

The UK Tracking Dog Association

How do I?

.... find out more about this Association? I am a new Member.

Please spend some time reading through earlier posts. These will help answer many of your questions.

In addition, please download a copy of the Association's Regulations. You will find these in the "Documents" section of the Association's page and pinned to the top of the page. The Regulations contain important information about the Tracking Assessments and what is required of you as a Member.

Please pay particular attention to "Equipment. Point 1" and "Handler. Point 3".

This Association does not knowingly allow Membership to anyone who employs harsh training / handling techniques when working with their dog including the use of check, electronic or prong collars. In applying to become a Member of this Association, there is an assumption that you are supportive of this position and that this extends to the way in which you live with your dog away from the Tracking Assessment environment.

.... find support / advice? I have never Tracked before.

Take some time to read through the posts on the page. You will find discussion of tracking issues that may be relevant to you. You are welcome to post questions on the page along with requests for

tracking courses or to find other Members near you. Also give serious consideration to finding a beginners course. Look at the **Events** section of the page to see if there is anything suitable for you.

.... find a course / workshop / class?

Please read through earlier posts and look at the "Events" section of the Association's FB page. Members who organise training events are encouraged to provide information for Members and "advertise" in the "Events" section. Please note: you may have to travel some distance to find your nearest course.

.... let Members know that I am running a Tracking course?

We welcome posts from Members who are running courses. Please note: these posts must be focussed on Tracking. More general posts / adverts eg; lost dogs, pet supplies, general training classes, other dog sports are **not** permitted and will be removed. If you are in any doubt about the suitability of your post, please **message** one of the **Administration** team to check.

Where possible, if Members recommend / suggest a trainer we would prefer that it is someone who is already a Member of this Association; someone who is already familiar with the Assessment structure and our position on training and handling methods.

In keeping with our earlier stated position on training methods, we do not knowingly allow posts from trainers who employ methods that we do not support.

We reserve the right to remove any posts that we believe are not focussed on Tracking or are promoting trainers who are using methods or equipment that are not supported by this Association.

.... find an Assessor? I want to take a Tracking Assessment.

Please **message Catherine Manfield**. Cath holds the most up-to-date list of approved Assessors and Track-Layers. In addition, a list is available in the "Documents" section of the page. **If you are Assessed by someone who is not on this list then your Assessment will be considered null and void.** Please note: You are encouraged to organise your own Tracking Assessment. You **do not** need to be part of a group to take an Assessment.

.... become an Assessor? I think I have the appropriate skills / expertise.

You will need to complete an application form. This can be found in the "Documents" section of the Association's FB page. You can also **message Catherine Manfield** should you wish to discuss any part of this process.

.... get my rosette and certificate? I have just passed my Tracking Assessment.

Please **message Martine Taylor**. She will tell you where to send your Assessment form and the current cost of this service. Please note: You will also need to return your Assessment form even if you haven't been successful. This is for monitoring purposes and is

essential if we are to continue developing this Association and its Assessments.

Assessment forms, together with the appropriate fee, **must** be returned in order for your "Pass" to be entered on the database and for you to be able to progress to further Assessments.

.... ask more questions? I don't want to put a post on the wall.

Feel free to message any of the Administration team: **Catherine Manfield or Martine Taylor.**

Alternatively you can email **uktrackingdog@yahoo.co.uk**

