



Huffman K9 Obedience, LLC

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Advanced Tracking / Trailing 5 Day Seminar

The Huffman K9 Obedience Train-The-Trainer Program, is a multifaceted vocational school designed to train professional dog trainers for work in the consumer pet OR working dog industries.

In collaboration between Dyas K9 and Huffman K9 Obedience, The Advanced Tracking / Trailing 5 Day Seminar is one segment of the HK9 Train-The-Trainer Program but is open to advanced tracking and trailing enthusiasts within the general public. This is an advanced tracking course which begins with a virtual classroom session on Zoom, in preparation for the onsite training portion of the seminar being hosted in Las Vegas, NV. This area is an extremely beautiful desert wilderness coupled with some of the most active and complex urban and suburban environments available in the US. Prospective students and their dogs must apply through the link provided, this course is available to approved students only.

Training Dates:

Feb 20 / 21 / 22 / 23 / 24, 2023. Field Training (Feb 19th and Feb 25th recommended travel and acclimation days)

January 28th, 2023 from 10am to 12pm Classroom

Duration: 5 Full Days (40 hrs training credit), Classroom (3 hrs training credit)

Location:

Classroom: Zoom - link will be provided

Meetup location: Las Vegas NV (Exact location TBD)

Max Attendance: 8 dog/handler teams and 8 Audit Spots

Prerequisites: Intro To Tracking or Equivalent, Intermediate Wilderness Tracking or Equivalent. Even with prerequisites, approval is required, fitness tests must be completed.

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Cost: \$1250 per human/dog team (8 total), \$350 per audit spot (8 total)

“We give them the toolbox, they’ll decide what to use.” – [grayscale]

Curriculum: The Huffman K9 / Dyas K9 -day advanced wilderness man tracking course is a comprehensive training course focused on expanding on the fundamental skills of the K9 team in man tracking and preparing students for real world scenarios.

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 small teams as a tracking component in various wilderness and urban landscapes, translate the fundamentals of science behind scent signatures and apply this information to increase tracking performance, utilize multiple K9 teams on a single track, develop creativity in both operations and in teaching others, and avoid counter-tracking tactics used against the handler.



This course is designed to increase the effectiveness of “professional K9 teams” and meet the high expectations of both SAR (Search and Rescue) as well as Law Enforcement. Civilian tracking and trailing enthusiasts with previous experience will also enjoy learning real world, operational proven techniques designed to increase success rates and practicing existing skill sets in a new environment.

You will gain experience tracking in low light conditions. Basic wilderness survival, navigational and visual tracking skills will be discussed and in some cases practiced. Students will be expected to utilize map, compass and GPS navigational skills, radio communication skills and work together as a tracking team. Students will be taught basecamp operations, search strategy and will be expected to work as a team to find subjects. Students will learn how to create and use a target packet to maximize effectiveness during search operations. Students will

be required to determine direction of travel and navigate both “high risk” and SAR problems.

Admission to the course is subject to evaluation and previous experience.

Qualifications to Participate:

The HK9 Advanced Trailing Seminar is for advanced tracking students only.

K9 teams should be able to scent discriminate, navigate multiple turns while on track, and have extensive experience in both urban and wilderness environments.

K9 teams should be able to discern direction of travel from a PLS and have experience in running blind tracks.

Equipment:

Because this is both an urban (Las Vegas) and wilderness course you will need to be prepared for both extreme environments. Handler/k9 equipment will not be provided. See required equipment list below. The desert environment can transition quickly between extremely warm to extremely cold

quickly. You need to be ready for fluctuations in temperature and weather..

☐ **Human:**

- ☐ Train with what you use on a real deployment - your standard Kit maintained for operational readiness.
- ☐ GPS
- ☐ High Performance Headlamp and Secondary light.
- ☐ Handheld Ham Radio.
- ☐ Gaia GPS Hiking, Off Road Maps Paid version (\$40.00 per year)
- ☐ Silva (Or equivalent compass with Adjustable Declination).
- ☐ Spare batteries for all electronics.
- ☐ Field or Survival Knife (full tang, fixed blade, belt knife)
- ☐ Day Pack
- ☐ Personal IFAK / K9 IFAK
- ☐ Synthetic Long underwear
- ☐ Warm hiking socks
- ☐ Synthetic Insulative sub layer
- ☐ Warm gloves
- ☐ Synthetic outer layers
- ☐ Rain gear.
- ☐ Gallon Ziplock Bags for Maps.
- ☐ Water for you and your dog and the ability to carry water.
- ☐ Capable hiking boots
- ☐ Gators are recommended but not required.
- ☐ 24 hour pack capable of carrying water and equipment for the dog and for the handler for a full 24 hours.
- ☐ Jeans, tennis shoes or sandals and cotton cloths are fine for evenings but are prohibited for training.
- ☐ Note taking material



☐ **K9 Equipment**

- ☐ You will need a 6-foot leash leather or nylon. (Double end clasps are highly recommended)
- ☐ 30-foot tracking leash
- ☐ Ecollar (if used as standard equipment)
- ☐ Dog Harness for tracking is recommended
- ☐ A stainless steel or collapsible dog bowl for food and water
- ☐ Reward Toy
- ☐ Crate for dog, dogs will not be allowed off leash at camp
- ☐ If you are missing gear, please let the instructors know prior to the class so that it can be issued to you.

Lodging: TBD - we will be arranging group hotel accommodations to ensure we are near to one another and get the best rates possible.

Registration & Payment: All courses require pre-payment at time of registration. All courses have a limited number 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 canceled 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, play and or touch one another.
- 3) Dogs will not drink from the same water bowl.
- 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.

Contingency / Emergencies:

There will be a cooler in the instructors' vehicles; if we have a warm day it will be packed with ice sheets in 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 determined the morning of training.

Primary medic will be 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.

Nearest Emergency Services:

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



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