

## 3 DAY K9 BASIC TACTICAL TRACKING COURSE

There is a huge difference between the 'discipline of tracking' which is commonly taught by Instructors and K9 Combat/Tactical tracking, which is utilising the dog for an operational role. The course is designed for the K9 team wanting to advance their tracking knowledge and ability beyond that of employing agency training. The concept being to instruct the K9 team in new training methods streamlining their tracking techniques towards an operational tactical role. In addition, giving the handler a greater understanding of the scent picture and the diffusion of scent in different environments.

## The role of the tactical tracker

- To gather and process information about the quarry from the track that can be used to assist in the apprehension.
- Using a K9 Tracker pursue a quarry making ground through an understanding of the track picture and environmental conditions.
- To assess direction and distance from the quarry further utilising this information to effect an arrest executing a manoeuvre or plan of action designed to gain a desired end advantage minimising risk to the pursuit team.

## Aims of the course

- To give you an understanding of the scent picture, its movement and diffusion.
- To improve your technical tracking knowledge and ability.
- As a dog team improve your multi surface tracking, concentrating on air raft discrimination.
- To assist you in recognising proximity indicators in your dog.

## Course content

- Understanding the track picture /Diffusion of scent
- How Environmental conditions affect scent
- Human air raft discrimination
- Hard surface tracking
- Reading distance/direction from quarry indicators (Proximity alerts)

## Cost

3-day course per handler team \$500.00

3-day cover officer attendance \$75.00 (\$25 per day per officer)

## Additional course information

- The training is conducted in a variety of environments, please bring appropriate clothing including wet weather garments.
- The course runs from 8am-5pm (There is one hour for lunch however if students wish to work through they will be required to bring lunch with them).
- Total course credits / hours: 24
- The course can instruct a total of ten handler teams with a minimum registration of five teams. Additional spaces are allocated to each course for up to three covering officers of attending handler teams.
- All K9 handlers are expected to have tracking line, harness and jute/linen two handled tug toy (a ball is not acceptable, for specific reasons explained on the course).
- All K9 handlers will be given a course syllabus book upon commencement.

## Course Syllabus (subject to change)

	TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	0800 - 0900	INTRODUCTION TO COURSE THEORY: THE SCENT PICTURE/FACTORS AFFECTING SCENT	THEORY: MULTI SURFACE TRACKING/ PROXIMITY ALERTS	RAILROAD TRACKING
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	1200 - 1300	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
	1300 - 1700	HARD SURFACE RUNAWAYS	MULTI SURFACE	MULTI SURFACE ASSESSMENT

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#### Instructors







Daryll Pleasants has over 29 years dog training experience holding Master Trainer status. He served for the first half of his career in the British Army, within the Royal Army Veterinary Corps as a class 1 dog trainer and specialist K9 Instructor/operational handler. Following on from this after working in Africa for several years as a K9 combat tracker he founded the wildlife organization Animals Saving Animals, its role to assist in the prevention of wildlife crime through providing specialist Anti-Poaching / tracker dogs and handler training to wildlife conservancies and national parks throughout the world. Daryll has provided K9 tracking instruction to six countries in Africa, India, Europe and is presently working in South America.

John Ivey is the founder of Dogs for Law Enforcement and the DLE certification, he holds Master Trainer status and is the owner / lead trainer with Atreyu K9. John is the K-9 unit founder and lead trainer for his Police department and has established a variety of government agencies and conservation organization canine programs for various types of deployment. He is a Master Peace Officer, a TCOLE Instructor, and a certified K9 decoy

## Agencies that have attended the FYI K9 Tactical Tracking course

Independence city Police, IOWA U.S

New Hartford Police, IOWA U.S Washington Police, IOWA U.S Sioux City Police, IOWA U.S Alvin Police, TEXAS U.S Houston SWAT, TEXAS U.S Parks & Wildlife, TEXAS U.S State Police, INDIANA U.S

Special Operations Group Correctional Services, MALTA

Padre Island Police, TEXAS U.S

Aaranyak Anti-Poaching Dog Section, ASSAM INDIA Chuilexi Anti-Poaching Dog Section, MOZAMBIQUE Save Valley Anti-Poaching Dog Section, ZIMBABWE Mkomazi Anti-Poaching Dog Section, TANZANIA Ol Pejeta Anti-Poaching Dog Section, KENYA FCD Tracker Dog Section, BELIZE Limpardi-Limpopo Reserve, BOTSWANA

## **Testimonials**

'Your course helped us so much, we tracked him for two miles then I saw his ears perk up and knew we were now close to him' lowa K9 Officer

'After your course I was able to read my dogs proximity alerts so much clearer, I was able to call exactly where a suspect was hiding to my team' Texas SWAT K9 Officer