

Tracking Manual

A comprehensive guide to tracking.

This comprehensive e-manual covers all the essential basic training techniques to give you and your dog a strong foundation needed to build a successful tracking Career.



The training manual provides step by step guides suitable for:-

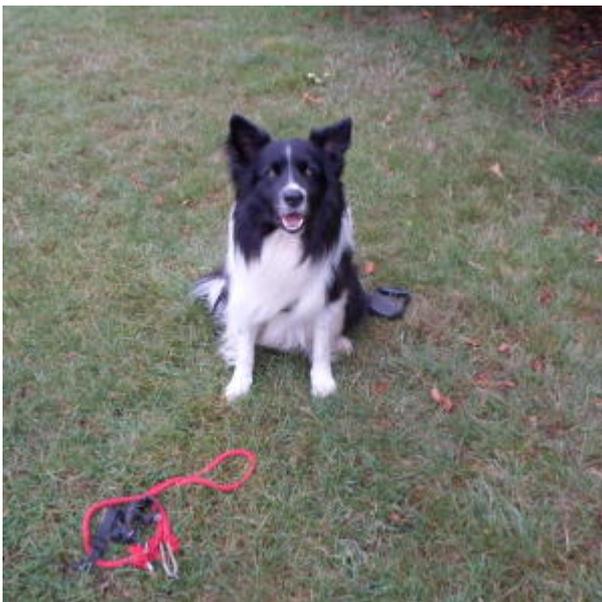
- Beginners who want to try tracking for the first time,
- Those who want to progress through the different levels of the UK Tracking Association tests,
- Experienced trackers who are having difficulties with certain aspects of their training.
- Help preparing the tracking team for UD tracks in Working Trials and the UKTDA (Level 1 – Novice test).

Seven easy to follow lesson plans guide you through all the tracking stages with text supported with diagrams and videos.

You will learn:

- What you need to get started and the importance of the wind.
- The different training techniques for both the toy and food motivated dog and most appropriate food & toys to use.

- The value of using the 'Walk-in' and its uses as a training leg.
- How to Introduce first corners
- The importance of doing a 'Blind track'
- Problems when tracking with a side wind and how to train for this.
- To incorporate down and side wind legs.
- How to lay 'blind' corners so you don't get lost.
- Teaching your dog to track downwind corners without over shooting.
- How to age tracks in a methodical way.
- The difference between the vegetative and the ground scenting tracking dogs
- How to achieve reliable article recovery
- Pair articles with food and exchanging with a toy
- Add value to the articles with the track being seen as the reward.
- Train several corners using all wind directions and how to dispense with the food drops.
- Training for 'cross tracks' and other distractions.



If you are completely new to tracking then I recommend that you start by working through the [Equipment](#) page and the free units below – [Introducing Articles](#) and [Effects of Wind](#). This will give you an idea of what's involved in this type of dog training.

It is easy to get carried away with tracking training and to neglect article training. In my experience it is best to start the article training early on as a separate game from

tracking, and then to merge the two together later. This approach will help to avoid problems later with finding articles when tracking.

I also suggest that you join the [UK Tracking Dog Association – Members Group on Facebook](#). This contains a lot of posts and comments relevant to tracking as well as the important documents, 'How do I?' and 'Tracking test Regulations'.

Before you start to teach your dog how to track you will need to have your tracking line, harness, tracking poles, treats, food pot or toy and a suitable place to train.

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