

# AMERICAN RETTUNGSHUNDE SPORT ASSOCIATION

## WINTER 2024 INTRO TO MANTRAILING SEMINAR



Saturday and Sunday, January 6 & 7, 2024

with **Melissa Stagnaro**



**SEMINAR LOCATION:** 20601 Izaak Walton League, Poolesville, MD 20837

**START TIME:** 8:00AM – 4:00PM (approx.), each day

**PAYMENT:** Per dog-handler team: **Both days** - \$50, **DAY 1** - \$30

\*Because DAY 2 builds on DAY 1, you may only attend either DAY 1 or both DAY 1 & DAY 2

- **PayPal** – [AmerRettSportTreas@gmail.com](mailto:AmerRettSportTreas@gmail.com)
- If you need to pay by check, please email [AmerRettSportTreas@gmail.com](mailto:AmerRettSportTreas@gmail.com) for details.

**QUESTIONS?** Annetta Cheek – [AnnettaLCheek@gmail.com](mailto:AnnettaLCheek@gmail.com)

- This seminar will focus on teaching the basics of mantrailing for search and rescue. Dogs and handlers of all levels are welcome (including those with no experience), as well as dogs of all ages (including puppies).
- There will be a total of 15 working spots available. Handlers may buy a second slot, if spots are not filled in advance with single dog-handler teams. An unlimited number of audit spots are available for the same fees.
- **Some general info for the seminar:** The lecture portion will be indoors, but plenty of time will be spent outdoors, so dress accordingly. Dogs must be kept in your vehicle when not working. **Do not wander off!** We will be working in areas near where hunting is permitted. Do not air dogs other than on leash and in the immediate vicinity of the clubhouse.

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### What to bring with you:

- Food and drink for yourself (the lunch break will not be long enough to leave and return)
- Variety of treats for your dog
- Your pup's favorite toys
- A pull-friendly harness (ideally, with the leash attaching to the dog's back and not the chest)
- A 10-30 ft long line

**\*You must register in advance for this event\***

**TO REGISTER:** complete this form  
<https://forms.gle/yZf5aVxXAXQG9yda6>

or scan the QR code:



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**\* We will reschedule this seminar only if driving conditions are hazardous.\***

### About Melissa

(Melissa with her  
GSP, Boozie Tim)



Melissa has a background in competitive obedience, protection sports, and tracking, and has had fun with freestyle, agility, conformation, nose work, versatile gun dog tests, dock jumping, shed antler hunting, rally obedience, animal acting, and tricks. She has been active in these dog sports for the last 30 years, and mantrailing (MT) for the last 5 years. She has attended 2,300 hours of mantrailing education for law enforcement, civilian, and sport enthusiasts. Her knowledge and experience in developing a dog's search skills includes training not only MT but also tracking, area search, and rubble search, with extensive titles on lurchers, a Dutch Shepherd, and (just getting started) a German Shorthaired Pointer.