



Dove's TD Title Passing Track

by Tom Hacholski

My journey in the sport of tracking began in 1984 and over the years I've earned a number of titles on my Dalmatians. It would seem after all of these years I should not feel apprehensive when running a new dog in a certification track and TD test, but I did...

So it was on the morning of Sunday, May 12, 2019, at the Dalmatian National TD and TDX tests held at Charlemont Reservation in Rochester, Ohio. You know the dog can pass a TD test because, after all, you certified but at the certification you are "one on one" with the judge. There may be a couple of other people observing but if you fail, it's on to another attempt at a later time. At the National or any other all-breed tracking test, you're being observed by your peers. You just don't want to be embarrassed. There's so many things that come into play - "I've never trained in a field like this" or "it's really hot and humid out here" or "boy, it's really windy today" - that allow for the dog to not track at his best.

The Dalmatian Club of America had held National Tracking Tests at Charlemont Reservation in 2003 and 2015. The site hasn't changed much over the years and the fields utilized were those used in the past tests. As you enter the reservation from the east you drive by an area on the right where generally the X's are plotted. As you continue down the road for a quarter of a mile, there's a gravel turn-in on the left where about 15 vehicles can park - HQ. Adjacent to the HQ is a field to the right where a T track had been put in as evidenced by the first and 30 yards flags. In the past this has been the first TD track. Another T track had been put in a field across the road a little east of the headquarters. I assumed that this would be TD Track 2. Both of these fields were awful - uneven mud
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DFW TRACKING CLUB

Tracks



Annual Meeting Saturday, August 3, 2019

1:00 p.m.

at the home of

Charlene Dunn

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The Club will provide the burgers.
Please bring a side dish to share.

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President's Message

I used to joke that if it weren't for the AKC Regs we should be able to hold a VST (and now a TDU) in a small area with the tracks overlaying each other. All we needed was enough tracklayers to avoid duplication and a bit of discretion from the judges about article placement. That might not be a bad image to keep in mind (at least in training), as we seem to be getting more and more people and dogs tracking on what is becoming fewer and smaller sites.

Unfortunately, the tracking community (and we are a community) has a huge resource requirement for land areas – that we don't want to pay (much?) for. Also unfortunately, the addition of a new person or even just a new dog almost always means the need for even more land. Our success in attracting people to the sport certainly can create problems for us too.

What led me to think about this topic was that I have been told recently of some situations where there has been conflict between people at tracking sites. I thought I'd add a few comments of my own to the discussion.

- First and foremost - please respect the test sites. Not just our sites but all test sites. Those sites were obtained with a lot of hard work, and losing one is a serious blow to the entire tracking community. While most of our test sites are relatively public places, which no one "owns", the wishes of the people who obtained the site and of the clubs that hold tests at that site should be honored. They may be overly cautious, but they want to keep the site!
- Please remember that we are a small but very visible community. The tracking community is always on display. How we behave reflects on us, our club and our sport. John Q Public doesn't make distinctions between the different people and groups in the tracking community, and neither do our site's actual owners.
- Please recognize that all of us will be on each side of these conflicts at some time or another. I myself have accidentally overlaid the tracks of others, and I've had it done to me. The important thing is to work through the issue calmly – both the immediate problem and future conflicts. Every situation is different, but there are many ways to deal with them. Sometimes the other person(s) may not be dealing with it calmly, but try very hard not to let their attitude affect you.
- Practice using less area. Summer is a good time to practice this. Practice setting up specific situations for your dog. Think like a judge – "how can I most effectively use this area?" A well-thought-out training exercise is usually more effective than a full-length track.
- Find new areas. If you think they might be suitable for a test, please let me know!

Just some thoughts. On to the business of the Club.

Our next meeting will be our Annual Meeting with new officers taking office. Thanks to Laurel Hoevker and Tom Hacholski for stepping up, and to Pandora Galbraith and Charlene Dunn for continuing in office. And thanks to Pat McGowan and Jean-Maria Higginbotham for their service in the last year. I think it would be great for each member to spend a little time on the Board, just to see a different perspective on the sport!

Please keep these dates on your calendar and, when the time comes, if you're not ready to enter please volunteer to help:

November 9-10, 2019 - TDU/VST

January 11-12, 2020 - TDU/VST

March 7-8, 2020 - TD/TDX

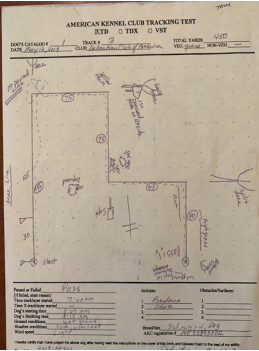
Stay cool and most importantly keep your dogs cool!

Sarah

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interspersed with some grass and high stalky weeds. These two fields were not ideal but the weather was. It had rained the night before and it was overcast and 47 degrees with very light wind.

I was the first to draw and got Track number 3. Great, I thought, I wouldn't get either of the aforementioned fields and hopefully will get one of the lush fields up the road. The first team entered the field adjacent to the HQ just as I had thought and turned well short of the corner - tweet. Then came team number two and what did the judges and tracklayer do but direct the exhibitor to the south of where track one had been and not across the street. Well poo, Dove and I were going to have to run in that crappy field! It took a long time for the second team to fail and the judges to trudge way back to get to my track across the road.



I put Dove's harness on about five feet before the start flag and he immediately walked up to the article. He sniffed the bandana at length and immediately went down the 125 yard leg. About 100 yards down the leg there was a narrow right triangle of high grass. To my view at the starting flag, if you walked in a straight line you would have walked right through the middle of this stand of grass. The judges didn't - they went to the left of it and made a right turn a little after the high grass stopped. As we approached this spot, I felt that the judges had gone left of the grass stand but Dove went to the right, continued

on and veered left past the grass to what would have been the correct line. He then stopped, stood, circled left and began coming back to me. He and I both realized he had overshot the corner. He circled left again and returned to where he originally lost the scent. He turned to the right and again started coming back to me. I started backing up but he came around me on my right side - I swiveled around and followed him. A short time later he turned left and was on what I hoped was the second



leg. After 75 yards he turned right, went another 75 yards, then left for 65 and finally another right as he trucked down the last 80 yard leg. He sat at the article and I raised my arms while walking to hold up the glove. Cheers arose from the gallery. Dove was now **CH San Jude's Lonesome Dove of Pal TD**.

Fall Tracking Classes



Charlene Dunn and Pam Joyce will be the instructors for the Fall Tracking Classes. There will be 8 classes beginning on Saturday, September 28 and ending on Saturday, November 23. Attendance at the DFWTC TDU/VST Test on Sunday, November 10, will be included as part of the class experience. Classes will be held at TCC-SE. Registration begins on August 28. Visit the dfwtc.org website for more information and for the form needed for registration.

Should Your Dog Wear Sunscreen?

By Harriet Meyers, Apr 11, 2019

Humans often take precautions to protect themselves from the sun, but should we be doing the same for our dogs? Can dogs get sunburned?

The answer is yes. Just like people, canine companions are prone to sunburn and to other complications and diseases associated with sun exposure. Taking certain safety measures can lower your dog's risk of developing serious sun-related medical issues. This includes choosing a sunscreen appropriate for dogs.



Sun Risks

Sunburn isn't just painful for dogs; it can lead to more serious problems, for example certain types of skin cancer, such as squamous cell carcinoma, malignant melanomas, and hemangiomas. Sunburn also exacerbates certain conditions, for example autoimmune disorders and dermatitis, and can cause discomfort at surgery sites. Luckily, a little careful planning can prevent your dog from catching too many ultraviolet (UV) rays.

Predisposed Dogs

Some dogs are more at risk for sunburn than others. Hairless dog breeds, such as the Xoloitzcuintli, Chinese Crested, and American Hairless Terrier, need sun protection when they are outside for long periods of time. Dogs with white or thin coats and dogs with light-pigmented noses and eyelids are also more at risk for sunburn, for example, Collies, Australian Shepherds, Dalmatians, Bulldogs, Whippets, and any dog with light or white pigment on their ears or near their nose. Even some dogs with thick coats of hair may experience hair loss from seasonal shedding or a health condition that may cause their coats to become very thin and may then be at greater risk for sunburn.



Does your dog just love to lie out on your patio and feel the sun's warmth? According to AKC's Chief Veterinarian Dr. Jerry Klein, dogs that lie outside on concrete or on light surfaces, especially those that lie on their backs, can suffer sunburn.

Sunscreen for Dogs

Sunscreen protects dogs from sunburn. It can also cause problems. It's highly important that you only use types of sunscreen that are specifically intended for use on dogs. They should not contain zinc oxide or para-aminobenzoic acid (PABA), as these ingredients are toxic to dogs if ingested, and dogs will often lick their skin and accidentally ingest the sunscreen. It's also a good idea to use a non-scented sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30 that is also waterproof.

How to Apply Sunscreen to Dogs

So how do you get your dog-safe sunscreen on your wiggly pup? Carefully. First, test a small amount on one spot to be sure it doesn't cause an allergic reaction. Next, be sure to put it on the spots most exposed to sunshine, such as the bridge of the nose, ear tips, skin around his lips, groin, and inner thighs – and anywhere else where pigmentation is light. When applying it to your dog's head, be sure not to get any in his eyes. And once you apply the sunscreen, watch that your dog doesn't lick it off for about 10 or 15 minutes – until it's been absorbed.

You should apply sunscreen about 20 minutes before your dog goes out. And while he's out in the sun, reapply the sunscreen every four-to-six hours or after your dog goes swimming.

Sunscreen Alternatives

Rather than lathering sunscreen over your dog's entire body, consider investing in protective clothing. Several companies make sun shirts for dogs that cover large areas of their bodies, saving you the worry that your pup

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Upcoming Tests

September 29: TD, TDX, TDU, VST
Loveland, CO - closes Sept 4
Sue Boyd
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October 6: TD, TDX
Loveland, CO - closes Sept 19
Gail Stiefferman
forstknoll@gmail.com

October 6: VST
Golden, CO - closes Sept 25
Tracey Griffith
traceygriffith2@gmail.com

October 6: TD, TDX
Springfield, MO - closes Sept 26
Cathy Hawkins
cathyannhawkins1@gmail.com

October 13: TDU, VST
Golden, CO - closes Oct 3
Lynn Kaemmerer
badblackcorgi@gmail.com

October 20: TD, TDX
Littleton, CO - closes Oct 10
Jill Grant
billysgirlblue@hotmail.com

October 27: TD, VST
Sullivan, MO - closes Oct 17
Carl Rosenkoetter
rosegoldsheep@hotmail.com

Nov 3: TD, TDX
Houston, TX - closed Oct 24
Kathy McLemore
kathymclemore@msn.com

Nov 3: TD, TDX
Smithville, MO - closes Oct 24
Debbie McHenry
mmc5301@aol.com

Nov 3: TD
Littleton, CO - closes Oct 23
Diane Thomson
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**Nov 10: TDU, VST
DFWTC
Bedford, TX - closes Oct 31
Ms. Charlene Dunn
crdslabs@yahoo.com**

November 17: TD, TDX, TDU
Ft. Worth, TX - closes Nov 7
Judy Jackson
jjblitz@hotmail.com

November 17: TDX
Littleton, CO - closes Nov 7
Lynn Kaemmerer
badblackcorgi@gmail.com

DFWTC Meeting Minutes June 1, 2019 - for approval

Minutes of the June 1, 2019 DFW Tracking Club Meeting
Charlene Dunn's Home, 8425 Whistling Duck, Fort Worth, TX, 76118

Sarah Helber, President, called the meeting to order at 1:48 p.m.

In attendance were members Charlene Dunn (Treasurer), John Galbraith, Pandora Galbraith (Secretary), Tom Hacholski, Sara Helber (President), Laurel Hoevker, and Pam Joyce. Guests were John Blakeway and Ethan A Schrader.

The minutes of the March 10th meeting were approved as published in *Tracks*.

President's Report - none

Secretary's Report - none

Treasurer's Report -

- The report was passed around review
- There are 3 small outstanding checks that she is aware of - about \$100

Committee's Report -

- Judges Committee - has not received confirmation from Ray Desmarais or Sharon Jolly for the March 2020 test, but we have until October 24, 2019
- Nominating Committee Report - Nominations for the 2019-2020 Slate of Officers were sent out by email via Dfwtrackers at yahoo.
 - President - Sarah Helber
 - Vice-president - Laurel Hoevker
 - Secretary - Pandora Galbraith
 - Treasurer - Charlene Dunn
 - Board Member-at-large - Tom Hacholski

The proposed slate will take office at the next meeting, as there were no additional nominations made.

Applications for New Membership -

- John Blakeway - first reading, applying for Regular Membership
John has a black German Shepherd that has already earned a TD
- Allen Schrader and Linda Schrader - first reading, applying for Household Membership
They own Otter Hounds

Unfinished Business -

- November 9th - 10th, 2019 TDU/VST
 - Judges - Darlene Barnard and Linda Baschnagel
 - Committee Members
Charlene Dunn - Test Secretary
Pam Joyce - Chief Tracklayer
John Galbraith - Hospitality
Sarah Helber - member
Laurel Hoevker - member
 - Application due 6/27/19
 - Carol Ruthenburg might attend with Sharon Jolly being observed

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DFWTC Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2019 - continued

- January 11th - 12th, 2020 TDU/VST
 - Committee Members
 - Charlene Dunn - Test Secretary
 - John Galbraith - Hospitality
 - Tom Hacholski - member
 - Sarah Helber - member
 - Laurel Hoevker - member
 - Need judges
 - Application due 8/29/2019
- AKC - Scent Work Trials
 - Our club will need to try and get an event scheduled next year
 - We also may need to pay to get a copy of our mission statement that was filed with the Secretary of State to see if it must be changed to allow us to hold Scent Trials

- Stinky T-Shirts - no sale shirts available from DFW Inc. at the time

New Business -

- Fall Classes
 - Will begin September 28/ will include test attendance on November 10 as a class experience/ will end November 23
 - Charlene and Pam will teach classes
 - Registration begins August 28/ Charlene will put this on web site
 - Will be held at TCCSE
- Laurel made a motion to have a TD/TDX test on March 8th - 9th 2020 at the Grasslands, Charlene seconded the motion and the motion passed.
 - Sarah will check on Units 71 and 49, which will depend on the burn schedule
 - Need judges
- Laurel requested articles from John B. and Tom sharing their recent successful tracking tests for the newsletter.
- Scent Work - the AKC has new regulations for Scent Work, they will send 5 hardcopies when requested Charlene will request them.
- A motion was made by John G. to have the next regular meeting on August 3, 2019 at Charlene's house at 1:00 p.m. Pandora seconded and the motion passed

The motion to adjourn was made by Charlene and seconded by John G. and the motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pandora Galbraith, Secretary

MORE UPCOMING TESTS

December 1: TDU, VST
Houston, TX - closes Nov 21
Denise McClure
edmundmcclure@comcast.com

December 1: VST
Albuquerque, NM - closes Nov 20
Lisa Frankland
lisakblue@comcast.com

December 8: TDX
Houston, TX - closes Nov 28
Mrs. Cynthia Krohn
events@hotdogclub.org

December 8: TD, TDX
Bellvue, CO - closes Nov 26
Karen Bever
karen.bever@colorado.edu

December 8: TD
Houston, TX - closes Nov 26
Cynthia Krohn
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December 8: TDX
Sullivan, MO: closes Nov 26
Pat Thayer
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December 29: VST
Houston, TX - closes Dec 19
Cynthia Krohn
events@hotdogclub.org

January 5: TD, TDX
Houston, TX - closes Dec 26
Kathy Daniel
vkdaniel@comcast.com

**January 12: TDU, VST
DFWTC
Bedford, TX - closes Jan 2
Ms. Charlene Dunn
crdslabs@yahoo.com**

January 19: TD, TDX
Smithville, MO - closes January 9
Amy Edwards
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February 23; TD, TDX
Loveland, CO - closes Feb 13
Tracey Griffith
traceygriffith2@gmail.com

March 8: TD, TDX
Littleton, CO - closes Feb 26
Lynn Kaemmerer
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**March 8: TD, TDX
DFWTC
Decatur, TX - closes Feb 27
Ms. Charlene Dunn
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will lick any sunscreen off. Hats and even goggles are also available to protect your pup when he's out in the sun. Alternatively, try to keep your dog out of direct sun during the hottest parts of the day, and provide plenty of shade while you are enjoying outdoor activities like swimming. All dogs, especially puppies and older dogs, are at risk of heat stroke, so it is very important to make sure they have access to lots of fresh drinking water at all times. Remember, you can always ask your veterinarian for advice on how best to protect your canine companion from harmful UV exposure. Finally, consider keeping your dogs in shade with free access to water. It sounds simple, but it usually works!

Treating Sunburn in Dogs

Dr. Klein advises that any time sunburn is visible as reddened, warm, or flaking skin, you should move your dog inside or at least into the shade as quickly as possible. Cool compresses and ointments may soothe the skin to help relieve the initial symptoms. Aloe may help a minor burn. However, if the burn is severe, you should call your veterinarian because treatment with a cortisone product may be needed to prevent inflammation. There may also be a secondary infection requiring antibiotics. If these complications do occur, the dog will need to be well protected from the sun in the future to prevent permanent damage.

Although sunscreen is important, it can't be counted on to be 100 percent effective. "The best way to protect your dog from the sun is to keep him indoors or in the shade, except for quick elimination periods, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.," says Dr. Klein.

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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 fulfill the needs of 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 website at <http://www.dfwtc.org> or email the club secretary at info@dfwtc.org