

An Introduction To VST

**A Two Day Workshop in Whitewater, WI
Presented by the Tracking Club of Wisconsin
Instructor Mr. Ed Presnall
July 17th and 18th, 2004**

University of Wisconsin at Whitewater Campus

This workshop was developed to introduce handlers and their dogs to tracking on variable surfaces. This is a hands-on working seminar limited to 12 working participants and an unlimited number of Auditors. Each participating handler and dog will be worked and evaluated during the workshop. This workshop is developed for trackers who are new to Variable Surface Tracking.

Work will begin at 9:30 AM and run until approximately 4:30 PM each day. Morning refreshments will be provided and lunch will be provided. If you have further questions please email them to workshops@tcow.net or call Shawne Gamroth at 1-262-537-2478.

Includes: Starting dogs on variable surfaces, scent and problem solving, track evaluation, the importance of article placement, communicating with your dog, line handling, and the evaluation of working teams on variable surface tracks.

Introduction

Overview of VST

- What is VST?
- Why is VST different from TD & TDX?
- The learning process for dog & handler
- What you can expect your dog to do

What Are Components?

- The building block of all tracks
- Why component training works
- Chaining Components

The Canine Olfactory System

- Understanding just how good your dog's nose really is

Training with or without food

Random rewards not handouts

Your required commitment

Teamwork is the key

Keeping your dog challenged

Communicating with your dog

Magic Words to help you communicate

Basic routines

Article indication

Line handling

Motivational games

- Training for Starts
- Using Serpentine as Games
- The Article Game

Introducing transitions

Individual tracks and evaluations

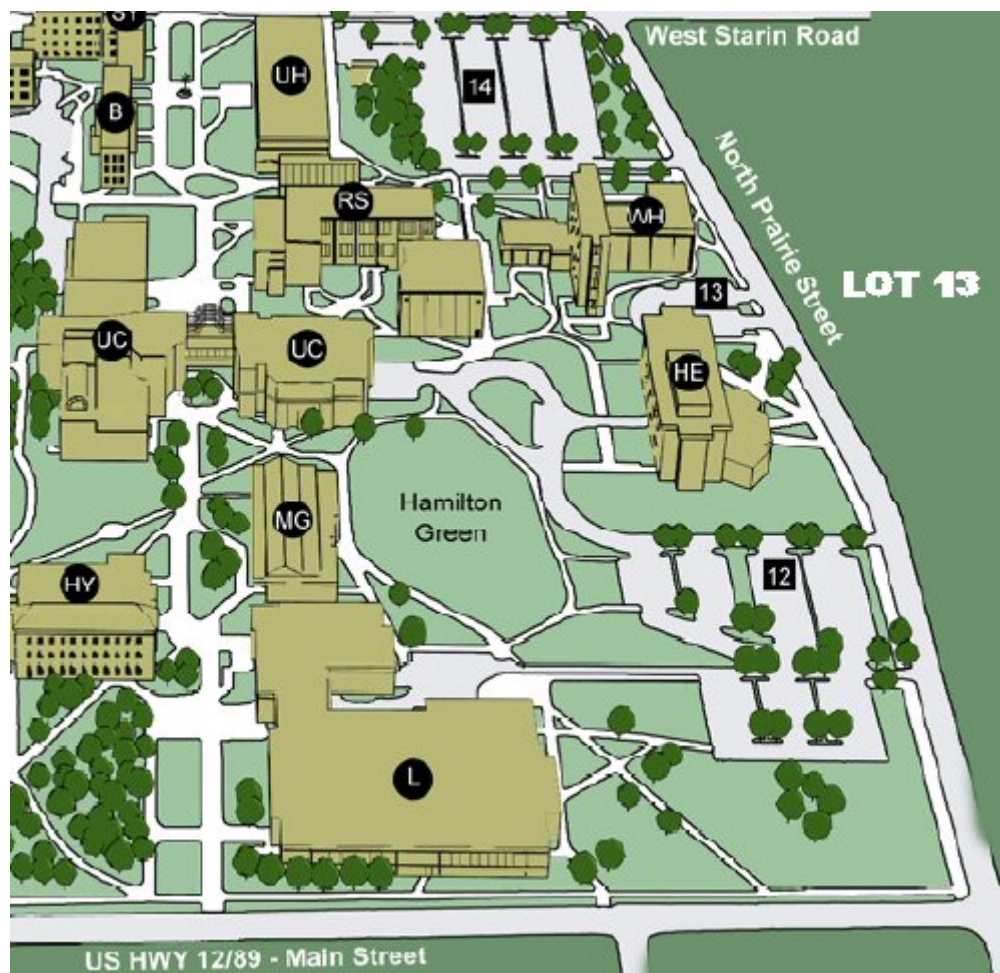
The University of Wisconsin at Whitewater Campus

UW-Whitewater's 400-acre campus includes 46 academic/auxiliary buildings, a 100+ acre nature preserve and arboretum, and 43 acres set aside for baseball, football, soccer, softball, track, and tennis.

The focal point of the campus is a two-block mall which links classroom and administrative buildings with the multi-purpose University Center. North of the mall are residence halls, the student health center, the Williams Physical Education and Recreation Center, and the 12,500 seat Warhawk Stadium. The workshop will utilize all areas of the campus.

MEET IN PARKING LOT #13 at 9:30 AM on Saturday July 17th, 2004

From Main Street (Hwy 12/89) in Whitewater, turn North (into the campus) on North Prairie Road and go one block. Lot #13 will be a small parking lot on your left.



Directions to UW-Whitewater from:

Chicago (average travel time 130 minutes)

I-90 West to Exit 171A (Janesville/Milton exit). Take Hwy 26N to Milton. At stoplight, turn right onto Hwy 59E to Whitewater. Turn left on Main St (Hwy 12/89) right on North Prairie Street, go one block and turn left into Lot 13.

I-94 West to Hwy 20W, East Troy exit, stay on 20 until it connects with Hwy 12 West to Whitewater OR Hwy 14 West to Hwy 89 N; then left onto Main Street (Hwy 12/89) left on North Prairie Street, go one block and turn left into Lot 13.

Janesville (average travel time 30 minutes)

Hwy 26 N to Milton. At stoplight, turn right onto Hwy 59 E to Whitewater. Follow thru town. Turn Left onto Starin Road, go 3 blocks and turn right onto North Prairie Street. Lot 13 is 1 block north on your right.

Madison (average travel time 60 minutes)

I-90 East to Exit 163 (Milton/Edgerton exit). Hwy 59 East, then left onto County "N" to Whitewater. Left at Indian Mound Parkway, right onto Hwy 12 (Main St). At stoplight in front of McDonald's, turn left onto Tratt St, then right onto Starin Road to North Prairie Street and turn left. Lot 13 is 1 block north on your right.

Milwaukee (average travel time 65 minutes)

I-43 South. At East Troy, take Hwy 20 W, then Hwy 12 W to Whitewater. Continue on Hwy 12 (Main Street). Turn right at stoplight on North Prairie Street, then left into Lot 13.



General Information

PEOPLE ETIQUETTE

During the seminar, please turn off all cell phone and pager audio alerts. Please take all private conversations away from the presentation while the speaker is presenting.

VIDEOTAPING

Videotaping is permitted for personal use only.

BOOKS & TRAINING EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

A selection of books, harnesses and leads will be available for sale.

NO DOGS OFF LEAD - NO DOGS IN ANY BUILDING

DISRUPTIVE DOGS

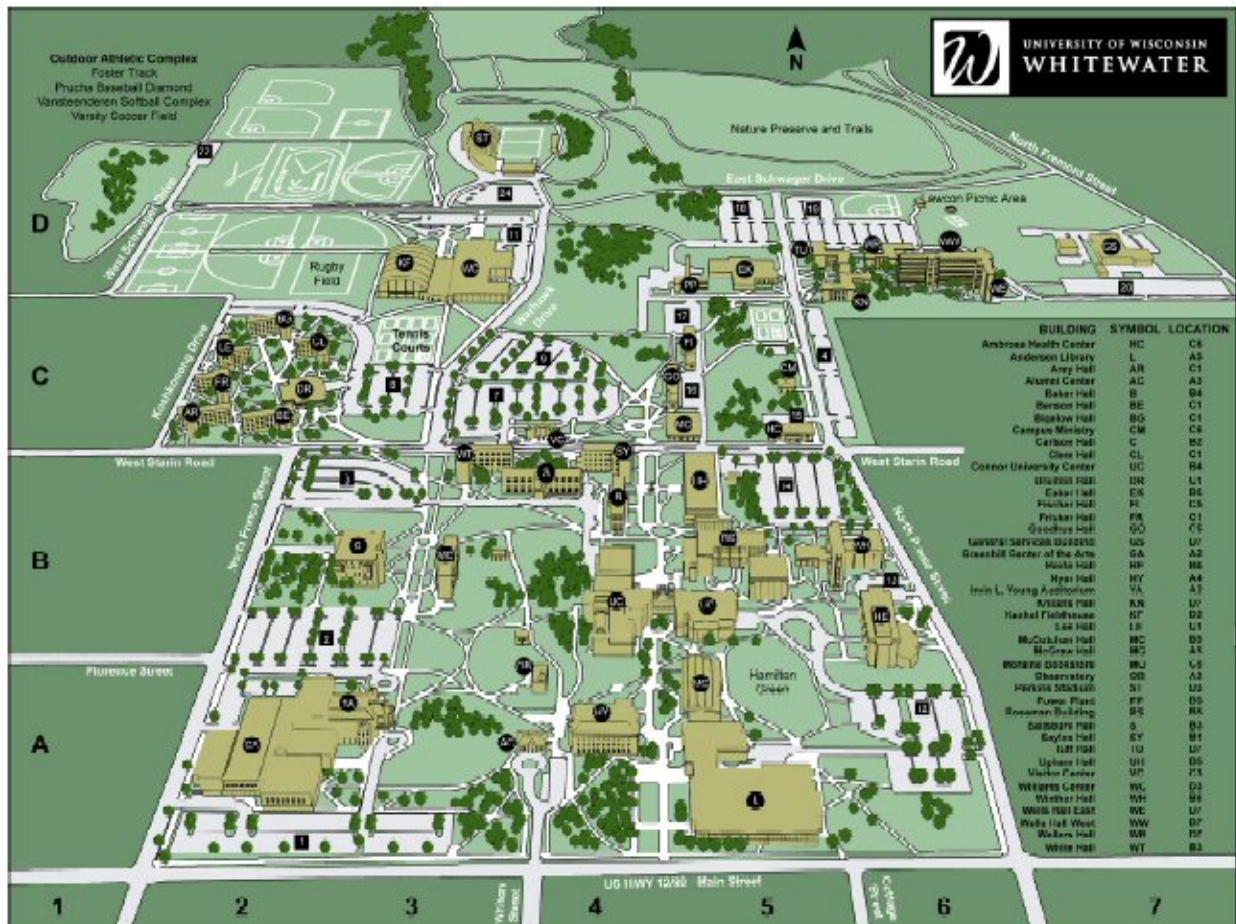
Any dog that is disruptive or behaves in an aggressive manner as determined by the staff will be requested to leave.

CLEAN UP

You are responsible for cleaning up after your dog. There are no excuses for not picking up after your dog EVERYWHERE. The University of Wisconsin Whitewater Campus is an approved training, workshop and VST Test site. We do not want to lose this site.

FURTHER QUESTIONS

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About the Instructor - Ed Presnall

Is an author, technology consultant and trainer who spends the majority of his time teaching, training and writing about dogs.

His dogs have earned numerous titles in conformation, obedience, agility, hunting and 30 tracking titles in the last ten years (7 in 2003 alone). As a multiple-award-winning member of the Dog Writers Association of America, his articles and stories are published in many dog-related magazines including the American Kennel Club Gazette and American Kennel Club Family Dog, National and Regional Club magazines, newsletters and web sites as well as privately published magazines, newsletters and web sites.

As an author, he has published over 200 canine-related articles and stories on tracking, dog sports, breeding, ethics and specific breed related topics in hard copy and electronic publications. He is the author of four best-selling books. Component Training For Variable Surface Tracking (1998 Pawmark Press) is an introduction to the sport of Variable Surface Tracking. The follow-up book, Component Training, A Companion Guide for VST (2001 Pawmark Press) expands on the theories and functions of urban tracking and was the 2001 DWAA

Maxwell Medallion winner. The 1999 DWAA Maxwell Medallion winner, The Clumber Spaniel Handbook (1999 Pawmark Press) is a breed-related handbook for new and potential owners of Clumber Spaniels. His latest book, Mastering Variable Surface Tracking, The Component Training Approach (2003 Dogwise) is quickly becoming the de facto standard for training dogs in Urban Tracking. Books are available through [Dogwise](http://www.Dogwise.com) or this web site at <http://www.Pawmark.com> and other canine book retailers throughout the country.

He is currently working on several new book projects including a new TD/TDX training book emphasizing Component Training, a series of children's books on pet ownership and responsibility and a forthcoming co-authored layman's approach to Canine Scenting, Sight and Structure In Dog Sports.

As a member of DWAA, in addition to earning two Maxwell Awards, his writings have been awarded Certificates of Excellence for The Dog Nobody Wanted, a story about his first tracking dog; Tracking Fields, an introduction to basic tracking; and a feature article on urban tracking titled Enlightenment. His photographic talents have been acknowledged through an award of excellence for the action photographs contained in the story "The First VST Dachshund" published by the Dachshund Club of America. In 2003 his book Mastering Variable Surface Tracking, The Component Training Approach received an award of excellence as one of the best training and behavior books nationally.

He is recognized by many involved in the sport of tracking as one of the leading trainers in the sport. He has earned 5 Variable Surface Tracker (VST) titles with his dogs while training dozens of other breeds and their handlers to advanced titles. He is currently training an Irish Water Spaniel, Clumber Spaniel, English Cocker Spaniel and a Field Spaniel for advanced titles. His students, both in the USA and Canada are currently working at the VST (urban tracking) level with a Vizsla, Beagle, Basset Hound, Field Spaniel, Portuguese Water Dog, Bouvier des Flandres, English Springer, Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen, Doberman, Dachshund, Belgian Tervuren and Golden Retriever. Additionally he assists many who are currently working on or have passed the VST test with specific training or component problems.

Mr. Presnall and his dogs have appeared on several television shows and promotional events including the Animal Planet series *Breed All About It!* and the AKC Eukunuba Classic in both 2002 and 2003. In June 2002, he and his Field Spaniel "Race" Am/Can CH CT Calico's Hot Pursuit Del Prado Can TDX participated as one of only five Champion Tracker teams in the first AKC National Tracking Exhibition in Villa Park, IL in a demonstration of both TDX and VST tracking. In September 2003, his Border Collie "Dillon" CT Wildfire Smoking Gun NA, NAJ participated as one of ten Champion Tracker teams drawn to attend and became the first team to pass a track at the first AKC National Tracking Invitational in Asheville, NC.

In preparation for the proposed Urban Tracking venue in Canada, he has invested considerable time and effort in promoting Urban Tracking throughout Canada by participating and instructing in over a dozen tracking workshops and seminars throughout Canada.

When not writing, consulting or judging the sport, he is involved in teaching tracking classes (both privately and for several tracking and breed clubs) or hosting seminars in basic and advanced tracking around the United States and Internationally.

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TCoW Ltd., PO Box 919, New Munster, WI 53152-0919**

Attending As

- Non TCoW Member Participant \$185.00
 TCoW Member Participant \$150.00
 Auditor (no dog) \$75.00

Copies of Ed Presnall's new book Mastering Variable Surface Tracking: Component Training™ will be available for purchase.

Name _____
 Address _____

Phone _____
 E-Mail _____

Your Experience in Tracking None Trainer Judge
 TD TDX VST

Tracking Titles Earned TD TDX VST

Breed and Age of Dog _____ Age ____ M F

Dog's Registered Name _____

Dog's Call Name _____

Dogs Tracking Experience None Beginner TD TDX

Why are you attending this workshop? _____

What do you hope to gain from attendance? _____

Areas for specific work Starts Corners Motivation
 Articles Transitions Contamination
 Other _____

Your participation in this workshop acknowledges your acceptance and agreement to the following binding agreements:

I hereby agree to save and hold Ed Presnall and/or Pawmark LLC and/or TCoW Ltd., their employees, agents and assigns harmless from any and all liability, including but not limited to reimbursement of all costs and attorneys fees, for damages and/or injury to self and/or to my dog, caused by my dog during any instruction period, before or after any session, and at any and all times while dog owner's dog is located on property used for the workshop.

and;

I hereby grant to Ed Presnall and/or Pawmark LLC and/or TCoW Ltd., their employees, agents and assigns the right to photograph myself and my dog(s) which may participate or attend this workshop/seminar and use such photo(s) and or other digital representation(s) or other reproduction of such likeness for publication processes, whether electronic, print, digital or electronic publishing via the Internet.

 Signature

 Date