

TEETER TALES



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Tick Season is Well Underway

By Allison Walker

Experts are warning that this year's tick population is likely going to be bigger than ever due to an increase in the white footed mouse populations in many areas, as well as the two consecutive mild winters we've had. They predict this will result in many more cases of Lyme disease. A "new" tick-borne disease, Powassan, is also causing concern, with cases reported in the Northeast and Great Lakes regions. If you are feeling strange—headachy, or like you have the flu—better get checked even if you haven't seen the telltale bull's eye, because not everyone gets one. As many as 300,000 cases go undiagnosed per year. Kruiser's all know that dogs get Lymes and other tick-borne diseases, too.

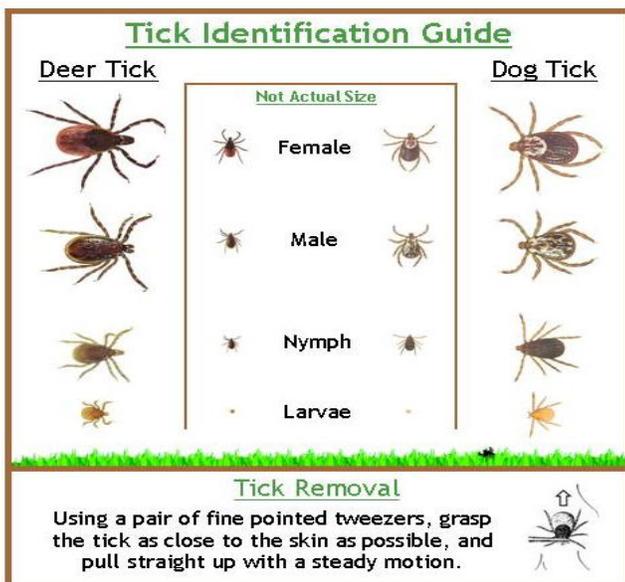
Not all dogs are tick magnets like Henson. I've caught over 50 walking around on him already; 30 so far this month. Only a few were attached (and dead). If that sounds like a lot, it's not even close to his record! I think the chemo was sort of a repellent last year, but this spring the competition for victims must be fierce. And peak season isn't until June-July. By then, we will both be completely bonkers. At least he finds the ones I don't, and shows me so I can remove them. It gets to the point, though, where he is so paranoid he's showing me spots on the Berber rug and freckles on my legs. This all gets old fast.

I've compiled some tick tips below. If anyone has suggestions pertaining to medications, homeopathies, or diet, please email me to share in the June issue. One piece of good advice I can give you is don't Google "dog ticks." The pictures are awful!

Lint Roller & Essential Oil Tick Hacks

This was on Facebook [<https://www.davidwolfe.com/trick-keep-ticks-off/>] and has been on TV. I'm glad to know a lint roller with adhesive layers can be used to remove meandering ticks! That wouldn't be hard to carry on a walk or have handy while working in the yard. The article suggests rolling it on your clothing every once in a while when you're outdoors. Airborne ticks were landing on me in the winds we've had recently, and have climbed on me in the car or house that have been lying in wait for the next warm-blooded host to come along. My neighbor keeps finding them waiting for victims on her screen door.

I know several people who use store-bought and homemade concoctions of essential oils, spritzing themselves and their dogs before going outside. Popular oils are rose geranium, citronella, lemon juice or grass, and mint. They say these oils will repel ticks, mosquitoes, and black flies. Oils may be used in conjunction with pharmaceutical and other treatments, but it's best to verify combinations with your vet.



Nightmare material!
Picture borrowed from
www.davidwolfe.com.



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Board and General Membership Meeting

Board Meeting 6:30pm/
General Meeting 8:15pm

June 21 @ the Barn

Work Days

Thursday, June 29,
noon-5pm

Friday, July 1, 5-8pm

Trial

July 1-2 @ the barn

Kruisin' Kanines

AKC Trial

July 1 & 2

Find more info at
kruisinkanines.com

Agility Course Test (ACT) 1 & 2

Friday, June 2 @ the Barn, 5-9pm

Questions? Contact Tony Luzynski:
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Come Play at the
July 4th Demo
Fonthill, Doylestown

10am- 4:30pm

Contact Alan Stifelman
pandakita@gmail.com

Location: Point Pleasant Firehouse

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

President's Report (Konnie McCaffree):

- The March 28, 2017, Board meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
- The next meetings will be Monday, May 15, 2017, and Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at the Kruisin Barn.
- The next workday will be May 11 from Noon - 5pm.
- A new laptop for the trial secretary was purchased for \$350.
- Table legs to meet upcoming AKC requirement for table height specific to each height class have been ordered.
- Signups for the May 13-14, 2017 seminar are low, so we have decided to hold the seminar only on May 14, 2017, with both instructors. Masters level currently has 5 teams; Novice has 3 teams. Registration closes May 6.
- Carol Allen and Linda Goldman agreed to clean out the trailer.
- No decision made re tent disposal/sale.
- We are having issues with Yahoo Groups, and are considering moving to another site.

Treasurer's Report (Tony Luzynski):

Account Balances - As of 4/17/2017

Account	17-Apr-17	24-Mar-17	Change
Bank Accounts			
PayPal Account	\$ -	\$1206.02	\$(1206.02)
Univest Chk	\$11092.98	\$13876.36	\$(2783.28)
Univest Sav	\$10004.41	\$10003.96	0.45
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$21097.39	\$25086.34	\$(3988.95)
Cash Accounts			
Undeposited Funds	\$365	\$ -	\$365
TOTAL Cash Accounts	\$365	\$ -	\$365
OVERALL TOTAL	\$21462.39	\$25086.34	\$(3623.95)

- Decrease due to instructor stipends paid.
- April AKC trial receipts not yet deposited.

Committee Reports

Training Committee (Dina Melendez – Scheduler):

- 5 new teams have expressed interest in Nose Work.
- Dina will work with Allison Miele to post all classes on website, whether or not currently running.
- Dina has applied for the CGC Evaluator training.

- Dina will wait for more information from the AKC on the Tricks Evaluator training before she applies.

- An instructor meeting will be held on May 12 for Kruisin member instructors only. Dog aggression, P&P requirements, and policy regarding crating dogs during classes will be discussed.

April 29 – 30 AKC Trial Chairs (Sherry Wilson/Anne Ford):

- The Board agreed to allow the judge to park her RV at the barn for Friday and Saturday nights.
- Sherry will pressure wash the mezzanine.
- Judy Eckenrode has mowed and will mow again.
- Judge dinner on Saturday, April 29, is TBD.
- We have 293 runs for Saturday and 330 runs for Sunday.
- Alan has asked for a replacement for his role as the trial secretary going forward.
- Allison Walker has had directional road signs and a building sign made.
- The trailer will be temporarily moved to the other end of the building to facilitate traffic and parking during the trial.
- Kris Bartell is still looking for food volunteers for a few items.

July 1-2 AKC Trial Chairs (Kim Sectar/Dina Melendez):

- Kim asked for a volunteer to pick up the judge from the airport on Friday evening.

- The premium is on the Kruisin website.

UKI Trials Chair (Teresa Koziatek): No report.

Membership (Peg Antrobus): No report. We are still looking for volunteers for the mentoring committee.

Library (Becky Forry): No report

Website (Allison Miele): No report

Old Business:

- Outdoor ring: Andy brought Jack Glass in to take a look at the work needed to be done regarding the outside ring and asked him to prepare a detailed estimate to support his ballpark estimate of \$2500 - \$3000
- Lease: Our lease expires in February 2018 and we need to be sure we will renew with favorable terms as part of the decision process for the outdoor ring.
- Need someone to negotiate the lease with the landlord.
- Brochure: We will publish the brochure without a logo until a logo is decided.
- Logo: Allison Walker will ask her contact for ideas for professional logo design.
- ACT Test: Konnie has an example flyer for the ACT Test for the June 2 event, with a 5pm start time. Prices were discussed as follows: Members: \$2/run. Nonmembers: \$5/run. Students who have completed F1 and F2: free. Attendees will be limited to 2 runs.

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- AKC Scent Work Trials: Per review of the Bylaws, Konnie has determined that we do not need to ask Stacy Barnett to be a limited member of Kruisin' as class attendees are all considered limited members and that will meet the requirements for the AKC application.
- Pigeon problem – we have not yet found a solution that works.
- Dina will do online research regarding other clubs' policies for liability, vaccinations, and aggression policy. We'd like to make this part of the class registration process.
- Pearly Whites: K9 teeth cleaning without anesthesia (mobile "camper" facility) was discussed as opportunity for revenue generation. Allison Miele will try one in the near future and update us.

New Business (Topics proposed for, but not addressed or fully resolve at the meeting due to time constraints during the Board and/or member meetings):

- Continuing education reimbursement and policies
- Open Agility/Run Thrus - reinstate? Need volunteers
- Aggression policy

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by Teresa Koziatek, Secretary

Tick Hacks

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Five essential oils (below) were listed in the Facebook post, and all have links to more info. All dogs are different, so again, discuss using any of these with your vet or homeopath. I have been cautioned, since starting this article, by a professional herbalist friend not to use essential oils with Henson because he grooms himself like a cat and they should not be ingested.

1. **Lavender** – a sweet-smelling tick deterrent. Repels mosquitoes, flies and other unwanted insects.
2. **Pennyroyal** – a member of the mint family, pennyroyal is toxic to insects. [A recent *Mother Earth News* article advises never to take pennyroyal internally <https://www.motherearthnews.com/natural-health/herbal-remedies/pennyroyal-safety/>]
3. **Lemongrass** – works as a natural flea and tick repellent.
4. **Eucalyptus** – can be used alone or in combination with citronella oil. Eucalyptus extract has the ability to reduce tick bites and infections.
5. **Lemon** – contains a compound called limolene, considered to be especially effective against fleas and other bugs. Dilute before spraying it onto your clothes or skin.

Lawn treatments may be effective, but most need to be reapplied after any rain. Please share details if you have found any that work.

I've heard two ways to treat the white footed mouse: buy cardboard rolls containing nesting materials that have been saturated in tick-killing stuff that is not toxic to the mice; and a study is being conducted on another type of tube that contains a protruding dropper filled with tick poison that dispenses a drop on the backs of rodents as they crawl through. My vet told me once that if you treat your white footed mouse population, don't go killing them after that because you don't want new, tick-infected mice moving in.



The White Footed mouse. I found a baby inside on my kitchen doormat once. I think it latched onto Fergus, my last Wheaten terrier, and rode in on his leg. I took it back outside!



I keep tick keys in the kitchen and the car. There are several types, including a tweezer-like style. They are super simple to use everywhere but on the eyelids. I also keep a lighter in my pocket during tick season and burn any ticks I catch (along with my thumb) so they never get on anyone else! But if I'm in the woods, I tie ticks up in a baggie and dispose of them later.



KRUISIN' KANINES SUMMER AKC Trial

Saturday, July 1 — Sunday, July 2

Judge: Dawn Glaser-Falk

At the Kruisin' Barn



Trainers Talk

Interview with Stacy Barnett, Nose Work Instructor

What got you into nose work?

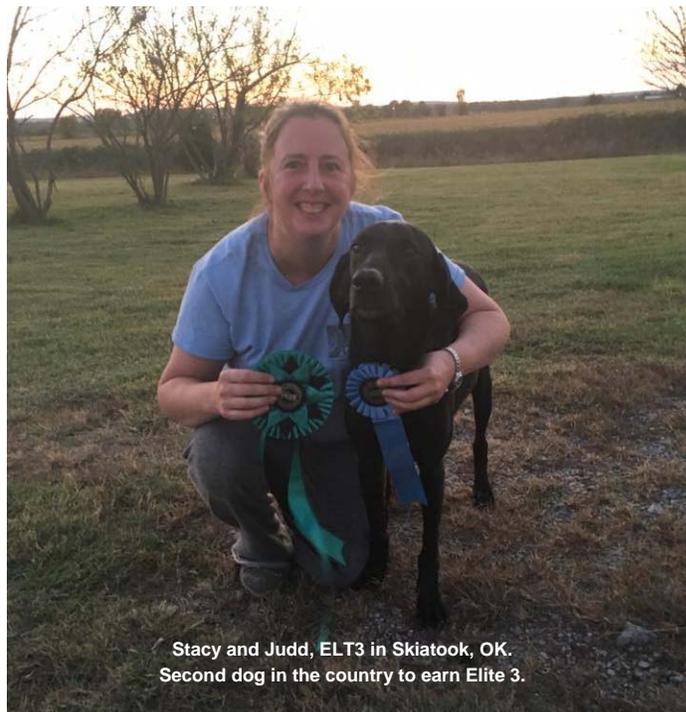
I've tried every sport. Judd was my major competition dog. Although we struggled through a lot of Rally, he has an ARCHMX in sport Rally. We did some obedience, and he has an open championship in CDSP (Companion Dog Sport Program). We dabbled a little bit in agility. He always loved training, but he never really loved trialing. He was always the dog in the ring that people would feel sorry for the handler and the dog, because the dog would be shutting down. So we were a little bit of a wash-out. He has the titles, but they were hard won.

I started taking obedience classes at Fenzi Dog Sports Academy, got to know Denise really well, and she really helped us. During that time, I started nose work with Judd on a whim and he basically told me this is the most important thing in the world to him. He decided this is exactly what he wanted to do. He just blossomed! His excitement level was huge. People had referred to Judd before as a low-drive dog, but now when people see him in nose work, they see a high-drive dog. He absolutely loves it. His passion is what got me into this big time.

He's done really well. He got his NW1 and his NW2 very quickly, then his NW3 with a "high in trial." Judd is a little bit of a rock star. He's a really great dog. About that time, Denise was looking for another nose work instructor and asked if I wanted to teach. I have a huge amount of respect for Denise and decided I'd love to. I have a background in teaching from dressage, and I used to train horses. It was an easy transition to dogs.

I decided that if I was going to be teaching, I needed to also train my other dogs. Joey is pretty low drive and initially thought nose work was kind of stupid (he's since changed his mind!), but I decided that if I can't train this dog, I have no business teaching. So I got him through his motivation issues. He taught me all about motivation. "Why," my mini Aussie, has confidence issues, and he taught me all about teaching confidence. In addition to working with a lot of different dogs and handlers, my three dogs developed my framework for me. That framework is like a pyramid, with the bottom layer being confidence. The next layer is motivation. The third layer is skills, and the top of the pyramid is stamina.

All three of them are so different. Judd is a blast to run, he's my Elite dog. But the other two have taught me so much, and I'm so grateful for them. Judd is currently in the Top 40 dogs in the Nation in NACSW. We're hoping to keep it that way at least until June 30 so we can go to the National Invitational in November.



Stacy and Judd, ELT3 in Skiatook, OK.
Second dog in the country to earn Elite 3.



Stacy and Joey, NW1 Third Overall

What is your teaching philosophy and methodology?

My framework and mantra guides all of my training decisions: Confidence, Motivation, Skills, and Stamina. My teaching philosophy is based on understanding what the dog and the handler needs and then adapting. And of course there is kindness. That's a biggie.

The sport itself has got to be the best thing in the world for dogs—it's consummate dog.

I think that nose work is consummate dog because the olfactory lobe in a dog is 1/8 of its brain. So if we think about how a dog perceives the world, he perceives his world so much differently than we do.

I think when we do sports where dogs are not allowed to use their nose, it's kind of limiting. When we allow them to use their nose, they are more whole—you get the whole dog working. The sport itself can also do miraculous things in terms of reactivity and confidence. It gives the dog an outlet. My Why was so reactive before I started him on nose work. He couldn't really be within 100 feet of dog he didn't know. Now his reactivity is negligible. He's also a very low-confidence dog and it's done absolutely amazing things for him. He had a rough start to life. He really wasn't socialized when he was younger. He's a timid dog, and I think that's just his personality.

Nose work is really great for dogs that are high energy and need an outlet. You can do it at home, in your living room or your basement; you don't have to go anywhere. So if it's a rainy day and you want to work your dog, set up some searches. You can really wear out the cooped-up high-drive dog in a matter of minutes. At the same time, it's really great for the older dog that needs a job and can't physically do things like agility or anything high impact. It gives them an outlet as well. Every dog is on an even playing field. You can compete with any kind of dog. The behavior benefits are just huge. I really think it's because they are allowed to work on their own, and they are allowed to work through their olfactory senses. They can still smell that other dogs have been around and they are able to cope with that level of stimulus a little better.

The sport itself is really a new sport, less than a decade old, and it is basically modeled after drug detection. We use a lot of the same techniques and methods as you would train a drug dog. There are also a lot of different methods you can use to teach nose work, and they all work.

I will change my approach a little bit from a training perspective depending on the dog's background. It was obvious to me that the Kruisin' dogs were picking this up really quickly.



Stacy and Judd, Second Overall at Pittstown, NJ Elite Trial (Judd's 5th top 3 placement in Elite)



Stacy and Why during NW2

Read an interview with Trainer Sue Tovino next month!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Becky Forry and Sticky!



In 2016, Sticky was the #5 Rottweiler in herding. In herding, they combine all stock and all levels, and use total dogs defeated to place.



AGILITY COURSE TEST

2 rounds of ACT1 & 2 rounds of ACT2

Friday, June 2 @ the Barn, 5-9pm

Questions? Contact Tony Luzynski: A.J.Luzynski@gmail.com
215-997-2004

Contact Tony for Entry Form in time to snail mail back to him

Fees per Dog: First round \$10; second round \$5

Limited to 60 runs

AKC registration not required • AKC-registered dogs can earn titles with 2 clean rounds • ACT1 - basic sequencing (no teeter, weaves, chutes or spread jumps) • ACT2 - increased skills (teeter, 6 weaves, chute, and spread jump present) • No measuring: dogs jump at the height they train

ACT events are designed to help newcomers appreciate how much they have learned in their foundations classes, and also prepare them to enter future agility trials at the novice level. ACT events are not agility trials, but they have many things in common.

- The ACT1 class has 10 to 12 obstacles on the course, which must be completed in under 60 seconds. The only contact obstacle present is an A-frame. There are no weave poles, chutes, or spread jumps (ie, doubles, triples, or broad jumps).
- In ACT2 the team has to run a course of 11 to 13 obstacles in under 70 seconds. The teeter and 6 weave poles are present, along with a chute and one spread jump.
- Qualifying scores or "Q's" can be earned with a score of 85 out of 100 points or higher. A "Q" is sometimes referred to as a leg. In the ACT program a dog only needs 2 legs to earn a title. A run in the ACT program is scored differently than in AKC novice classes. Refusals are not counted in the same way. Teams are permitted to make 3 attempts to complete any obstacle. If a team is successful on the third try, no points are deducted. Wrong courses are counted in the same way, 5 points off for each. These are the things that will cause a team to not qualify:
 - A dropped bar
 - A missed contact
 - Making more than 3 attempts to successfully complete an obstacle
 - More than 3 wrong courses

The only dogs that cannot enter an ACT event are those that have already earned an AKC agility title. This means that if you have 2 legs in novice JWW but haven't earned the NAJ or NJP title, you can still participate in the ACT program. Dogs must be at least 15 months old. AKC numbers are not required but to receive a title certificate your dog must be



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Joanna's
Jersey & Cooper

Dreaming of the days to come!
It's almost beach time!



Bernadette's
Cadbury

Upcoming Events

June

June 2 — ACT 1&2 Test, 5-9pm @ the barn

June 21 — Board Meeting 6:30pm/General Meeting
8:15pm @ the Barn

June 29 — Work day, noon-5

July

July 1 — Work day, 5-8pm

July 1-2 — AKC trial @ the barn

Weekly Club Events 2017

Every Sunday: Run Thrus all day, unless another club event is scheduled

For a detailed look at all Kruisin' Classes and Events, visit www.kruisinkanines.com and click: [Kruisin' Kanines Calendar](#).

For the Barn Use Schedule, click: [Barn Use Calendar](#)

For general information visit www.kruisinkanines.com

Training Schedule *

Mondays

6:30-7:30pm Foundations 2 (w/Anna Burbank)
7-8pm Fancy Handling (w/Jeanie Burton)
7:45-8:45pm Beginner Agility (w/Anna Burbank)
8-9pm Fancy Handling (w/Jeanie Burton)

Tuesdays

7-8pm Skills & Handling (w/Linda Goldman)
7-8 pm Foundations 1 (w/Dina Melendez)
8-9pm Skills & Drills (w/Kim Sector)

Wednesdays

9:30-11am Advanced (w/Konnie McCaffree)
4-5pm NW 1/2 Prep (w/Stacy Barnett)
5-6 pm NW1 Prep (w/Stacy Barnett)
6-7pm NW1 Prep (w/Stacy Barnett)
6:30-8pm Masters & Beyond! (w/Jeff Abel)
7-8 pm NW1 Prep (w/Stacy Barnett)
8-8:45 Intro to NW (w/Stacy Barnett)
8:45-9pm Intro to NW (w/Stacy Barnett)
8-9pm Developing Amazing Weaves (Jeff Abel)

Thursdays

10:30am-noon Intermediate (w/Rosemary McQuate)
5-6pm Novice/Open/Private (w/Sue Tovino)
6-7:30pm Masters/Excellent/Specialty (w/Sue Tovino)
7:30-9pm Masters/Excellent/Specialty (w/Sue Tovino)
7-8pm Tricks 101 (w/Dina Melendez)

* Subject to change.

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Kruisin' Kanines holds a General Membership meeting once a month. The Board of Directors also meets once a month. If you would like to attend either meeting, please check the Kruisin' website calendar for dates and times.

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