



## Huffman K9 Obedience, LLC

● Detection ● Tracking ● Protection ● Obedience

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### *Intermediate Wilderness Tracking 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. The HK9 Intermediate Wilderness Tracking Seminar is one segment of the HK9 Train-The-Trainer Program but is open to the general public. This is an intermediate tracking and trailing course which takes place in the Mount Hood National Forest. Perspective students and their dogs must apply through the link provided and must show a basic understanding of tracking and trailing, meet fitness requirements and have equipment suitable for the wilderness environment.

**Wilderness Training Dates:** Friday April 7th through Sunday April 9th

**Duration:** 3 Days (24 hrs training Credit)

**Location:** Mt. Hood National Forest, McCubbins Day Use Area / Camping optional

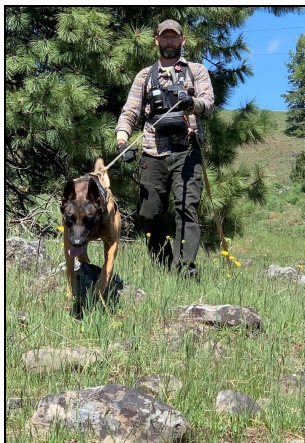
**Max Attendance:** 8 dog/handler teams and 8 Audit Spots

**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites to the course are the Huffman K9 Intro Tracking Course (or approved course level equivalent).

**Contact:** Jensen Huffman / Owner and Instructor / 503.308.8296 / [jensen@huffmank9.com](mailto:jensen@huffmank9.com)

**Cost:** \$385 USD Dog/hander Spot / 150 USD Audit Spot

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



**Curriculum:** Huffman K9’s 3-day Intermediate 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 more advanced 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, begin to utilize team assets to increase effectiveness of the tracking team, translate the fundamentals of science behind scent signatures and apply this information to increase tracking performance. Students will practice and learn valuable skills to determine the subject’s

direction of travel, increase track distance, and negotiate changes in direction and terrain and begin using map, compass, GPS and radio communication.

This course is designed to develop dogs and their handlers to 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.

Overnight camping stays are optional but will allow for tracking in low light conditions. Basic wilderness survival, navigational and visual tracking skills will be discussed and in some cases practiced.

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



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### **Qualifications:**

The Intermediate Tracking Seminar is a continuation in our Tracking and Trailing series (Intro to Tracking, Intermediate Wilderness Tracking, Intermediate Urban Tracking and Advanced Wilderness Tracking). Qualified students will have taken the Huffman K9 Intro To Tracking Seminar or something similar. If you have not taken the Huffman K9 Intro To Tracking Course, please provide a description of your tracking and trailing experience to ensure that your skill set is suitable for the course.

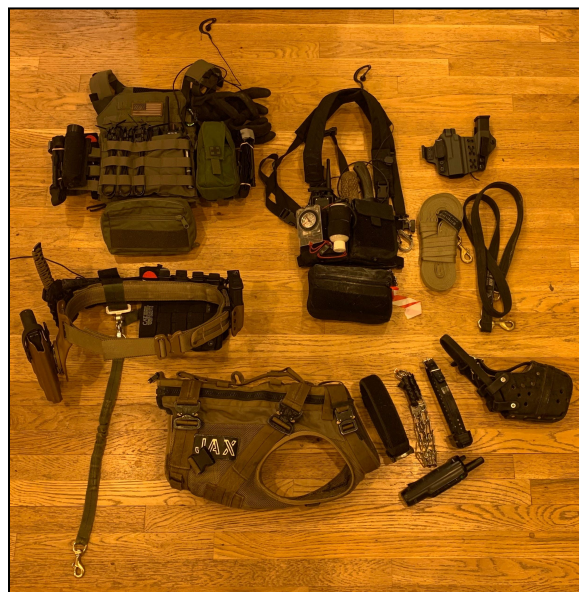
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### **Equipment:**

Because this is a wilderness course, we will be living in and sleeping outdoors. Camping equipment, and handler/k9 equipment will not be provided. See required equipment list below. There is a high likelihood that there will be snowfall in the area and temperatures will reflect a winter/spring season.

#### ☐ **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 camp but are prohibited for training.
- ☐ Note taking material
- ☐ Camping gear (optional)
- ☐ **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.

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### **Lodging:**

Both David and I will be camping there on site. Camping is available and there is a restroom (bring your own TP variety). You are not required to camp but each day will start promptly at 9:00 AM. It is a beautiful campsite. Any trash left will be punished with 1 billion dog squats. There is more than enough room for everyone to camp if you choose to. I am not going to give a camping list but be prepared for temps between 25 degrees and 60 degrees.

Location: Distance from my house in canby is 2 hours exactly with no traffic.

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location is in Google Maps, It is not in iPhone Maps)

Directions: From I-205 Portland Oregon

1) Take Exit 12 for OR-212 E toward OR-224 E/ Damascus/Esticada

2) Turn eastbound on OR-212 E toward Sandy / Mount Hood

3) In 12 miles, Take the US-26 E Ramp towards Sandy / Mount Hood

4) Continue Straight on US-26 E for 25 miles

5) Go past Government Camp towards Bend

6) Take a left onto OR-216 E towards Maupin

7) Turn left at S-500 Rd / Reservation Rd (go .3 miles)

8) Bear right at NF-2110 (go .7 miles)

9) Arrive at the picnic / campground

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**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.**

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### **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.

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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 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:**

Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital Mountain Clinic

Address: 14040 OR 35, Mt Hood, OR 97041

Phone: 503.337.2292

If you have any further questions regarding this seminar, other seminars we may offer, 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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