tracking style by running some tracks in the winter. Remember to have fun with it. And stay warm!