

# DALMATIANS IN OBEDIENCE

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## BITS AND PIECES:

The Sandia Dog Obedience Tracking Test was held Dec. 10, 1989 at Placity, NM, Judges Judy Carr & Jim Sadlo. Pat Sayles attended with three of her Dalmatians entered. Of the eleven dogs entered, seven qualified, and three of those were Pat's Dalmatians. Pat ran all three Dals on the tracks herself. Ch. Hopi Kachina Indian Summer UDTX ran the track in thirteen minutes. Ch. Hopi Kachina Mosairu II CDXTDX (Spinner) ran the track in twelve minutes. Then Pat's nine month old puppy Hopi Kachina Quaho'tunatya TD, ran her track in six minutes. And so the family tradition carries on. The puppy, Tunatya, is a great-granddaughter of Indy (Indian Summer), and a Granddaughter of Spinner. All three of these Dals are co-owned and co-bred with Cathy Nogar. We know most all Dals have very good noses and can track, if the owner wants to put in the time and effort to teach them. We also know the potential to do something very well is in the genes as well, and does carry on through future generations. To have three related Dals enter the same Tracking Test, and all three pass so nicely is quite an accomplishment. Congratulations to Pat!

Pat was lucky to be able to enter both Indy and Spinner. Slots at a Tracking Test are given first to untitled dogs. If an insufficient number of untitled dogs is entered, then titled dogs can participate, and in this situation TDX titled dogs could be entered again in a Tracking Test. Several people have asked why a TD or TDX titled dog would be entered in Tracking Tests after their title was acquired. Because it's fun to do! Same reasons why most exhibitors enter Open after their CDX is accomplished or Utility after their UD is finished.



From left to right: Judy Carr, Pat Sayles and Jim Sadlo  
Sitting left-CH Hopi Kachina Indian Summer UDTX; sitting right-CH Hopi Kachina Mosairu II CDX TDX; lying down-Hopi Kachina Quaho'tunatya