

## Our Rat Partners



Barn Hunt rats are an important part of the game!

Please ask us about our rats, we are happy to share their stories!



## For More Information

Go to the *Barn Hunt* website

- Register your dog, keep track of qualifying scores and titles, and print out award certificates
- Download and read the rulebook
- Find a Club and Events near you
- Get answers to frequently asked questions

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# BARN HUNT®





## What is Barn Hunt?

Barn Hunt is the fun and exciting sport sweeping the country where dogs hunt for vermin (safely enclosed in heavy-duty aerated tubes) in a barn-like setting.

Barn Hunt is based on the traditional role of many breeds in riding farms, barns, crop storage areas, and homes of destructive vermin. Some breeds were specifically created to fill this role, and for many of those breeds Barn Hunt provides the first true opportunity for responsible breeders to test proper working instinct in their dogs.



## Can my dog play?

Absolutely! We accept all dogs whether purebred or mixed. The dog must navigate an 18" wide by bale-height tall tunnel. This is an especially good sport for older dogs and handlers who may not be able to do fast running sports any more but still want to play a fun game.

Barn Hunt is an independent sport, but our titles are recognized by the American Kennel Club, the Canadian Kennel Club, and the United Kennel Club. We are expanding internationally as well with events in Norway and soon in the United Kingdom.

Your dog does not have to be registered with any of those organizations to participate in the sport; you will need to register with the Barn Hunt Association. There is a single \$32 registration fee for the lifetime of the dog.

## How does it work?

Barn Hunt has titles, levels of increasing difficulty, championships, and games. At the Lowest level, Instinct, 3 identical heavy-duty aerated tubes are in open sight on the ground, with one having a rat housed comfortably on bedding, one having used rat litter, and one being empty. The dog has to find the one with the rat. The handler needs to understand the dog's signal and indicate the correct tube to the judge. Some dogs are very strong signalers; digging or barking at the tube. Some are very subtle. It doesn't matter how the dog signals, as long as the handler understands what the dog is trying to say!

In Novice, the three tubes are now hidden, and the dog must find and indicate the rat, climb on a bale, and complete a tunnel. As the dog progresses through the levels, the challenges become more difficult with more rats on the course and more turns in the tunnels. Barn Hunt also offers games classes like Crazy 8s (8 rats in two minutes) and Line Drive!

