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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



The Certification Workshop is coming up on the weekend of September 21. Plan to come. It's a great learning experience, whether or not your dog is entered. Barbara Greenfield will be coordinating food. The Workshop is limited to eight dogs. Those who have helped out at club events over the year will be given preference for entering. It's tough to run some of the events with a limited number of people, and we really appreciate everyone who comes out to help. This is one way of returning the favor. If you haven't been able to get to any of the club's events, there is still one more follow-up on August 10.

If you are interested in becoming a certified tracklayer, let us know. We are tentatively planning to certify tracklayers sometime in October. Peg has also said that she can line up someone who can teach us to lay track with a compass.

The next TED follow-up is August 10. Call Peg Forte if you can help.

See you at the Workshop.

Anna Burbank

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Follow-up 3
..... Saturday, August 10, 1996
- Certification Workshop
..... Sunday, September 22, 1996
- Tracking Test
..... Sunday, November 3, 1996

TED REPORT

Peg Forte Chairperson

This was the 17th TED Lenape has held to introduce people and their dogs to the sport of Tracking. Having worked at all but one, but never chairing the event, made this TED a new experience for me.

Taking care of all the paper work went smoothly with input from Linda Riley and help from Pat Etchells.

Some of the regular helpers were available for TED and some newer members volunteered. The day went smoothly, the catered lunch arrived on time, and our outside crew (Anna's husband and her daughters) kept an eye out for any problems with the dogs in the cars while we were inside the building.

And all the others who helped: Joanne MacKinnon and "Chipper," Priscilla White and "Muffy," John and Pat Etchells, Pat Blake, Kathy and Kevin Davis, Mimi Ruch, Karl Gabosch, Anna Burbank, Barbara Greenfield, Dot Vail, Carol Stephenson and Carol Salzetti.

While the day went well, we were short-handed, especially in the area of experienced people to help out in the field in the afternoon. We know everyone is involved in other dog activities and you have family obligations - but so do those of us who have been carry the load all through the years.

For TED and the follow-ups to continue to be successful it takes everyone pulling together, doing their share. So please - plan now to

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help next year on Sunday, April 20, 1997.

This event is what pays for our insurance, for the expenses of our test each fall, and our workshop in September.

After I was elected as vice-president last year, at a board meeting that I was unable to attend, the board decided that the VP should be Chairperson of TED (that will teach me to never miss another board meeting). Since I'm still VP that means I'm in charge for next year, so if you have any suggestions or ideas on how we can do it any better or differently, now is the time to share those ideas.

The Board and the main TED workers had a debriefing session shortly after TED. We went over the surveys and have some small changes in mind for next spring.

TED Follow-up #1 - Originally scheduled for June 8 - the date had to be changed to June 29th as none of the farmers in the area had cut their hay yet and they did not want us tromping on their crops. In addition there were severe thunderstorms predicted for that day. This is the first time we have had to reschedule a follow-up session. Thank you all for cooperating in the change of the date. I believe we got a hold of everyone who was planning to come, participants and workers.

That morning I took a ride over to the site in case anyone showed up, at that time there was no one there, so I think we got in touch with everyone.

We had 5 dogs who came to hone their tracking skills. Most are progressing nicely, all got advice on how to proceed. Thank you to Louise Tiernan, Mimi Ruch, Pat Etchells, Barbara Greenfield and Joanne MacKinnon who came to help.

TED Follow-up #2 - Held on July 8th at the Lebanon Township Municipal Building. Three dogs came to work on their turns. Members Hope Meaker, Mollie Heide, Kathy Gaynor, Dot Vail, Mimi Ruch, Barbara Greenfield, Priscilla White, Joanne MacKinnon, Pat & John Etchells were there to help.

This is the first time we had more helpers than participants, wish it were that way at every event. If your reluctance to come out and help is that you aren't experienced enough.... remember we all started out that way with no experience... but by participating, we learned and have become the "experienced" ones.

TED Follow-up #3**Sat. Aug. 10th - 8 AM**

New location - fields around the Delaware Valley Regional HS, Pittstown, NJ

Remember, if you come to help we can lay a track for your dog(s) after we help the TED participants; we understand there is a lot of room at this site. PLAN TO JOIN US.

Directions to DeVal HS:

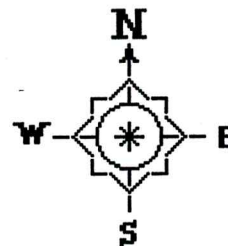
From I-78: Exit 15 (Clinton); turn left onto Cty Rte 513 South; follow to Pittstown; take second right in Pittstown (first is Cty Rte 579) staying on Rte 513; continue on Rte 513 (2+ miles) until you pass a large horse farm on both sides of the road. Take first left after the horse farm onto Hog Hollow Road. Follow to the stop sign; at the stop sign, turn left onto Senator Stout Rd. and the school is about .25 miles on left.

From Rte 31 South: Take 12 West out of Flemington; at the second light turn right onto Cty Rte. 519 North; follow to stop sign; turn right at stop sign onto Senator Stout Rd and school is about .25 miles on left.

From I-95: Take Rte 31 North to Flemington and then the directions from Rte 31 above.

From Frenchtown NJ: Take Rte 12 East to first light; turn left onto Cty Rte 519 North; go to stop sign and turn right onto Senator Stout Rd.; school is about .25 miles on left.

We will meet in the main parking lot and then some of the people driving around the school to the back fields. You can park fairly close to all the fields except the football field.



SO THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE

**CAROLINE HEBARD & HER
SEARCH-AND-RESCUE DOGS**

by Hank Whitmore and Caroline Hebard
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This book presents an overview of the history of Search-and-Rescue work in the USA, from the viewpoint of NJ resident, Caroline Hebard. The book, like Search-and-Rescue work, requires a reader who does not wilt at the thought of unpleasant subjects such as death, decomposition and human suffering from natural and man-made disasters.

Hebard has worked her dogs at disaster sites in the USA and abroad. Stateside searches include ones for lost people, drowning victims, looking for survivors at bridge and building collapses and at the Oklahoma City bomb site. She has assisted police departments in gathering evidence in murder cases. International Search-and-Rescue missions include the earthquakes in Mexico City (1985), El Salvador (1986), Armenia (1988) and Kobe, Japan (1995).

For those of involved or interested in scent work the book offers some insight on a dogs' use of his nose for Search-and-Rescue work, how to "read" a dog and scent work in general. However, lack of an index does not allow the reader to find those facts easily. Reading the book to find them should be worth your time.

Peg Forte
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Pat Blake's **Holly** earned her UKC CD. She was 3rd and HS AMBOR dog at the Garden State Trial.

Chipper MacKINNON got his WC at the Golden Retriever Eastern Specialty in May.

MARION RAPP's Cardigan Corgi **Lady** earned her CDX in 3 straight shows.

DRAWING MAPS

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- 1) Have an idea of overall shape of field
- 2) Have a rough idea of shape of track so you can start on a place on the sheet that leaves the most room.
- 3) Make lines a little shorter than you want to in case you change your mind about the shape i.e., you're planning a "U" track with right corners -- start on left bottom of sheet, about 2 inches in on the diagonal from corner -- draw first leg about half way up page etc.
- 4) Draw distinctive markers on edge of page and/or write description after arrow showing direction.
- 5) Personally, I like to use color pencils because I find the color often triggers my memory better. Especially good for fall and fields with lots of changes of cover.
- 6) Try to note corners from a perspective about 50 yards before they occur (that's where you will see them if you are helping or judging); if self-laying, note corner from 30 feet away.
- 7) Use more than one sight marker i.e., red bush in front of tallest pine tree.
- 8) Use both distant and near markers i.e., dip in tree line and hump to left of corner
- 9) Train yourself to get a feel of the field -- where does it incline? is there a path of least resistance through field. Use them also as reference points on your map.
- 10) Buy a satellite location device with map printer.



IN SUMMER'S HEAT, PREVENT CANINE HEAT EXHAUSTION

MANHATTAN -- It's not just the canine athletes -- the Frisbee leapers, the runners and jumpers -- that are susceptible to heat exhaustion. Every dog is a potential victim of summer's heat.

One of the most common causes of heat stroke is leaving an animal in a hot car.

"Even on an 80 degree day, the temperature inside a car can get up to 130 degrees fairly quickly," said Dr. William Fortney, a veterinarian with Kansas State University's Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. "Leaving a window cracked doesn't prevent heat build-up."

Fortney says leaving a dog in a car on a warm day is risking the dog's life.

"Dogs don't sweat, and they don't have an efficient way to cool themselves down. If they are panting, it may be because they need the oxygen because they've been exercising, or it may mean they are trying to get rid of built-up heat in their bodies."

Long coats also hold in body heat. Clipping the dog's coat a little shorter for summer will also help to keep the dog cooler, Fortney said. "Be sure not to shave the dog, though, because that could lead to sunburn, which would be very painful for the dog."

Black dogs absorb the sun's rays, so they get hot more quickly than lighter-colored dogs.

Fortney says it is impossible to give specific recommendations on how long dogs can be out in the sun exercising.

"There are so many variables, depending on the physical condition of the dog, its age, its coat length, its breed," he said. "A well-conditioned dog with short hair can play longer in the heat than a long-coated dog not accustomed to getting much exercise. The owner also must take into account the age of the dog and any health problems it might have. Very young or very old dogs are more at risk. Breeds like pugs and Pekinese have more difficulty in the heat because of their facial shape."

The first signs of heat exhaustion:

- Excessive panting
- The skin on the inside of the ears becomes flushed and red

Fortney says heat exhaustion quickly deteriorates into heat stroke, with signs of:

- Weakness
- Walk becomes wobbly
- Fainting/loss of consciousness

"Your quick action can save your dog's life," Fortney said. "If your dog starts getting weak and wobbly, faints and loses consciousness, cool him down as fast as possible -- don't wait to get to the veterinarian's office. Those few minutes could mean the difference between life and death. Hose the dog down with cool water. Apply an ice pack to the dog's head -- a cooler with ice can come in handy -- just place ice inside a towel or other fabric before applying the ice."

Fortney says that many dogs don't know when to quit exercising. They love playing Frisbee, or fetch, so much that they will continue to the point of exhaustion. It is up to the owner to use good judgment and decide when play should stop.

"I discourage that kind of activity in the heat of the day anyway," Fortney said. "Wait until the evening when it is cooler."
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This has been a post from KSUPET-L, an electronic mailing list about pet health, utilizing expertise from Kansas State University veterinarians. This is a low volume list, providing one or two news releases each month.

Unfortunately, we are unable to answer specific questions about pet health.

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