

Beth A. Walker

Beth started tracking 25 years ago. Primarily training alone, Beth has been training VST since before its inception in 1995 and has judged, exhibited in, or laid track for well over 100 VST events and countless TD/TDX tests. She has achieved the Champion Tracker title with four of her Belgian Tervuren. A highly successful teacher, trainer, and judge, she believes that being an active exhibitor makes for a more well-rounded judge and teacher and lends a valuable perspective to both teaching and judging. She has presented tracking workshops throughout the country.

She owned, handled and trained the first Belgian of all breeds in the country to earn the VST and CT title in 1998. “Jack” was also the ninth all-breed Champion Tracker in the country. He was a multiple group placer in conformation and was Beth’s very first tracking dog: CH CT StarBright Je Ne Sais Quoi CDX HT.

Her second Champion Tracker, Jeep, earned acclaim as one of the top conformation dogs in the country, earning an invitation to Westminster for three consecutive years and the Eukanuba Invitational for six. Jeep’s most notable accomplishment however, was when he made all-breed history by being the only Champion Tracker to win an all-breed Best in Show. He was owner-handled by Beth, as are all her dogs, to all of his accomplishments.

Her 3rd CT “Joe” (GCH Select CT Reveille of Anduin) earned his VST title on his second attempt under very challenging scenting conditions. Joe was the first Grand Champion of all breeds to earn the CT title. Joe’s daughter, “Jemma,” is a specialty winning, multiple-group placer who earned her Champion Tracker title at age 3 to become Beth’s 4th tracking champion. She earned her TDU (Tracking Dog Urban) title last spring to become the first Tervuren to earn all available tracking titles in the US. She continues her working career in the herding venue and shows in conformation on a limited basis.

Currently, Beth is working with her young TDU male in VST and TDX. Spring and fall finds her in the fields, working as an approved AKC judge for all tracking levels and, in between judging assignments, takes a limited number of private students, who have been very successful and of whom Beth is very proud.

In her “non-dog” life, Beth is a former U.S. Marine who works full-time as the purchasing manager for a mid-sized plastics company.





TRACKING WORKSHOP ***Saturday, May 5, 2018*** ***Dayton, Ohio***

Presented by Beth A. Walker

Hosted by the Ohio Valley Belgian Tervuren Club (OVBTC)

This is a one-day seminar geared to introduce newcomers to the world of tracking. Everything you need to know to get started will be covered, and all working teams will have the opportunity to work with Beth one on one in the field while attendees observe. Basic regulations and equipment requirements will be discussed as well as basic scenting theory as it applies to AKC tracking. All participants and auditors are encouraged to ask questions throughout the day. Introduction to the variable surfaces will be covered if time allows. Teams who have already started tracking are encouraged to attend and will also be given training tracks.

What to Bring

- ◆ Harness (non-restrictive), if you have one
- ◆ Buckle collar, if you don't have a harness
- ◆ 6' lead
- ◆ Treats – hot dogs are traditional (cut into nickel-sized pieces), but bring whatever your dog likes, so long as it's not too smelly. No liver, please.
- ◆ Water (for yourself and your dog!)
- ◆ Chair
- ◆ Note-taking materials

Weather/Rescheduling/Cancellation/Refund Policy

Workshop will *not* be cancelled for rain, but *will* be rescheduled for lightning or other severe weather. Sunday, May 6, is the reschedule date. If severe weather also occurs on Sunday, the event will be cancelled. Refunds will be issued in the event of cancellation. No refunds after April 20 unless your spot can be filled.

Registration

Limited to 16 working spots, as Beth works with each team one on one.
Unlimited auditing spots.

Registration limited to OVBTC members until March 23.
Registration limited to Belgian Shepherd Dogs (any variety) until April 6.
All registrations must be received by April 20.

Mail below form to:
Lisa Heilmeyer, 728 Olde Orchard Drive, Tallmadge, Ohio 44278

Name: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Dog's Name: _____ Breed: _____

Check one:

_____ \$100 Working Spot/OVBTC Member _____ \$75 Auditor/OVBTC Member

_____ \$125 Working Spot (non member) _____ \$100 Auditor (non member)

Participants will be asked to sign a waiver of liability.