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On Oct 29th the Cross Country Tracking Club Tracking Dog test was held in Clarington Ont. in extreme windy conditions, snow squalls and some sun. It was mostly around 3 to 5 degrees. With the winds it was really cold.

We were pleased to have Jane Book come judge for us again and our track layers were Maryke Warwick, Eileen Fisher, Candy Rennie, Susie Coutts & myself Marie-P Babin.

Everything went very well and of course our popular lunch back at Bev Wiggans home (our HQ) was enjoyed by all.

1- Was a Shetland sheepdog (F) and I believe the handler walked forward on the track when the dog was beside her. That of course is guiding. NQ

2- "CH. Southwind Epic Jubilee CD CC TD" Bernese Mountain Dog (M)

Georgina Cornell of Uxbridge Ont. Passed. Didn't see the first two but I hear this dog worked well. Passed.

3- "CH. OTCH. Jaywyk Tyme To Sparkle AGN TD" Am. Cocker Spaniel (M) Blonde
This one I saw . This team worked really well .Passed.

Maria Mateljan of Oakville Ont.

4- "Lots Of Chaos Von Narnia TD" German Shepherd Dog (F)

Kim Cooper of Orleans Ont. This was one of the fast teams and as always worked really well. Passed.

5- "Inlyn Pegg's Mountain Treasure WC JH CD TD" Labrador Retriever (F) Yellow
Peggy Masanotti Of Thornhill Ont.

This team disappeared over a hill and came back out with a smile and a glove in the air !! Passed.

6- Was a Portuguese Water Dog.(M) I didn't get to watch but I believe lost it at a corner. NQ

7- Was a German Shepherd Dog (F) who took a wrong turn. NQ

8- Was a German Shepherd Dog (M) who went the wrong way at the first corner. NQ

9- "Hockley Snow Of Ormocto TD" White German Shepherd Dog (F)

Andrea Lister of Guelph Ont.

This team was a good one to watch being white, you could really see her in the distance.

Worked beautifully !! Passed.

10- "CH. OTCH. Carnaby Ace Ventura AGN AGN.J TD" English Cocker Spaniel (M) just over two.

Helena Tracz of Owen Sound Ont. This team I didn't see but heard it was nose to the ground all the way. Passed.

11- "Signet Most Wanted TD" Standard Poodle (M) black. Another two yr. old.

Wendy McCullough of Kingston Ont. Very fast and worked well. A happy dog ! Passed.

12- Was a Rottweiler (M) who got to the first corner then the wind caused him to lose the corner. NQ

Nov. 19th , 06 was the CKC TDX test in Clarington .

We had the occasional snow flurries , it was cold at just above the freezing point. The fields were all a bit different. Above having grass, clover , alfalfa, some also had corn stubble, some had a bush, some had manure !!

I was the judge for this one and we appreciated all the track-layers who were there to help. Track-layers were ; Maryke Warwick. Maria Mateljan, Bev Fox, Candy Rennie, Laura Wright, Isobel McGowan and also cross tracks by Sue Godbehere and Shirley Kong.

Our equipment manager Frank Downs was there keeping track of each marker. And thanks to Bev Wiggans for our HQ where we all warmed up and enjoyed lots of food and socializing after the test before doing the presentations.

There were six dogs entered and two Passed.

The first one who passed was;

"Carnspack Kavik CD TDX" German Shepherd Dog (male) owned by Eileen Fisher of Markham Ont. This track was flawless ! It was a joy to watch and the whole track could be seen by the gallery.

The second Pass was;

"Pinebank's One Of A Kind WCI JH TDX" Yellow Labrador Retriever (female) owned by Laura McKay of Guelph Ont.

A great little tracker and the manure caused no problem at all for her. Only for me as I tripped and fell right in as I was hurrying to follow around the bush !!

Congratulations to them both and good luck to the others next year !!

Marie-P.Babin.



North American Mixed Breed Registry Tracking Dog Test November 5, 2006

The fifth NAMBR tracking test was held in Bowmanville on Sunday November 5.

We had six teams attempting a TD title, and for the first time, two going for their TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent). The day was cool and overcast, typical fall weather and perfect for tracking, or so we thought.

The first three dogs started out strong, but had problems on the final leg, and two of them seemed to be distracted by mice. The fourth chose another track to follow instead than the one that was laid for her, and the fifth dog had problems on the final leg.

Number six, Quiet Wyatt, a border collie cross handled by Ginny Neher, navigated his track well, except for a couple of moments when he had to bounce around, earning his TD. Congratulations to Ginny and Quiet Wyatt N-TD!

After the TD tracks it was on to the TDX tracks. First team up was Bev Fox and her hound cross rescue Quincy. They were off to a running start (literally) through the alfalfa. Quincy slowed down a bit in the corn stubble and took the leg wide, missing article two of the three articles laid. He continued his run once back in the alfalfa, and found the last article to earn his TDX title. To the best of my knowledge, Quincy is the first TDX mutt in Canada. Way to go Bev & Quincy!

Bev enjoyed her track so much that she did it again with a friend's dog, to find the keys she dropped. Yes, Gillis found the keys.

The second TDX dog just wanted to chase mice that day, hopefully he'll be back again for another try.

Thank you to all who participated with their dogs, and judge Marie-P Babin, our tracklayers Pamela Burns, Maryke Warwick, Eileen Fisher, Candy Rennie, Shirley Kong (who thought she was coming out just to watch and learn, but got drafted for a cross track) and equipment manager Frank Downs.

Submitted by Sue Godbehere.



Quincy HD– The Hero Dog By Bev Fox

It was one of those hot sultry summer Sunday afternoons. I was tending to my overgrown garden as the dogs relaxed in the house in the comfort of air conditioning when I heard car tires crunching down the driveway. I was not expecting company and had been looking forward to finally spending some time in the garden, so the intruder was greeted by a scowl as they climbed out of their car.

The fellow quickly explained that he was a new neighbour from up the road and that they had lost their dog the previous night around dinner time. It was actually his mother's dog that he and his brother were supposed to be dog sitting. As you can imagine the fellow was in quite a state and wondered if I had seen the dog 'Dino' – a JRT X. They had contacted all the neighbours, the humane societies and searched high and low for the little fellow without success. They had even slept outside the previous night so as not to miss the dog if he returned in the night. His sister, who was in Winnipeg with the mother, had caught a late night flight back to help with the search (I'm not sure how they explained that to the mother!). As a dog owner and owner of a few JRT Xs myself I clearly felt the fellows pain.

I had been out and about most of the morning with my dogs but had not seen any sign of the little dog. My first thought was that the dog had either been hit by a car or the coyotes had got to him but I didn't verbalize these thoughts. In an effort to somehow assist I offered to take Quincy over to the property to try to find the little fellow. I explained that Quincy had been trained to follow a scent but he was trained to follow a humane scent so I didn't have much hope that he would be able to find the dog but hey it was worth a shot! The fellow was most grateful and headed back home to await our arrival.

I packed up my gardening tools, as it was clear the gardening would have to wait for another day, and collected the tracking gear. After an afternoon of leisure Quincy was game to hop in the car for an adventure and so we headed down the road to the neighbours.

We were greeted by the anxious faces of the brother and the sister, fresh from Winnipeg, with a fistful of 'Lost Dog' posters. They had gathered together some of the dogs toys and dogs bed as per my request. I got Quincy out of the car and with tracking line and harness in hand I tried to look like I knew exactly what we were doing.

I sat Quincy in front of the pile of the dogs possessions as one would set up at the scent pad of a tracking test and put his harness on as the trio looked on with grim faces. As I snapped the line onto the harness and gave Quincy the command to 'Go Track' I silently prayed that he wouldn't pick up the toys and start tossing them about. Much to my surprise Quincy dutifully sniffed at the items and set off on the hunt! I must admit I am probably the worst tracking handler in the world – tracking is a sport unlike any other dog sport and requires you to relinquish control to the dog – as a control freak I find this very difficult. Anyway I didn't have \$75 on the line and there was no judge following me so I had nothing to lose and followed Quincy. He tracked all around the 10 acre property and appeared to be diligently working. The anxious siblings looked on much like the gallery at a tracking test. On his first loop I noticed a number of outbuildings scattered around the property (the property had once been the train station so I suppose the buildings were part of the station). Eventually we ended up back at the house and the onlookers appeared to be growing more distressed by the moment. Quincy was still in tracking mode as we passed the group so I followed and casually asked if they had checked the outbuildings. As Quincy led me back into the back of the property, they replied mournfully that yes indeed they had searched all the buildings at least half a dozen times.

Quincy had been working now for about 15 minutes in the heat and humidity so took advantage of a pond on our second loop to cool down. I figured okay this is the end of the road and was ready to admit defeat – however after cooling off Quincy shook himself and continued tracking! They say trust your dog, so I followed. He led me to one of the outbuildings and then started circling the building. Bev, ever the Doubting Thomas figured he was now hunting some raccoon, possum or fox (all of which are plentiful in the area). Just as I was about to correct him off the foundation of the building he reached a crack in the wall and stuck his nose through at which point I thought I heard a muffled bark. I listened carefully for a few more minutes but there was only silence – Quincy was standing his ground so I yelled back to the family. They came running through the bush expectantly I explained that I thought I heard a bark and Quincy seemed to have stopped tracking at the building. One of the brothers opened the door and there cowering in the corner was Dino – the missing dog!

I'm not sure who was more surprised the trio, myself or Dino. Quincy was the only one who was unimpressed and casually stood at the end of the leash amid the joyous reunion. The sister, with tears in her eyes, ran up and hugged Quincy declaring him a 'Hero Dog'. There was thanks and congratulations all round – not much different than a tracking test only this time a little life had been on the line.

As Quincy and I walked back to the car I wondered if our finding 'Dino' had just been a fluke, however when I looked into Quincy's eyes there was no doubt in my mind he had earned the title of HD 'Hero Dog' that day.



CCTC Members' Brags



Am/Can CH. OTCH. Carnaby Ace
Ventura AGN AGN.J TD
Owned by Helena Tracz.
On Oct. 29th "Ace" earned his TD.
In 2005, he earned his Can. CH.
And in 2006, "Ace" earned all
seven other titles. His obedience
titles were all three straight.



Inlyn Pegg's Mountain Treasure WC JH
CD TD owned by Peggy Masanotti
"Treasure" earned her TD on Oct. 29th.



Autumwynd Storm Tracker TD
RN. "Tank" earned his TD and RN
this Fall . Owned by Susan Coutts.



Gaylan's High Roller TD WCX JH
owned by Pamela Martin.
"Dice" earned his TD WCI & WCX
In 2006



Carmspack Trust TDX CD RN
Owned by Susan Coutts . "Trust"
earned her TDX and her RN this Fall.

"Trust" & "Kavik" are litter-mates and
both earned their TDX's a couple
weeks apart.
They're 4 years old !



Carmspack Kavik TDX CD
Owned by Eileen Fisher.
"Kavik" earned his TDX this Fall.

CCTC MEMBERS' BRAGS (CONT)



Jaymar's Best Dressed at Luvi's CD owned by Ricki Abrams. "Gucci" earned his CD in Fall and won 2 HIT's with scores of 198.5 & 199



Victory's Mackenzie CDX AGX JE VMADC VMJDC Am. CDX owned by Eileen Fisher. "Kennie" earned her Junior Earthdog in 2006



Streak Von Lowenherz TD Am. Field Champion "Streak" earned his Am. Field CH. This year and is owned by Pamela Burns



Left to right, "Elvis" (Ch Especially Carnaby Carfrae TD), Bob, and Alice (Carfrae Alice in Graceland TD). "Alice" is Elvis's daughter. Owned by Bob and Anne Frost. Both dogs earned their TD's this Fall.

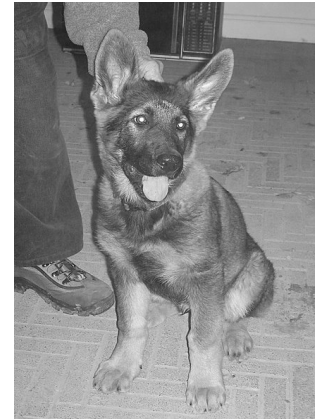
“ NEW LITTLE TRACKERS ”



Victory's Bean With The Devil
"Dexter" is owned by Eileen Fisher.



Treasurehunt's Touch N Go
"Terra" is owned by Peggy Masanotti



Kieran vom Eichenluft "Kieran"
is owned by Bev Wiggans



Cairnbrae Spider "Spider"
is owned by Sue Godbehere

New Members:

Shirley Kong
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Patricia Robertson
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The Tracking test dates have been approved for 2007 .

May 13, 2007 will TD and UTD
Oct. 14, 2007 will be TD and UTD
Nov. 11, 2007 will be TDX

Judges names have been sent to the CKC for approval and will be announced in the next newsletter.

**ONE DAY INTRODUCTION TO TRACKING" SEMINAR/WORKSHOP.
With Susan Coutts**

Susan goes through all the basics; scent, handling, reading your dog, motivation, weather influences, goals, mapping, etc. etc.

Demonstrates all the equipment, have lots of visuals, spending the morning in a classroom setting. Everyone takes home a workbook containing everything we covered.

Afternoon is working the dogs on 3 straight line tracks each. I will also do a demo with one of my dogs. I believe there is unlimited auditing spaces, and I always like to stress that you learn as much by watching the other dogs/owners working as you would if bringing your own dog. Participants learn a lot in one day, and for those unsure of what it's all about, will help them decide if this really is something they'd like to do with their dog, and give them a good start on information. It's fun, informative, and often some people that have already started tracking learn something new!

The second day is being offered if there is interest, for people that are already tracking and perhaps having some problems, not understanding something (ie corners, line handling, body language), or polishing. I believe this is intended for those attending the seminar (probably without their dog) that are able and would like to come back with their dog on the Monday.

The registration form is included if interested.



Susan Coutts and Carmspack Trust CD TDX RN

Wrapping Presents with Dogs

1. Gather presents, boxes, paper, etc. in middle of living room floor.
2. Get tape back from puppy.
3. Remove scissors from older dog's mouth.
4. Open box.
5. Take puppy out of box.
6. Remove tape from older dog's mouth.
7. Take scissors away from puppy.
8. Put present in box.
9. Remove present from puppy's mouth.
10. Put back in box after removing puppy from box.
11. Take scissors from older dog and sit on them.
12. Remove puppy from box and put on lid.
13. Take tape away from older dog.
14. Unroll paper.
15. Take puppy OFF box.
16. Cut paper being careful not to cut puppy's foot or nose that is getting in the way as he "helps."
17. Let puppy tear remaining paper.
18. Take puppy off box.
19. Wrap paper around box.
20. Remove puppy from box & take wrapping paper from its mouth.
21. Tell older dog to fetch the tape so he will stop stealing it.
22. Take scissors away from puppy.
23. Take tape older dog is holding.
24. Quickly tape one spot before taking scissors from older dog & sitting on them again.
25. Fend off puppy trying to steal tape & tape another spot.
26. Take bow from older dog.
27. Go get roll of wrapping paper puppy ran off with.
28. Take scissors from older dog who took them when you got up.
29. Give pen to older dog to hold so he stops
30. Remove puppy from present & hurriedly slap tape on to hold the paper on.
31. Take now soggy bow from puppy & tape on since the sticky stuff no longer stick.
32. Take pen from older dog, address tag & affix while puppy tries to eat pen.
33. Grab present before puppy opens it & put it away.
34. Clean up mess puppy & older dog made playing tug-of-war with remnants of wrapping paper.
35. Put away rest of wrapping supplies & tell dogs what good helpers they are.

A DOGGY WONDERLAND

Dog tags ring, are you listenin'?
In the lane, snow is glistenin'.
It's yellow, NOT white - I've been there tonight,
Marking up my winter wonderland.

Smell that tree? That's my fragrance.
It's a sign for wand'ring vagrants;
"Avoid where I pee, it's MY pro-per-ty!
Marked up as my winter wonderland."

In the meadow dad will build a snowman,
following the classical design.
Then I'll lift my leg and let it go Man,
So all the world will know it's
mine-mine-mine!

Straight from me to the fencepost,
flows my natural incense boast;
"Stay off of my TURF, this small piece of earth,
I mark it as my winter wonderland.





The Cross Country Tracking Club AGM and Party was held on Dec. 8, 2006 at Eileen Fisher's home. We had 24 members attend this year and we all had a great time socializing. Susan C. brought a box full of wrapped toys for everyone to pick for their dogs and Kathleen brought a basket of people goodies. Eileen F. made a great fruit punch and we had a nice variety of food that everyone brought. This year was the biggest group of members we've ever had. It was really nice to see everyone come out!

Hope we can repeat this next year.