

UBT TRACKFEST 2017

April 28 - April 30, 2017, Berne, NY



United Blood Trackers is holding a three day Blood Tracking Workshop on April 28-30, 2017 at Switzkill Farm, Berne, NY, about 50 minutes from Albany, NY. This workshop is for both beginner and advanced handlers, as well as anyone else interested in learning more about the use of tracking dogs for the recovery of wounded big game. Saturday's Hit Site Evaluation Seminar will be of great value to any hunter, not only to tracking dog handlers.

United Blood Trackers will offer evaluations of tracking dogs at UBT-I, UBT-II and UBT III levels on **Friday, April 28, 2017**. To sign up and for more information about evaluation requirements please go to our website www.unitedbloodtrackers.org. If you would like to enter a dog in any of the offered tests, pre-registration is required, and this year you can register online.

On Saturday, April 29, we will be holding the popular Hit Site Evaluation Seminar. This seminar, with the use of a roadkill deer, will focus on determining where you have hit the deer, reading sign at the hit site as well as reading sign found along the trail in order to develop the proper strategy for tracking that particular animal with or without a dog. In the afternoon classroom presentations will cover the nature of scent, European search techniques, and how to interview hunters before taking a call. Demonstrations in the field will address specific training problems.

On Sunday, April 30, we will have presentations on the handler's relationship with a tracking dog, equipment, techniques for putting down a live wounded deer, GPS use, early conditioning of tracking dogs. This will be followed by talks on tracking game species other than deer, breeding working dogs with emphasis on dachshunds, and addressing problems in training and tracking. There will be a panel discussion on audience submitted questions from three different points of view - European, Southern States and Northern States. The final session will be on outreach, publicizing tracking and attracting new handlers to the sport. Demos in the field will be focused on reading a tracking dog and improving handling skills.

The workshop instructors will be (in alphabetical order): Andy Bensing (PA), Darren Doran (NJ), Cheri Faust (WI), Larry Gohlke (WI), Gary Huber (NY), Marianne Jacobs (Luxembourg), John Jeanneney (NY), Jolanta Jeanneney (NY), Cliff Shrader (LA), Al Wade (LA) and other experts in the field.

ATTENDANCE FEES*

1. Friday No attendance fee. UBT-I, UBT-II and UBT-III evaluations day. All spectators welcome. Any dog can be entered.

UBT-I	\$50
UBT-II	\$75
UBT-III	\$100

1. Saturday & Sunday

Participant	\$75 per day
2nd Person in a household	\$50 per day

*Registration Deadline is **April 15, 2017**. Registrations RECEIVED (not postmarked) after that date will be charged a \$25.00 late fee. Late Registrants may not receive all handouts due to the lead time necessary to prepare all materials.

MEALS

Friday Lunch will be provided for all participants. Dinner will be on your own; we can go to a local restaurant as a group.

Saturday and Sunday

- Continental Breakfast available at motels. Coffee and donuts available on-site.
- Lunch - a catered lunch included both days with attendance fee.
- Dinner - Saturday night at 7 PM at Quality Inn and Suites in Schoharie (see Motel 1 below) \$25/person paid in advance with registration.

LODGING: There is no parking available for RVs

We have reserved a block of rooms at a group rate in TWO motels under "United Blood Trackers". Both motels are pet-friendly and have plenty of room outside to exercise your dog. Group rates can be booked until March 26, 2017.

1. **Quality Inn and Suites**, 160 Holiday Way, Schoharie, NY, 12157-5206, Phone: (518) 295-6088,
<https://goo.gl/qyKZd6>

Rates: 2 Queen beds \$80.75 single, \$85 double occupancy, 1 king bed \$89.25 single and \$95 double occupancy. Extra charge \$25/dog/night or \$50 per dog for the whole workshop.

This motel is 15.5 miles from Switzkill Farm, 10 miles from Justine's Restaurant. Free continental breakfast and wi-fi, exercise room, guest laundry. Dunkin Donuts closeby.

2. **Super 8 Motel**, 955 East Main Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043, Phone: (518) 234-4888,
<https://goo.gl/2nMDq7>

Rates: \$85.00 per room with extra charge \$10/dog/night. This motel is 24 miles from Switzkill Farm, 1.5 mile from Justine's Restaurant. Free continental breakfast and wi-fi, guest laundry. A lot of amenities close-by.

Other motels:

3. **Rodeway Inn & Suites**, 121 Burgin Drive, Cobleskill, New York, 12043, Phone: (518) 234-4321
<http://www.rodewayinncobleskill.com/>

Pet-friendly, restaurant onsite, indoor swimming pool, free wi-fi, fitness and bowling center.

Trackfest 2017 Registration Form

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Are you a UBT member _____

Are you on Facebook _____

	Fri 04/28		Sat. 04/29		Sun 04/30		subtotal
Attendance							
Participant	no charge	+	\$75	+	\$75	=	_____
2nd Household Member	no charge	+	\$50	+	\$50	=	_____
Saturday night dinner			\$25 per person			=	_____
						=	_____
Test Entries							
UBT-I					\$50	=	_____
UBT-II					\$75	=	_____
UBT-III					\$100	=	_____
					TOTAL	=	_____

You can register online at www.unitedbloodtrackers.org and pay with paypal

OR

send a check payable to United Blood Trackers and registration form to
Cheri Faust, 601 Engelhart Drive, Madison, WI 53713, minidoxies@charter.net

Registration Questions:

Cheri Faust minidoxies@charter.net
 Andy Bensing abensing@pbkennels.com 610-926-7778
 Jolanta Jeanneney jola@born-to-track.com 518-872-1779

*Everyone testing a dog must fill out the Dog Experience Questionnaire and submit it with their Registration Form. There will be limited space for dogs. Register early to ensure a spot.

Cancellations/Refund requests made **at least** two weeks prior to the event will receive a full refund. Cancellations/Refund requests made **less** than two weeks prior to the event will be penalized \$25.00

Dog Experience Questionnaire

Please submit with your registration

Handler's Name _____

Dog's Name _____

Dog's Breed _____

Dog's Age _____

Does your dog work on lead _____ off lead _____ both _____

Has your dog ever tracked a wounded deer in real life? _____

If he has, how many times? _____

Has your dog ever been worked on an artificial training line? _____

If he has, how many times? _____

Please give a brief description of a typical training line that you have trained your dog on up to this point and specify any training problems you would like to work on (length and age of track, amount of blood, do you use tracking shoes, number of turns, etc.)

DIRECTIONS to Switzkill Farm, 198 Game Farm Rd, Berne, from Quality Inn, 160 Holiday Way, Schoharie, NY, 12157

- Head northeast toward NY-30A S for 351 ft
- Turn right onto NY-30A S and follow for 2 miles
- Turn left onto NY-443 E and follow for 9.1 mi
- Turn right onto Switzkill Rd and follow for 3.7 mi
- Turn left onto Game Farm Rd and follow the signs for 1 mile.

Reasons to attend Trackfest 2017:

1. Meeting and networking with other UBT members.
2. Opportunity to learn from "experts" who have done it for a long time.
3. UBT judges will identify strengths and weaknesses of your dog and you as a handler.
4. Opportunity to see and evaluate blood tracking equipment and purchase merchandise.
5. Opportunity to meet your dog's relatives.
6. Getting motivated and inspired.
7. Gaining a better perspective, seeing the larger picture that goes beyond a handler's own situation.
8. To learn more about the UBT and to get involved in the organization.
9. This is your chance to relax and have fun.
10. Visit the Helderbergs and the area attractions like the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown and Howe Caverns.

DIRECTIONS to Switzkill Farm from Motel #2 (Super 8 in Cobleskill)

- Start out going east on E Main St/NY-7/NY-145 toward Forester Rd. Continue to follow NY-7/NY-145 for 2.35 miles
- Turn right onto State Route 145/NY-145. Continue to follow NY-145.
- Merge onto I-88 E via the ramp on the left toward Albany. Continue for 5.53 miles
- Take the NY-30A exit, EXIT 23, toward NY-7/NY-30/Schoharie/Central Bridge.
- Turn right onto State Route 30A/NY-30A.
- If you reach I-88 E you've gone about 0.2 miles too far
- State Route 30A/NY-30A becomes State Route 30/NY-30. Continue for 1.5 miles
- Turn left onto State Route 443/NY-443 and follow for 9.1 miles
- Turn right onto Switzkill Rd/County Hwy-1 and continue for 2 miles.
- Keep left to stay on Switzkill Rd/County Hwy-1 for 1.6 miles.
- Turn left onto Game Farm Rd (Portions unpaved). Game Farm Rd is 0.7 miles past Rowe Ln.
- If you reach Furman Ln you've gone about 0.4 miles too far
- Then follow signs for 1.04 miles.

Berne, NY, is located

- 30 miles from Albany International Airport
- 120 miles from Binghamton, NY
- 130 miles from Syracuse, NY
- 150 miles from New York City
- 240 miles from Montreal, Canada