

**Mantrailing Introduction Course**

* Walked their dogs?
* Ok with taking pictures that might be used on social media, website or the www?
* Housekeeping
* Introduction of yourself and other people incl their dogs
* *What is Mantrailing? – ask the attendees*
* Search for a specific person with a Mantrailer.
* Nose is the most distinct sense of the dog.
* 5-10million (human) olfactory cells vs up to 300mil (dogs)
* Every person´s smell is like a genetic fingerprint.

**Theory (not scientifically proven):**

* Skin cells fall off body like Snowflakes - 40-50.000 snowflakes per min
* Epithelial cells have a life span of about 36 hours 🡪 Degradation process is only from -5 ˚C to ca.36˚C
* Person might leave but the scent stays
* Mantrailers are used for Military, Police and Search and Rescue
* *At what age can you start a dog out?* Fully vaccinated, little trails
* Mantrailing is teaching you to read your dog. Signals through body language.
* 3 Goals for the course: For dog handler team to understand game, Find the right reward, Not to break fingers

**MOTIVATION:**

You need to find the BEST treat (toy or food) in the world to make this the BEST game ever (e.g. Raina ball)

* Relationship with “victim”
* BIG PARTY AT THE END OF EACH TRAIL (every dog is different) – the bigger the party the more enthusiastic your dog is to go back to work the next time
* Party individual to every dog

**Starting ritual** *(you can show it with your own dogs/another dog if you have a helper)*

* Get your harness and lead and food and/or toy ready
* Get your dog
* Putting down your harness+ long lead by trail layer
* Take dog for a pee/sniff (2min)
* Come back to equipment
* Walk closed circle (no commands) around the harness+ long lead (discriminating scents already starts here)
* Put harness on (NO COMMANDS- puts a downer on the excitement about this game)

**Intensity Trail:**

* Kocher method - using positive rewards and encouragement, it is geared for creating a more reliable, focused and driven canine partner to follow a specific human scent and quickly establishing the direction of travel.
* EVERY trail/exercise is followed by an intensity trail (dog is always going out of an exercise in a positive way feeling like the best dog ever, more motivated for the next time)
* Short distance (success guaranteed)