

## **INTRODUCTION TO TRACKING SEMINAR**

Sunday, June 9, 2019

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Willamette Mission

State Park

10991 Wheatland Road NE, Gervais, Oregon

(Parking Pass Required - \$5.00 for the day)

Presented by: **Kyla R. Smay**

**Hosted by Greater Portland Dachshund Club**

\$ 50 per working team (handler/dog)

(limited to 8)

\$ 35 auditor (participates in all exercises except working their own dog)

(limited to 10)

**Participants are asked to bring their own lunch and drinks**

**Light snacks will be provided**

### **About the instructor:**

**Kyla Smay** has been involved in tracking since 1987 when she got her first Belgian Tervuren. Since then, she has put tracking titles on all five Tervs she has owned, two TDs with "borrowed" Labradors, and an ASCA TD with her Silken Windhound, for a total of 8 TDs, 4 TDXs and 2 VST/CTs (Tervs) Kyla has also coached people to TD/TDX/VST with their own dogs and has taught multiple tracking seminars working with a wide variety of breeds. Kyla is also an AKC tracking judge (TD/TDU/TDX). Kyla has also titled dogs in conformation, obedience, rally, agility, nosework, draft (carting) and parkour.

**About the seminar:** The goal is to give you the information and experience you need to continue your training on your own or with your friends. The participating dogs will be worked in two separate sessions. All attendees will receive a packet of information, including outlines of all lecture material, training ideas and an outline for training progression, plus articles, flags and clips to mark training tracks.

**The seminar will be filled on a prepaid first-come, first-serve basis.**

**Please submit your completed registration form, signed release of**

**Liability form, and fees not later than May 20, 2019.** The first eight people registering for working spots will be assigned those spots for the seminar. Anyone registering for a working spot over the maximum of eight spots will be given an auditor spot with first option to upgrade to a working spot if there are any cancellations. Auditor spots will be filled as prepaid registrations are received. Anyone registering for a working spot and has to be moved to an auditor spot will receive a refund for the difference in fees. Please note that a working spot is assigned to one handler and one dog. That handler and dog will participate in all exercises. No substitutions allowed as the exercises are progressive in nature.

### **GENERAL INFO**

This seminar will be held rain or shine. We will be out working in the fields regardless of the weather. Please plan to bring appropriate clothing (including footwear). Lectures will be held in an open-sided covered building. There are public restrooms available for our use. Harness and long-lines will be supplied for use during the seminar. Please bring a 6' leash, a flat buckle collar for your dog and high value treats. **Paid participants and auditors will be sent a reminder checklist of items to bring and directions to the site.**

### **DOGS:**

Participating dogs may be crated inside the covered meeting area. **Non-participating dogs should be left at home** unless they will be comfortable and quiet residing in your vehicle throughout the day. All dogs are welcome to be walked **on leash** during breaks and lunchtime. There is public parking within sight of our meeting area. **Please note exercise pens will not be allowed.**

### **No bitches in season allowed**

If your bitch comes in season, please let me know as soon as possible. You will have the option of: bringing a different dog or changing status from working participant to auditor (and partial refund). Your bitch in season should stay home. (Though it's a good training experience to see if your male dog will work in the presence of a female in season, we don't want to risk someone's first time exposure to tracking with a challenge that difficult.)

**For Seminar Registration Form and Release of Liability form, or any questions, please contact:**

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