

An Introduction to Tracking with Mike Roehrs

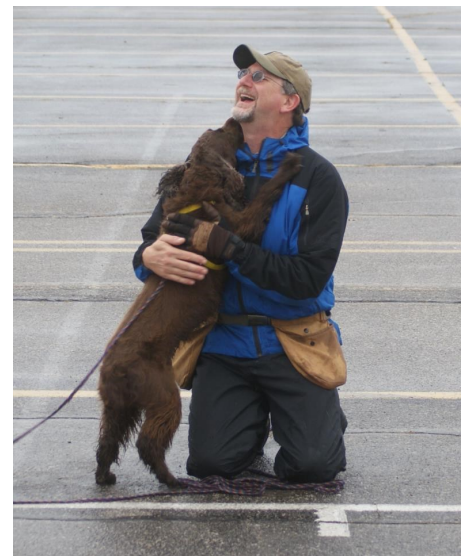
March 30, 2024

Millersport Lions Club, 2905 Chautauqua Blvd, Millersport, OH

9 AM—4 PM

Three, 1—1.5 hour follow up field sessions scheduled with CATC Instructors
(Follow up individual sessions to be scheduled the day of the seminar)

Michael Roehrs has been training and showing dogs for over 40 years, initially with Golden Retrievers and with Field Spaniels for the past 26 years. He has competed in many dog related events, including obedience, conformation, hunt tests, barn hunt, scent work, trick dogs, fast cat, dock diving and tracking. He and his wife Joanne have also bred Field Spaniels under the kennel name “Windward.” Their puppies have proven themselves by earning many titles in obedience and conformation, included Best in Show and Best in Specialty show. His passion over the last 25 + years has been tracking, where he has not only obtained Champion Tracker titles on five dogs, but has become a tracking judge at all levels and presents tracking seminars around the country, under the name of “Tracking Dog University.” He has written a number of articles on tracking, including a feature article for the AKC Gazette on managing the stress of a tracking test using “Mindful Tracking.” He enjoys watching the bond as handler/dog teams learn to work together.



Michael supports his “dog habit” by working as a Clinical Social Worker in private practice, specializing in couple therapy, anxiety disorders and working with individuals with chronic and end stage illness. He and his wife live in Bowling Green Ohio.

Format will be lecture in the morning, with field work in the afternoon.

Only one working dog per participants. Dogs must be crated in your vehicle or can be crated on the non rug portion of the building. Please bring a tarp or floor covering to put under your crate.

There will be two subsidized working spots for Juniors. If more than two Juniors apply for these spots, they will be awarded by random draw.

Working Spots are limited to 10 + 2 Subsidized Jr. Spots. The cost for all spots includes lunch, with water or coffee. Cost of this seminar include an additional 3, 1 to 1.5 hour field sessions with a CATC Instructor. These sessions will be scheduled at a time and location beneficial to the participant and the instructor. Be prepared for any kind of weather. Tracking is an all weather sport. We will be tracking out doors, dress accordingly.

Working Spots For **CATC Members opens January 15, 2024**. If working Spots do not fill, Registration for *non CATC members will open February 5, 2024*

What working spot participants will need to bring :

- Bring LOTS of small soft treats. **No boring stuff please.** It needs to be exciting and quickly chewed. A great treat is sliced hot dogs, micro-waved until rubbery. Also, small cubes of cooked chicken, cheese, steak, etc.
- Bring at least 3 different treats and a pouch to hold them in while you work with your dog.
- Pen/pencil and note paper
- A 6 foot leash and a (20 to 40 foot long line if you have one.) A non-corrective collar or a harness if you have one. (If you do not have a harness, do not go buy a harness until you learn in the class what to look for.)
- A tracking harnesses. In this class, you will be able to get by with a collar, soon, you will need a harness. You can purchase good quality and reasonably priced tracking harnesses and tracking lines at <https://www.pawmarkws.com/>. This is a web site for and by tracking people. If you are unsure on sizing, they are great about answering questions. I really like their 5 way "Surefit" adjustable harnesses and their braided, flat tracking lines. For my Field Spaniels that pull very hard on the track, I get the 5/8 inch line.
- Be willing to ask questions. There are no dumb questions. The goal is to teach you the fundamentals of tracking toward the goal of obtaining your TD or TDU title through the American Kennel Club. We will not be able to predict every question that might come up, so if you don't ask it, we may not answer it!
- Be friendly. One of the best parts of tracking is the opportunity to meet new friends who like to spend time with their dogs in a sport that does not take a lot of fancy, expensive equipment or travel. Exchange e-mails and phone numbers and get together tracking outings. We find that the students who hook up with others to track with are the ones who go on to get their title.

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All Registration Closes March 1, 2024

Working Spot **\$100** Jr. Subsidized spot **\$20** Audit spot **\$40**

CATC Instructor Audit Spot **\$20**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

For Working spots: Dog's Name _____

By registering, I agree to accept the risk involved in such activity and hereby agree to assume all liability for any personal injury, property damage and/or injury or damage to other dogs and/or persons which may be caused by the dog I bring to class, and absolve Columbus All Breed and Michael Roehrs from liability.

Signature

Date

For questions, please email Joyce Charron at Joyce.Charron.CATC@gmail.com. Mail checks payable to CATC and completed form to:

Joyce Charron, 2131 Mayflower Circle, Grove City, OH 43123