



5 DAY ADVANCED K9 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 concept of the course is to instruct an established K9 handler team in new training methods streamlining their tracking techniques towards an operational tactical role. In addition, showing the advantages and disadvantages of established discipline tracking training methods in an operational deployment.

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.
- To give you an understanding of tactical tracking formations.

Course content,

- Understanding the track picture /Diffusion of scent
- How Environmental conditions affect scent
- Human air raft discrimination
- Hard surface tracking
- Water tracking
- Deployment from vehicle tracking
- Night tracking
- Reading distance/direction from quarry indicators (Proximity alerts)
- Pursuit/Cover team formations
- Visual indicators
- footwear/quarry characteristics
- Leapfrogging dogs

Standards

The 'Advanced K9 Tracker' is a certified course and as such during training, systematic assessments are conducted in the form of Essential skills practical tests and Essential knowledge theoretical tests. The theoretical tests will be carried out on each morning and the practical tests progressively through the course. An end of course theory test is conducted with a 70% minimum pass mark required for successful completion of the course. It should be highlighted that emphasis is put on each individual student to pass each EST and EKT test as a student must be able to satisfy the instructors that they are capable of not only handling a tracker dog in all situations but are also able to convey the theoretical knowledge pertaining to advising the dog employing agency. Should they require it students are given individual learning sessions between 3pm to 4pm each afternoon Monday to Thursday. This allows a student the opportunity to engage with the instructors on a 1:1 basis covering any modules they personally feel require further reinforcement.

Cost

5-day course per handler team \$700.00

5-day cover officer attendance \$125.00 (\$25 per day per officer)

Additional course information

- The training is conducted in a variety of environments including water, please bring appropriate clothing including wet weather garments.
- The course runs from 8am-3pm, Monday – Friday (working throughout so students will be required to bring lunch with them). **Total course credits / hours: 42.5**
- 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.
- It is recommended that K9 teams have completed the Basic tracking course prior to enrolment as this is an intensive course however this is not a requirement.

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.

Course Syllabus (subject to change)

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
0800 0900	INTRODUCTION TO COURSE THEORY: HARD SURFACE TRACKING	EKT TEST THEORY: TACTICAL FORMATIONS/ BUILDINGS	EKT TEST THEORY: NIGHT TRACKING/DEPLOYMENT FROM A VEHICLE	EKT TEST THEORY: WATER TRACKING/ SNOW	THEORY EXAM
0900 1200	HARD SURFACE TRACKING	URBAN TRACKING/ FORMATIONS	VEHICLE DEPLOYMENTS MULTI SURFACE TRACKS	ACTIONS ON ENTRY WATER TRACKING	PRACTICAL TRACKING EXAM
1200 1500	HARD SURFACE TRACKING EST	URBAN TRACKING EST	RAILROAD TRACKING LEAPFROGGING DOGS	WATER TRACKING EST	PRACTICAL TRACKING EXAM
1500 1600	1:1 STUDENT INSTRUCTION	1:1 STUDENT INSTRUCTION	1:1 STUDENT INSTRUCTION	1:1 STUDENT INSTRUCTION	END OF COURSE CRITERIA
2100 23.30			NIGHT TRACKING (OPTIONAL)		

K9 Agencies that have attended the FYI K9 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

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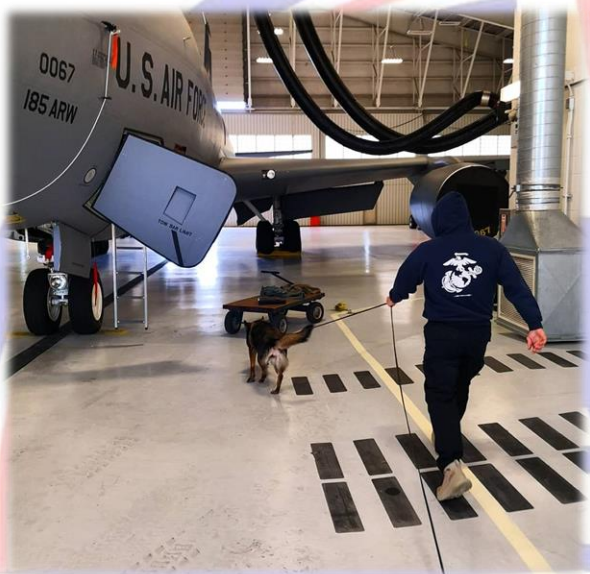
Testimonials

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'

Iowa 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



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