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CCTC Urban Test



The other UTDX dogs were;
A Basset Hound male who went off the track near the 3rd corner after doing a super job in a large parking lot and had the first article.
A German Shepherd Dog male who went a bit past the second corner and missed the first article on the third leg then did a really nice track !
An English Cocker male who got the first article but went off track at the second corner.

Thanks to all our devoted tracklayers for making the test run smoothly as usual.
UTD , Anne Passafiume,
Wendy Downing, UTDX ,
Candy Rennie, Jackie Me-harg, Joseph Weir & Maryke Warwick.

Yours truly, Judge of the day,
Marie-P Babin

Easter Sunday April 24th 2011 was Cross Country Tracking Club's UTD & X test. We had 2 UTD entries and 4 UTDX entries.
Held in Whitby Ontario.

A New UTD.

CH. Castlegar JG , TDX WC RN CGN UTD. A Black Labrador Retriever female (4 yrs. old) "Jersey"
Owned by (Club Member) Candy Rennie of Scarborough On.
Articles, fabric & leather.

The other UTD was a Basset Hound that went off the track at the first corner and when brought back did an amazing track.

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**A New UTDX & TRACKING CHAMPION !!!!!!!**  
**TCH. Carmspack Trust CD RN**  
German Shepherd Dog female (9 yrs. old) "Trust"  
Owned by Susan Coutts  
(Club Member) of Powassan On.  
Articles, fabric, wood & leather.



## CCTC TD Test May 8, 2011



In Bowmanville under sunny skies CCTC had a nine dog Tracking Dog Test.

Our Judge today was W Orrin Eldred 11 from Honor Michigan USA.

We had a great time at dinner Friday night at Montana's where several of our Club members came to meet Orrin and share tracking stories .

Saturday the tracklayers met with him to get the test ready for Sunday then to lunch .

Today we all met at the HQ for the draw at 8:30 and the first dog was on the track at 9:00

Temperature was about 15-16 degrees. Light wind.

Thank you to all our dedicated tracklayers ; Maryke Warwick, Candy Rennie, Susan Coutts, Kathleen Dahmer & Tascha Gagnon. Also to all our Club members who brought food for the pot luck and to Bev Wiggans for the HQ space.

Out of nine dogs, four passed. Congratulations to them all. Some of the others came very close to a pass.

1- On track # 2 was Vizsla ( 2 yr. old female) owned by Laura & Tom Wright & Linda Pruitt of Puslinch On.(Handled by Laura) "Club Member"

CH. Sansouci's Gem North Of Forty-Nine FDJ TD

2- On track 3 was a Labrador Retriever (Yellow 5 yr. old female) owned by Marie-P Babin of Ajax On. (That's my girl ;o) "Club Member"

CH. Autumwynd Frankie Starlite CDX RE CGN TD

3- On track # 4 was a Std. Wire Haired Dachshund (2 yr. old male) owned by Eileen Fisher of Markham On."Club Member"  
Usonia's Devilish Michabou RN TD

4- On track # 6 was a Golden Retriever (3 yr. old male) owned by Don Munro of Ajax On.

CH. OTCH. Animations' A Matter Of Fact MH WCX AGX TD

The other breeds were; Parson Russell Terrier, Bedlington Terrier, English Springer, Doberman Pinscher and an English Cocker Spaniel.

Good Luck to them all in the fall where I'm sure they'll do well.

Marie-P Babin  
(Club Pres.)

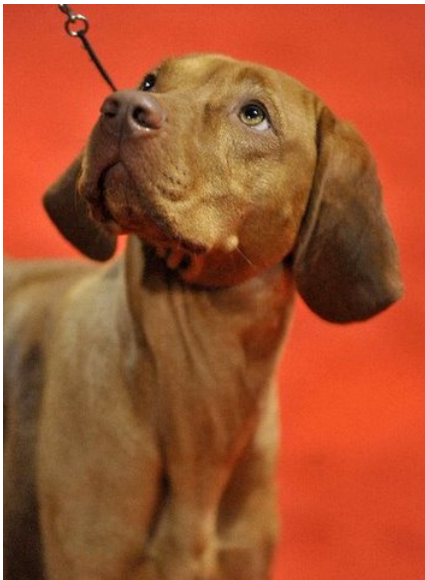
## CCTC Members' Brags...



**CH. SR. Autumwynd Harvest Knight CDX WCI JH RE**  
"Brogan" earned his **CDX** Jan. 2011  
Owned by Maryke Warwick



**CH TCH OTCH Pinebank's One Of A Kind**  
**WCX MH RE TDX UTDX AGXS AGXJS AM. TD**  
"Solo" earned her **Master Hunter** title  
Owned by Laura McKay



**BPIG. CH. Sansouci's Gem North Of Forty-Nine**  
**FDJ, NAVHDA NA Pz I**  
"Emma" earned her **Championship** March. 5, 2011  
Owned by Laura Wright



## More CCTC Members' Brags...



**Beaushiloh Let It Be Romeo MH RE CD SGDC AADC & AGDC**

“Romeo” earned his SGDC, RE & his CD in Feb. and March 2011.  
(AAC) AADC & AGDC

Owned by Pauline Norman



**C'Harbr Dancing By The Sea CGN**  
“Charlston” earned his CGN March. 2011  
Owned by Anne Passafiume



**CH. Sansouci's Gem North Of Forty-Nine FDJ TD**  
“Emma” earned her CKC TD on May 8, 2011  
Owned by Laura Wright.

## More CCTC Members' Brags ...



**Usonia's Devilish Michabou RN TD**  
"Mich" earned his CKC TD on May 8, 2011.  
Owned by Eileen Fisher.



**CH. Autumwynd Frankie Starlite CDX RE CGN TD**  
"Frankie" earned her CKC TD on May 8, 2011.  
Owned by Marie-P Babin



**CH. Castlegar JG , TDX WC RN CGN UTD**  
"Jersey" earned her CKC UTD on April 24, 2011.  
Owned by Candy Rennie



**NEW TRACKING CHAMPION !!!!!!!**  
**TCH. Carmspack Trust CD RN**  
"Trust" earned her CKC UTDX on April 24, 2011.  
Owned by Susan Coutts .  
Susan is the first to earn a "Tracking Championship"  
as CCTC member.

## New Little Trackers.....



**Castlegar Miss Behaving**  
**“Abby”**  
Born Nov. 24, 2010  
Owned by Candy Rennie



**Victory’s High Speed Connection**  
**"Router"**  
Born Jan. 12, 2011  
Owned by Susan Skolnick



**“Bertha”**  
12 weeks old from Gin Dic’s Bassets  
Owned by Linda Gonzalez

## CCTC Members' Brags ....



Sky & Tyler

**CH, OTCH, ATChC, C-ATCH, VTCH, VCX, UR-03 & U-UD Autumngold Dawson's Creek Am. CD, CRNMCL, CRAMCL, CRXMCL, CRAT, RA, Am. RN, AGX, AGXJ, NAC, NJC, NT, OAC, O-OGC, NA, NAJ, JS-N, RV-N, RG-N, MSCDC, Silver Award of Merit, ExSTB, ExGB, ExSCB, ExTRB, ExJB, ExSNB, ExGS, ExSCS, ExSTS, VBA, HSA-sd, CKC HA, HRDII-s, HTDI-d, HTDII-s, HTADI-d, HTADIII-s, ATD-d, OTD-s, OTD-c, FMX, CGC, CGN**

“Tyler” earned his Rally Level 3 title (UR-03) and his Obedience UD title (U-UD)

He is now officially retired from all Obedience trials.

**CH. U-CD, UR-02, Jubilee Dark Side of the Moon CD, ADC, AGDC, JS-N, RA, CRNMCL, CRAMCL, CRXMCL, AGI, AGIJ, FDX, AKC HT, HCT-s, CKC HI, STD-s, OTD-d**

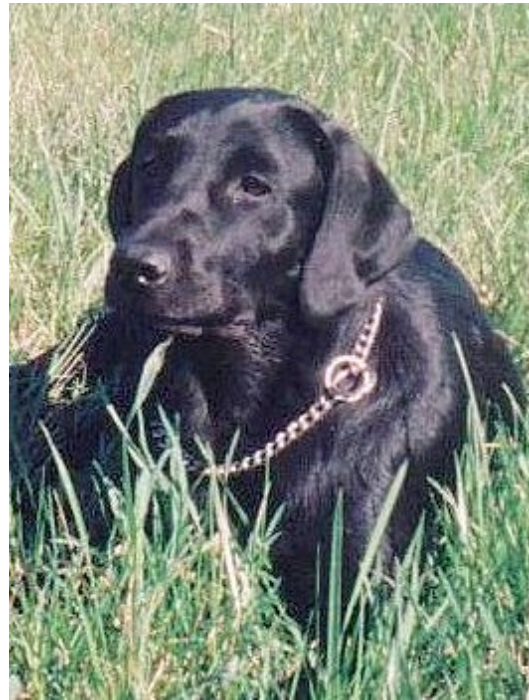
“Sky” earned his Rally Level 1 (UR-01) Level 2 title (UR-02) & his obedience CD title U-CD  
Both owned by Sharon Palmer

## Gone But Not Forgotten.....

**Garshangan' Salem TD CD RN CGN N- CD  
"Salem"**

Sept 22, 2001 - Jan. 3, 2011

Will be missed by Candy Rennie



**Stelmo's Bona Dea TD RN**

**"Dea" Hovawart**

April 8, 2002 – January 30, 2011

Will be missed by Mirikka Koivusalo

**"Rambo"**

**OTCH Crosspoint Knock M Out Rambo  
VAADC RN Am. UD**

Mar. 8, 1996 -- June 18, 2011

Will be missed by Marg Hacking & Ricki Abrams





## Gone But Not Forgotten.....



**CH OTCHX TCH PINEBANK'S ONE OF A KIND WCX MH TDX UTDX RE AGXS AGXJS Am. TD**  
May 27, 2003 – April 25, 2011

Solo had a take-no-prisoners attitude in a china doll body. She packed a lot into her too-short life and put her heart and soul into everything I asked her to do. She taught me amazing things and together we had a fantastic ride. She was loved and is greatly missed by owner/handler/trainer Laura McKay, family Larry and Luke Schaeffer, Lab family Henry and Tenor, and breeder Susie Bell. She my soul mate and was truly 'one of a kind'. She never will be forgotten.



## Gone But Not Forgotten.....

### **“Jess”**

Coming to us when she was over nine years old from a backyard breeder and changing into a pet therapy dog (for six years), assisting in my puppy classes putting the unruly and large dogs in their place, getting her PEN and earning a CKC Rally Novice at 13 yr. old and on to tracking and a TD just short of 15 yrs. of age.

Jess gave a lot of love to so many old people for a long time. Jess loved winter and loved the snow.

A big loss of a little dog, miss her so much.

Susan Coutts.



### **Keepers' Jess RN TD Therapy Dog**

Oct. 27, 1994 - Dec. 27, 2010

**“Jess”** Shetland Sheepdog

Will be dearly missed by Susan and David Coutts



### **OTCH Albaran's Whimsical Lucy AGN RA St. John's Therapy Dog with over 600 visits**

**“Lucy”**

March. 1997-April 2011

Will be missed & will always be remembered  
by Wendy Downing

## A LONG ROAD TO A TRACKING CHAMPION TITLE!

Remembering back to the weekend in 2004, that Trust and I attended the seminar with John and Darlene Barnard...hosted by CCTC as the introduction of Urban Tracking in Canada for CKC acceptance.

It was a whole new concept at that time and most thought it would be a great addition to CKC Tracking. Instead of finishing a dog off in tracking after a TD and a TDX, there would be two more title options, UTD and UTDX, plus, dogs earning all four titles would be known as Tracking Champions. Pretty exciting when tracking is the dog activity you love the most!

Little did we know the extreme amount of time and work that would be involved. Finding suitable locations was not 'as easy' as it sounded. The 'right combinations' of grass and hard surfaces and not being hemmed in by fences was a challenge. I probably spent much more time finding different and challenging locations as I did planning track layouts, especially for the UTDX training.

Like many of our dogs at that time, used to tracking only on vegetated surfaces, any hard surfaces presented problems. Trust would try to cross the hard surface to 'get over to the grass'. I think I must have changed my mind about urban training at least five times. At first, Trust did not seem to enjoy it, but of course, it was new to me also. We learned together as we went. And her attitude changed as we progressed. She began to enjoy it.

There was not a lot of information or reading material available at this time, much like when I originally began tracking with Spook. Learning how scent "travels", swirls around buildings, gets sucked into loading docks, etc., I know now, I would never go the same route again; if I was starting a new dog, we would combine all types of surface tracking from the start, so there would never be such a huge 'change' for the dog. I've often said, half jokingly, that Trust would sometimes stand and watch the clouds change shape while on hard surface. However, I now know that some 'thinking' working dogs will stop to figure out scent direction and pooling. At these times, she would suddenly always go back on the track as if she knew all along exactly where it was.

We spent nearly two years after her TDX to work towards the UTD title. She passed on her third attempt, in Ottawa, with Marie Babin judging.

We had gone past her first article - I must have almost walked on it - made the MOT turn on asphalt and were headed into a grassy area. I knew we must have missed the article as we had already gone so far. Trust stopped, turned around and began to (more or less) retrace our route. I was worried! We went quite a ways back, she circled around one area, and went for the article. Yay! She then had to continue on again, we ended up where she had previously stopped, but this time she steadily moved on through and took us to her final article. I remember yelling and hugging her; we were sort of hidden from view at that point, so no-one could see that we found it. What a thrill that was! What made her turn and go back, I do not know. She seemed to know something was 'still there' and she hadn't found it. You certainly cannot 'make' the dog go back.

And then the real work began, training towards the UTDX and another two years of work. When I say 'years', where we live, we really only have seven months (if lucky) available without snow covering hard surfaces. And when you're at this level in training, most dogs do best not training more often than once a week. (This is my opinion only, from my own experience.) You want the dog to remain keen and motivated to track and most of our dogs are not 'working for a living'. I've often watched a true footstep tracking dog and wished for that. But you always must remember, you work with what you have and sometimes the challenge makes it all that much more rewarding. I know I learned so much from this training, I learned so much from Trust, and it will help me with my other dogs. You can wish and hope all you want with any tracking dog, how it works, how clear her/his indication may or may not be at turns, but in the end, you must learn to read and understand how your own dog works and go with that. Urban work is hard. It's that simple. And every dog works differently.

Training for UTDX takes a LOT of thought and planning to find proper locations, often a lot of driving to do so. Aging is another issue, as test tracks are aged from three to five hours, so your training must reflect this as well.

Things 'happen' in urban situations, and in tests, when you lay a track, leave it for three or more hours; articles disappear, people and dogs appear. Sometimes you never know what might have happened to change things and perhaps cause problems for your dog on the track.

As I lay almost all my own tracks (this CAN be done when you work almost entirely on your own) I've come across some interesting, and often very amusing 'events' on my tracks.

There are often people wanting to stop and talk about what you're doing, or wanting their dog to meet your dog. Cars parking over your track or article is common; articles being sucked up by cleaning machines, people picking them up thinking someone lost a glove, plastic in a park being run over and smashed by a work crew.

Best one ever for us...a fire dept. conducting a training recruit session...while aging, they had trucks parked, set up a portable pool, teaching recruits how to handle the high powered hoses...meanwhile all over three legs in parking lot, two corners, and one article. When we approached this situation, I was going to call it off, toss out my spare article for Trust and lament another track being ruined. I decided to 'see' what she did. I was totally amazed, still am, that she actually did the track, was accurate, and how she possibly could have worked this track having being 'washed away' is still beyond my comprehension. Trust loves to meet people. So WE had a nice time visiting with all the men in uniform after she completed this track!!!

In one UTDX track that she was so close to passing but was stymied by groundhogs with babies (not evident when it was plotted or laid), we had ladies walking out over our track and on our first corner walking towards us. She greeted them, I said what we were doing, and on we went. Apparently the 'gallery' was having a fit, but Trust was fine with this. Her track ended with three little kids on bikes who had picked up her last article, and waited for us. They all fussed over her and that was a huge reward for her completion of that track. (The groundhogs had been at the second corner - her track after this was perfect, of course!)

The point of this, is that if you are training for urban tracks, you must include every possible thing you can think of, or are able to set up, in case it happens on your test day...you just never know. You need to work in every possible weather situation as well. We were only able to practice six times before the test in April, however she was ready and had peaked last fall. I had planned and plotted these tracks, and friend, Tascha, laid four of them. Trust had worked so well and was so enthusiastic on each of them, every one in different weather conditions. I felt very confident heading into this test and only wanted her to work as well and happily in the test.

Trusts' passing UTDX track was a really nice track and Trust WAS happy and enthused from the start. She actually had two MOT corners on this track in a large parking area. I had forgotten as we worked it, there had been a man parked beside what turned out to be our last leg, and he was collecting rocks from the garden beside the building along our last leg. All thought of him was gone by the time we reached this area, it was 'feeling' good!

I truly believe she and I passed this confidence to each other during the test. (And as Orrin would say, that made the difference!)

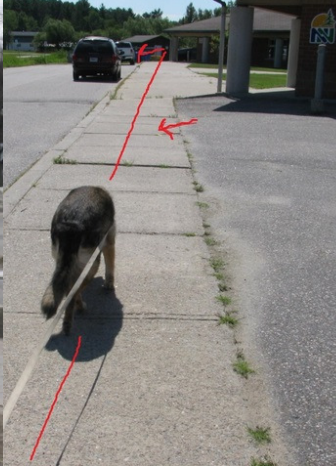
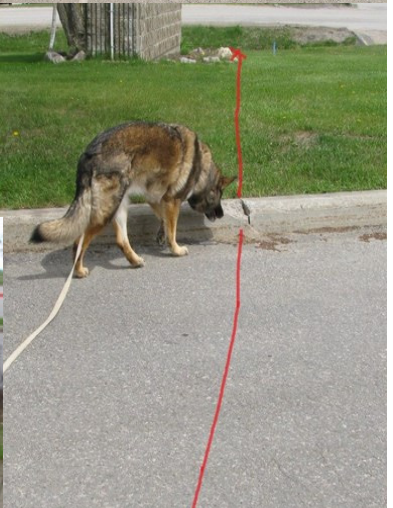
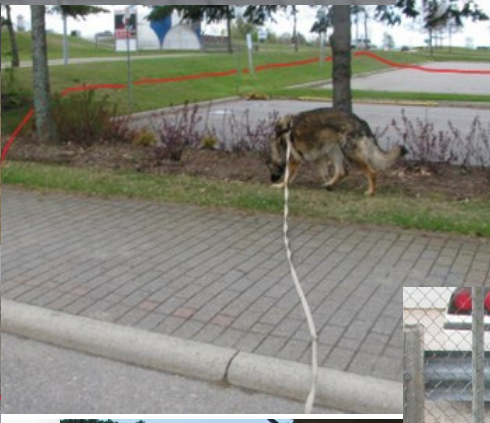
With much thanks to judge, Marie-P Babin, tracklayer, Joseph Weir, CCTC, and Tascha Gagnon, our 'support staff', and David who helps make our trips possible!

Susan Coutts and (I LOVE this dog!!!)

**TCh Carmspack Trust CD RN (and Therapy Dog, HIT, RNCL - CARO) Age 9**

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## The Nose Knows

### Canine scents and sensibilities

Tracking is a sport; the tracking dog test demonstrates the dog's ability to follow a trail and find a dropped object. A tracking dog can rest on his laurels or go on to train for Tracking Dog Excellent, a more difficult trial to prove his natural scenting skill.

Tracking is also a serious business for working dogs. Canine noses ferret out drugs, bombs, fire accelerants, and contraband; escaped criminals; lost children; and victims of disasters. They work at airports, military installations, police departments, fire departments, immigration points, and in search and rescue teams.

The canine nose is an awesome organ, perhaps a million times more sensitive than the human nose. Fido's nose can discern the presence of a friend or foe, find a submerged dead body, sniff out a bomb or drug cache, and locate objects bearing the scent of a particular person. L. Wilson Davis, writer, trainer, and one-time AKC tracking consultant, described the incredible depth and breadth of a dog's sense of smell in his book *Go Find! Training Your Dog to Track*:

*“If a skunk sprays your rose bush, you will be unable to smell the roses. If the assumption that the dog's sense of smell is simply keener than ours is correct, certainly the odor of skunk would obliterate any other odor even more for him than it does for you. This is not true. Tests have been made with skunk odor and it has been proven that a dog trained in scent work is capable of correctly designating a particular article among a number of articles, all of which have been sprayed by a skunk.”*

The source of this incredible ability is a nasal cavity rich with blood vessels and nerve endings that connect to a highly developed olfactory center in the brain. This combination allows Fido to gather information from minute particles of scent and to translate it into action.

Odor can travel depending on climate, weather conditions, and terrain; but Fido's keen sense of smell is seldom fooled. Whether following the odor of crushed grass mingled with prey scent or seeking the telltale odor of contraband or a dead body, the dog's nose leads him to his quarry.

It hardly seems possible that the leathery patch at the end of a dog's muzzle could be such an important communication device, yet it is with his nose that Fido becomes acquainted with his surroundings. It is also his nose that makes him useful as a hunter, tracker, police dog, military dog, search and rescue dog — and a fascinating family pet.



## More CCTC Members' Brags.....



### “Tory” & “Murphy”

Tory earned his SHR (Started Hunting Retriever) May 2011. **SHR Gowrielea's Notorious WC CD RN JH**

Murphy earned his SHR Sept. 2010 **SHR CH Gowrielea's Murphy WCI JH CDX RA TD VCI Am. WC**

Owned by Sandy Brodie

### “Trooper”

**Charis's Rush N Roulette CD CGN**

Earned his CD Oct.31, 2010

Owned by Ann Whan



## Upcoming Events;

CCTC is Hosting a Tracking Seminar July 16, 2011 in Bowmanville. The flyer is included with the Newsletter. If you know anyone who would like to participate, pass it on. We will also need extra Club members to help walk some of the short beginner tracks. Please let us know if you are able to come out and help.

There will also be a Tracking Seminar held in Owen Sound on Monday Aug. 1,2011, will be held by Grey-Bruce Kennel & Obedience Club Inc. The day before the Conformation Shows.



## Terminology Glossary of Tracking Terms

**This glossary was compiled using definitions found in the references in tracking books.**

**AIR SCENT** : The airborne scent left by a person, animal or object. (Is also used as a verb when the dog attempts to follow a track by locating the airborne scent left by the tracklayer.) (Barwig & Hilliard)

**ARTICLE** : An item left on the track by the tracklayer for the dog to find. (Barwig & Hilliard)

**BACKTRACK** : Retracing steps over a portion of the track that has already been completed. (Ganz & Boyd)

**BLIND TRACK** : Laid by another person and totally unknown to the handler. (Ganz & Boyd)

**BODY SCENT** : The unique aroma surrounding each individual. The scent a dog follows is a combination of "track scent" and "body scent." (Barwig & Hilliard)

**CAST** : Stray or wander off a track for more than 3' on either side. (Something the dog does.) (Ganz & Boyd)

**CERTIFICATION** : A written statement by an AKC tracking judge that a dog has satisfactorily completed a track equivalent to a TD tracking test. Such a document is required when entering an actual TD test. (AKC Tracking Regulations)

**COURSING** : Sweeping back and forth across the track in wide arcs. (Also called "quartering.") (Ganz & Boyd)

**COVER** : The type of vegetation covering the ground. Examples: short grass, hay, woods.

**COVER CHANGES** : Changes in vegetation that occur on a single track. (Ganz & Boyd)

**CROSS-TRACKS** : Diversionary tracks which intersect the primary track. In tracking tests, cross-tracks are laid deliberately to test the dog's ability to discriminate between the "right" scent and other scents. In training (and in tests) animals and people sometimes provide unplanned cross-tracks.

**DEEP NOSE** : The dog's characteristic in tracking whereby it takes full scent and tracks with its nose close to the ground. This is a desirable quality. (Barwig & Hilliard)

**DROP** : An article placed on the track to be located by the dog. Can also be a food drop (used in training). (Ganz & Boyd) **FH (Fahrtenhund)** : The most advanced tracking title awarded in the sport of Schutzhund. (Barwig & Hilliard)

**FOULED TRACK** : Compromised (or "polluted") by an unplanned scent. (Ganz & Boyd)

**FRINGE** : The immediate area on either side of the primary track. (Ganz & Boyd) **HIGH**

**NOSE** : The dog's characteristic in tracking whereby it tracks with its nose too high above the ground. A dog with high nose is using air scent as well as the track scent and will lose points during the tracking portion of the Schutzhund evaluation. (Barwig & Hilliard)

**INDICATION** : The change in the behavior of the dog that signals the handler to a loss of scent, a turn, an article, etc..

**LEG** : Segment of a track between the start and first turn or between subsequent turns. (Ganz & Boyd)

**NON-RESTRICTIVE HARNESS** : A harness that does not restrict the dog's shoulder movement. (Ganz & Boyd)



## Tracking Terms Con't

**OBSTACLE** : Obstruction or hindrance that interrupts dog's scenting. May be natural or man-made and dog and/or handler may have to go around, over or through it. (Ganz & Boyd)

**PLOT** : to lay out a track and/or make a map. (Ganz & Boyd)

**PRIMARY TRACK** : The track the dog is to follow. (Ganz & Boyd)

**QUARTERING** : See Coursing.

**SCUFFING** : Dragging of tracklayer's feet to leave a very concentrated scent. (Ganz & Boyd)

**STEPTRACKING** : Scenting from one footprint to another. Beneficial in finding articles, sorting out primary track from cross-tracks, and working older and/or longer tracks. (Ganz & Boyd)

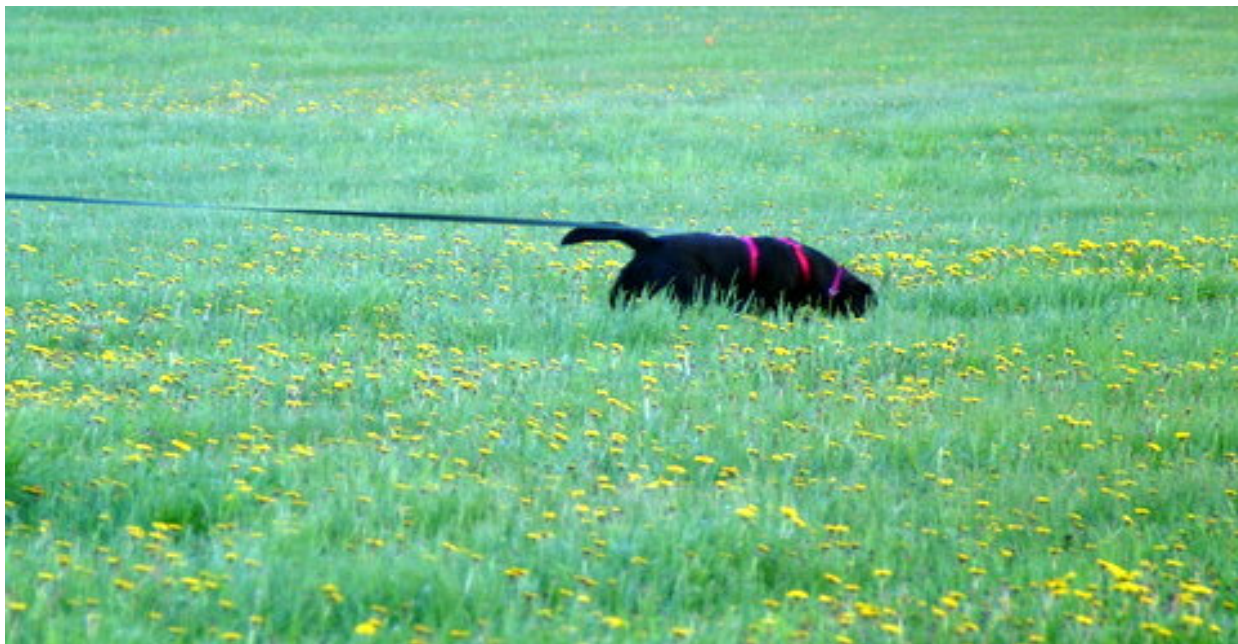
**TRACKING DOG** : The title awarded by the AKC to dogs which have successfully completed a TD track at a licensed tracking test. (AKC Tracking Regulations)

**TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT** : The title awarded by the AKC to dogs which have successfully completed a TDX track at a licensed tracking test. (AKC Tracking Regulations)

**TRACK SCENT** : The scent of the ground surface that has been disturbed by the tracklayer. The scent a dog follows is a combination of "track scent" and "body scent." (Barwig & Hilliard)

**VARIABLE SURFACE TRACKING** : A type of tracking, recently added to the AKC's tracking events, in which the dog follows human scent across a variety of surfaces on a single track. The title VST is awarded by the AKC to dogs which successfully complete a VST track at a licensed tracking test. (AKC Tracking Regulations)

**WHISTLE** : What the judge uses to indicate that a dog and handler have lost the track and failed a test. Glen Johnson describes the "chilling pain" of getting a whistle, but it's doubtful you'll need therapy.



A different kind of Whistle.  
Maryke's ELLIQUIN WHISTLIN' THRU "Whistle"