



Is hosting a Field/Urban/VST Tracking Seminar with Jeff Shaver (Magnolia, TX) on August 17 & 18, 2019

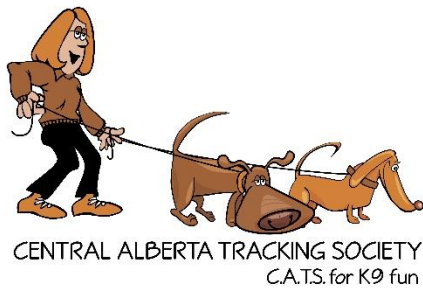


Jeff Shaver began tracking in Houston, Texas in 2000, with his first dog "Jack". Jack went on to become Jeff's first TD & VST dog. Since that time, he has become licensed to judge all tracking events in the United States & has judged in 15 different states, from Florida to Alaska and Pennsylvania to California. Though Jeff has primarily tracked with Rottweilers, he has titled a Buff Cocker Spaniel to Champion Tracker & is currently tracking with a Brussels Griffon. To date, Jeff has titled dogs to 34 individual tracking titles, including 9 VST titles, and 8 Champion Trackers. All but one of those dogs was bred, owned, raised & trained by Jeff Shaver, start to finish.



Current President of Southwest Tracking Association of Metropolitan Houston, Jeff has been active in training, teaching and judging since 2003. He is also the current Vice President of the American Rottweiler Club and the Past President (for a period of 5 years) of the National Breed Club. He also is Past President of the Rottweiler Rescue Foundation and currently on the Board of Directors for the Rottweiler Health Foundation. Jeff lives in Magnolia, Texas with his Rottweilers, Brussels Griffons and horses.

- There will be a limited number of working spots for experienced teams (titled dogs or ready to title dogs). The cost for a working spot is \$250.00 for both days.
- There are unlimited audit spots which would be the best option for new trackers or beginners. The cost for an audit spot is \$125.00 for both days.
- Priority will be given to working teams registering for both days. If a team would like to do Field only or Urban/VST only, the cost would be \$150.00 for a working spot. If an auditor would like to audit Field only or Urban/VST only, the cost would be \$75.00.
- Payment is required at the time of registration.
- Snacks, coffee, tea & water will be provided. Please bring your own lunch & chair.
- If you have a working spot, please make sure you bring water, treats, harness, tracking line, shade, etc., to keep your dog comfortable in your vehicle.



Jeff Shaver with AKC
Champion Tracker #9

Tentative Jeff Shaver Seminar Content:

Saturday, August 17, 2019:

Saturday will be field work consisting of:

1. **General theory of scent and tracking - overview of rules and regulations - AKC vs. CKC**
2. **Starts**
3. **Transitions: distance, time, and surfaces**
4. **Reading your dog**
5. **Tracking alone**
6. **Cross tracks and obstacles**
7. **Common mishaps:**
 - * **Getting in a hurry**
 - * **Not knowing what your dog's tracking posture looks like**

Sunday, August 18, 2019:

Urban Tracking:

1. **Application of general tracking principles to an urban environment**
2. **Introducing various articles**
3. **Transitions on surfaces**
4. **Urban setting distractions**
5. **Common mishaps:**
 - * **Getting in a hurry**
 - * **Not knowing what your dog's tracking posture looks like**

Both days will consist of hands-on work with those registered teams working directly with their dogs. These will be used as teaching settings for those auditing the seminar. Discussion of rules will be interspersed with the different activities pertinent to those activities including question and answer sessions on various rules, thoughts on tracking specific to the activities being trained, handling tips and any other topics that wish to cover by those participating in the seminar.