

# ACTIVITIES FOR YOU AND YOUR DOG.....

## TRACKING

So what is it??? Basically it involves the dog using it's fabulous nose to find a scent that has been laid out by another person. Wonderful people called 'Tracklayers' (who by the way are very scarce and in high demand!) walk out along a marked path leaving behind them a scent trail. An article with this scent on is then sniffed by the dog, and with the handler helping, the dog is then instructed to find and follow this scent which will lead them to the end of the 'track' and to the Tracklayer who is patiently waiting to be found.

Tracking is open to all breeds of dog and anyone wishing to give it a try will be welcomed with open arms and lots of encouragement and support. It is a great community atmosphere and a super friendly bunch that make up TrackWest - WA's specialist tracking club.

For those of you who are interested why not pop along one Saturday morning and have a look at what goes on. You may even get involved with laying a track or get to follow along behind a dog and handler team as they follow their track.

Dogs are kept on-lead at all times and not close to other dogs. So perhaps for those of you out there who's dog has a big personal space this could be the sport for you.

TrackWest meets at the Gnangara Pine Plantation on the corner of Gnangara Rd & Nursery Rd (Approx 1.5km east of Beechboro Rd / Gnangara Rd Intersection) in Whiteman. The tracking season starts on the first Saturday after Easter through till the end of September. Sessions are held each Saturday morning, rain or shine, at 8 am.

As you will note this years season is halfway through, but don't let that stop you. Now's the perfect time to get involved by helping out and learning the ropes. You never know your dog could be the clubs next Tracking Champion!!

For further information you can contact Carol on 94021807 or via email [cfreele@westnet.com.au](mailto:cfreele@westnet.com.au) (or catch her at Club on a Sunday morning - just ask an Instructor to point her out) or alternatively visit TrackWest's web site <http://members.iinet.net.au/~mfmarginot/tracking.html>



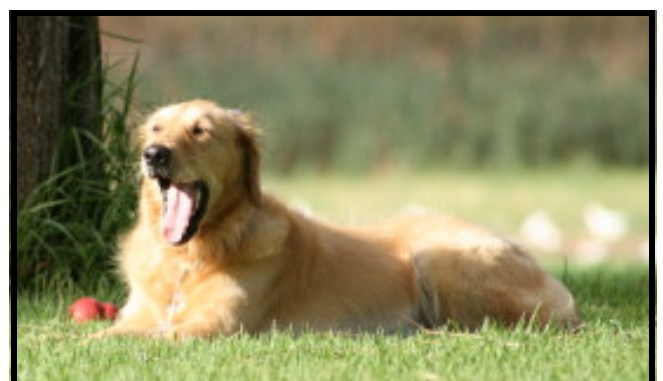
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Thanks to everyone who continues to help out the Club every week. Without these fantastic volunteers there would be no club. If you think you can help the club in some way please get in touch with Graeme. There is lots to do and every little bit helps.