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DFW TRACKING CLUB

Tracks



Note from Editor

By Pam Raymond

Hello everyone. Just a reminder to send me any articles you think might interest your fellow members.

This is actually supposed to be the June newsletter. I had the months wrong and thought it was due by the beginning of July, not June. My apologies.

Hopefully, I will get on the correct schedule with the next newsletter.

We are well into the hot days of the summer. Everyone be careful both for our four legged and two legged friends.

Next Meeting

Date: August 27th

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Susan Norvell's house

Remember: Chinese Gift Exchange

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President's Message

It should have been a red flag to me that in March I was talking about how quickly summer was coming this year. Boy has it!

Every dog is different, as is every handler, but for me the most important thing about the summer is to maintain motivation! If you're not motivated to track, and your dog is not motivated to track, it's just practicing the wrong behavior. That being said, if you and your dog are totally addicted - be careful! Otherwise, take it easy ... and still be careful.

A couple of congratulations are in order to Charlene Dunn. First, on her obtaining full TDX judge status. Second, on her being published by AKC for comment on her becoming a VST judge. And most recently on her passing the VST test in Chicago with Vegas (co-owned by Cindi Todd) to make Vegas TC Laci's CSI V Kanix MW CD RE. That "TC" is not a typo - it's a Triple Champion, and Vegas has conformation, tracking, and field trials to back it up. Congratulations to Cindi, too. Charlene may have put the "CT" part in there, but it took more than that!

Now that the really boring (dog-wise) part of summer is upon us, we've decided to try exchanging our Christmas Party for an August Picnic. It's so much easier to get our dog friends together in August than in December. Hope all of you can make it.

Sarah



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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.

DFW Tracking Club is an AKC recognized club, and a 501(c) tax exempt organization.

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

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EVENTS

August 27: Annual Meeting

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EVENTS

September 18: VST- Denver, CO closes
9/8- rahwynd@comcast.net

September 25: TD/TDX- Smithville, MO
closes 9/4- info@raudogshows.com

October 2: VST- Overland Park, KS
closes 9/22- neida1@aol.com

October 9: VST- Golden, CO closes
9/21- mrosner@frii.com

October 9: TD/TDX- Springfield, MO
closes 9/14-

aandjfreeman@sbcglobal.net

October 15: TD/TDX- Littleton, CO
closes 10/5- cjoyevert@hotmail.com

October 16: VST- Albuquerque, NM
closes 10/6- penni@elyancardigans.com

October 16: VST- Golden, CO closes
10/5- cjoyevert@hotmail.com

October 30: TD- Littleton, CO closes
10/12- Lynn Kaemmerer (303)794-9246

OCTOBER, 2011

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Summer Heat Tips from AKC

From AKC.org

Heeding Safety Advice Could Save Your Dog's Life During Heat Wave

[Thursday, August 17, 2006] With excessive heat warnings posted and searing triple-digit temperatures predicted for major cities or sections of every region of the continental United States, taking special care to protect your pets from the dangerous effects of scorching heat is crucial.

"Extreme heat is a very real, fast-acting threat to pets," said Gina Lash, American Kennel Club® spokesperson. "Keep your dog out of hot cars, especially one that is unattended. When it's only 80 degrees outside, the inside of a car can heat up to a deadly 120 degrees or more in just minutes. Leaving the windows partially rolled down will not help. So, while it can be fun to take your dog with you to run errands, it's best to leave him at home if he can't go into the store with you."

"Furthermore, your dog - who can never remove his fur coat - is susceptible to heat stroke and possible death in other scenarios brought on by the blistering weather we're experiencing this summer," continued Lash. "Blacktop or other areas that don't receive proper cover or ventilation can be very dangerous, as is a lack of access to fresh water. Adequate, shaded shelter and plenty of cool water are essential to keeping your pet safe during this heat wave and throughout the year."

Follow these additional safety tips to help keep your dog safe this summer.

- Never leave your dog unattended in direct sunlight. Heatstroke can occur and lead to brain damage or death. Signs of heatstroke are panting, drooling, rapid pulse and fever. Immediately immerse the dog in cool water and seek emergency veterinary assistance. If traveling with your dog by car, keep the interior of your car at cool temperatures. In addition, keep your dog cool by putting icepacks, such as frozen water bottles in his crate. Do not use freezer ice packs, which contain poisonous materials. Make sure the crate is well-ventilated. For more travel tips, visit http://www.akc.org/public_education/travel.cfm.
- Make sure your dog has access to plenty of cool, fresh water 24-hours a day. If your dog travels with you, bring along water and a bowl.
- If kept outside, make sure your pet has access to a shaded and well-ventilated area. Remember that doghouses are not good shelter during the summer, as they can trap heat.
- Avoid strenuous exercise on extremely hot days. Take walks in the early mornings or evenings, when the sun's heat is less intense.
- Be aware that asphalt can quickly get hot enough to burn the pads of dogs' paws. Walk your dog on the grass or dirt, where it's cooler.
- Make sure your dog's vaccinations are up-to-date. Dogs tend to stay outdoors longer and come into contact with other animals more during the summer months.
- Mosquitoes, which may carry heartworm disease, along with fleas and ticks are more prevalent in warmer months. Ask your veterinarian for an effective preventative to keep these parasites off your dog.
- Keep dogs off lawns that have been chemically treated or fertilized for 24 hours (or according to package instructions), and away from potentially toxic plants and flowers. The AKC offers a list of [toxic plants online](#).
- All dogs should have proper identification at all times. The AKC suggests a collar with an ID tag, along with a tattoo or a microchip.

For more safety tips and to read or download the AKC "Canine Summer Safety Tips," visit http://www.akc.org/public_education/summer.cfm.

DFWTC Club Meeting Minutes

Unapproved

Cindi S. Todd

April 10, 2011 1:53 pm

TCC NE, Hurst, TX

The meeting was called to order at 1:53 pm by President Sarah Helber. In attendance were members Sarah Helber, Rod & Nancy Barclay, Charlene Dunn, Marsha Muse, Jerri Lindsey, Terri Lindsey, Jane and Horst Bungarz and Cindi Todd.

February Meeting Minutes had been posted on the Yahoo group site. Nancy Barclay moved to accept the minutes with Charlene Dunn as second. Motion approved.

President's Report:

Thanked Jerri Lindsey for obtaining our meeting place. Also thanked everyone who worked the TDX test.

Secretary's Report:

no report.

Treasurer's Report:

The Income/Expense report was passed around and discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

November 26/27 2011 TD Test. Application will be sent to AKC.

January 14/15, 2012 VST. Jeanine Wilson will be Chair/Secretary.

March 10/11, 2012 TDX. Judges' Committee will meet to discuss 2nd judge nominations.

Seminar Committee. Toni Skiles has expressed desire to house a beginning tracking seminar at her site and had asked if anything had been decided. Committee has not met yet.

Budget – no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Current Classes – due to the increasing temperatures the Intermediate class will be moved to 7:00 a.m. which will correspond with the Beginners. Sarah volunteered to fill-in as Instructor for the Intermediates except for weekends she has previous commitment. Deb and Cindi will finish out the Beginner Class.

Fall Classes – need to have instructors

Golden Retriever National Show – We were asked if we would staff their tracking tests near Wichita Falls in 2013. They will provide motel rooms, food and rent our equipment for their TD/TDX tests in October, 2013. No decision. Charlene is going to view their proposed site at the end of April, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee - Charlene Dunn and Marsha Muse volunteered and Deb Lyons will be asked to be on the committee.

Next meeting to be held TUESDAY, June 14th, 2011, Sunday at TCC NE, room to be announced. Meeting to start at 7:00 pm.