

Tracking Class: Basic Information

Handler's Name	Home Phone	Work Phone
Mailing Address		Zip Code
Email Address	Cell Phone (in case of last minute cancellations/changes)	
Emergency Contact / Relation		Phone
Dog's Call Name	Dog's Age	Rabies Certificate # & Date
Breed	Male or Female	Neutered/Spayed (Y or N)
Handler's signature	*Junior Handler	Date

*Junior Handlers must be 14 or older to train a dog in class. A parent or guardian must co-sign the registration form and accompany the handler during the weekly classes.

Tracking Class: Profile Information

The purpose of AKC Tracking is to demonstrate the dog's ability to recognize and follow human scent, a skill that is useful in the service of mankind. AKC Tracking tests demonstrate the willingness and enjoyment of the dog in its work, and should always represent the best in sportsmanship and camaraderie by the people involved.

Tracking, by nature, is a vigorous, noncompetitive outdoor sport. Class is held in all types of weather, except when conditions create a potentially dangerous situation, ie: lightning, flooding, extreme heat, etc. Dogs and handlers must be in reasonably good shape and have no major health problems to participate in this class.

The following information will enable your instructors to better understand your dog and assist you in achieving your training goals.

Age Dog Obtained: _____ From Whom: _____ (i.e., Breeder, SPCA, etc.)

Previous Training: Puppy Class _____ Basic Obedience _____ Other _____

Any known behavior problems: Aggressive to Dogs _____ Aggressive to People _____ Other: _____

Dog's basic personality outside of its home: Outgoing/confident: _____ Wary/cautious: _____ Soft/shy: _____

How does dog react to strangers? _____

Does dog have any health problems? _____ If yes, what is the nature of the problem? _____

Does the handler have any health problems, ie: allergies, diabetes, shortness of breath, etc. _____

Do you have any prior experience with tracking? _____ If so describe: _____

What are your goals in this class? _____

* Note: Dogs who are deemed by the instructors to be out of control or potentially dangerous to other people and/or dogs will not be allowed to participate in this class. At the owner's request, they will be referred to obedience training classes or a private canine behavior modification program and must complete such a program before enrolling in a future tracking class.

**Please complete form and return with \$95.00 registration fee to:
Kathleen Milford, 20918 Hamlet Ridge Lane, Katy, TX 77449**

LET'S GO TRACKING: EQUIPMENT

Essential equipment – other than a willing dog!



Non-restrictive harness: leather or nylon; you might want one with a padded chest if your dog doesn't have a lot of coat. Should be adjustable in 4 or 5 places.

Line: 15' to start with, will work up to a 30' – 40' for testing; braided nylon or cotton webbing, leather is too heavy, especially when wet.

Articles: glove, leather or leather & cloth; wallet, cotton sock or bandana. Always carry an extra.

Items to mark the track: wire pin flags, tomato stakes, clothespins, surveyors tape.



Extra items that come in handy



Fanny pack or nail apron.



Clipboard or notebook, pens or pencils in several colors.



Wristwatch

Items for your dog



Treats – smelly and soft; use something wonderful that they don't normally get.



Water – lots of fresh water at the car and a small bottle to drink from while on the track.



Towels to dry those muddy paws before they get in the car.

Items for you



Hat and sunglasses – ones that don't filter out colors or are so dark that you can't see changes in terrain.



Gloves to prevent rope burn, footgear (suitable to protect from water, ruts, rusty metal, bugs and other critters).



Sunscreen, lip balm and bug spray (don't apply until track is laid).