



IVY's Pass

by Pam Joyce



It was a cold morning at the Tulsa Port of Catoosa. Fifty-nine degrees and the wind was blowing at least 15 mph from the North. It had been eighty degrees the day before and just a nice day. Fortunately, a cold front blew in overnight with enough moisture to put red dots on my white SUV. As we waited for the draw, the sky darkened a bit and became even more overcast with clouds flying by. I was first to draw and I chose the red tugboat (favorite color over green any day) which happened to be the first track. I was relieved as I was ready to get this track over. We drove to the hay fields with two flags at a diagonal in a field. The grass was at least knee high and fairly thick. I thought to myself, this is going to be interesting as I haven't trained in tall grass since I went to the Grasslands and Ivy hopped like a bunny most of the way. Ivy started off fairly calmly and nosed the bandana like a normal track. She put her head down and started off in her calm little trot. As she trotted towards the 30 yard flag, she picked up speed. She nosed the 30 yard flag and looked at me as if to say, "Carry it if you want to, but I am on my way". They have really big flags in Oklahoma. She decided it was much more fun to leap and you could cover a lot more ground if you hop, hop, hopped. All you could see was ears and stubby tail, ears and stubby tail. She made it to the first turn and hopped

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Annual Meeting Saturday, August 14, 2021

8:00 AM

West Park
600 Westpark Way
(west side)

Eules, TX 76040

Bring a chair and
your breakfast!

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President's Message

The second time around I personally learned more of what it takes to host a Scent Work Trial. The DFWTC May 22-23, 2021, (see Cindi Todd's article) required coordination, teamwork and a ton of volunteers. The coordination between the Trial Chair, Secretary and Judges was more than I ever imagined and the teamwork between those individuals and the volunteers was amazing. As you all know by now, and as I have stated in the past, I'm very big on volunteerism and it was absolutely wonderful to see so many members helping out at the Trial. We even had a number of non-members assisting along with some Marines who did the heavy lifting. The dining hall tables were very heavy and not having to lug the bags of sand was most appreciated. Thanks to all who made the Scent Work Trial a success.

While the Trial was very successful, there are always things that can be improved upon. At the last meeting two committees were formed: One to review the process of selecting Scent Work judges for our future Trials, and the second one to look into ways to improve upon the handling and storage of the Club's Test and Trial equipment. The Club's other committees are on point. The judges for the November, 2021/January, 2022 TDU/VST tests and the March, 2022, TD/TDX Test have all signed their contracts. The budget committee will present their report and the nominating committee completed its task. With no new nominations from the floor at the June meeting, the entire Board will remain on for another year.

Two of the four summer check-in training classes took place thanks to a break in the heat but the August class may be iffy. The Civil Air Patrol Emergency Services for western DFW requested that the Club give a presentation on basic tracking. This was a great PR opportunity for our club and to promote the sport of tracking. On July 17, 2021, Charlene and several club members demonstrated how we start dogs for AKC tracking.

Stay cool and I'll see you all at our Annual Meeting at West Park, August 14th at 8:00 a.m.

Tom Hacholski

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in a wide circle looking at me as if to say "Are we having fun or what! This is the funnest track yet". Then we hopped on to the next turn where she again was hop, hop, hopping in a circle until I reminded her we were looking for a glove. We hopped on to the third turn where I thought to give her water as I was tired just watching her hopping down the track. She put her head down and decided to finish getting as far as 40 feet away from me as she usually does. I was trying to keep up and thought "Oh gosh, I hope we haven't passed the glove as the grass was so thick it would have been easy to miss." About that time, she stopped and flipped around to look at me and nose the glove as if to say, "Here it is Mom. My present to you on Mother's Day! Now where is my ball?" No ball this time Ivy but it seemed not to matter as she saw how many happy people were gathering around her to cheer. Ivy has really inspired me to live life to the fullest and to remember not all of our days are guaranteed. She is one dog that makes the most of life. I have tried to make sure that she gets to enjoy as many days as she has. May she be known, only temporarily, as **Power Check Yes or No TD!**

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DFWTC SCENT TRIAL – 2021

by Cindi Todd

Ahhhh, the joys of being a chairperson. Last time I was Chair in name only. SSSHHHH no one is supposed to know. I didn't feel competent to be "CHAIR" although I know the AKC rules about events, trials and shows pretty darn well after over 40 years showing in many different AKC sports. This time I was Chair for real. Thank goodness for our trial Secretary and DFWTC member, Jeanine Wilson, and one of our judges who is also a DFWTC member, Charlene Dunn. Both are beyond exceptional at getting things done.

For most volunteers there are 1, 2 or maybe 2.5 days of work with an event of this size. For the Trial Secretary there are weeks of work pre-trial, then the trial and then the trial reports that must be sent to AKC after the events. For the person obtaining trial site, judges and things associated with the ring needs for each element of a trial there are also many days pre-trial of work. THAT person also houses and feeds the judges so besides working the event she is entertaining – Charlene. And lest it be forgotten, she houses all supplies for all events this Club hosts. My position was to assist these people any way I could pre-trial and then hold on to my hat during the trials.

THANKFULLY, nearly every member of our club volunteered their time and/or vehicles for these trials. It is truly amazing how those people stepped up when needed, never complained during the trial and were always ready to do more. Please know that we could not and would not put on these events if we didn't have Club member volunteers. And percentage wise this Club outdoes all other dog clubs I have been a member of in regards to how many volunteer to work.

This year we had 3 judges so that we could offer the Detective class. This added a whole lot more difficulty because we needed more worker bees and the scheduling of classes was a nightmare. The Detective classes were a big hit but 3 judges are a bit much to juggle, at least, at our current trial site.

The Exhibitors, those that didn't get stressed over the complexity of showing in so many elements that they were running back and forth from one side of the pond to the other, were complimentary on the running of the trial and the courtesy of our volunteers.

We had 78 New titles this year!!



Competitor



Marines helped with the "heavy lifting"

Photos by Tom Hacholski

Upcoming Tests

October 10: TD, TDX
Gray Summit, MO -
closes Sept 30

Jennifer Anderson
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October 10: VST
Englewood, CO -
closes Sept 29

Tracey Griffith
traceygriffith2@gmail.com

October 17: VST
Sheridan, CO - closes Oct 6
Lynn Kaemmerer
badblackcorgi@gmail.com

October 31: TD, VST
Sullivan, MO - closes Oct 21
Kathy Yardley
fergley@hotmail.com

Nov 7: TD
Littleton, CO - closes Oct 27
Beth Elliot
trinitycollies@comcast.net

Nov 7: TD, TDX
Smithville, MO - closes Oct 28
Pat Robinette
pjrsts@aol.com

Nov 7: TD, TDX
Houston, TX - closes Oct 28
Natalie Wiest
texwiest@gmail.com

**Nov 14: TDU, VST
DFWTC
Bedford, TX - closes Nov 4
Charlene Dunn
crdslabs@yahoo.com**

Nov 21: TD, TDU, TDX
Fort Worth, TX -
closes Nov 11

Judy Jackson
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Nov 21: TDX
Littleton, CO - closes Nov 10
Lynn Kaemmerer
badblackcorgi@gmail.com

DFWTC Meeting Minutes June 12, 2021 - for approval

Minutes of the June 12, 2021, DFW Tracking Club Meeting
West Park, Eules TX

Tom Hacholski, President, called the meeting to order at 8:03 am.

In attendance were Teresa Collum, Charlene Dunn (Treasurer), Pandora Galbraith (Board Member), John Galbraith, Tom Hacholski (President), Sarah Helber, Laurel Hoever, Pam Joyce, Dori Page, Shari Price, and Cindi Todd (Vice-President)

Minutes of the March 14, 2021 meeting were approved as published in Tracks.

Report of the President:

- Thanks to test workers helping in the May 22-23 Scent Work Trial.
- Thanks to Test Secretary-Jeanine and Trial Chair-Cindi Todd
- Thanks to Charlene- Judge and equipment manager

Report of the Secretary-none

Report of the Treasurer-

- The Treasurer's Report was passed around for review
- The Scent work test expenses and income was submitted

Report of Committees

Scent Work Trial Committee-

- Cindi was happy that all club members volunteered, was successful
- Cindi made a motion to form a scent work committee that could communicate with other scent work committees to assist in selection of judges and the motion passed. Shari and Cindi Volunteered, and Jeanine will be asked to assist.

Judges Committee-

- Charlene (Chair)- Contracts have been signed and returned by Linda Baschnagel, Stephanie Crawford, and Allison Platt

Budget Committee-

- Charlene, Sarah, and Cindi will meet this month and report will be completed for the August Meeting

Nominating Committee-

- Pandora, Shari and Benita- All current officers have agreed to continue in serving for another year, there were no new nominations, so the final vote will be at the August Annual Meeting

Election of new members- No new applications

Unfinished Business

November 13-14, 2021 VST/TDU

- Judges are Linda Baschnagel and Ray Desmarais
- Premium list due 9/30/21
- Chief Track Layer-Jeanine, Hospitality-John G., Chair-Charlene, Laurel, Tom
- John G. will check about use of the Fire Station
- China Dragon property has been sold and may not be available
- Not confirmed if TCCNE will be available yet
- Planning for 4VST AND 2TDU currently

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January 15-16, 2022 VST/TDU

- Judges are Sue Ammerman and Allison Platt
- Sarah will be in contact w/ HEB and TCCNE
- AKC Application due 9/4/20
- Chief Track Layer-Jeanine, Chair-Charlene, Hospitality-John G., Cindi, Jean-Maria
- Planning for 4VST AND 2 TDU currently

March 12-13, 2022 TD/TDX

- Judges are Sharon Jolly and Sue Boyd
- AKC application due 10/28/21
- 4 TD AND 4 TDX
- Sarah will file this month for sites

Changes to Constitution and Bylaws

- Still have not had AKC approval, but they are running behind on business and it will probably be approved
- Charlene will send changes to the Secretary of State

Ordering hats-Charlene will check with several companies for pricing on orange baseball caps and Visors

New Business-

Summer Check-in Schedule and locations

- June 19-THR HEB Professional Building 1-1600 Hospital Parkway-6:30 am
- July 24-Mallard Cove Park-375 Shadow Grass Ave-6:30am
- August 28-THR HEB Professional Bldg. 3- Behind Whataburger/China Dragon-251 Westpark Way-6:30am
- September 11-Mallard Cove Park-375 Shadow Grass Ave-6:30am

Club Equipment Storage

- After discussion Tom made a motion we form an Equipment Committee to assist in loading and delivery to and from sites at the March TD/TDX Test and at the May / June Scentwork Trial, Pam seconded and the motion passed

Next Meeting-August 14, 2021, 1:00pm-Charlene Dunn's home-8425 Whistling Duck Drive, Fort Worth

Charlene made a motion we adjourn, John G. seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:36am

Respectfully Submitted,
Pandora Galbraith, Secretary Substitute

More Upcoming Tests

Nov 28: VST
Albuquerque, NM -
closes Nov 17

Lisa Frankland
lisakblue@comcast.net

December 5: TDX
Sullivan, MO -
closes Nov 25

Kristi Shaw
stlvizsla@gmail.com

December 5: TD, TDX
Smithville, MO -
closes Nov 24

Debbie S McHenry
mmc5301@aol.com

December 5: TD
Bellvue, CO -
closes Nov 24

Donna Dolezal
d2srj@lpbroadband.net

December 12: TD, TDX
Houston, TX -
closes Dec 2

Cynthia Krohn
events@hotdogclub.org

December 19: TDX
El Paso, TX -
Closes Dec 9

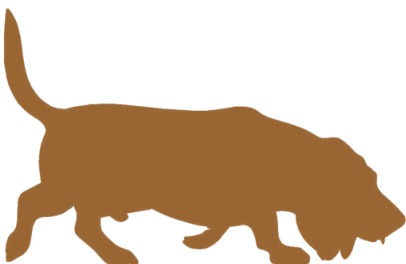
Michele Mauldin
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January 9, 2022 - VST
Las Cruces, NM -
Closes Dec 30

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**January 16: TDU, VST
DFWTC
Bedford, TX**

**March 13: TD, TX
DFWTC
Decatur, TX**



Note from the Editor:

I met Windle Ewing some years ago when he was bringing Darcie to Dr. Ave for acupuncture and chiropractic. Among other things, Windle is an AKC Agility Judge and he teaches the agility class that Heidi and I attend at Best Friends Fun Farm. He sent the following email to me, and others, after Darcie's passing. He has given me permission to include his email in this newsletter.

Some of you already know Donna and I lost our oldest girl, Darcie, last Thursday. She died from a combination of conditions occurring all at once. One condition was bloat – a disease I hope your dog never experiences.

The article below is from a vet named Dr. Jeff Grognet, and it is available on the AKC site. We have found this to be one of the best discussions of bloat from a layman's perspective. Please, read it! Then read it again! As dog parents, we must be aware of the signs of bloat. If your dog ever shows these symptoms, get him to a vet/ER immediately.

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Bloat (or GDV) in Dogs - What It Is and How it's Treated

By Dr. Jeff Grognet

Nov 03, 2016

I hate this disease. When I first started as a vet, we gave a dog with bloat a 50-50 chance if he could walk into the hospital. Many were too weak and had to be carried in. They often died. Now, 30 years later, bloat still kills about 30 percent of the dogs it affects, even after extremely intensive treatment. I hope you never see this disease in your dog, but learning about what it is, why it happens, and how it's treated may help your dog fall into the percentage of dogs that survive. Read on for common questions about bloat and new perspectives on prevention.

What is Bloat in Dogs?

Bloat, also known as gastric dilatation-volvulus (GDV) complex, is a medical and surgical emergency.

As the stomach fills with air, pressure builds, stopping blood from the hind legs and abdomen from returning to the heart. Blood pools at the back end of the body, reducing the working blood volume and sending the dog into shock.

If this isn't enough, there is yet another scary thing that happens, and it is devastating to see. As the stomach flips, it drags the spleen and pancreas along with it, cutting off the blood flow. The oxygen-starved pancreas produces some very toxic hormones. One, in particular, targets the heart and stops it cold. In fact, a dog can go through successful treatment and seem to be out of danger, when suddenly the heart stops.

Even in the mildest case of bloat, which is extremely rare, dogs die without treatment.

What Are the Signs of Bloat in Dogs?

- An enlargement of the dog's abdomen
- Retching
- Salivation
- Restlessness
- An affected dog will feel pain and might whine if you press on his belly.

Without treatment, in only an hour or two, your dog will likely go into shock. The heart rate will rise and the pulse will get weaker, leading to death.

Why Do Dogs Bloat?

This question has perplexed veterinarians since they first identified the disease. We know air accumulates in the stomach (dilatation), and the stomach twists (the volvulus part). We don't know if the air builds up and causes the twist, or if the stomach twists and then the air builds up.

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How is Bloat Treated?

Veterinarians start by treating the shock. Once the dog is stable, he's taken into surgery. We do two procedures. One is to deflate the stomach and turn it back to its correct position. If the stomach wall is damaged, that piece is removed. Second, because up to 90 percent of affected dogs will have this condition again, we tack the stomach to the abdominal wall (a procedure called a gastropexy) to prevent it from twisting.

How Can Bloat Be Prevented?

For years, veterinarians have been looking for ways to prevent bloat. If you search on the Internet, you will find a host of suggestions, but much of it is folklore. We have to look at what is scientifically proven and implement those strategies.

Risk of bloat is correlated to chest conformation. Dogs with a deep, narrow chest — very tall, rather than wide — suffer the most often from bloat. Great Danes, who have a high height-to-width ratio, are five-to-eight times more likely to bloat than dogs with a low height-to-width ratio.

In addition to Great Danes, large- or giant-breed dogs at greatest risk include St. Bernards, Weimaraners, Irish Setters and Gordon Setters, Standard Poodles, and Doberman Pinschers. Males are twice as likely to bloat as females. Neutering or spaying has no effect on risk.

If a dog has relatives (parents, siblings, or offspring) who have suffered from bloat, there is a higher chance he will develop bloat. These dogs should not be used for breeding.

Certain dietary ingredients have been blamed over the years, but the data is inconclusive. This is because most large-breed dogs are fed a cereal-based diet, so making a statement that those diets are to blame is difficult. However, we do know that foods containing soybean meal or having oils or fats in the first four ingredients increase the risk by fourfold.

Over the years, I have seen studies that show that food bowls on the floor cause more cases of bloat, but a few years later this was debunked, and elevated food bowls are now known to be just as much of a risk. With these conflicting results, a solid recommendation can't be made.

Dogs fed one meal a day are twice as likely to bloat as those fed two meals a day. Rate of eating is also a contributor. Fast eaters have five times the risk than dogs that are slow eaters. Using bowls with fingers (or center posts) or putting large rocks in the bowl slows dogs down physically, but it's also important to address the anxiety that comes with feeding around other dogs, because that can be a risk factor. Stressed dogs and those that are hyperactive are more likely to bloat. Separating dogs at feeding times may help reduce anxiety and stress surrounding food. Unhappy or fearful dogs are twice as likely to bloat as those that are happy.

A recent trend is to perform a preventive surgical gastropexy on an at-risk dog. Often performed when a dog is sterilized, some veterinarians now do this procedure laparoscopically to reduce the invasiveness. Unfortunately, the hardest part is determining which dogs are at a high enough risk to warrant this surgery. It could be said that all the above-mentioned breeds should have this surgery performed. We just don't know if it is cost-effective. Consult with your veterinarian about this option.

We can't prevent all cases of bloat, but by implementing some of the above techniques, you may be able to reduce your dog's risk. If your dog shows signs of bloat, take him to a veterinarian or an emergency pet clinic immediately.



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DFW Tracking Club (DFWTC) was founded in August 2005.

The DFW Tracking Club encourages the training and competition of all breeds of canine companion animals for scent related activities, whether it is for fun, competition or for the potential life-saving value. It is the goal of the DFW Tracking Club to educate the dog-owning public about scent related activities for all breeds, and to encourage sportsmanlike behavior at all times, making the safety of the dogs, trainers, and handlers a priority. The DFW Tracking Club encourages dog owners to spend quality time with their dog(s) and to make friends with people who have similar interests.

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

For more information about the DFW Tracking Club, see the contact information to the left.