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## Oct. 14, 2007 was Cross Country Tracking Club's UTD & TD test.

Our judge was Jane Book and tracklayers for the 4 Urban tests were Maryke and Marie. The UTD's were held at Lakeview Park in Oshawa where squirrels and sea gulls like to see what the dogs are doing.

We had no passed this time but there were some very close to finishing.

The tracklayers for the TD test were Maryke, Isobel, Cynthia, Susan, Eileen & Marie. We had 9 dogs entered and 6 passed. We had alfalfa fields and hay fields.

- 1 Colando's William Carlos TD. Std. Poodle (male) almost 9 years old  
Owned by James Colando & Shirley Robertson of E.Landsing MI
- 2 Castilleja's Shadow Clements TD. Labrador Retriever (male) 12 years old.  
Owned by Doug Hinton of Newmarket.
- 3 Castlegar JG (Jersey) TD. Labrador Retriever (female) 11 months  
Owned by Candace Rennie of Scarborough Ont.
- 4 CH. Pannoivia's Chasing Hearts CGN TD. Std. Poodle (male) 2 1/2 years old.  
Owned by Renee Koch of Kitchener Ont.
- 5 Rizbouch Von Jester Maximum TD. German Shepherd Dog (Female) 2 1/2 years old  
Owned by Dorothy Richardson of Verona Ont.
- 6 Edante Van't Hof Nadden TD . Belgian Shepherd Dog (male) 2 yrs old  
Owned by Nadine Macrae of Kingston.

## Members' Brags ...



**"Samba"**

CH. Kewbeach Dancing Up A Storm CDX RN CGC AWD  
Samba earned his AWD, CDX & CKC  
Rally- Novice  
Owned by Anne Passafiume



**"Olivia"**

Am. Can. CH Carfrae Life is a Highway CD  
She earned her CD , Nov. 2007  
Owned by Anne & Bob Frost



Judge ; Jane Book

**"Jersey"**

Castlegar JG (Jersey) TD. Labrador Retriever (female)  
11 months.  
Jersey also earned 7 points towards her Championship.

Owned by Candy Rennie



**"Huey"**

Castilleja's Shadow Clements TD.  
Labrador Retriever (male) 12 years old.  
Owned by Doug Hinton

## Braggs Cont...



### “Frankie & “Jorja”

Ch Autumwynd Frankie Starlite RN &  
SR Autumwynd Midnite N Jorja WC JH RN

Both girls earned their Rally Novice Titles together

“Frankie” finished her Championship Nov 30th 2007

Owned by Marie-P Babin



### “Layla”

CH. Beadog Dandy Lion At Elliquin

Layla earned her Championship at the Belleville Show  
on Oct. 19th 2007

Layla also earned 2 legs towards her Rally Novice Title

Owned by Maryke Warwick



### “Ty”

Plails- Dream TY One On CGN, HT, RNMCL, FDCH-S

Ty earned his FDCH-S this summer

Owned by Dorothy Phillips

## More Brags Cont.....



### **“Kennie”**

Victory’s Mackenzie Am. Can. CDX ,AGX,  
JE ,VMADC,VMJDC, VMGDC, VMSDC,  
VMTDC.

Now has earned her “VATCHC”

Owned by Eileen Fisher



### **“Murphy”**

CH. Gowrielea’s Murphy WCI JH CD VC RN Am.  
WC

Murphy earned his WCI July 20th and his RN  
Aug. 12th 2007

Owned by Sandy Brodie



### **“Tory”**

Gowrielea’s Notorius

Tory earned two legs towards his Rally Novice Title  
Sept. 16th 2007

Owned by Sandy Brodie

## New Little Trackers



### “Allie”

Brantwood’s Sweet Vanilla Éclair

Kuvasz Owned by Kathleen Dahmer

She’s a very busy puppy and is very good at paper shredding.

### “Nox”

Equinox Von Immerstark  
German Shepherd Dog owned by Jackie Meharg

Tracking is in her future.



### “Lexxi”

Rottweiler owned by Cynthia Thomas

Lexxi was rescued as a three year old .  
She’s very intelligent and friendly and will be tracking soon.



## **“Practice Tracking “Article by Mary Thompson (AKC Tracking Judge)**

BEFORE you enter a tracking test of any level, you and your dog should have practiced for almost ANY problem! Here in New England, there is one location where almost all TD and TDX's are held for the year. Since it is a wildlife management area, exhibitors from outside the area think that it means that very few people are allowed into this area. Nothing could be further from that! The locals walk it daily with their dogs loose, kids on mountain bikes, atv's and 4 wheelers go thru on a regular basis as well as people on horseback. Never mind the field-training people who come into the area on Saturday afternoon and throw dead birds over at least 2 tracks that were plotted that day for the test the next day! If that is not enough, on Sunday mornings, there is a group of remote control aircraft people who have a permit to be there and fly their toys. Soooooooo, what should you train your dog to expect in such a test?

LOTS of contamination! As long as someone does not walk over the first leg of a track, I will use that track. There is too much contamination and not enough space to put out 3-5 spare tracks so the tracks already plotted MUST be used if possible.

Your dog should be able to handle (and get back to tracking) after seeing a loose dog, people, bikes, horses, wildlife, listening to and seeing remote control aircraft,

etc. That is where the command “Get back to work” comes in handy. PLEASE remember to say it firmly but nicely! Never mind the contamination, how about power lines? The big towers DO distort the scent molecules and some dogs will act as if the scent has vanished. Most clubs holding tracking tests will try NOT to use property with power lines but it can happen!

I know that tracks for a TD are NOT supposed to go thru standing water but if there is a major rainstorm on Saturday, you might have a few inches of standing water the day of the test.

Between the hours of 11am, - 1pm, the ultraviolet rays also distort scent. Unfortunately, the majority of tracks are run during this time frame, so train for it.

The few places we have been able to use for VST in New England also have their share of problems. One place can only be used at night in August, but it sometimes is still too warm for my comfort level for a working dog. Even at night, we have people who want to know what is going on, maybe they are out walking and stop and talk to the owner of the working dog. I judged a VST (during the day) once where an exhibitor talked for almost 20 minutes to a passerby before saying she was in a test and could the person please excuse her! Maybe too polite, but you need to realize that people will wonder what you are doing and you need to be pleasant if you want the club holding the test to be able to use that facility again!

One thing I can't say often enough is “contamination happens, deal with it!” No matter if it is a TD, someone, some critter has been in that field! There is no such thing as a virgin field! Don't complain, TRAIN!

Even if all I have time for is to put out straight tracks for a week or so, I will still try to incorporate a problem for the dog to solve at least every other track. It could be going thru standing water, heavy contamination, a rock wall, a road crossing, power lines, bad time of day, etc. These tracks do NOT have to be hundreds of yards long, just enough to have the dog learn something from it, and hopefully you too!

I had someone email me that in order to not have her articles taken on a vst training track, she walks off to the side and hides the articles. This is NOT done in a test, so you should not practice this! I told her that I use cheap stuff so that hopefully no one will take the articles! I will use a used Kleenex! A floppy disk with the metal piece gone (can't be used again so why pick it up?), a plastic lid from a yogurt container, a toothbrush (used), a plastic comb with a few teeth missing, etc. Try to practice in an area where your articles might not be taken BUT take along extras just incase you need an end article so the dog knows he is done! (Due to my using multiple articles, I don't have to stop, take off my boot, peel off my sock, wait for the dog to be looking in another direction, throw the sock out, praise the dog, put the sock back on, the boot and walk out of the field!)

If you are short on time for training, remember this. During the months that you have dew on the ground and in morning, you can practice this. Lay the track out in the evening when the dew is on the ground. IF you run the track BEFORE the sun touches it in the morning, it is as if it were only a few hours old! This is true for TD and TDX and only a little older for VST.

Train in components and eventually add a few together. You started with doing a straight track and then adding a turn. Why can't you do a straight track and add a road crossing, a rock wall, a water problem? One at a time in the beginning, and then add more problems with each straight track or one with only a turn or two. You do NOT have to keep going for longer distances and aging it longer every time you lay out a track. You MUST try to keep your dog motivated! Remember, if it is not fun for you, it is not going to be fun for your dog!

## Who has read the CKC Tracking Rule Book 2007 ???

- 1 The length of the TD track shall be no less than..... metres and no more than .....metres
- 2 The TD track is to be no less than ..... old at the time the dog starts the track but no older than .....
- 3 The article must be leather and must be approximately ..... In size
- 4 There will be a maximum of ..... turns on a TD track
- 5 The tracklayer must stay at the scent pad for.....minutes
- 6 A TDX track shall be no less than .....metres and no more than .....metres
- 7 A TDX track must be aged not less than ..... hours and no more than.....hours at the time the dog starts the track.
- 8 A TDX track shall contain at least..... turns and no more than .....turns.
- 9 There will be three articles dropped on a TDX track, the first one must be not less than .....metres from the start.
- 10 A cross-track is laid.....hrs after the primary track has been completed.
- 11 A UTD track shall not be less than.....metres and not more than .....metres
- 12 There are 2 article on a UTD . one must be leather and the other may be either, ....., ....., .....
- 13 For the UTDX what type of other article may be used.....
- 14 On TD you may restart the dog providing you have not gone .....metres
- 15 On a TDX you may restart the dog providing you have not gone .....metres
- 16 Approximately what fraction of a UTD track is to be on vegetation.....
- 17 At least .....turns are 90 degrees on a UTD track
- 18 On a UTD the first article should be dropped not less than.....metres from the start
- 19 The first .....metres of a UTD track shall be on vegetation
- 20 A UTDX track shall contain at least .....turns and no more than ..... Turns

## Liverwurst squares for the Tracking Dog

- 1 package of Liverwurst
- 1 cup of flour
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. baking powder

Mix all together - roll out on cookie sheet ( the dough is very sticky, so I spread some Saran on top while I roll ), then score it.

Bake at 350 for 15-20 minutes .

Recipe from Isobel McGowan



## **Keepers Maggie-Mae TDX born sometime in May, 2000 to November 24, 2007**

Our very special Maggie-Mae left us last night.

Maggie didn't only touch our lives in a very special way. She drew the best out in others as well.

When she came to us as a fearful, discarded dog, it was those beautiful eyes that drew me to her the first time I saw her. Because of Maggie, I began my "keepers" program, teaching about responsible pet ownership and child/dog safety. Maggie-Mae became the spokesdog for this.

Maggie became more confident and outgoing through tracking. I've always used her story to show others what self-esteem their dogs would gain through tracking.

Because Maggie loved to track and was so good, we got her Performance Event Number the first year the CKC initiated the program. That year, in her first trial, Maggie earned her Tracking Dog title, completing her track in five minutes under judge Heather MacLeod. I decided to continue and see how she worked towards TDX. I don't know why I would have doubted her ability, perhaps I was continually reminded of her background. She earned her Tracking Dog Excellent title the following year under judge Marie P Babin. The following year, I was able to find out from CKC that Maggie was the first dog in Canada with a PEN number to have earned a TDX title. Not bad for a dog considered useless by the person who bred her and ditched her!

Maggie-Mae was a real character, sweet and gentle, yet raring to go. She loved our walks through the forest, and she always went crazy when we were heading out tracking.

Maggie was a fighter. She had a wonderful, fun-filled life even if it was much too short.

Maggie-Mae brought out the good and kindness in so many people, and we will always remember that. She always looked at us with total trust in those eyes, and a mischievous twinkle, "let's get going"!!! It's noticeably quiet here today, but her spirit was with us as we walked through the forest this afternoon.

Susan Coutts



## Gone But Not Forgotten



### “Asta”

CH. Landmark’s Sweet Asta CDX, TDX,  
JH, WCI, CGC Am.CD

March 16, 1991—Aug. 18, 2007

Owned and loved by Mel & Marie-P Babin

### “Tyga”

Carmspack Tyga CD, TD

March 20, 2001— Aug. 30, 2007

Owned & loved by Jackie Meharg



### “Cody”

Coquetel's My Partner CDX, WC, TD, CGN, Am CD

July 26, 1995— Oct. 2007

Owned and loved by Dorothy Phillips

## CCTC TDX Test Nov 11, 2007

The weather was really perfect for tracking. It started out at 0 degrees and went up to 7 degrees. We had mostly sunshine.

We had Sharon Smith as our judge and lots of fun all weekend.

Tracklayers were; Candy Rennie, Eileen Fisher, Marie P Babin, Jackie Meharg, Sue Godbehere & Laura McKay  
Cross tracks by Ed White and some of the tracklayers.

Out of the 6 dogs entered we had 4 Pass !!

1 CH. Esmond's Peppermint Patty TDX CGN "Minty" (Rottweiler Female 2 1/2 years old) Owned by Katherine Hoffman of Guelph Ont.

2 Autumwynd Storm Tracker TDX RN "Tank" (Labrador Retriever Male 2 years old) Owned by Susan Coutts of Powassan Ont.

3 Gin Dic's Halos And Horns TDX (Basset Hound Male almost 4 years old) Owned by Linda Gonzalez of Hamburg New York.

4 Questa Von Narnia TDX (German Shepherd Dog Female) She'll be 2 in Jan.) Owned by Andrea Lister of Guelph Ont.

Sharon Smith with the four new TDX dogs and their proud owners



Jane Book and tracklayers from the October TD / UTD test.

Marie, Susan, Cynthia, Jane, Eileen & Maryke



## Brags Cont'....



**“Gordie”** the Border Terrier

Can Ch OTCh VATChC Holly Hill Handsome Jansim  
CGC FDCh (G) Can SE CG Am JE TDI Am CD

earned his OTCH and his VATChC Dec. 2007

Owned by Isobel McGowan



Judge: Sharon Smith

On the left is Linda Gonzalez with **“Royce”** the Bassett Hound earning his TDX !

On the right is Susan Coutts with **“Tank”** the Labrador Retriever earning his TDX !

## Abby Du Murier De Sordeille HIC TD

This was from the Beauceron show held in Liberty, Missouri on October 12-14th. It's called "Journée du Beauceron", and like the name implies, is a show strictly for Beaucerons (there were about 40 in the show). The 2 judges flew over from France for the testing.

Abby, who was 3 weeks over the age of two, competed in the female open class (from 2-7 years old). She won that class, then won "Best Female", then went on to win the "Best of Opposite Sex", and on top of that, got "Best Temperament Female".

Yes, I'm very proud of my "little baby".

Also, I just found out that Abby is the First Beauceron to earn a tracking title in Canada. She just got her first leg towards her CD on October 24th. 2 more to go....

Sue Dubois



## Tracking Results Summary: To Aug. 2007.

1. The data set consisted of records on 627 dogs entered in tracking tests between 2000 and Aug. 1 2007 and reported on the CKC tracking chat group. Various subsets of the data were used for analyses.
2. Pass rates and Failure points were examined. Failure point score was 1 if the dog failed up to and including the first turn; 2 if the dog failed after the first turn but before the last turn; and 3 if the dog failed from the last turn to the end.
3. There were 4 test levels: TD (386 rec'ds), TDX (151), UTD (76) and UTDX (14). Pass rates were significantly higher for the TD level (~ 60%) than for the TDX (37%), UTD (33%) or the UTDX (21%). Failure points were not significantly different among test levels.
4. Sporting, Herding and Working groups had the highest entries, at 243, 226 and 76, respectively. Other groups had much lower entries (12 to 25/group). Overall pass rates differed significantly among groups, ranging from 28 to 70%. Non-sporting, Herding, Hounds and Sporting groups had higher pass rates than the other groups. Failure point did not differ significantly among groups.
5. There were 65 breeds in the data, not including mixes. The top 10 breeds with respect to entries are: GSD (126), Golden Retrievers (106), Labs (41), Belgians (41), Aussies (34), Flat-coats (29), Rotties (27), Weimaraners (18), English cockers (15) and American cockers (13). Breeds did not differ significantly for pass rate or failure point.
6. The majority of dogs entered in tracking tests were from large breeds (450 dogs), with fewer from medium (84), small (63) and giant (13) breeds. Size of breed affected pass rates with Medium and Large breeds passing more often (42.9% and 45.5%, respectively) compared with small (31%) or giant (27.1%) breeds. Size did not affect Failure point.
7. Sexes did not differ significantly in pass rates or Failure point. Nearly as many males (182) were entered as females (199).
8. Age was not a significant factor in Pass rate or Failure point.
9. Pass rates increased somewhat from 2000 to 2007. Failure point did not change significantly from year to year. Pass rates were somewhat higher in the Spring compared with the Fall, while Failure point was slightly later in the Fall than in the Spring.
10. Ontario had the most tests (345 tracks), followed by BC (135), NB (88), Saskatchewan (45) and Quebec (14). Pass rates were not significantly different among provinces, although Failure point was.
11. Sixteen clubs ran tests: NTTA ran the most tracks (123), followed by CCTC (92), Forbidden Plateau (53), Kennebecasis (52), Wascana (47), Thunder Bay (46) GSDCL (43), River Valley (36) and GRCBC (26), and others with <20 per club. There were differences among clubs for both Pass rate and Failure point.
12. Twenty judges were represented in the data set. Marie Babin was the busiest, judging 142 dogs, followed by Jane Book (85), Terry Smith (61), J. Wilhelm (50), J. McLeod (41), E. Kunzel (37), D. Nicholl (34), G. Roe (27), H. MacLeod (24) and D. Sanders (20), and others with <20 per judge. Pass rates differed among the judges, but Failure point did not.
13. Province, club and judge effects were partly confounded in the data set, such that one factor partly corrects for the others. Hence, they cannot be separated into "pure" effects.
14. Slightly more dogs passed when conditions were partly cloudy or foggy, compared with sunny or overcast, although these differences were not statistically significant.
15. Slightly more dogs passed when air temperatures were "moderate" compared with "cold", "cool" or "warm", although these differences were not significant.
16. Wind speed was inversely related to pass rate, such that more dogs passed at lower wind speeds than at high wind speeds.
17. Moist, humid or foggy conditions produced higher pass rates than dry or extremely wet conditions.
18. More dogs (officially) failed at a turn (124) compared with on a leg (60), at the start (26) on a crosstrack (13) or at the article (8).
19. Run order did not significantly affect pass rate or failure point.
20. Due to the limited nature of the data, all factors could not be included together at the same time. Overall, test level, group, judge, year and season accounted for only about one-fifth of the differences in pass rate. Other factors tested (size, sex age, run order and weather parameters) may account for no more than an additional one-fifth of differences in pass rate. Therefore, more than half of the differences in pass rates that are due to unknown factors such as individual dog differences, handler differences, unknown random track variations, etc.

## NAMBR Nov 18th, 2007

The sixth NAMBR tracking test was held in Bowmanville, Ontario. The weather was perfect, a little cool, but sunny.

Aside from the local (more or less) participants, we were happy to welcome Liane and Danielle from the Ottawa area.

It looks like we are going to be offering a few TDX's next year!

A huge thank you to our judge, Marie P. Babin, track layers Eileen Fisher, Maryke Warwick, Candy Rennie, Pamela Burns, Cynthia Thomas, equipment manager Frank Downs, and Bev Wiggans for providing space for lunch.

Usually, this report would provide a description of each dogs' effort on their track, but it seems participant Bev Fox has a talent for words, and she penned the following poem, which I think captures the event perfectly!

### **T'was the Night Before the NAMBR Tracking Tests by Bev Fox**

Twas the night before the NAMBR tracking tests  
And all through the fields not a creature was stirring, fast asleep in their nests

Tracking harnesses were all hung by the doors with great care  
In hopes of finding a glove on the tracks way out there

The dogs were all nestled snug in their owners' beds  
While visions of field mice danced in their heads

Meanwhile the handlers were tossing and turning  
With dreams of whistles that were quite concerning

Marie, Frank, Sue, Eileen, Pam, Candy, Cynthia and Maryke were flat on their backs  
Exhausted after a day of laying out tracks

Suddenly out in the fields the nightlife was roused  
Creating nasty cross tracks as they all caroused

Too soon it was dawn and the handlers rose in a flash  
To check the conditions as they threw up the sash

Clear, cool and calm with a heavy frost on the ground  
Much to the relief of those who were track bound

No time for brekkie they packed with a clatter  
And jumped in their cars, there was no time for chatter

They came from the north, south, east and out west  
Both helpers and handlers to put the dogs to the test

The tracklayers headed out to walk the tracks so they might age  
While the handlers gathered at Coffee Time to draw tracks to mark on the page

A number of questions and then it was time  
And in front of the washroom there grew a great line

Then we all headed out to the fields for track number one  
With knots in our stomachs – we paid for this fun?

A Border, a Sheltie, a Jack, an Eskie, a Beauceron and of course some mutts  
Each in turn guided their handlers through the fields and ruts

Now Sarek, now Holly, now Zena, now Score, now Max and Abby!  
On Maggie, on Wiley, on Emma and Puck – none were too shabby!

Not all were successful in their ultimate quest  
But in the end they had all done their best

A gathering and feast afterwards for the handlers and crew  
A review of the tracks by Judge Marie and the camaraderie grew

Four new TD's were earned to be added to each dogs' name  
The dogs didn't care, to them it was all just another game

A GREAT BIG thanks to those who gave of their time  
So that dogs and handlers could take a shot at a moment to shine

So gather your flags, get out and practice a track  
And join us next year as we give it another crack

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There were 9 TD and 1 TDX entered. We had 4 TD's Pass. The TDX did not pass.

1 Sarek ADC RPT TD Border Collie 4 yr old . Owned by Liane Smail of Ottawa Ont.

2 N-OTCH, VATCHC, UCD, "Zena" Am.CD, CGC, RXMCL, RN, CL-1, SMJDC, VMADC, VMSDC, VMGDC, VMSCDC, TD . Rottweiler 8 yr old female Owned by Kim Oatway of St Catharine Ont.

3 "Abby Du Murier De Sordeille HIC TD" A Beauceron 2 yr old female. Owned by Susan Dubois of Oshawa Ont.

4 N-OTCH, ATCHC, "Wiley" AAD, RXMCL, FMX, HIC, CGC. Terrier Mix who is 14 years and 3 months Male !  
Owned by Bev Fox of Campbellville Ont.



Judge; Marie-P Babin



Club member Susan Dubois with "Abby" her Beauceron  
earning her NAMBR -TD !

- 1 400 metres 450 metres
- 2 1/2 hr. 2 hrs
- 3 4" X 6"
- 4 5
- 5 1 minute
- 6 900 metres 1000 metres
- 7 3 hours 5 hours
- 8 5 turns 8 turns
- 9 250 metres
- 10 1 hour
- 11 300 metres 400 metres
- 12 Wood, fabric & plastic
- 13 Metal
- 14 30 metres
- 15 5 metres
- 16 2/3
- 17 2
- 18 100 metres
- 19 25 metres
- 20 5 turns 7 turns

Be honest....how many answers did you look up ???

### Tracking Test Dates for 2008

May 11, 2008  
TD/ UTD Tracking test

Oct.12, 2008  
TD/ UTD Tracking test

Nov. 9, 2008  
TDX Tracking test

**Happy Holidays  
To All  
From The Executives Of CCTC**

# CCTC Christmas Party and AGM



Dexter happy to have his couch back after the party