

## **Beginning Tracking Classes with Dave Vesely**

### **Sponsored by Muttly Paws Dog Training Club**

**Dates/Time:** Saturdays Mar 20, 27, Apr 3, 10, 17; class starts at 9:00 am

**Course Description:** This course of five 90 minute classes is designed for those with little or no tracking experience. A short lecture each week will cover the basic information necessary for a started-level training program: understanding the effects of the environment on scent, interpreting your dog's behavior, and how to lay tracks for successful training experiences. Tracking exercises are planned to build motivation in your dog and good teamwork between human and canine partners.

Class is limited to 6 dog/handler teams.

Tracking exercises will be held outdoors rain or shine. The short lectures may be indoors in case of rain. Human and canine participants should be sufficiently fit to walk 400-500 yards across fields during each class. Dress appropriately for weather conditions and possibly wet fields. All dogs participating in classes should be socialized and well mannered around other dogs and people. Many puppies are ready for their first tracking lessons at 16-20 weeks old. Please contact Dave first if you are considering signing up a puppy less than 6 months old.

**Cost:** \$95 for a 5 class series.

**Instructor Background:** Dave Vesely has been training tracking dogs for AKC tests for 9 years and has been training professional wildlife detection dogs for 8 years. Dave also competes in herding and agility trials with his Belgian sheepdogs. You can find out more about Dave at his Obsidian Belgian Sheepdogs website:

[www.obsidianbelgians.com](http://www.obsidianbelgians.com)

### **Class Materials Needed:**

- A tracking harness well-fitted to your dog. Tracking harnesses are designed specifically to allow freedom of movement in the head, neck, and shoulders. They are not the same as typical walking harnesses. Harnesses are made of either nylon webbing or leather. Three online stores that sell tracking gear are:

<http://www.jjdog.com/index.html>

<http://leerburg.com/trackequip.htm>

<http://www.canineoutfitters.com/>

- A 40 ft long line. These can be purchased at the above stores or homemade. Call or write to Dave for instructions to make your own long line.
- Leather gloves will be useful if your dog is a hard puller.
- Plenty of rewards for your dog. Very high value food treats; a tug toy or ball if your dog is motivated by playing games with you.
- Water for your dog.
- Bring a folding chair for the lectures if you have one.

**Class Location:** Paulus Hay Barn, Monmouth, OR; on Hwy 99W (no street address)

From the north, the barn is 2.5 miles south of the traffic light at Hwy 99W and Main St. in Monmouth.

From the south, the barn is approximately 4.6 miles north from the flashing light at the intersection of Suver Rd and 99W and is exactly 0.5 mi north of Parker Rd.

The driveway to the barn is on the east side of the hwy. Look for a small "Luckiamute Watershed" sign. The barn is pale brown steel building with a flag pole.

**For more information,** contact Dave:

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**Class Registration Form**

Cost of 5 class sessions: \$95.00      Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Handler \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Age \_\_\_\_\_ Please contact instructor if dog is younger than 6 months

Please briefly describe any previous tracking experience:

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**Waiver Statement**

I agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this class registration, I agree to hold the club, their members, and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this class, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the class premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog.

Additionally, I hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this class, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other persons.

I agree that any cause of action, controversy or claim arising out of or related to the class or as to the construction, interpretation and effect of this agreement shall be settled by arbitration pursuant to the applicable rules of the American Arbitration Association.

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Signature and date