

DALMATIANS IN OBEDIENCE

By Cathy Murphy

Chairman of the DCA Tracking Test Committee Mr. Joe Legler commented that it was a nice day for Tracking. The grounds were poor but better than expected for June in Southern California. Actually, some rain the day before the Tracking Test helped the grounds problem to some extent. The Tracks were well laid, the Track layers were both experienced, and the judges knew what they were doing.

Ch. Forest Jilia O'Brogan UDT, owned by P. Karen McDonnell and Jean L. Nelson is the only Dalmatian I have listed as running a qualifying track on this day. Some Dals failed, and some were absent. This is a really good added feature, and unfortunately we've heard a few rumors to the effect that some would like to just see the Tracking Test dropped from the National Specialty. Sure, it's more work, grounds have to be found, the entry is limited, etc. etc. And true, some dogs are absent. But dogs are absent from other DCA classes as well. Let's KEEP Tracking with our National Specialty. More Dalmatians acquire their TD's every year and this is really a growing activity. As of April 8th this year we've got four new Dalmatian Tracking Titled dogs! There's bound to be more this year, and a very good number of new TD's were accomplished last year. Some may say this doesn't sound like a lot of TD Dalmatians. Just keep in mind that with the limited number of dogs a Tracking Test can accommodate, there's going to be more than enough Spotted Wonders to fill those slots at the DCA. So let's be sure we keep this activity going every year at DCA!