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President's Message



Finally! A little cooler weather! Of course, that may change by the time you read this. Now it's time (at least for Miles and me) to shift out of maintenance mode and to really get serious about tracking!

On the news front, we have a new crew of Officers and Directors for the club as of the August meeting. They are:

- President – Sarah Helber
- Vice-President – Laurel Hoevker
- Secretary – Pandora Galbraith
- Treasurer – Charlene Dunn
- Director-at-Large – Tom Hacholski

Thanks to all for serving!

We also have some new members, although they're not new to many of you. John Blakeway, whom you may have met at one of our classes or tests or at our Jean Hilbig seminar. John has helped out at tests as well as attended them. Allen and Linda Schrader have joined as a household membership. Allen has been in our classes and hopes to enter and work tests as well. Welcome all!

Fall classes are underway with Charlene Dunn and Pam Joyce instructing. You can read about them elsewhere in *Tracks*.

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DFW TRACKING CLUB

Tracks



Next Meeting
Sunday, November 10
following the TDU/VST
(no earlier than 12-noon)

Hurst Fire Station
2100 Precinct Line Road
Hurst, TX 76054
Just northeast of the
TCC-NE campus

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President's Message - continued

We're moving into our test season. It's hard to believe it's almost the year 2020. Please put the dates on your calendar and volunteer to help (unless, of course, you're entering). Upcoming tests are:

November 9-10, 2019 VST/TDU test, using the Texas Health Harris Methodist HEB Hospital and Tarrant County College Northeast Campus. Charlene Dunn is the Test Chair/Secretary and judges are Darlene Barnard and Linda Baschnagel.

January 11-12, 2020 VST/TDU test, again using the hospital and Tarrant County College NE. Charlene will serve as Chair/Secretary with judges Sue Ammerman and Linda Baschnagel.

March 7-8, 2020 TDX/TD at the LBJ National Grasslands with Charlene again serving as Chair/Secretary. As I've said many times, a combined TDX/TD is our most labor-intensive type of test, since we need flag carriers and cross-tracklayers in addition to tracklayers. We can use all the help we can get!

Enjoy the cool weather – I know your dogs will!
Sarah

Fall Tracking Classes

Charlene Dunn and Pam Joyce are the instructors for the Fall Tracking Classes that began on Saturday, September 28, at the TCC-SE campus. Attendance at the DFWTC TDU/VST Test on Sunday, November 10, will be included as part of the class experience.

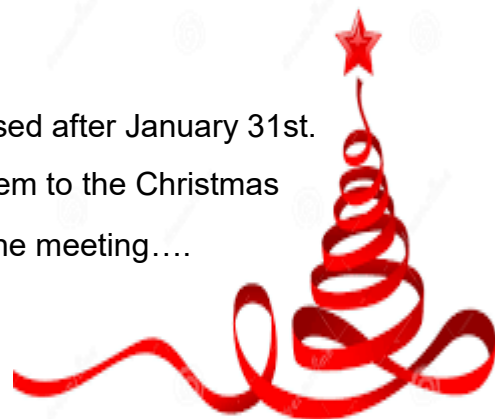
Charlene reports that they have 3 beginner, 6 intermediate, and 4 advanced teams enrolled.



We look forward to seeing everyone at the November 10th TDU/VST. You are invited to join us for lunch and our Club Meeting following the test.

Dues Reminder and **CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

Remember that dues are due January 1st and are considered lapsed after January 31st. Send your dues to Charlene Dunn, DFWTC Treasurer, or bring them to the Christmas Party and Meeting in December. Watch for more information on the meeting....



Keep Your Pups Safe: Holiday Dangers

By AKC Staff
Nov 30, 2017

Adapted from the AKC website article "Keep Your Pups Safe: Learn About the Pet Poison Helpline & Holiday Dangers"

The people at Pet Poison Helpline have some useful tips and reminders to help keep your pets safe during the holidays.

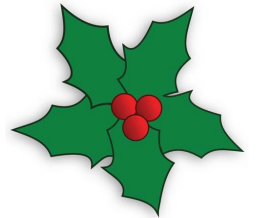


Snow Globes: Snow globes may contain antifreeze (ethylene glycol). As little as one teaspoon of antifreeze in a cat or a tablespoon or two for dogs, depending on the size of the animal, can be fatal. Immediate treatment with an antidote is vital. Signs of early poisoning include acting drunk or uncoordinated, excessive thirst, and lethargy. While signs may seem to improve after 8-to-12 hours, internal damage is actually worsening, and crystals develop in the kidneys, which result in acute kidney failure.

Bubble Lights: Bubble lights have methylene chloride that can result in depression, aspiration pneumonia, and irritation to the eyes, skin, and gastrointestinal tract.

Tinsel: Tinsel, like any long, stringy item, can prove deadly if ingested. While it does not pose a poisoning risk, it can cause severe damage to a dog's intestinal tract if swallowed. Ultimately, dogs run the risk of severe injury to, or rupture of, their intestines and treatment involves expensive abdominal surgery.

Holiday Plants: Though they have a bad rap, poinsettia plants are only mildly toxic. Far more worrisome are holiday bouquets containing lilies, holly, or mistletoe. Peace lily, calla lily, amaryllis, lily of the valley, autumn crocus and the common houseplant, giant Dracaena or palm lily are all dangerous to dogs. The berries and leaves of holly as well as mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and even heart arrhythmia if ingested.



Alcohol: Because alcohol is rapidly absorbed into the bloodstream, it affects pets quickly. Ingestion of alcohol can cause dangerous drops in blood sugar, blood pressure, and body temperature. Intoxicated animals can experience seizures and respiratory failure. Additionally, foods such as desserts containing alcohol, and unbaked dough that contains yeast, should be kept away from pets as they may result in alcohol toxicity, vomiting, disorientation, and stomach bloat.

Ornaments: Ornaments on the tree can cause injury and a potential gastrointestinal obstruction risk, but are not usually toxic unless they are the homemade salt-type ornaments. These are very appealing to dogs and result in serious salt toxicity with signs of vomiting, diarrhea, and serious electrolyte changes.



Upcoming Tests

October 27: TD, VST
Sullivan, MO - closes Oct 17
Carl Rosenkoetter
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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
dianethomson01@comcast.com

**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 6
Lynn Kaemmerer
badblackcorgi@gmail.com

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 26
Mrs. Cynthia Krohn
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December 8: TD, TDX
Bellvue, CO - closes Nov 26
Karen Bever
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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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DFWTC Meeting Minutes August 3, 2019 - for approval

Minutes of the August 3, 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 1:38 p.m.

In attendance were members Charlene Dunn (Treasurer), Pandora Galbraith (Secretary), Tom Hacholski (Board Member), Sarah Helber (President), Jean-Maria Higginbotham, Laurel Hoevker (Vice-President), and Pat McGowan.

The minutes of the June 1st meeting were approved as published in Tracks.

President's Report-none

Secretary's Report-none

Treasurers Report-

- ◆ The report was passed around for review
- ◆ Charlene has voided 2 outstanding checks and will re-issue the 3rd.

Committee's Report-

- ◆ Judges Committee- The committee is planning to use Sue Ammerman for the January test and Sharon Jolly for the March test, but need to fill the other slots, and are aware.
- ◆ Budget Committee- the budget summary was passed around for review
 - Test costs are more expensive due to increased airfare costs
 - There is no seminar planned this year
- ◆ Nominating Committee- the new slate is declared elected and will take office immediately
 - Sarah Helber- President, Laurel Hoevker- Vice-President, Charlene Dunn- Treasurer, Pandora Galbraith- Secretary, and Tom Hacholski- Member-at-Large

Election of New Members by secret ballot-

- ◆ After the second reading of the requests for membership, John Blakeway and Alan & Linda Schrader were voted into membership by secret ballot.

Unfinished Business-

- ◆ November 9-10, 2019 TDU/VST
 - Judges Darlene Barnard and Linda Baschnagel
 - Committee Members-
Charlene Dunn- Test Secretary
Pam Joyce- Chief Tracklayer
John Galbraith- Hospitality
Sarah Helber
Laurel Hoevker
 - Carol Ruthenburg will not attend, as Sharon Jolly has not turned in her application

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DFWTC Meeting Minutes August 3, 2019 - continued

November 9-10, 2019 TDU/VT continued

- Premium is due September 26, and Insurance Certificate is due October 18
- Our contact Rick is on extended leave, but Sarah will contact him or his replacement soon
- ♦ January 11-12, 2020 TDU/VST
 - Judge-Sue Ammerman
 - Committee Members
Charlene Dunn-Test Secretary
John Galbraith-Hospitality
Tom Hacholski
Sarah Helber
Laurel Hovker
 - Need a judge
 - Application is in
 - Insurance is due to TCCNE December 9th- we renew in December
- ♦ Fall Classes
 - Begin September 29 and will end November 16
 - Class members will help in test November 9-10 as a class session
- ♦ March 7-8, 2020 TD/TDX
 - Judge- Sharon Jolly
 - Requests to use Unit 49 and 71 have been e-mailed
 - Application to AKC is in
- ♦ AKC Scent Work Trials-
 - We need to find a place to hold these
 - Charlene noted some groups are using schools
 - A site in Alvarado was suggested to look into
- ♦ Stinky T-shirts-
 - Still no sale for stinky shirts
 - A motion was made by Jean-Maria to buy club shirts as quoted from DFW Ink, and seconded by Tom, and the motion passed
 - These will be available to purchase and gifted to Judge

New Business-

- ♦ Pandora asked if it would be possible to have a scent work seminar or training, maybe in the spring after tests. Charlene knows of a judge in this area she would recommend. Pat will check into possibly using her job site!
- ♦ It was noted we will need a new brochure for Scentwork

The next regular meeting will follow the November TDU/VST Test conclusion on the 10th at the City of Hurst Fire Station, 2100 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, TX, 76054.

The motion to adjourn was made by Charlene and seconded by Jean-Maria, and the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pandora Galbraith, Secretary

MORE UPCOMING TESTS

December 29: VST
Houston, TX - closes Dec 19
Cynthia Krohn
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January 5: TD, TDX
Houston, TX - closes Dec 26
Kathy Daniel
vkdaniel@comcast.net

January 5: VST
Las Cruces, NM - closes Dec 18
Michele Mauldin
mauldinm@msm.com

January 5: TDX
Houston, TX - closes Dec 26
Kathy Daniel
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**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
mrsaimers@gmail.com

January 26: TD
El Paso, TX - closes Jan 16
Michele Mauldin
mauldinm@msm.com

February 2: TDX
Placitas, NM - closes Jan 22
Mr Lynn Wilson
lynn@swcp.com

February 16: TDX
El Paso, TX - closes Feb 6
Michele Mauldin
maukdinm@msm.com

February 23; TD, TDX
Loveland, CO - closes Feb 13
Tracey Griffith
traceygriffith2@gmail.com

February 23: TDU, TDX
Fort Worth, TX - closes Feb 10
Judy Jackson
jjblitz@hotmail.com

March 8: TD, TDX
Littleton, CO - closes Feb 26
Lynn Kaemmerer
badblackcorgi@gmail.com

**March 8: TD, TDX
DFWTC
Decatur, TX - closes Feb 27
Ms. Charlene Dunn
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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