



Does your dog smell?

**THE TRACKING CLUB OF VERMONT
PRESENTS
A TRACKING CLINIC FOR BEGINNERS**

(No prior experience necessary!)

Saturday, May 10, 2025

**SMOKEY HOUSE CENTER, 426 Danby Mountain Road,
Danby, VT
9:30 AM to 4:00 PM**

Tracking is a stimulating sport for dog and handler and an excellent way to develop that special bond with your dog while participating in an activity that you will find both challenging and rewarding. If you have been wanting to try tracking but don't know where to begin, if you're curious to learn more about the sport, or if you have an eager dog that spends a lot of time with its nose down then this class is for you.

The day will consist of classroom and outside presentations and hands on exercises in the field both with and without your dog. The instructors and assistants are experienced TCV members who were all beginners once and understand the questions and confusion that can confront those just starting out. They have learned over the years from other's experience and are eager to help newcomers start out correctly. All instructors have earned tracking titles with their dogs.

The seminar is structured to provide handlers with a foundation of tracking principles and techniques to begin tracking training with their canine companion and, if desired, working toward Tracking Titles as offered by the American Kennel Club (AKC). Participants will leave the seminar with a fundamental knowledge of scent theory, tracking equipment selection and handling, tracking training theory, AKC tracking test regulations and requirements, track setting and mapping, interpretation of a dog's actions while tracking and common tracking problems (both human and canine) and their solutions. In addition to the formal presentation, there will be opportunity for questions and discussion.

Clinic starts promptly at 9:30 AM

1 hour break for lunch, food not provided

\$125 per working team (1 person and 1 dog)/TCV Members \$100

\$80 per auditor/TCV Member \$60

The field work associated with this clinic could require walking through high grass and over uneven terrain. Participants should be in reasonably good health and physical condition. Like a tracking test, this clinic will go on, rain or shine. When the lecture portion of the clinic is taking place your dog will be expected to wait in your vehicle.

Please enroll early as clinics fill quickly and the number of working teams are limited. Contact Dee Bort at 802 345-6548 or email deliabort97@comcast.net. A confirmation with directions and a list of things to bring for you and your dog will be sent after receipt of paid enrollment, Visit us @ www.trackingclubofvermont.org.