



**Spring 2004**

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## Michelle Visentin

On February 20 2004 the Club lost a wonderful lady and founding member. Michelle loved her Shelties and really enjoyed training in obedience. She has earned many High in Trials over the years and four Obedience Trial Champions. She also enjoyed tracking and earned a TDX on Tiffany and a TD on Cory. Michelle had started training Danny in Agility and had hoped to earn some agility titles.



Michelle and Jamie in 2002 earning an OTCH

**The November 9, 2003 TDX** test resulted in only one pass. It was a yellow Labrador named Henry owned by Laura McKay. He did a wonderful track from alfalfa into corn and back into alfalfa in a very hilly field. His cross track indications were great, a quick swing of the head and continued on forward. His article indications were a drop on the article.

**CCTC Christmas Party on December 12, 2003** was as enjoyable as always . It wasn't a large turn out as other years as we expected some bad weather that didn't really materialize. We had a nice surprise basket of fancy chocolates and cookies arrive by UPS delivery from one of our American members who couldn't come. It was enjoyed by all and sent by Kathleen Dahmer.

### **Urban Tracking Seminar with John Barnard and Darlene Ceretto- Barnard April 23-24 & 25, 2004.**

This will be really interesting as it's the first of its kind for Canada. As you've all received the flyer on this event, we hope to see a good turn out of CCTC members.

**Spring Tracking Test to be held on May 9, 2003.** This test will have TD and TDX on the same day. Our judge will be Terry Smith . As the weather is warming up a bit, it's time to get the harnesses and lunge lines out and start getting the dogs ready for a new tracking title this year. Since tracking tests are so limited for time and space, it's a good idea to enter some tests outside our own Club too. The German Shepherd Dog Club of London has great hay and alfalfa fields to pass a test in, and also NEWARK tracking and Associates in Fort Erie also has some super hay fields to pass in.

**Cullen Gardens & Miniature Village Festival of Lights on December 19, 2003** was our third visit there as a Club. Only a few members dared the cold to come for an hour walk through the most amazing miniature village all in lights. Then warmed up with some hot chocolate and enjoyable friendships.



### **KAVIK'S UNEXPECTED INTRODUCTION TO URBAN TRACKING**

As spring is nearly upon us, Kavik and I joined Mel, Marie and new member Candy at the McNicoll fields for a little tracking. We all laid our own tracks and the dogs had fun with all the exciting smells coming from the thawing ground. We finished our tracks and were ready to head off, (no not to Tim Horton's), to try some retrieving work with bumpers.

Suddenly Mel came forward with some balled up woolen gloves and announced that he was going to lay an urban track for Kavik. Off he went before I could raise any objections. He dropped the glove ball on some grass then crossed a path and disappeared between a Spademan dumpster and a large industrial building. He had told me to wait a while, then let Kavik track. I was a little concerned when he said that he was the "article" at the end of the track. I have been encouraging Kavik to down on the article and wondered if this might be too much for Mel!!!!

I might add at this point that the building was fully occupied with workers and there were cars parked all around. I was wondering if anyone had noticed this lone tracklayer traversing the perimeter of the building looking more than a tad suspicious.

Well the time had arrived.....I took Kavik to the glove ball and he downed on it with glee. Next article would be Mel. I let out the line and off he went around the building following Mel's track. I thought that if anyone had noticed Mel and then saw a German Shepherd Dog tracking him, we could be in for a police raid.

Kavik charged along just stopping once to leave a necessary mark of passage so to speak. I had no idea where Mel had gone and finally Kavik disappeared around a corner and dog and "article" were reunited.

Mel said that Kavik had an astonished look on his face when he rounded the corner and recognized him. He approached him and much to my disappointment, nudged him instead of flattening him.

So ended our first fun attempt at the art of urban tracking.

Of course after an experience like that we ended up at Tim Horton's. The "article" devouring 2 double chocolate donuts. See Susi, I still count them!!!!!!!!!!

Eileen and Kavik

## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

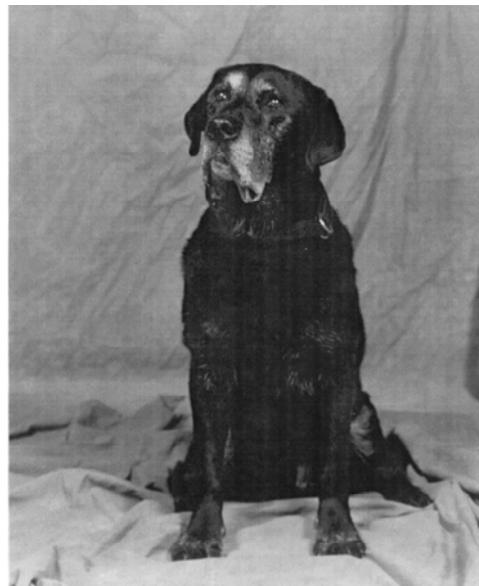
### Ch. Halocrest's Steel Magnolia CGC



**"Pudge"** was owned and loved by Julia Holt  
13 1/2 yrs old. Bullmastiff

### **"Dragon"**

was owned and loved by Victoria Vidal-Ribas  
May 1990 — July 2003



### CH Mariner Barqueiro CDX TD AGN ADC NA NJC BROM CGC St John Ambulance Therapy Dog



**"Bogart"** was owned and loved by Anne Passafiume  
Portuguese Water Dog  
Jan 4 1993 - Nov 1 2003

### OTCH Landmark's Causing Ruckus, WCI, JH, Am. UD, WCI, JH, CGC, U-CD, Therapy Dog.



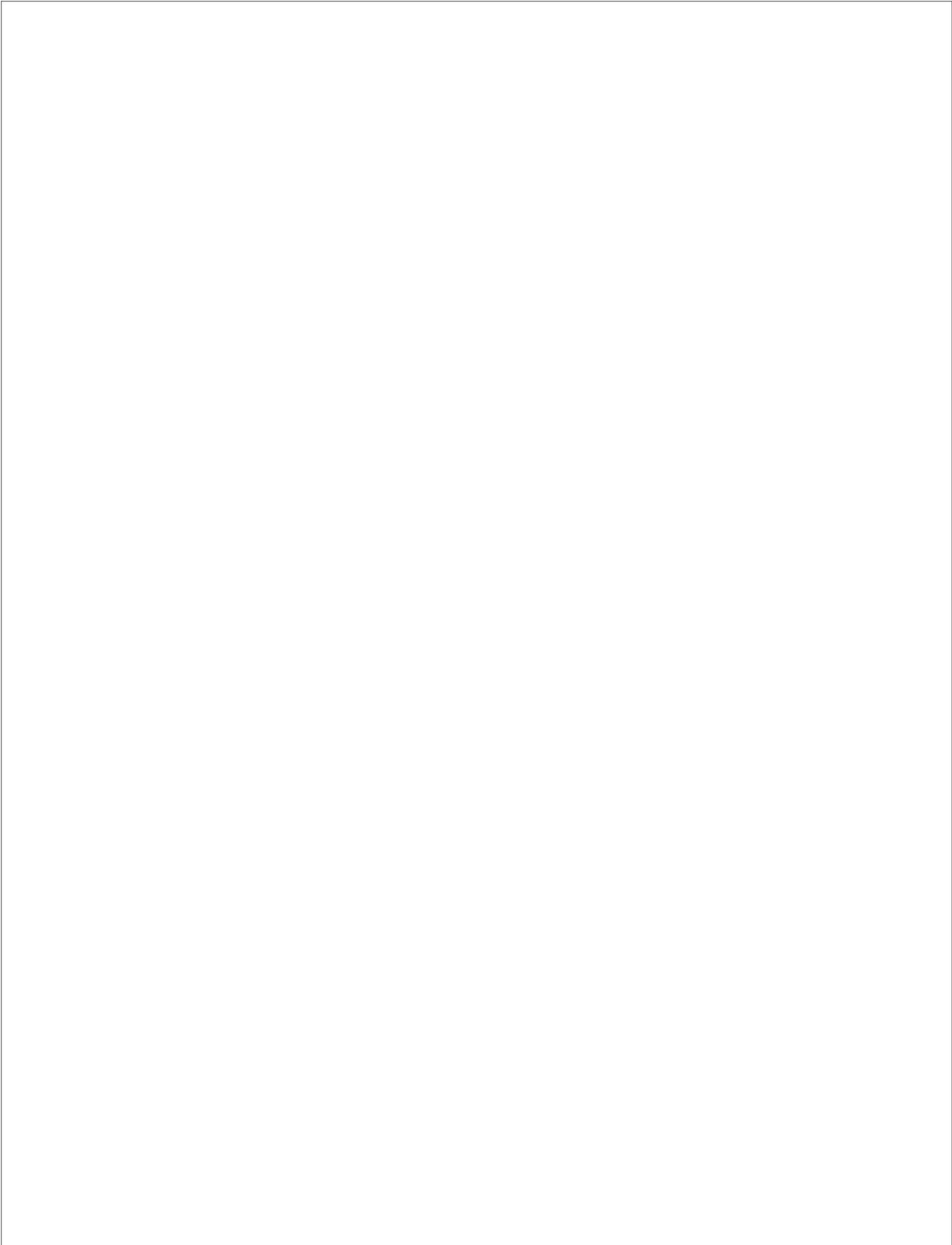
**"TU"** was owned and loved by Irene Mullan  
March 1991—January 2004  
Labrador Retriever

## Why Own Dogs?

There's a danger you know.  
You can't own just one,  
For the craving will grow.  
There's no doubt they're addictive  
Where in lies the danger  
While living with lots  
You'll grow poorer and stranger.  
One dog is no trouble  
And two are so funny.  
There third one is easy,  
The fourth one's a honey.  
The fifth is delightful,  
The sixth one's a breeze.  
You find you can live  
With a houseful of these.  
So how 'bout another?  
Would you really dare?  
They're really quite easy  
But, Oh Lord, the hair!  
With dogs on the sofa,  
And dogs on the bed,  
And crates in the kitchen  
It's no bother, you said.  
They're really no trouble  
Their manners are great.  
What's just one more dog?  
And one more little crate?  
The sofa is hairy  
The windows are crusty.  
The floor is all footprints  
The furniture is dusty.  
The housekeeping suffers  
But what do you care?  
Who minds a few nose prints?  
And a little more hair.  
There's hardly a limit  
To the dogs you can add  
The thought of a cutback  
Sure makes you feel bad.  
Each one is so special  
So useful, so funny.  
The food bill grows larger.  
You owe the vet money.

Your folks never visit  
Few friends come to stay.  
Except other dog folks  
Who live the same way.  
Your lawn has now died  
And your shrubs are dead too.  
But your weekends are busy  
You're off with your crew  
There's dog food and vitamins  
Training and shots.  
And entries and travel and  
Motels which cost lots.  
Is it worth it you wonder?  
Are you caught in a trap?  
Then that favourite comes up  
And climbs in your lap.  
His look says you're special  
And you know that you will  
Keep all the critters  
In spite of the bill.  
Some just for showing  
And some just to breed  
And some just for living  
They all fill a need.  
But winters are hassle  
The dogs hate it too.  
But they must have their walks  
Tho' they're numb and you're blue.  
Late evening is awful  
You scream and you shout  
At the dogs on the sofa  
Who refuse to go out.  
The dogs and the dog shows  
The travel , the thrills  
The works and the worry  
The pressure, the bills.  
The whole thing seems worth it  
The dogs are your life  
They're charming and funny  
And offset the strife.  
Your lifestyle has changed.  
Things just won't be the same.  
Yes those dogs are addictive  
And so's the dog game.

Author Unknown



**BRAGS;**

**Victory's Mackenzie CDX AGI SADC Am. CDX** , SWH Daxie owned by Eileen Fisher, finished her AGI and earned two legs on her AGX at the Royal Winter Fair Nov. 2003. Also finished her Am. CDX in Hamburg NY, Jan. 2004.

**Carmspack Kavik CD TD** , GSD owned by Eileen Fisher finished his CD in Dec. 2003.

**CH. OTCH Selamat's Rahontsi Quinn TD WC JH Am. CDX**, Lab.owned by Maryke Warwick earned his OTCH in Dec. 2003.

**CH. Castlegar Elliott CD WC JH TD Am.CD** Lab. Owned by Maryke Warwick ,finished his Am. CD in Hamburg NY Jan. 2004. He also received two Best of Breeds and a Group 4th at the Ont. Breeders Show , Feb. 2004.

**Castlegar Marlo At Autumwynd CD WC JH Am. CD**, owned by Marie-P.Babin, finished her Am.CD in Hamburg NY, Jan. 2004, & earned her 1st leg on her AGN, at the Royal Winter Fair in Nov. 2003, she also earned 5 points in Conformation towards her Can. Championship at the Orangeville Show March 2004.

**Autumngold Making Waves CD AGN**, Sheltie owned by Dorothy Phillips, finished her AGN at the Royal Winter fair Nov. 2003.

**Please send us your brags so we can add them to our Newsletter. We'd all like to hear about your accomplishments !**

**First Aid Kits for dogs in the field.**

just about anything you could possibly need to deal with any injury, from simple scrapes to wounds requiring stitches.

- Sturdy water resistant carrying case
- Lost dog tag
- First Aid book
- Hydrogen peroxide
- thermometer
- towels
- iodine pads
- saline solution
- Surgical scrub brush
- tourniquet
- 10cc syringe
- cold pack
- vetwrap
- eye wash
- scissors
- forceps
- iodine solution
- skin staple gun
- gauze pads
- alcohol prep pads
- styptic pencil
- hydrocortisone cream
- triple antibiotic ointment
- cotton swabs
- cotton balls
- pill gun
- vinyl gloves

**Cheese Cookies For Our Furry Friends**

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| 3 C      | Unbleached White Flour                            |
| 2 C      | Cheddar Cheese, shredded                          |
| 3 cloves | Garlic, minced                                    |
| 1/3 C    | Vegetable Oil                                     |
| 5 Tbsp   | Hot Water <u>OR</u> Chicken Broth (or a bit more) |

Mix all ingredients together. You may have to add more Water or Broth to reach desired consistency for rolling.

Roll out to desired shapes and bake at 400F for 10-15 minutes.

