



# Tracking Workshops

Tracking (scent detection) is a rewarding way to engage with your dog. Puppies' noses are developed the earliest and all dogs have a desire to smell things and explore the world through their noses. This Tracking Workshop will give you the methodical tools to teach your dog how to detect scent foot-print by foot-print. Tracking is fun, confidence building, and mentally stimulating for dogs of all kinds and ages!

## Common Misconceptions about Tracking

**Puppies are too young to do tracking** - Puppies are prime candidates for tracking ; the puppy age is when they learn the most!

**Pet dogs can't do tracking** - All dogs have a nose and can track. It gives any dog challenging mental exercise that handler and dog would find very rewarding.

**Unless I want my dog to be a Schutzhund dog, a competitive dog, or a Search and Rescue dog, tracking is not beneficial** - dogs do not need a future job to do Tracking. All dogs can do it, and certainly just for fun.

**Dogs know how to track on their own** - dogs use their nose all the time, however, tracking is a structured approach to detecting scent very specifically, especially foot prints and small objects. Dogs need to be built up in their endurance and capacity to handle a foot-print track. Tracking is physically and mentally very challenging for a dog.

**Tracking is just sniffing on the the ground** - There is a lot going on during Tracking. It is strategy, obedience, and independent work all at the same time. It is targeted vs random. It is much more than sniffing the ground and thus gives your dog a great outlet for energy.

**My dog has a job, i.e. agility, therefore I don't want to confuse him with Tracking** - tracking enlightens all canines regardless what type activity or sport they already engage in. Tracking will complement balance, not disrupt it.

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