



## "Ratting in the New Year" Barn Hunt Trial

hosted by

**City Sniffers Rat Hunt Club**

A Division of City Sniffers Dog Sports Training

Permission has been granted by the **Barn Hunt Association, LLC** to hold this Barn Hunt Trial under BHA rules and regulations. Open to all breeds and mixed breeds of all sizes, at least six months of age.

**[CLICK HERE TO ENTER ONLINE \(same price – no fees\)](#)**

**Entries Open 10/29/2024 ~ Close 12/18/2024**

**December 27-29, 2024**

**3 Days – 2 Judges – 2 Rings**

**Location (do not send entries to this address!):**

**City Sniffers Springfield, 800 N MacArthur Blvd, Springfield, IL 62702**

2 trials offered each day in I/N/O/S/M, Line Drive, and Crazy 8s.

Move-ups allowed all three days both trial to trial and day to day, with the exception that Senior can only move up to Master between days.

Instinct (\$15), Novice (\$26), Open (\$26), Senior (\$28), Master (\$30), CZ8 (\$28), Line Drive (\$15).

Add \$5 per run for Late/DOS entries.

### **Judges:**

Liz Hawkins, BHAI-164A, Fort Dodge, IA

Jennifer Vincent, BHAI-280A, Council Bluffs, IA

Line Drive Judge(s): TBD, any qualified person may be used to judge Line Drive

Entries accepted on a first come/first served basis. Email confirmations will be sent for all pre-entries. Late and Day of Show (DOS) entries are not a guaranteed entry and will be accepted only up to judging limits; confirmations may not be sent. Judges are limited to 8 hours of judging and a maximum run value (MRV), which requires Clubs to limit entries accordingly.

Trial Chairperson/Secretary: Megan Renner, [info@citysniffers.org](mailto:info@citysniffers.org), 773-232-0203

Event Committee: TBD

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are very important to any Barn Hunt Event. We want everyone to have a pleasant experience in Barn Hunt while at the same time running the event efficiently and smoothly. We will make sure that you have enough time to walk your dog before you run AND that you are instructed on how to do a job so that it is fun.

## **ENTRY INFORMATION**

Exhibitors are responsible for complete, accurate and legible information on entry forms; illegible or incomplete entries cannot be entered. **Always check your confirmation!**

All entries must be accompanied by full entry fees to be valid. No phone, email, or drop-off entries. You may either **ENTER ONLINE (no fees)** OR mail entries to the Trial Secretary with a check payable to City Sniffers Dog Sports Training\*. A returned check does not constitute a valid entry; there will be a \$25 fee for all returned checks.

**Entry Limits & Wait List:** Entry will be closed when judging limits are reached. Entries received after that point will be waitlisted. If any entries are withdrawn, waitlisted entries will be taken in the order received. Any prepaid waitlisted entry not accepted into the trial will be refunded.

**Withdrawals & Refunds:** Competitors who withdraw prior to the pre-entry closing date will receive a refund of all entry fees, minus any non-refundable credit card transaction fees (if applicable). Competitors who withdraw after the pre-entry closing date receive a refund only if a waitlisted, late, and/or DOS entry replaces the withdrawn entry. Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog and/or owner/handler is absent or disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by action of the Event Committee. No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reasons of riots, civil disturbances, fire, acts of God, public emergency, an act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the Event Committee.

## **Judging Assignments & Projected Running Order – (subject to change based on entries)**

| FRIDAY                |                       | SATURDAY               |                        | SUNDAY                 |                        |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| L. Hawkins–<br>Ring 1 | J. Vincent–<br>Ring 2 | J. Vincent –<br>Ring 1 | L. Hawkins –<br>Ring 2 | L. Hawkins –<br>Ring 1 | J. Vincent –<br>Ring 2 |
| CZ8 T1                | Instinct T1/T2        | CZ8 T1                 | Instinct T1/T2         | CZ8 T1                 | Instinct T1/T2         |
| Master T1             | Novice T1/T2          | Master T1              | Novice T1/T2           | Master T1              | Novice T1/T2           |
| Master T2             | Open T1/T2            | Master T2              | Open T1/T2             | Master T2              | Open T1/T2             |
| CZ8 T2                | Senior T1/T2          | CZ8 T2                 | Senior T1/T2           | CZ8 T2                 | Senior T1/T2           |

Line Drive will be played in a separate area on leash, gathering teams into blinds as they come free from CZ8 T1. Line Drive typically starts ~ 9-9:30 AM and ends before 12 noon.

Any Judge of Record at this Event may be used in any ring. Qualifying scores will show the Judge who designed the Course.

## **SITE INFORMATION**

Trial grounds will consist of the entire building and surrounding parking lots and sidewalks of the City Sniffers building @ 800 N MacArthur Blvd. FIREARMS ARE NOT ALLOWED OUTSIDE OF YOUR CAR. Smoking and/or vaping are not allowed on trial grounds.

The rings are inside a heated building with floors of rubber matting over hardwood. The blinds are 20' x 10' tents inside the building. Up to six competitors per blind for Instinct/Novice/Open; up to five per blind for Senior/Master. There IS indoor crating space; competitors may also crate out of their cars in designated parking areas.

The building will open one hour before judging start time and close one hour after the last dog runs.

**Directions/Parking:** From SR-97, turn north on MacArthur Blvd. You'll pass Douglas Park and the Linde building on the right, then look for the big red brick building also on the right. Parking for training visits is in the small lot to the south of the building (on right when facing from street). The entrance doors to the City Sniffers space are on the south and east sides of the building - the front door of building is NOT in use!

**PLEASE REVIEW PARKING MAP TO BE SENT WITH FINAL CONFIRMATION.** There IS sufficient space for RV parking, however, we do not have hookups onsite at this time. Please email Trial Secretary if considering bringing an RV.

**Dog exercise areas:** Designated potty areas are the green areas in front (west side) of the building and the large lot on the north side of the building. Please pick up after your dog and dispose of waste in appropriate containers outside the building. Any exhibitor failing to follow these rules may be excused without benefit of refund if the Event Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement per BHA regulations.

## **EXHIBITOR INFORMATION**

Check-in begins at 7:00 AM, DOS\* entries (if trial is not full) accepted 7:00-7:30 AM, general & judge briefings held at 7:45 AM, judging begins at 8:00 AM. \*Please check [www.barnhunt.com](http://www.barnhunt.com) and/or the online entry form to see if Event is full **before** considering DOS entry. If DOS entries are still available, the online form **will** still be enabled to take entries – this entry method is strongly preferred.

Further scheduling details will be emailed to all competitors after the trial closes and the actual number of entries in each class is known. We reserve the right to change the run order based on entries. Dogs will not run in any particular height order. Multiple dogs being handled by the same person will be separated into different blinds. Judge of Record and Event Official dogs may be judged prior to the official start time or as the first blind(s) of a Trial.

Barn Hunt LLC Rules can be obtained online in the form of a PDF file at <https://www.barnhunt.com/barnhuntrules.html>. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing the rules.

**Collars and Leashes:** Electronic collars, bark collars, head halters, uncovered prong collars, muzzles, and flexi/retractable leashes are not allowed on event grounds. Dogs may not be brought to the line in any disallowed collar – please consult the rulebook. Dogs MUST run “naked,” without a collar/harness. Dogs should be brought to the ring with collars/harnesses that can be easily and quickly removed and replaced. All dogs must be on leash at all times except when in the ring; at no time can dogs be tied out or otherwise left attached to anything other than a human.

**Bitches in Season (BiS):** BIS are eligible for entry but will be required to be kept separately from all other dogs and will run with panties on in a separate blind at the end of any classes entered. Entry fees for bitches that come into season will be refunded if you wish to withdraw before the closing date. After the closing date, entry fees will not be refunded. If bringing a bitch in season, please inform the Trial Secretary prior to the trial and inform all exhibitors at the judge's briefing. **Remember your dog must wear panties at all times at the show site (except when being taken out to potty.)** We will direct you to the BiS potty area, please come to the Trial Secretary's table before unloading your dog.

**Awards:** Brown flat ribbons will be awarded for qualifying runs in all regular classes and Line Drive. Instinct Title ribbons are brown flat ribbons and will be awarded for a dog's first qualifying Instinct run. Special brown flat ribbons will be awarded to dogs with a positive score in Crazy 8s or a qualifying run in Line Drive. Placement ribbons will be awarded for 1st thru 4th place, as required by the rulebook for A vs. B classes (see Competitor Rulebook, p 24-25). High in Class rosettes will be awarded to all A level classes and the Master B (Champion) Level. New Title awards will be given to dogs with 3 qualifiers in Novice A, Open A, and Senior A; dogs with 5 qualifiers in Master A; and dogs with 10 qualifiers in Novice B, Open B, Senior B, and Master B/Champion Levels. New Title awards for regular classes will be rosettes, larger rosettes will be awarded for a RATCH. New Title awards for Crazy 8s will be neck medallions. Specialty awards may also be offered at this event.

It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dog(s) and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dog(s) and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Event Committee, be asked to leave with no refund of any fees paid.

The safety of the dogs is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all obstacles safely.

## **ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS**

**ENTER ONLINE HERE**

**(no fees – same price for online as for mailed)\***

OR

Complete/sign the form on next page (one form per dog entered) and send with check payable in USD to City Sniffers Dog Sports Training.

Entries should be mailed to:

**Megan Renner, BHA Trial Secretary, 3751 N Damen Ave, # 2, Chicago, IL 60618**

Express mail entries MUST include waiver of signature or they will be returned.

\*Due to the [current USPS warning](#) not to mail checks, we are offering online entry at the same price as mailed entry. NO transaction fees will be applied or owed EXCEPT/UNLESS you withdraw and require a refund.

# Official Entry Form ~ BHA Trial ~ December 27-29, 2024

**Check boxes below for the days/classes you wish to enter for this dog.**

Other than entering both Instinct + Novice A, you must only choose ONE Regular class level to enter per weekend for a particular dog. You may enter as many Non-Regular classes as you wish (i.e., CZ8s & Line Drive).

|                           | \$15                              | \$26   | \$26   | \$28   | \$30   | \$28                          | \$15                                |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Fri T1</b>             | <input type="checkbox"/> Instinct | <input type="checkbox"/> Novice A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Novice B | <input type="checkbox"/> Open A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Open B | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Senior B | <input type="checkbox"/> Master A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Master B | <input type="checkbox"/> CZ8s | <input type="checkbox"/> Line Drive |
| <b>Fri T2</b>             | <input type="checkbox"/> Instinct | <input type="checkbox"/> Novice A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Novice B | <input type="checkbox"/> Open A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Open B | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Senior B | <input type="checkbox"/> Master A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Master B | <input type="checkbox"/> CZ8s | <input type="checkbox"/> Line Drive |
| <b>Sat T3</b>             | <input type="checkbox"/> Instinct | <input type="checkbox"/> Novice A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Novice B | <input type="checkbox"/> Open A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Open B | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Senior B | <input type="checkbox"/> Master A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Master B | <input type="checkbox"/> CZ8s | <input type="checkbox"/> Line Drive |
| <b>Sat T4</b>             | <input type="checkbox"/> Instinct | <input type="checkbox"/> Novice A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Novice B | <input type="checkbox"/> Open A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Open B | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Senior B | <input type="checkbox"/> Master A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Master B | <input type="checkbox"/> CZ8s | <input type="checkbox"/> Line Drive |
| <b>Sun T5</b>             | <input type="checkbox"/> Instinct | <input type="checkbox"/> Novice A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Novice B | <input type="checkbox"/> Open A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Open B | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Senior B | <input type="checkbox"/> Master A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Master B | <input type="checkbox"/> CZ8s | <input type="checkbox"/> Line Drive |
| <b>Sun T6</b>             | <input type="checkbox"/> Instinct | <input type="checkbox"/> Novice A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Novice B | <input type="checkbox"/> Open A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Open B | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Senior B | <input type="checkbox"/> Master A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Master B | <input type="checkbox"/> CZ8s | <input type="checkbox"/> Line Drive |
| <b>SUBTOTAL per class</b> |                                   |  |  |  |  |                               |                                     |

\*Add \$5 per run for late/DOS entries.

**TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Dog's Call Name \_\_\_\_\_ Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Height at withers: \_\_\_\_\_

BHA Number (if applicable, not required for Fun Test): BH - \_\_\_\_\_ Possibly in season at event? Y / N

Current Barn Hunt Competition Level (circle one):

Current Class in this Level (circle one):

Novice      Open      Senior      Master

A      B

Owner's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Handler Name (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Email (required): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILED ENTRIES ARE NOT VALID UNLESS THE NEXT PAGE IS INCLUDED AND SIGNED AND PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.**

I have read the AGREEMENT, WAIVER, AND RELEASE below and agree to the conditions. Please sign and send both pages with mailed entries.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of owner or agent duty authorized to make this entry

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*\*\*If entering multiple dogs, you only need to include this page once\*\**

CERTIFICATION OF AGREEMENT UPON ENTRY OF DOG: I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Barn Hunt Association, LLC in effect at the time of this event, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event, and further agree to be bound by the liability waiver enclosed with my entry. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard (dog or human aggressive) to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) in accordance with all Barn Hunt Association, LLC Rules and Regulations and to abide by any decisions made in accord to them.

**Typing your name in the field below constitutes a legitimate signature for online entries**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of owner or agent duly authorized to make this entry

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

LIABILITY WAIVER: I (we) acknowledge that if this application for the entry of this dog is made available to me (us) for participation in a Barn Hunt event, that I (we) agree that this club and/or facility has the right to refuse the entry of this dog and/or they reserve the right to dismiss the dog and myself for cause which Barn Hunt deems to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to win prizes, ribbons, and/or trophies, I (we) agree to hold Barn Hunt Association, LLC (BHA LLC), City Sniffers Dog Sports Training, City Sniffers Rat Hunt Club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any BHA LLC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog. Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other persons.

\_\_\_\_\_ **By initialing here, I indicate my agreement with the above Liability Waiver.**

MEDIA RELEASE: I hereby authorize club officials and/or club-appointed videographer and/or photographer to use, reproduce, and/or publish photographs and/or video that may pertain to me, including my image, likeness and/or voice without compensation. I understand that this material may be used in various publications, public affairs releases, recruitment materials, on the City Sniffers Dog Sports Training and/or BHA LLC websites or social media accounts, or for other related endeavors. This authorization is continuous and may only be withdrawn by my specific rescission thereof. Consequently, the BHA LLC and City Sniffers Dog Sports Training may publish materials, use my name, photograph, and/or make reference to me in any manner that the Corporation or event sponsor deems appropriate in order to promote/publicize service opportunities.

\_\_\_\_\_ **By initialing here, I indicate my agreement with the above Media Release.**

## **Emergency Information: Pet**

Animal Emergency Clinic of Springfield: 821 S Durkin Dr, Springfield IL, 62704  
(217) 698-0870      <https://aecspringfield.com/>

## **Emergency Information: Human**

HSHS St. John's Hospital: 800 E Carpenter St, Springfield IL      (217) 544-6464

Memorial Medical Center: 701 N 1st St, Springfield IL      (217) 788-3000

## **Pet-Friendly Hotels** – please call to verify any pet policy details noted below

### **Candlewood Suites Springfield IL (an IHG Hotel)**

2501 Sunrise Dr, Springfield IL 62703      (217) 522-5100

<https://www.ihg.com/candlewood/hotels/us/en/springfield/spiwx/hoteldetail>

\*All pets allowed; \$150 pet fee per stay

### **Drury Inn & Suites Springfield, IL**

3180 S Dirksen Pkwy, Springfield, IL 62703      (217) 529-3900

<https://www.druryhotels.com/locations/springfield-il/drury-inn-and-suites-springfield-il>

\*Daily fee of \$50 per room plus tax. Limit of two pets per room with a combined weight of 80 pounds.

### **La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Springfield, IL**

1121 Lejune Dr, Springfield IL 62703      (217) 697-5686

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/laquinta/springfield-illinois/la-quinta-springfield-il/overview>

\*Please call to verify pet policies & fees.

### **Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham Springfield, IL**

2636 Sunrise Dr, Springfield IL 62703      (217) 718-6842

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/microtel/springfield-illinois/microtel-inn-suites-springfield-il/overview>

\*Please call to verify pet policies & fees.

### **Quality Inn & Suites Springfield Southwest near I-72**

3442 Freedom Drive, Springfield, IL 62704      (217) 787-2250

<https://www.choicehotels.com/illinois/springfield/quality-inn-hotels/il083>

\*Pet charge of \$10 plus tax per pet per night. A maximum of 2 pets per room.

### **Red Roof Inn Springfield IL**

3200 Singer Ave, Springfield IL 62703      (217) 753-4302

<https://www.redroof.com/property/il/springfield/rri040>

\*Pets stay free, 1 pet allowed max 80 pounds.

### **Residence Inn (by Marriott) Springfield South**

2915 Stanford Ave, Springfield IL 62703      (217) 527-1100

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/spiri-residence-inn-springfield-south/overview/>

\*Non-refundable cleaning charge of \$150 per room per stay applies; maximum pet weight: 75 pounds