

Summer 2010

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CCTC TD & TDX Test May 9, 2010



Test day was a cold and windy day !! Even saw a few snow flurries.

Sharon Smith was our judge and our track layers for TD were; Candy Rennie, Dorothy Phillips, Wendy Downing, Tracey Burns, Laura McKay, Norma King and for TDX were; Eileen Fisher and Marie-P Babin. Equipment was organized by Frank Downs.

Food was provided by Club members and HQ was at Bev Wiggans home. Thanks everyone !!

Out of the 7 TD 's 3 passed.

1- CH. Pinebank's Limited Edition WCX SH CDX RA TD (male 6 yrs next week) Labrador Retriever owned by **Susie Bell** of Puslinch On.

2- Tersha's Jubliant Juno TD (female 13 months) German Shepherd Dog owned by **Jack & Cariene Wilhelm** of Belwood On. Handled by Jack.

3- Gowan's Speed Trap TD (male 1 1/2 yrs) Golden Retriever owned by **Jeanne Barrett** of Hamilton On.

The other 4 were a Rottweiler, Bernese Mtn. Dog, Weimaraner & GSD.

There were 2 TDX and both passed.

1- TCH. Lots Of Chaos Von Narnia CD (female 5 yrs.in June) German Shepherd Dog owned by **Kim Cooper** of Orleans On. **NEW TRACKING CHAMPION !!!**

2- Danger De Loucyn TDX (female 2 yrs in June) Belgian Shepherd Dog (Malinois) also owned by **Kim Cooper** of Orleans On.

Kim Cooper couldn't stay for pictures.

Pictures taken at the Urban test and the TD TDX test

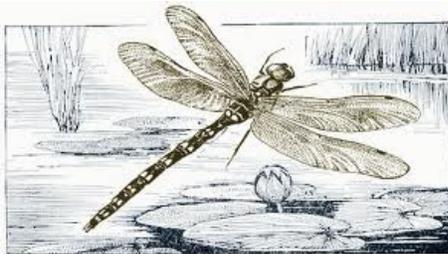


Sharon Ganton
May 25, 1944 - June 26, 2010



Sharon was a very supportive member of CCTC and always enjoyed coming out to our get togethers with her Dachshunds. We will miss her bright smile and words of encouragement .
Life partner to Susan Skolnick, both of whom have been members since 2007.

The Dragonfly Story



Once, in a little pond, in the muddy water under the lily pads, there lived a little water beetle in a community of water beetles. They lived a simple and comfortable life in the pond with few disturbances and interruptions.

Once in a while, sadness would come to the community when one of their fellow beetles would climb the stem of a lily pad and would never be seen again. They knew when this happened; their friend was dead, gone forever.

Then, one day, one little water beetle felt an irresistible urge to climb up that stem. However, she was determined that she would not leave forever. She would come back and tell her friends what she had found at the top.

When she reached the top and climbed out of the water onto the surface of the lily pad, she was so tired, and the sun felt so warm, that she decided she must take a nap. As she slept, her body changed and when she woke up, she had turned into a beautiful blue-tailed dragonfly with broad wings and a slender body designed for flying.

So, fly she did! And, as she soared she saw the beauty of a whole new world and a far superior way of life to what she had never known existed.

Then she remembered her beetle friends and how they were thinking by now she was dead. She wanted to go back to tell them, and explain to them that she was now more alive than she had ever been before. Her life had been fulfilled rather than ended.

But, her new body would not go down into the water. She could not get back to tell her friends the good news. Then she understood that their time would come, when they, too, would know what she now knew. So, she raised her wings and flew off into her joyous new life!

Author Unknown~

New Little Trackers



“Jazz”
Owned by Dorothy Phillips
Border Collie



Millview Gracie Lou
“Gracie”
is owned by Andrea Thomas
German Shepherd Dog



Carnaby A Wynter’s Tale
“Wynter”
is owned by Helena Tracz
English Cocker Spaniel



Elliquin Whistlin’ Thru
“Whistle”
Owned & Bred by Maryke Warwick
Labrador Retriever



Carbon vom Eichenluft
“Carbon”
Owned by Bev Wiggins
German Shepherd Dog

CCTC Members' Brags.....



Wintree's Mr Grumpy Gill

"Winston"

Earned his Championship Feb. 2010
At Ontario Breeders Association Show

Owned by Wendy Downing



**CH. SR Autumwynd Midnite N Jorja CDX TD
WC JH RE CGN**

"Jorja"

Earned her CGN April 2010
Owned by Marie-P Babin



**CH.OTCH.SR. Castlegar Marlo At Autumwynd
TD WC JH RE CGN**

"Marlo"

Earned her OTCH Feb. 2010 at the LOC Trial.
Owned by Marie-P Babin

More CCTC Members' Brags..



**Thistledoon Tu Hot Fur Me Can/Am. CD, WC
"Ouch"**

Earned his CD
Owned by Irene Mullan

**MOTCh Goldencol Moonlight Serenade WC, JH, RE Am. UD
"Sera"**

Earned her OTCHX , MOTCH, RN,RA,RE, Am UD
Owned by Irene Mullan

**CH. Jubilee Dark Side Of The Moon CD, HT,
HCT-s CKC HS, STD-D, STD-s ,HI
"Sky"**

Earned his AG.N & AG.NJ he finished his RN
OTD-d & his HI.

Sky qualified for the first ever Herding
Championship
by placing 8th overall in Canada.

**CH., OTCH, VTCH, ATChC, C-ATCH & U-CDX
AUTUMNGOLD DAWSON'S CREEK
VCX, Am. CD, HA, HSA-s, HTADI-d, HTADIII-s,
HTDI-d,
HTDII-s, HRDII-s, RXMCL, RN, AG.X, AG.IJ,
OAC, O-OGC, NJC, NT, NA, NAJ, NV-S, JS-N,
MSCDC,
BRONZE AWARD OF MERIT, FM, CGC, CGN
"Tyler"**

Earned his ATD-s Advanced trial dog sheep and
OTD-C with cattle.

Both owned by Sharon Palmer



More CCTC's Members' Brags.....



Jaymar Remember the Roses PCD N-CD AGNS

“Rosie”

Earned her NAMBR CD & her AGNS
Owned by Ricki Abrams & handled by Marg Hacking
In Agility & by Ricki in Obedience.



OTCH Bluechip The Great Houdini VAGI VAGXJ

“Rocky”

Earned his VAGXJ
Owned by Marg Hacking



Utility Article Party

“Dexter”

Ch. Victory's Bean With The Devil CD TD RE AGI AGLJ
No.1 Std.Wire Haired Dachshund for the year 2009,
No. 5 Hound.
Owned by Eileen Fisher.

“Ace”

CH., OTCHX., AGMCH., Carnaby Ace Ventura TDX
No. 1 English cocker spaniel for the year 2009
Owned by Helena Tracz.

And More CCTC Members' Brags.....



Ch Beadog Dandylion At Elliquin CDX WC RE "Layla"

Won both Working Classes at the EOLBA Specialties
& won 3 BOB's and 1 BOS at the Grey Bruce Shows.

Owned by Maryke Warwick



Gowrielea's Notorious CD,RN,WC,JH "Tory"

Earned his JH June 2010

Owned by Sandy Brodie

"Poppy", "Stream" and Pamela

At the finish line of the 1st Millbrook Lions Club walk for Guide Dogs. Poppy and Streak helped to raise \$186 of the \$1,500 for the Purina Guide Dog Program. Poppy and Streak sniffed out every treat along the 5 K walk in typical tracking dog style!

FC Popagana von Lowenherz TD, JE, CD
FC Streak von Lowenherz TD, SE, CD

Owned by Pamela Burns

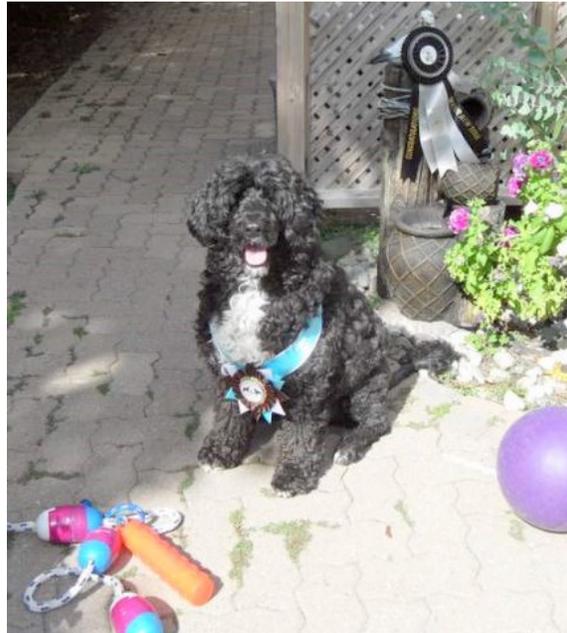


More CCTC Brags.....



Jaymar Kodi Chrome at Luvits CDX AGN AGNJ
“Kodi”

He earned his AGN & AGNJ
Owned by Ricki Abrams



CH Kewbeach Dancing up a Storm, CDX, AGNV,
AGNJ, RE, RX, WWD

“Samba”

AGNV (Agility Novice Veteran) from the CKC in
June and WWD (Working Water Dog) from the
PWDCC at the Specialty in August.
Owned by Anne Passafiume



Grand Gables Heroic Promise CD FDCH-G
“Zack”

Flyball Dog Champion-Gold FDCH-G
Owned by Dorothy Phillips



Eyespy A Buddy
“Turbo”

Earned his CGN
Owned by Dorothy Phillips

More CCTC Member's Brags



Carmspack Keeper TD

“Blast” earned his TD Sept 6th at the Sudbury Tracking Test

Owned by Susan Coutts

UTD & UTDX Test April 18, 2010

Sorry to report that we had no passes. Although some were excellent trackers , they just didn't do it today... :o(The weather was, sunny, strong wind & 7-9 degrees.

In the UTD we had a Labrador Retriever, a German Shepherd Dog and a Shetland Sheepdog
In UTDX, we had a Labrador Retriever and two German Shepherd Dogs..

Thanks goes to our hard working tracklayers; Eileen Fisher, Maryke Warwick, Candy Rennie, Joseph Weir, Sue Godbehere & Laura McKay.
Judge Marie-P Babin

Tracking Test Statistics

By Laura McKay

I have been compiling statistics from the results published on-line by the CKC. These results are only available from Sep. 2005 onward, but I have also kept track of the results posted to this chat group, which hopefully covers the period from Jan 1, 2005 to Sept. 2005 reasonably completely. Based on those results for all tracking tests held from Jan 1, 2005 to the end of 2009 (i.e. the last five years) pass rates are as follows:

TD 52% (based on a total of 850 tracks)
TDX 31% (based on 430 tracks)
UTD 29% (based on 207 tracks)
UTDX 20% (based on 81 tracks)

Note that this is not the average pass rate for a first-time entry, as these percentages reflect all dogs entered in tests, including ones that have failed repeatedly (i.e. tending to drag the average down a bit) and a few that have passed but have continued to run when there was space in the tests (which will tend to boost the average). Without the actual IDs of all dogs entered in all tests, I can't tell what your chances of passing are the first time you enter a particular level.

Fall Tracking Tests

Oct. 3, 2010 TD Test (Judge Jane Book)
Oct. 24, 2010 Urban Test (Judge Marie-P Babin)
Nov. 7, 2010 TDX Test (Judge Marie-P Babin)
Tracklayers always needed .
Tracklaying is the best way to learn !!

New members;

Anne WhanGolden Retrievers
Ruth Ann Miller.....French Bulldogs
Dick Vergolst.....German Shepherd Dogs
Debbie NgMiniature Poodle
Victoria Shaw.....Lab/ Hound Mix

Don't forget CCTC's AGM and Pot Luck Christmas Party will be Dec 10th 2010

Gone But Not forgotten.....



**MOTCH Heron Acres Sand By Me, RE,
WC – Am. UD**

“Mia”

“Little Me” (3 months shy of 12) came at 8 weeks with an attitude and retained her own agenda till the end.

My first OTCHX and MOTCH. The house is so quiet without her.

Owned and missed by Irene Mullan

A True or False Test of the CKC Tracking Rules

1. Your dog can't enter a UTD until he has a TD title.
2. In a TD Test, the track must be at least 2 hours old.
3. A track layer must not stand still on a track he is laying, once he is past the starting pad.
4. Bitches in season can not take part in a tracking test.
5. A handler may only enter one dog in a tracking test.
6. While taking part in a tracking test, you may carry a dog toy provided it is totally hidden from view.
7. In an Urban tracking dog test there are 3 articles on the track.
8. You can speak to your dog while the tracking test is in progress.
9. In a UTDX Test, the dog may have to enter a building.
10. A dog must wear a harness in a tracking test.

(Answers on page 13)

The Tracking Line is a Means of Communication Between You and your Dog—Not Just a Rope

By Gary Murray - Ex-RCMP Dog Handler

Most dog handlers think of their long line as a piece of equipment. But it is more than that.

I can't tell you how many times I have seen dog handlers snap their long line to their dogs harness and go along for the ride. They fail to realize that the line is a physical link between the dog and their hand. Other than the length of the line it is no different than rubbing your dogs ear while doing obedience.

The long line can be a very strong communication tool between the dog and handler. With proper use the communication flows back and forth all the time during the track. It uses a language that is only known by the dog and handler which both learn and grow with from the first training track. It is refined through out the years but all too often I see only the dog using it and the handler blindly following.

Let's start at the beginning and see if we can not develop a greater understanding of the long line, it's purpose and how to communicate with our dogs through it.

The first step is to choose the right line. Like all tools of the trade there are personal preferences. I have seen all types of lines used for tracking, rope, climbing rope, leather, and all types of webbing. They all have some good points and some bad. I personally stay away from any form of rope as it has a tendency to burn your hands as it slides through. Yet it is strong, easy to obtain and inexpensive. Leather is costly but has the most natural feel and spring to it. The down side is that when you buy a 20 foot line after a number of tracks you soon have a 30 foot line and as time wears on a 40 foot line which can break as the line pulls thinner and thinner.

The line used by most handlers these days is a webbing about 3/8" to 1/2" in width. It is strong, inexpensive and long lasting. Be sure to buy a quality webbing which is supple so it won't be too hard on your hands.

Line length is something there will always be a lot of discussion about. I have seen handlers track with lines from as short as 6 feet all the way up to 30 to 40 feet in length. Personally I feel that 20 feet is about the right length. This puts you far enough back to see your dog and read his body language. It also allows you when your dog indicates track loss to stop, circle the dog and be standing right on the corner. This should insure that the dog will relocate the track somewhere in the arch of the line and therefore you don't blow a corner. Another point for those of you who are doing criminal work the 20 feet gives you some distance if your dog tracks right up on a suspect and you need time and distance to react.

No matter what line you choose there will be numerous times when your dog comes in close to you and you pull in the slack. Just as you have the line down to 6 to 8 feet the dog hits the track, pulls hard into the harness and the line pulls through your hand causing friction burn. Occupational hazard I guess! Some handlers wear gloves while they are tracking. Personally I don't. I feel that bare hands listen a lot better to the line and what it is saying. As far as the friction burns go I feel that if I get one I deserve one. I should of been paying attention, getting off my butt and going with the dog if he has indicated the track. A number of friction burns can teach a handler a whole lot.

A handler's primary job in line work is to keep the line from distracting the dog. Keep it out of the dogs way and do not let it get tangled. All the time this little rope ballet is going on you must keep a steady tension on the line constantly.

This is where the communication through the line begins, at the constant tension. Any change in the tension, increased, or decreased is telling you something. This change in tension can be produced by the dog or the handler. No matter who changes the tension for what ever reason it should be telling the other something.

The proper tension on the line will keep it straight in the air from the dogs harness to your hand. I keep the line between my index finger and thumb letting the last foot or so fall down through my hand so I can grab it with the whole of my hand if I have to. This allows me to change the tension on the line from as little as a couple lbs. pressure (finger and thumb only) to pulling the dog to a complete stop (the whole hand).

Lets start from the middle and work up and down with the amount of tension on the line.

You are on the track, the dog is tracking well, and everything is going just fine. The tension on the line is enough to keep the line straight from the harness to your hand. At this point you know everything is O.K. and so does the dog. Any change in that tension and something is being said. Keep in mind that all this communication is in conjunction with you reading the dogs body language.

As you track along the dog starts to lift his head and move it from side to side as if looking for the track. The second he does this you start to increase tension on the line. This increase is a question to the dog. Are you on the track? If his head goes back to the ground and he increases tension back into the harness and the line he is saying "yeah I'm on track and here it is". The handler then eases off the tension until it is back to the point where everything is normal (straight line from harness to hand) If as you put tension on, the dog lifts his head, relieving tension you keep adding tension quickly but evenly until a point where you have the dog stopped and starting to turn into a circle at the end of the line. At this point your dog has given you a track loss signal and most likely a corner. As the dog swings through the arch of the long line you should be standing on the corner. Somewhere in the circle he now is searching he should hit the track.

When the dog hits the track he will give you a head turn that will show you where the track is going and then follow it with his body. This will increase the tension on the line. He is now saying to you through the line "here it is lets go" While training a new dog each and every time this happens your response would be "Good Boy" and the second you praise him you let the tension off the line and go with the dog. This conditions the dog how to communicate through the line back to you and as time goes on the dog will give stronger and stronger track relocations. It also gives him physical praise through the release of tension in the line.

In time this increase and decrease of tension through the line becomes a language between dog and handler. More can be said through that line than you could ever imagine.

So the basics in line communication are. Increase tension from the handlers. Are you on track? Increase tension from the dogs. I'm on track or here is the track. Decrease tension from the handlers. Good Boy I'm following you. Decrease tension from the dogs. I've lost the track and I'm looking.

Proper line work is more than just snapping the long line to the harness and following your dog on a track. So lets stop being dead weight on the end of the line for our dogs to drag around. Lets use our lines, ourselves and our dogs to the fullest, communicate he may be trying to tell you something!

"Tight Lines" Gary D. Murray

Answers and Rule Book References:

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| 1. True.....Rule 8.1.1 | 6. False.....Rule 10.5.1 |
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| 4. False.....Rule 6.7.1 | 9. False..... Rule 10.10 |
| 5. False.....Rule 6.1.16 | 10. False.....Rule10.5.2e |