



Huffman K9 Obedience, LLC

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Huffman K9 Train the Trainer Program

7 Day Man Tracking with K9 and Team Attachment

Date: April 3rd - April 9th, 2022

Duration: 7 days (55-63 hours)

Cost: \$1200 per human attending the course, \$6500 departmental cost
(Max 8 Students/K9 Teams)

Location: TBD - Northern California

Max Attendance: 6 Students total

"We give them the toolbox, they'll decide what to use." – [grayscale]



Curriculum: Huffman K9's 7-day man tracking course is a comprehensive training course focusing on developing the fundamental skills of the K9 team in man tracking.

Handlers will learn to develop tracking K9 capabilities in different ages of K9's, learn how to develop tracking effectiveness and maintain capability, attach to a unit as a tracking component in a urban and rural landscapes, translate the fundamentals of science behind scent signatures and apply this information to increase tracking performance, demonstrate the most efficient way to draw weapon systems, employ and engage threats while moving on a track, utilize multiple K9 teams on a single track, utilize cover and concealment while moving quickly through a city, develop creativity in both operations and in teaching others, and avoid counter-tracking tactics used

against the handler.

Because this is a “train the trainers” class, we discuss various methods used globally to begin tracking with pups and how they differ based on different desired agency policy. We will discuss quality control in purchasing tracking K9’s and incorporating contamination of surfaces into each of the models.

Approximately 1/3 of each session will consist of classroom work and the remaining will be taught in the field.

Class Schedule / Outline:

Monday

- 0830: Breakfast
 - Introductions
 - Experience and backgrounds
 - Goals
 - Specific Considerations
- 1030: Classroom
 - Stress based training fundamentals and considerations
 - Intro into man tracking
 - Briefing
 - Stress
 - Equipment
 - Mantra
 - Utilize the “hunt”
 - Nose down “tracking”
 - Trailing scent drift
 - Airscent
 - Handler recovery
 - Restarting at PLS
 - Going for a walk
- 1230: Lunch
- 1400: Meet at park (Location TBD)
 - Stress based team exercise
 - Handler Recovery Drills
- 1800: Close Day 1

Tuesday

0830: Classroom

- Briefing
- Communication
- Speed
- Listening posts
- Leash control

- Tactical Tracking Team, roles, positions and responsibilities, equipment
- Air support, Ground and Water Support
- Planning for and being ready when needed
- Wind / Scent
 - Up in evening
 - Down in morning
 - Pits
 - Edges
 - Channels
- 10:30: Stress Drills / Cans / Obedience
- 11:00: Handler Recovery into runaways - Large park Location TBD
 - Setup / design tracks appropriate for dogs in class
- 12:30: Lunch
- 1400: introducing time and distance and complexity
- 1800: Close Day 2

Wednesday

- 0830: Classroom
 - Briefing
 - Urban Considerations
 - Intersections
 - Barriers (Roads, fences, rivers, etc)
 - Scent article / Scent discrimination / Pulling scent (sources)
 - Indications
- 1030: Stress Drills / Obedience
- 1200: Lunch
- 1400: Intro to Urban
 - Runaways starting short / into longer distances with turns
 - Introduction into scent article / Scent discrimination
 - 1800: Close Day 2
- 1400: Extending walkaways, introducing time and distance, aged tracks
- 1800: Close Day 3

Thursday

- 0830: Classroom (On location - on Way to Wrightwood)
 - Briefing
 - Going Long
 - speed
 - Topography
 - Counter tracking
 - You are always walking into an ambush
 - Constant awareness of environment, as well as dogs behavior
 - Go Slow.
 - Listening posts

- Leapfrogging
 - Dog changes should be done “in route” with clear change in topography. Even better if you have clear visual sign of track or new scent article / source
 - Military Crest, ideally walk on hillside vs Crest of ridge to avoid casting a silhouette
- Counter tracking
 - Beating a tracking dog
 - Distance
 - Vehicle
 - Overwhelming the handler / complexity
 - Woodsmoke helps to hide your scent from animals.
 - Shooting:
 - Distance... 100 yds (see face, expressions)
 - 200+... Cant see face
 - 300+... cant see hands
 - 400+... no head visible from body
 - 500+... no light between legs
- 1030: Stress Drills / Obedience
- 1400: Going Longer
 - Time based tracks (aged)
 - Scent article
 - Ambush Awareness
- 1800: Close Day 4

Friday

- 1400: Classroom
 - Briefing
 - Lowlight Night tracking
 - Urban Discrimination
 - Speed
 - Punching “through” barriers
- 16:00: Stress Drills / Obedience
- 1730: Night Urban
 - Increasing Complexity
 - Time based tracks (aged)
 - Scent article / scent discrimination
 - Low light
- 2200: Close Day 6

Saturday

- 0830: Classroom Briefing (On location)
 - Final Scenario / Daytime Wilderness
- 1000: Final Scenario / Daytime Wilderness

- Paintball
- Long
- Elevation
- Complexity
- Leapfrogging
- Scent Discrimination
- Scent article
- Break
- 1400 - 1700: Final Scenario(s) / Urban
 - Complexity
 - Scent Discrimination
 - Scent article
 - Road crossings
 - Populated areas
 - etc

Sunday

- 0830: Classroom Briefing (On Location)
 - Wrapping up
 - reconciling
- 1000: Wrap up training
 - Leapfrogging
 - Dual dog deployments (parol / tracking dogs)
 - Managing contact and team movement
- 1400: Closing Debrief

Equipment:

- Train with what you use on a real deployment - your standard Kit maintained for operational readiness.
- Water for you and your dog
- You will need a 6-foot leash leather or nylon. (Double end clasps are highly recommended)
- 30 ft Leash
- Pinch or Fur Saver / choke collar and a flat buckle 1 ½ inches or wider.
- Ecollar (if used as your standard equipment)
- Dog harnesses are optional but highly recommended.
- Footwear will need to have good traction (i.e. hiking boots, military footwear etc.). Slick shoes or sandals are prohibited due to safety issues.



- A stainless steel or a collapsible dog bowl.
- Non-electronic note taking materials (phones are not permitted)
- Kong / Tug / Reward Toy (if used as standard equipment)
- Crate / Kennel / Auto - Dog storage when not working
- Duty Pistol / Rifle with 100 rds of ammo for each

If you are missing gear, please let the instructors know prior to the class so that it can be issued to you.

Lodging: Instructors will recommend places for students to get reasonable rates with larger breed dogs accompanying them prior to class. Please request list if necessary.

Registration & Payment: All courses require pre-payment at time of registration. All courses have a limited amount of students and courses are filled on a first-paid, first-trained basis. Huffman K9 will refund 100% of your payment if the course is cancelled by our teachers; otherwise your payment is non-refundable.

Class Ground Rules

- 1) Dogs will be secured on a lead at all times, unless told otherwise by an instructor.
 - 2) At no time will dogs interact and or touch one another during training hours.
 - 3) Dogs will not drink from the same water bowl, water will be provided on site but it is up to you to bring your bowl and water your dog accordingly.
 - 4) Dogs will be fed a minimum of two hours before training starts and two hours after training in the evening. This helps to prevent the development of Gastric Dilatation and Volvulus Syndrome (GDV aka Bloat).
 - 5) There will be a designated area to break dogs. Dogs will be broke prior to each training event. Please bring poop bags and clean up after your dog. There will be a specified trash bin for poop bags.
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Contingency / Emergencies:

There will be a cooler on the property; if we have a warm day it will be packed with ice sheets in the case of a dog or handlers overheating. A medical coverage truck will be staged and prepared with a med-kit and a route to the nearest ER and 24-hour emergency vet clinic.

Primary driver will be Jensen Huffman

Primary medic will determined the morning of training.

Included in your training packet will be a printed out route to the nearest 24 vet and Emergency room. If you have a preference you may print your own and use that clinic.

If you have any further questions regarding the company and our services please do not hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ward Jensen Huffman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'W' and 'H'.

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