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TRACKING

WHAT IS TRACKING?

The sport of Tracking is to encourage dogs to make use of their strongest facility by simulating as closely as possible the seeking and finding of a missing person or object.

Tracking trials utilise a pre-laid out track that the dogs follow based on tracking of a person's scent gained from items of clothing.

Judging is based on the dog's engagement, ability to scent the course, reaching designated scent markers along the course and ultimately finding the hidden person/object.

Tracking is generally conducted either on farm lands or bush settings.

Tracking is not a race through the course so anyone with a moderate level of fitness and enjoys walking through farm or bush land will be fine.

Why do Tracking with your dog?

Tracking is a great way for both you and your dog to get out in the bush or farm land. Both

you and your dog need an average level of fitness, enjoy walking in the bush and are happy to be out in all types of weather.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What Breeds are suited to tracking?

Any dog can do tracking, it really comes down to if your dog enjoys it and likes to follow their nose.

How young can I start training my dog?

You can start training your dogs once it has had all its vaccinations. A general level of obedience is required.

Does it matter how old my dog is?

The fitness of the dog is far more important than its age. Fitness and soundness are the deciding factors.

What equipment do you require?

The equipment you will need is a good pair of "wellie" boots/ walking shoes and a wind and waterproof coat. A drink bottle for you.

Your dog will need: A harness and a lead that is at least 10 metres long, a water bottle and a bowl to drink from, some food rewards and a towel.

How much does it cost?

Everyone is welcome to come along and try the sport. To take up the sport you will need to join a Club in which case a joining fee plus membership fee will be payable as well as entry fees per trial event.

Do I have to join Dogs Qld?

You do not need to be a member of Dogs Qld to train your dog however if you decide to compete in Trails you will need to become members in order to achieve titles.

