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From the Editor's Desk

From all reports, Trackfest 2018 was a rousing success! Please see Jerry Gregston's reports, along with testing results from the event. Jerry worked tirelessly to make this year's event top-notch. It's a tremendous undertaking, and he pulled everything off beautifully.

You may notice that I have declared this to be the "April-May Issue." I have been playing catch-up since the beginning, and this is an attempt to have the

newsletter actually show up in your inbox sooner than the end of the designated month.

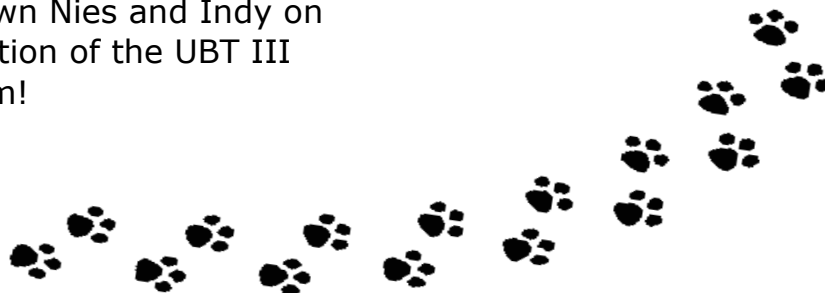
I truly appreciate all of the submissions I have been receiving. Nancy Eldridge sent a great story about a dog she raised and then subsequently trained. You and your dog can be featured here, too! Just send me a story and a picture, and you, too, can be famous!



Congratulations to Shawn Nies and Indy on their successful completion of the UBT III Test! Great work, Team!

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Trackfest Highlights

Jerry Gregston

Trackfest 2018 was a rousing success!

"You Are Your Dog's Medic," presented by Dr. Bryan Wright was a popular part of the workshop. This presentation on canine first aid, the notebook materials and corresponding videos was aimed at equipping trackers with a "field" kit and a "truck" kit to deal with emergencies in the field.

I'm posting an update on my journey assembling a first aid kit for tracking as per Dr Bryan's presentation at Trackfest in hopes that others who are working to-



ward the same goal will perhaps share their findings as well. The pic shows the field kit and contents. The closed case contains all the contents-so, yes, it will fit!

Observations:

1) if you are going to carry the kit outside your pack/gear, you need a good strong case, that is as small as possible. These are not cheap, but required (in my opinion) for what we put them through. This case was 40% of total cost.

2) Total cost for the pictured setup was just shy of \$60.

Note: I plan to add a scalpel and a couple of tampons.

3) I definitely need more practice in actually using the kit for various treatments. One of my favorite quotes from the Trackfest presentation, "if you don't know where the kit is, what's in it, and how to use it, it's not going to help much. "

The Trackfest "Long Drive Award" had to go to John and Tara from Calgary, Alberta. These folks pulled their camping trailer 36 hours to spend a week in OK, braving snow and ice in the early part of their journey. The snow was replaced by warm temps and lots of wind, and Tara's pup, Alice, passed UBT I. Rumor has it that the couple loved Trackfest, and are already looking forward to the event in 2019. There was a story going around about some diabolical judges laying tracks filled with thorns and ticks, and even one report of an elderly judge laying a track up a cliff, but these reports have not yet been confirmed!!!

Upcoming Events

UBT April–May 2018

Jagdterrier Club

June 8–10, 2018

Seminar & Testing

Aberdeen, SD

Contact: Derek Efraimson 605-228-9294 DEfraimson81@gmail.com

TLGDA Fun Day

Fun Events & UBT Testing

Saturday, June 30, 2018

Bay City, TX

Contact: Kenny Wall 281-844-0969

If you have an event coming up, please let us know! We will be glad to promote any UBT sanctioned event.

Promoting UBT



Rob Carleton at Earth Day Event
Near Mansfield, PA



Dean Muthig & Toula talk tracking for a group
of landowners in Northern Wisconsin

A Special Puppy

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Nancy Eldridge

Jax is a registered British Labrador Retriever born here at Catahoula Duck Club. He was always our “Special Puppy” from birth. He was the first born out of a litter of eight.

This young fella has always reached his goals faster than his siblings. Nothing slowed him down or stopped him. Jax has always been a true athlete, watching and wanting to learn and do more. He is gentle with children, playful with kennel mates and most serious when wearing his tracking harness. He showed interest in tracking, shed hunting and retrieving even from an early age.

At the young age of 10 weeks Jax was hooked when he found his first deer leg. It was “go” from that point forward. The words “FIND IT” were born and to Jax that meant fun and lots of action.

It was only a few weeks later that Jax would become best friends forever with two boys from North Little Rock, Arkansas. The family was on a trip with their father and grandfather visiting Catahoula Duck Club to see the operation and visit family. The boys watched Jax and a few of his siblings out on one of their regular field training trips. They developed a “special” bond with Jax which led to them becoming a Forever Home for Jax. This extended family,



grandfather a retired Arkansas Children’s Hospital executive, father a Pulaski County Deputy Coroner and two boys who idolize this gifted yellow Labrador, provide Jax with a wonderful home while sharing him on a regular basis for extended training “visits” to Catahoula Duck Club. Jax’s true passion and obsession was Blood Tracking and the command “Find It” became even more meaningful as time went on.

In the summer of 2017 Jax and his trainer/handler, would seek certification through United Blood Trackers. It was at this time Jax passed his UBT I certification with flying colors on his initial attempt and afterwards would come to be called K9 Jax.

His owner/breeder Janet Reich and trainer/handler Nancy Eldridge were proud of him for his hard work, dedication and accomplishments. Just recently, March 20, 2018, K9 Jax was up again for testing. This time the bar would be set much higher as he and his trainer/handler would test for a UBT II certification. K9 Jax was once again put to the test. Once again he passed this much higher level of certification to be titled as K9 Jax UBT II.

We are all very proud of this “Special Puppy” and his accomplishments in the tracking world. We would like to thank United Blood Trackers and Judges Cliff Shrader and Kenny Wall. We greatly appreciate this wonderful organization and the opportunity they provide for future trackers to seek certification.

Breeder: Janet Reich, Catahoula Duck Club
Trainer/Handler: Nancy Eldridge
Owner: Joseph Gordon

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Test Results—UBT Trackfest

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First Name	Last Name	State	Dog Name	Dog Breed	Test	Results
Scott	Beavin	OK	Kara	Bloodhound	UBT1	Fail
Scott	Beavin	OK	Hammer	German Shorthair	UBT1	Pass
Mark	Birtles	MI	Zoe	Dachshund	UBT1	Fail
Bruce	Blair	KS	Cacha	Blue Lacy	UBT1	Fail
Chris	Brain	AR	Lila-Belle	Walker/Blue Tick	UBT1	Pass
Frances	Correia	NY	Trout	German Shorthair	UBT1	Fail
Logan	Duke	GA	Bodhi	Drahthaar	UBT1	Pass
Lane	Gillespie	TX	Sherlock Holmes	Dachshund	UBT1	Fail
Ethan	Hall	OK	Chewbacca	Pudelpointer	UBT1	Pass
Tara	Normand	CAN	Alice	Dachshund	UBT1 Shoes + 3	Pass
Cecilia	Steel	TX	Turk	Catahoula/Dogo	UBT1	Pass
			6 Pass/5 Fail = 55% pass rate		11	
Doug	Girth	KS	Gibbs	Blue Lacy	UBT2	Pass
Brady	Hesington	MO	Boone	Hanoverian	UBT2 Shoes + 3	Pass
Katherine	Sanderson	OK	Brutus	PugHound	UBT2	Pass
Al	Sherman	IN	Val	Catahoula	UBT2	Pass
Bradley	Shoemaker	MO	Breeze	Dachshund	UBT2	Pass
Bradley	Shoemaker	MO	Elkie	Dachshund	UBT2	Fail
David	Stauffer	LA	Hero	Bavarian	UBT2	Pass
Bryan	Wright	OK	Forrest	B&T Coonhound	UBT2	Fail
Nathan	Yazel	IN	Yogi	Dachshund	UBT2	Pass
			7 Pass/2 Fail = 78% pass rate		9	
Sue	Blackman	CA	Burza Bebro Namas	Bavarian	UBT3	Fail
Shawn	Nies	MO	Indy	Dachshund	UBT3	Pass (3*)
			1 Pass/1 Fail = 50% pass rate		2	

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