

CCTC UTD & UTDX Test April 26, 2020
 Judge, Marie-P Babin

And the CCTC UTD & UTDX Test May 10, 2020
 Judge Laura McKay

Both tests had to be cancelled because of the COVID-19 Virus
 Such a sad situation for the whole world..

I hope all Club Members' families and friends are all well and
 stayed safe and Healthy through all this.

Some pictures of dogs tracking from our past tests and practices

Feb. 2020—April 2020

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Club Members



Tracking

with,,,,,



Their Dogs

And Having Fun !





May you Rest in Peace Gladys

We've lost a very kind and wonderful Club Member on Feb. 7, 2020

Gladys Kinsman lost her battle with cancer. She loved dog training with her German Shepherd Dog, Gladys took part in CKC Tracking and also was an excellent tracklayer for our tests. She always enjoyed coming to the Annual General Meetings and the parties. She was a member of the Club since 2012.

She took part and competed in IPO and CKC events.

She will be missed by all who knew her and her beloved dogs...



CCTC Club Members' brags.....



“Sterling”



U-RO1 Reynard's Folly Sterling SPOT, CGN, PCD,CD,RA, RI, CA, S, CRN, ETD, JRTCA RO1, JRTCA PNO

Another title for Sterling...Starting 2020 on the right paw, on Jan. 5th earning his Expert Trick Dog Title !!

Owned by **Patricia Budrow & Lynda Rupay**. Handled by **Patricia**.



“Ubi”

Ubi with his ribbons and rosettes he earned at a recent Canine Performance (CPE) scent work trial. He Qed in 9 of 10 searches earning his CCSS-L1 title and Qs in his L2 interior, exterior and vehicle searches. Along with his new titles he had a perfect day qualifying in all 5 searches and earned two placements.

Intl, UKC CH Brantwood's Man In The Moon TKN, TKI, TKA, SCN, SEA, SIA, SCA, NW1, L1C, DDCN, PTN, NN, AV, CCSS-L1

Owned by **Kathleen Dahmer**

CCTC Members' Brags.....



“Tenor” & Cassie”

A double brag for Laura’s two Labradors !

Tenor TCH OTCH Pinebank's Encore Performer
SH RE WCX SDN

Cassie Pinebank Sundance at Santosha TDX WC JH
RA SDN

Both passed all three components of Novice Scent
Detection at the Poodle Club of Canada Scent
Detection Trial on Jan. 19, 2020 under judge Jane
Book

Owned by **Laura McKay**



“Gemma”

GRCH Foxfire's Alltime Gemstone CGN, RN, RI

We excelled in RI with a High in Class and a new
title at Georgina Kennel Club Show finishing a per-
fect score of 100. Thank you to Judge Del Lunn. We
look forward to our amazing obedience future ahead
of us.

Owned by **Mary McKay**



More CCTC Members' Brags...



“Kara”

U-RO1 U-AC U-SI Goldencol's Karamel Delight
WC TD PCD RA CGN CD NTD HIC NS

“Kara” earned her Novice and Advanced Containers and also her Novice and Advanced Interior searches for 4 Titles at the UKC Nosework Trial at Oxford Dog Sports trial on Feb. 8th and 9th, 2020. Four Titles over the weekend. On Mar.8th she also earned her Superior Interior Title. At the Elgin Dog Sport’s trial.

Owned by **Eileen Fisher**



“Elroy”

UKC CH. U-RO3 U-NC U-AI GCH. Castlegar Elroy At
Autumwynd CGN RM CDX AKC RN NTD HIC

“Elroy” earned three Titles in one weekend. His Novice Containers, Novice Interior and Advanced Interior at the Oxford Dog Sports Nosework Trial Feb. 8th & 9th, 2020. He earned two High in Class.

Owned by **Marie-P Babin**

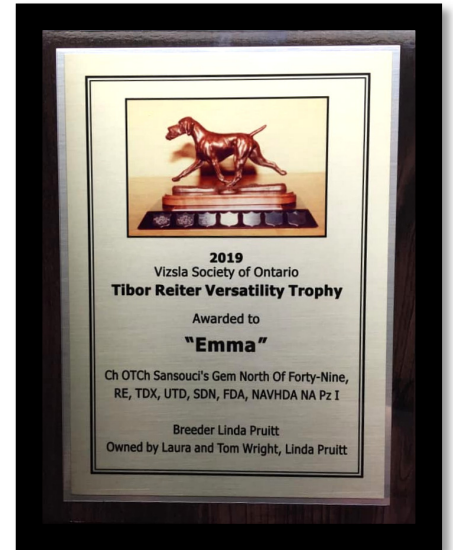


CCTC Members' Brags....



“Emma”

Emma wins the Vizsla Society of Ontario's Tibor Reiter versatility trophy for 2019 !



Emma was the latest recipient of the Vizsla Society of Ontario's Tibor Reiter Versatility Trophy. This is a 'lifetime achievement' award that was first awarded in 1980, with credit being given for titles earned throughout the dog's life. In order to apply for the trophy, a dog must have earned a show championship, a field title, and at least one other title in any other sport. Points are earned based on the highest title earned in each sport the dog participated in, and the applicant with the highest points wins the trophy for that year. Emma's titles gave her a total of 415 points! She is formally known as BPIG Ch OTCh Sansouci's Gem North Of Forty-Nine, Am CD, Can RE, Am RN, Can/Am TDX, UTD, SDN, FDA, JH, NAVHDA NA Pz I, CGN. At 11 years old, she is still doing some training in scent detection and for FDX, the top-level pointing breed field test (if we get there, great, if we don't, it's experience under my belt for my next dog!)

Owned by **Laura Wright**

With the warmer weather coming, you may want to make these cool treats.

Recipe for great Summer treats

2 bananas
32 oz plain yogurt
1 cup peanut butter
2 tbs honey
1/4 cup water

Put in the blender and freeze in muffin pan.



Plain yogurt, banana , strawberry or blueberry Freezies

Put in the blender . Once smooth and thick....

Stuff a Kong and freeze or put in a muffin tin and freeze.

Once the muffin frozen goodies are ready, pop them out and keep them in a freezer bag in the freezer for next time.

The dogs will love them

New Little Tracker...



“Saphira”

Signet Rhapsody in Blue Born January 4, 2020

New baby Std. Poodle sister for Daniel

Owned by **Wendy McCullough**

Club Members;

If you have forgotten to send in your membership renewal, \$25.00 Single or \$30.00 Family and would like to continue being a Club member with CCTC, please send it to Maryke Warwick at 147 Ramona Blvd Markham On. L3P 2K9.

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New Club Members;

Clare and Ryu Fuller fullerclare@gmail.com Border Collie

Gone But Never Forgotten.....



“Zack”

FMCH. Grandgable Heroic Promise CGN RA CG AKC CD RA
Feb. 18, 2006 - Mar.10, 2020

On Wed. March 10th 2020, Brian and I had to have our Sheltie put to sleep.
He was over 14 years old.
He wasn't doing well, as he stopped eating and walking was becoming difficult.
He was my car buddy, he loved to go everywhere in the car.
He was lots of fun and a cute little guy, we will miss him terribly.

Dorothy Phillips



**KJAG's Young At Heart Lexus CGN, CDX, TDX, TT
August 29, 2004 - December 23, 2020**



Lexxi was an amazing dog who enriched our lives immensely. She needed a new home when she was 3 years old and Martin and I were lucky enough to find her at the shelter. She immediately fit in with our family and went on to receive titles in obedience and tracking, and become BFFs with our head strong cat. She worked as a demo dog in obedience classes I taught with Swansea Dog Obedience Club and was a big hit when she visited retirement homes with Swansea's Canine Callers especially when she won the "musical mats" (think musical chairs) competition by laying down on top of any little dog who got there before her. I soon started calling her "The Lexx", after the planet eating spaceship in the TV show "Lexx" shown in the late 1990's. It did seem appropriate for a Rott! Martin took her on all the biology field trips he did with his high school students from West Hill Collegiate. Her job on these trips was to keep track of students and find any that wandered off. She soon became as Martin says "Class mascot, babysitter to teenagers in the bush". She enjoyed long hikes on the Bruce Trail and on our farm in Grey County where she made friends with the cottontail bunnies but was the scourge of the groundhog community. We will never forget her.

Cynthia Thomas
Martin Hybs



Getting started with Spring Tracking

By Rosemary Janoch

Spring is an ideal time to get yourself and your dog outside after a long cold winter. Start by conditioning both yourself and your dog with walks. Gradually increase the length of the walks, and the speed at which you walk, until both you and your dog are in top form. Make sure that some of these walks are in the park on bridle trails, and that some of them are through wide open fields. If it is a safe area, let your dog run free and really stretch those muscles. If you have acquired a new puppy over the winter, it is especially important to let the puppy explore the interesting sights and smells of a field before you ask the puppy to focus on a track. Tracking with a puppy is a wonderful way to promote the puppy/owner bond and to encourage a good reliable work ethic from the very start.

All you need to get started is a tracking harness or a buckle collar, a six foot lead, an object that is highly motivational (a fuzzy squeaky toy works well), and some especially yummy treats. It also helps to have a tracking buddy, although this is not a necessity. Knowing that your tracking buddy is going to be at the park at 8 am on Saturday morning, however, is a great motivator to get you out of bed. A tracking partner can also gently restrain your puppy with fingers across the chest while you are laying the puppy's track.

Tracking, however, can be done alone. I have left my dog in a crate in the back of an open minivan. I can talk to him the entire time I am laying his track. He can see me toss his toy in the air a few times, and he can see me put a treat on the toy. Expect to hear some serious barking. Most dogs do not like being left behind in the car. Even if you have a tracking partner holding your dog for you, you will likely hear a substantial amount of barking and fussing. This is great! Your dog is frustrated with the restraint and wants to get out there and get that toy. Your dog has a "Put me in, coach!" attitude. Having that kind of attitude is half the battle. The other half of the battle is getting the dog to understand what we want.

I suggest you start by laying a straight line track of no more than 15 or 20 paces. Mark the track well with flags or other markers so you know precisely where the track is located. No matter where your dog goes, you must stay on the track. Many handlers double lay the tracks for a dog that is just beginning. This means walking out the 15 or 20 paces, placing the toy on the ground with a treat, and returning to the original starting point by retracing your footsteps. Whether you double lay tracks or not is largely a matter of personal preference. I have seen marvelous tracking dogs taught both ways. Now attach a six foot lead to the harness or buckle collar and let the dog pull you to the toy. If the dog is swinging from one side of the track to the other, shorten the amount of lead the dog has to work with and continue walking forward on the track. This will serve to keep the dog closer to the track. Praise your dog profusely when the toy is reached. Give an additional treat or two accompanied with sincere petting and praising. No more than three of these tracks should be done on any given day.

As your dog begins to understand this new game, increase the length of each track. As the tracks increase in length, cut back to only two tracks, and then finally cut back to just one. In the beginning, I try to lay the tracks directly into the wind. This will cause the smell of the toy and the treat to blow directly toward the dog's nose. Later, when the dog has more experience, I disregard the wind direction. When turns are introduced, the wind again plays a big factor, but training turns will be discussed in another article.

On a final note, I would like to remind all of you who have been tracking all winter that scenting conditions radically change in the spring. As the winter snow melts and the spring rains begin, the ground becomes soggy with a whole new smell of its own. The smell of new plant growth can overwhelm the most confident of trackers. Remember that animals like deer and rabbits will be active in the spring and, therefore, more likely to provide you with unplanned crosstracks. And let's not forget about all the spring babies. I once almost stepped on a fawn before it jumped up and ran away. Be aware, also, that many bitches come into season in the spring. This will throw off not only the girls in your house, but the boys as well. I have also heard from many tracking folk that when they begin their dogs on heartworm medication in the spring, the dogs seem to need about two to three weeks to adapt to it. If you plan on entering a spring test, I would advise you to not start your dog on this medication the week before the test. Be sure to plan ahead. All of the above factors can make your tracking dog have difficulty. I would suggest that you do what any good trainer does when a dog is having difficulty...simplify the task. Shorten the track length, shorten the track's age, reduce the number of turns, and increase the chance of the dog's success. Do not become discouraged with a spring setback. Remain upbeat with your dog and leave each tracking session on a positive note.