



Tracking Seminar Presenter Background - Ruth Vaughan

Ruth trained and handled her first Weimaraner, “Truman” CT Pewter Run’s Paper Moon VCD2 RE AX AXJ (2001 - 2015) to 17 AKC titles in Obedience, Rally, Agility and Tracking. In tracking, they passed their TD test in 2005 and their TDX test in 2006 each in one attempt. On their 3rd try, Truman passed a VST test in 2008, finishing his Tracking Championship; and became one of only about 180 dogs of any breed in AKC history to do so. Ruth & Truman were invited and drawn as one of 10 teams in the United States to attend the AKC National Tracking Invitational in September of 2009.

Her 13 year old Weim, “Porter” (CH CT MACH Indaba’s Premium Porter VCD3 RA MX MXJ MXB MXJB) earned his TD on his first attempt in Gettysburg in 2011 when he was 14 months old, and his TDX in the following year in State College, PA, just after his second birthday. He passed his VST on his first attempt in October of 2014 at the Tracking Club of Massachusetts test near Boston. He was the first, and only, dog to qualify at one of their VST tests in 7 years. At 13 years old, Porter holds his Tracking, Breed, and Agility Championships as well as 26 other AKC Obedience, Rally, Agility, Scent Work, and Versatile Companion Dog titles.

Her newest addition, “Rye” (CH CT Trax Night Sky Rider RA VCD2 VER AX AXJ), earned his Tracking Dog title at his first test at age 8 months, his TDX as a yearling at 20 months, and his VST/CT at 2 years & 9 months old; setting a new ‘youngest’ record for the breed. At 7 years old, holding 2 Championships and 15 other AKC Obedience, Rally, Agility, and Versatility (VCD) titles, he is showing lots of promise in everything he does.

Ruth trained under several AKC Tracking Judges including Ray Desmarais and Allison Platt - pioneer in the use of serpentine training tracks. She attended AKC Tracking Judges’ Seminars at Cornell University & Tracking Clubs of Vermont and Maine; and was chosen to participate in the AKC ‘Urban Tracking’ test and advisory program in 2008. Ruth has taught Beginning, Advanced and TDX level Classes for the Dog Obedience Training Club of Rochester, and given numerous beginning, advanced, and VST seminars in Rochester, Buffalo, Syracuse, New Paltz, and New England. Ruth has served as coach to two Tracking Training groups and many individuals for the last 14 years in the Rochester/Buffalo/Syracuse area.

Ruth has been Chair, Secretary, Chief Track Layer, and Track Layer for many TD, TDX, and VST tests for DOTCORN, Hudson Valley Tracking Club, and the Weimaraner Club of America’s National tracking tests. In May 2015, she became an AKC TD/TDU tracking judge, and in June 2022 became provisional to judge TDX. Ruth has judged TDX tests for clubs in NY, NJ, PA, MI, & CA; and for the West Highland White Terrier Club of America’s National tests in Maryland.

Ruth was 2010 & 2011 President of the Dog Obedience Training Club of Rochester New York and is a member of the Hudson Valley Tracking Club, and the Weimaraner Club of America.

Approaching the start flag with ‘Truman’
AKC National Tracking Invitational, 2009

