

Companion Events
Tracking



TRACKING JUDGES' NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2008

The recommendations from the Tracking Advisory Committee are posted on the AKC website (www.akc.org). Any and all comments should be submitted to trackadv@akc.org, or mailed to:

American Kennel Club
Companion Events Dept.
TAC Recommendations
8051 Arco Corporate Drive
Raleigh, NC 27617-3390

We ask that you take the time to review the recommendations and give us your input, thoughts, and suggestions. **The closing date to submit your comments is September 17, 2008.** As you read through the document, you will find all the recommendations are **underlined.** (Only the chapters and sections affected by the changes are listed.) If you have questions about the recommendations, feel free to contact a member of the Tracking Advisory Committee.

PUBLICIZING TRACKING DOG SUCCESSES IN THE COMMUNITY

Tracking is an AKC activity that trains dogs to provide a service to the community. It is important to draw attention to the dogs that do this very thing. There have been several cases where dogs with AKC tracking titles have found lost people and lost pets. When this happens in your community, sit down and send us a paragraph or two detailing the event so that we can get these stories to the public. This is an excellent way to help fight breed specific legislation and support your efforts to secure and keep tracking sites.

TRACKING APPRENTICE JUDGING FORMS

Occasionally, we receive a test report with a Tracking Apprentice Judging Form included. These are to be filled out by the judge. The judge should keep one copy and return the other two to the apprentice. The apprentice should include one copy with their application for provisional status; the other is for their files. The club does not get a copy.

SAVING MONEY ON TRAVEL

With the cost of travel increasing, we are always looking for ways to save money for clubs. One of our Field Representatives included the following in their weekend report outlining their approach to saving money and cutting AKC expenses. Hope you find it as amusing as we did.

“I rented a car at a savings of \$135.00 over taking my car and charging mileage (670 miles). Further savings. While on the road I spotted a road kill. Looked fresh, not too many flies. I

stopped, field dressed the kill (I think Possum), removed the loin, stuffed it with dried fruit my wife gave me for snacks, wrapped it in foil I found near the kill and placed it on the exhaust manifold. When I reached my destination, roasted loin for dinner. Savings: \$13.00.

Breakfast was compliments of the motel. For lunch, the club provided Subway sandwiches. Ate half and on the way back to the motel, picked up a dozen packs of catsup at McDonalds, warmed up water using the coffee pot in the motel and had tomato soup and sandwich for supper. Savings: \$15.00.

Again, breakfast at the motel. The club offered a great lunch and I prepared a to-go plate for the trip home. Savings: \$6.00.”

Enjoy the rest of your summer!!