

Enthusiastic Tracking - Three *Fun* Seminars

Three weekends of Canine Fun, Comradeship and Learning in the Northwest

Bow, Washington, July 16-18, July 30-Aug 1, Aug 6-8, 2011

The Pacific Northwest is well known as *tracking heaven* by canine scent connoisseurs because one can track every day, and there are no poisonous snakes, fire ants, ticks, fox-tails, or poison ivy.

Enjoy your vacation with your special canine friend doing what you both love to do and extend your stay with a tour through the Beautiful Puget Sound region (Islands, Waterways, Dog-Friendly Mountain Hikes, and much more).

Choose from three focused seminars, one for the beginner and TD-level dog, another focused on the TDX-level dog, and a third on urban training for the AKC VST and the CKC UDT/UDTX.



Weekend 1 introduces the beginning trainer to the fundamentals of tracking training and gets the novice dog started. It also teaches each of the important training techniques needed to get a dog and handler ready for his TD.

Weekend 2 builds on the TD fundamentals to develop the dog's and handler's skill for a TDX. Learn track designs to teach each TDX skill combined with lots of individual problem solving.

Weekend 3 focuses on the complex scenting conditions found in urban tracking and develops training techniques and handling skills needed to succeed in an urban test. There will be consideration given to the issues of transitioning a TD or TDX dog to urban work as well as how to start a new puppy with the aim to be successful in both urban and field tracking.

Each of the three weekends have an complimentary Monday extension which allows for more individual work as well as a deep dive into scent, tracklaying, track design, and motivation.

Optional Saturday evening dinners will provide additional opportunity to socialize with your new tracking friends.

Come to one or more seminars, your dog will be glad you did.

A curriculum overview, logistics, prices, FAQ, and a registration form follow.

Enthusiastic Tracking Seminar – Curriculum Overview	
Saturday, 7/16	Beginning TD Enthusiastic Tracking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Envisioning the ideal tracking dog. • Tracklayer & Handler training. • Starting the beginning dog – work beginning dog/handler teams.
Sunday, 7/17	Intermediate TD Enthusiastic Tracking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing Corners – work intermediate dog/handler teams, • Reading your dog, Dog/Handler communication on corners. • Problem Solving - work dog/handler teams preparing for TD. • Putting it all together for the test.
Monday, 7/18	Individualized Training, Deep dives on Scent, Tracklaying & Motivation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individualized Problem Solving – working individual dogs. • Scent visualization and distribution. • Track Design & Tracklaying Skills. • Motivation and Re-Motivation techniques.
Saturday, 7/30	TDX Enthusiastic Tracking – Advanced Skills Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ideal advanced tracking dog. • Line Handling, Reading your Dog, & Corner Communications. • Working TD-level dogs starting out on TDX. • Problem Solving – how to give yourself a private lesson with an expert. • Skills development for TDX – Age, Obstacles, Crosstracks.
Sunday, 7/31	TDX Enthusiastic Tracking – Adaptable Training & Problem Solving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of adaptable training steps & adapting them to your dog. • Diagnosing your dog's performance & designing the next training track. • Specific TDX problem solving track segments – work dog/handler teams. • Peaking a dog for a test.
Monday, 8/1	Individualized Training, Deep dives on Scent, Tracklaying & Motivation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individualized Problem Solving – working individual dogs. • Scent visualization and distribution. • Track Design & Tracklaying Skills. • Motivation and Re-Motivation techniques.
Saturday, 8/6	Urban Enthusiastic Tracking – Basic Techniques <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lawn tracking for the field-trained dog and contamination • Starting Lawn Exercises for experienced tracking dogs new to VST • Hard-surface tracking – curbs and serpentines’. • <i>Choices, So Many Choices</i> or mastering what makes VST difficult. • Starting Hard-Surface Exercises for experienced tracking dogs new to VST
Sunday, 8/7	Urban Enthusiastic Tracking – Intermediate & Advanced Techniques <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Urban Tracking Techniques and Progressions. • Designing Urban Training Tracks for a Training purpose. • Surface-Transition exercises for experienced tracking dogs new to VST • Field Trip - VST-like track segments for dogs with some VST experience
Monday, 8/8	Individualized Training, Deep dives on Scent, Tracklaying & Motivation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individualized Problem Solving – working individual dogs. • Scent visualization and distribution. • Track Design & Tracklaying Skills. • Motivation and Re-Motivation techniques.

Logistics

Healthy morning snacks, lunch and a mid-afternoon snack will be provided as well as coffee, tea and water. People with other dietary needs should bring their own (e.g. bring your own donuts☺).

All Participants and Auditors will receive a complimentary signed copy of Enthusiastic Tracking, a set of Field Maps, and a full set of Class Notes. Anyone unfamiliar with the book may request their copy be mailed to them at the time of their reservation. If this will be your second copy of the book, consider giving it as a gift to another dog friend.

Working Dogs

Working dogs will have the opportunity to track every day. Your dog will typically only track in front of Sil and the whole group one day per seminar weekend, but there will be opportunity and land to practice the working dog on other days.

Please understand that space and time for working dogs are limited at a seminar. When you sign up to work a dog you will inform me of the dog's current level of tracking training as well as where you realistically hope they will be in their training in July or August.

I will let you know what days your dog will work as part of group activities and if that is unacceptable, you can get a full refund of your fee or convert to Auditor status. In June, I will quiz you again about your dog's level and make adjustments to the working schedule as possible and appropriate.

Every person with a working dog will be expected to lay tracks for others (according to their ability) as well as be out in the field following the working team to learn from others.

Auditors

Auditors will do line handling and track-laying exercises. Auditors should plan to fully engage in all the learning activities in both the classroom and the field. Auditors will be welcome to lay track for others and to be out in the field with the working participants.



Motels + Camping

- Bay View State Park is a well-shaded park on Padilla Bay (9 miles, RV/camp \$27.50/night).
- KOA Burlington has campsites & cabins (5 miles, RC/Campsites \$45+/night)
- Cocusa Motel 360-757-6044 (6 miles, \$79+/night)
- Quality Inn, Mt. Vernon 877-424-6423 (9 miles, \$77/night + \$10/night/pet)
- Best Western, College Way, Mt Vernon 800-793-4024 (9 miles, \$97/night + pets \$20/night)
- Days Inn, Mt. Vernon, (9 miles, \$97/night prepaid-rate + pets \$20/night)

Price Structure:

Choose to attend one, two or three seminars. Each seminar is priced as a unit whether you attend a single day or all three days. Add together the weekends you will attend with a working dog and the weekends you will audit and choose the appropriate row below.

Total Weekends Attending	With One Working Dog	With Two Working Dogs	Without Dog (Audit)
1	\$300	\$400	\$125
2	\$450	\$625	\$200
3	\$550	\$750	\$250

The balance in full is required at the time the reservation is made or within 10-days of email reservations.

Refunds:

- For auditors, full refunds will be made provided cancellations are received more than a week in advance.
- For participants with working dogs, full refunds will be provided for cancellations received more than 4-weeks before each seminar.
- For participants with working dogs, 50% refunds will be provided for cancellations received between 4-weeks and 1-week before each seminar.
- Cancellation of some but not all of the days will be handled by recalculation of the fee and returning any difference under the timelines above.

One-half of the net proceeds from this seminar/camp will go to groups putting on AKC tracking tests in the Northwest.

FAQ

My dog and I have never tracked. Should I sign-up as a participant?

- Yes, sign-up to work your dog at the TD seminar the first weekend. Work your dog additional days or audit as you see fit.

Will the weather be suitable for tracking my dog?

- The summers are general cool in Western Washington. Even in a hot spell, it should be fine for tracking dogs of all breeds.
- Western Washington is generally damp without noxious weeds or insects even in the summer so conditions will be very good for scenting.

How much will it cost?

- The cost varies between \$125 and \$750 depending on how many days you attend, how many dogs you work, and how many days you work your dog(s).
- The cost includes light morning and evening snacks and lunch.
- Accommodations are available separately at several nearby campgrounds and motels.

Coming from a distance?

- Plan to spend extra days visiting the many attractions of the Northwest while you are here: Cascade Mountains, Puget Sound, Pacific Coast Beaches and lots more.
- Bow is just off I-5 just 90-minutes north of the I-90 interchange so it is easy to access from the South or East. Make it a vacation you and your dog will cherish!

Why is the second seminar weekend two weeks after the first?

- Fitting in a three weekend series of events into an already overcrowded dog event schedule is tricky.
- Ideally, I'd like them to be three weekends in a row for people who come from some distance and I'd like them perhaps a month apart for nearby people who can digest what they learn from one seminar before jumping into the next.
- Blame it on a combination of my work schedule and the facilities schedule ☺...

Is this suitable for Schutzhund Tracking Training?

- Schutzhund is a more precise style of tracking than AKC or CKC tracking. While there are some techniques in common, the compulsion typical of Schutzhund training is not part of Enthusiastic Tracking so I cannot recommend this method for people whose main goal is Schutzhund titles.

More Questions?

- Contact Sil@WestiesNW.com

Directions:

The Wesen Farm is located in Bow, WA about 75 minutes North of Seattle just off I-5. The training building will provide protection from the sun and rain and a convenient base camp for our training activities. On Urban tracking days, we will travel to nearby parks and campuses to provide suitable conditions.

See http://janwesen.com/Direction_Motels.html for detailed directions.

Sil Sanders and Enthusiastic Tracking

Sil Sanders has trained dogs in tracking since 1980. His own dogs are Westies. Four of them earned their TDX and one also earned his VST and CT.

Sil Sanders has had Westies since 1960. In 1984, his Alicia became the first Westie to earn a TDX.

He once had the privilege of handling a Golden to her TD while her owner and trainer recuperated from surgery. He has coached to a TDX dogs from five of the AKC groups, the first Bernese Mountain Dog, and several dogs that everyone had given up on but their owner.

In 1998 he published Enthusiastic Tracking, the Step-by-step Training Handbook, 2nd Ed. which collected together the training wisdom of numerous tracking trainers into a coherent training process which is widely used in the tracking community today.

He has been active in Obedience with four Westies since 1976 with his Mr. Q earning the UDX in 1996. He has been active in AWTA Working Terrier Trials since 1976 and AKC Earthdog trials since their inception in 1993.

He and his wife Anne have shown and bred Westies since 1972. They have put Championships on over 30 owner-bred dogs, mostly owner-handled from the bred-by class.

He is active in the national Westie Club Performance Committee. Over the past 30 years he created annual obedience awards, created and sponsored the Versatile Dog Awards, and licensed the club for Obedience, Tracking, Agility and Earthdog. He helped form three other local clubs in breed, Earthdog and Tracking.

Enthusiastic Tracking 2011 Three Seminars Registration Form

Name _____ Dog's Call Name _____
 Street _____ Breed _____
 City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
 Email _____ Phone Number _____

Attendance Plan	Sat 7/16 Beginner	Sun 7/17 TD	Mon 7/18 TD Ext	Sat 7/30 TDX 1	Sun 7/31 TDX 2	Mon 8/1 TDX Ext	Sat 8/6 VST 1	Sun 8/7 VST 2	Mon 8/8 VST Ext
With a Dog									
W/O a Dog									

Full amount enclosed: _____ (see above for amount and refund schedule).

Sign the Hold Harmless agreement and return with your reservation.

*** Make checks payable to **Jan Wesen** and mail to **Sil Sanders, 33101 44th Ave NW, Stanwood, WA 98292.**

*** Email/faxed forms (to Sil@WestiesNW.com or 360-639-3537) will hold a working-dog spot for 10-days pending receipt of check & hold-harmless agreement.

If you are bringing a dog, please fill out the following additional information:

Training background of Handler with this dog or other dogs:

Tracking Titles Earned: ___ TD, ___ TDX, ___ VST, ___ Schutzhund, ___ Search & Rescue

Other Titles Earned: ___ CD/RN/NA*, ___ CDX/RA/OA*, ___ UD/RE/AX*, ___ UDX/RAE/MX*

Other Activities: ___ Trained or Rode Horses, ___ Small Craft Sailing, ___ Orienteering

Training background of this Dog:

Previous Tracking Training: _____

Any Tracking Training Techniques which have been quite successful or unsuccessful with this dog?

Any recent Tracking Training Issues: _____

How often do you train this dog for tracking in a typical month? _____

At what training stage will your dog will be at the start of the seminar?

___ Beginner, ___ Intermediate TD, ___ Begin TDX, ___ Intermediate TDX, ___ Begin VST, ___ Intermediate VST

Enthusiastic Tracking Hold Harmless Agreement

I understand that these seminars, as well as related classes, lessons and activities held by William R. (Sil) Sanders will be held in a variety of sites, many of which are undeveloped or primarily used for other purposes.

I agree to hold William R. (Sil) Sanders, his family, agents and employees, and site owners, their tenants, agents, employees or officials harmless from any claim for loss or injury (including legal fees) which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog, my other dogs or animals (if any) or myself while participating in these seminars and related classes, lessons or activities held by William R. (Sil) Sanders and I personally assumes all responsibility and liability for any such claim.

I further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to this dog, whether such loss, damage or injury be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of any of the aforementioned parties, or the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes.

I hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting there from, sustained by any person or persons, including myself, or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my participation in seminars, classes, lessons or activities held by William R. (Sil) Sanders, however such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused by the aforementioned parties, their dogs or animals, any other persons, or their dogs or animals.

I certify that I am the actual owner of this dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner, whose name I have entered on this Registration Form and this Agreement. I understand that this release will apply to any future Enthusiastic Tracking training class or activity I may attend, in addition to this specific seminar unless and until revoked in writing by me.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____