



Welcome to the Club



T-shirts are in! After much debate and shopping around for the best deal, we finally have club shirts to be proud of.

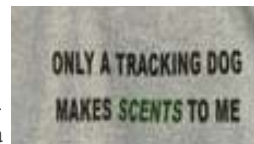
Shirts are heather gray and come in all sizes. The front has our DFW Tracking Club logo, designed by club member Monica Becherer, as a heart patch on the left hand side. On the

back is the slogan, "Only a Tracking Dog makes *scents* to me", that club member Deb Duncan invented.

The hot press technique allows us to have all the colors of our logo with less than half the costs of regular screen printing. Cost to members is \$10, cost to non-members is \$15. If you would like to order a t-shirt, please email Charlene at crdslabs@yahoo.com with size information.



Front: DFW Logo



Back: Saying

Later we can have other items such as long sleeve or jackets. The hot press can be done to almost any item.

Letter from the President

DFWTC has been in existence for a little more than one year. Some of you have been members from the very start or near the very start. In that time, we as a club, have had many ups and downs. Regardless, we continue to push forward, and continue to offer a tracking opportunity for interested individuals that reside in the local area. For instance, this new season we have hopes to offer classes, as well as a certification match and a seminar.



It is to be expected that all new clubs will experience many growing pains. We certainly have. While we may have passed through the terrible twos, we still have a great deal of growing to do. It is only with the help and enthusiasm of all the club members that we will be successful. It is my hope, that this year, everyone will go forward with a positive attitude and a renewed willingness to pitch in when help is needed. Only in that way, will we continue to make the club stronger and to further the tracking opportunities in the Metroplex.



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Schedule of Events

- 08/12/2006—Annual Meeting
- 09/09/2006—Emergency Meeting
- 10/07/2006—Fall Classes begin
- 10/07/2006—Meeting 11am AA
- 10/08/2006—South Classes begin
- 10/22/2006—Certification Match
- TBD—December Meeting
- 01/14/2007—Tracking Seminar

September 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
						Meeting
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

September Minutes

DFW Tracking Club
September 9, 2006 Meeting Minutes
6:45 p.m.

In attendance: Karen Cook, Charlene Dunn, Monica Becherer, Deb Lyons, Marian Beck-Edwards
Guests: Sara Helber

Minutes of last meeting: Were read by Monica. Karen motioned and Deb seconded that the minutes be accepted as read. The motion passed.

Board letter from 8/13/2006 was read by Monica. Letters from other board members were also read as well as the certified letter. A discussion took place on the letters.

Report of the President: Letter was read.

Report of the Secretary: Letter was read.

Report of the Treasurer: Charlene Dunn gave Income/Expense report as of 9/09/06 of \$1,481.44. This includes the expense for business cards and magnets.

Discussion of the club's continued vitality was held. It was decided that at this time the club should continue.

New officers: Karen made a motion to solicit nominations for the vacancies of President, Vice President, and Secretary and seconded by Marian. Motion passed.

The next club meeting will be after class at the AA fields, October 7, 2006.

Karen moved and Deb seconded to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.





***In the End, it's the glove that counts
and the friends you make in-between.***

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DFW Tracking Club was founded in the summer of 2005 by members of the tracking community who wished to offer tests, teach classes, and serve the tracking needs in the DFW area.

The mission of the DFW Tracking Club is to provide a need to the tracking community for tracking tests, tracking classes, and tracking education.

DFW Tracking Club has instructors who can service all levels of tracking from the novice to the advanced tracker. Our classes are structured to teach dogs and their humans to track for an AKC tracking test.

For more information about the DFW Tracking Club, check out our yahoo group at dfwtrackers@yahoogroups.com or email the club secretary at info@dfwtc.org

Summer Tracking

Depending on where you live, the summer months could be most of the year. It is important for your dog to be conditioned for working in the heat and humidity. Conditioning should be done separate from the track. Just like a runner, your dog must be conditioned for tracking.

One way to do this is to adjust to the temperature. Drive to the track with your A/C off and windows rolled down. Just like humans, coming from a nice cool car into the summer weather is worse than slowly adjusting to the weather on the way there. Park in the shade while your track is being laid. Crate fans are also a good addition to have in your tracking gear. Now-a-days they also have cool coats with crystals that you can put on your dog. A word of caution about cool coats, they tend to be heavy. Your dog should be used to wearing it before you ask him to track in it.

Keeping dogs hydrated during tracking is an important step in conditioning, but even more so during the warmer weather. In temperatures above 80 degrees, dogs will need water every 100 yards. It is important for you and your dog to have a water routine. A good time to water your dog is at an article, however, you may need to do it more often than that. When you water your dog, take some water and rub on the outside of the dog's nose to re-hydrate the nasal cavity. This will help the dog's scenting ability. During your water break is a good time to re-scent your dog.

The last piece to the conditioning puzzle is stamina. Many dogs have failed in tests due to lack of stamina. The dog gets tired and makes a mistake that wouldn't have happened if the dog were fresh. Tracking is stressful for a dog, more so than just a walk. So it is important for you to train your dog for longer distances. For each quarter mile track, your dog should walk at least half a mile; this doubles for TDX work. Just like their human counterparts, it is important for the dog to stay in shape. Your training schedule should be separate from your tracking schedule. A good rule of thumb is 3 times per week. So if you track on Saturday, you should walk your dog at least 1/2 mile 3 other times per week. Be careful not to overwork your dog. A low energy dog can be easily burned out by tracking more often than once per week. That is why it is important to condition your dog separately from tracking. Have fun, stay cool and enjoy the summer!

Upcoming Events

Join us for our next club meeting on October 7th at 11a.m. We will meet at the AA Credit Union as soon as classes are complete. Corner of Trinity Blvd & Amon Carter, Fort Worth, TX.

Our next beginner tracking class starts October 7, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. Classes meet at the AA Credit Union, DFW Airport. If you know someone who is interested in taking a class, please have them fill out a form, located on the website, or email the club secretary at info@dfwtc.org. There are only 4 slots available for each class.

Our next certification match will be on October 22, 2006. Premium lists are available on the website. Plotting will be after class on Saturday the 21st. Help the club by laying track, working hospitality, or carrying flags.

