

Barn Hunt Trial Organizers:

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Event Committee Members: Brenda Dorman, Deirdre Baker, Michelle Bell, Elizabeth Staley, Alison Christofoli, Renee Sainato, Melissa Dimeler, Gloria Smith

Cost: Instinct - \$20.00, All other classes \$25. There will be no day of show entries accepted. Late entries received 7/2/25 - noon 7/10/25 - add \$5 per run/class. NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER NOON 7/10/25. Late entries may not receive confirmations.

SCHEDULE: 08:15 am – Building Opens, General Briefing ~8:55am

9:00 am – First Dog
Ring 1 (back ring) - Heidi Friday & Sunday, Holly Saturday
Instinct - Novice 1 - Novice 2 - Open 1 - Open 2 - Crazy 8's 2 - Senior 1 - Senior 2
Ring 2 (front ring)
Friday/Sun - Holly, Sat - Heidi
Crazy 8's 1 - Master 1 - Master 2

*Judges and trial staff dogs may run before the trial begins/general briefing to expedite the day. No Briefings will be held before each class.

Running order: Randomly assigned electronically with accommodations made for handlers with multiple dogs or ring conflicts. Bitches in season will run at the end of the class with panties securely on, as per BHA rules. Move-ups/lateral will be allowed each day if a title is earned.

Food Service: Water, snacks and lunch are available for workers and exhibitors who bring food to share. We will have a potluck each day and we welcome food donations.

AWARDS: Ribbons will be given to all qualifiers. Placement ribbons, New Title/RATCH/RATCHX Rosettes. Special Sponsored Awards may be given. If you would like to sponsor an award, contact the secretary.

The Club will offer a few special "Shark Week" themed RATCHX ribbons made by Meghan Rice. These will be limited to the first teams earning a RATCHX that want them. Other RATCHX ribbons will also be available. See pg 2 for other year long 2025 challenges.

Payment via check, MO, cashier's check made payable to 4 The Dogs, or cash is also acceptable. Secretary is not responsible for cash sent through the mail.

THERE ARE NEW RULES THAT TOOK EFFECT 28 MAY 2025. PLEASE REVIEW THE NEW RULE BOOKS FOR UPDATES!



July 11-13, 2024
Barn Hunt Trial (2 trials per day)
Merrimac Dog Training Club
15 Newsome Place
Hampton, VA 23664

Judges: Heidi Connolly, Virginia - BHAJ-219A

Holly Boyd, Virginia - BHAJ-211A

****Please review NEW 2025 RULE BOOKS at www.barnhunt.com****

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, ages 6 months or older . Dogs must have a Barn Hunt number to participate.

Opening Date: May 19, 2025
Maximum of 10 dog entries per envelope.

Closing Date: July 1, 2025. Late entries until 12:00pm on 7/10/2025.
No Refund, changes or withdraws of pre-entries after closing. No DOS.

Classes offered daily: RATI (1), RATN x2, RATO x2, RATS x2 & RATM x2 Crazy 8's x2 classes- concurrent trials

Limit: 8 hours judging time per judge and MRV value per judge.

Rings are indoors on foam mats and tarps - rings (24x24) and blind areas (150 sq ft each 4-5 dogs) are indoors, covered and climate controlled. Grounds are inside fences. Crating space indoors in climate controlled area.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

*At all times, the safety of the dogs, handlers, and rats is to be of paramount importance. Rats will be humanely handled and safely confined in aerated PVC tubes; Barn Hunting is not intended to harm or kill rats.

*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 fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by action of the show committee.

*Children of any age are eligible to handle a dog in a Barn Hunt trial as long as they can control the animal before, during, and after the hunt. However, the parent or guardian must remain on the premises at all times with any child under the age of 16.

*It is expressly understood that participants alone are responsible for the behavior of their dog(s). Any participant whose dog(s) create an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the event committee, be asked to leave the event site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. ODTC/SuperPup, LLC will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by participants or spectators, or to any of their dogs or property.

*4 The Dogs reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog(s) on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against 4 The Dogs or any official thereof.

*No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee.

*Exhibitors are responsible for complete, accurate, and legible information on the entry forms; illegible or incomplete entries cannot be entered in the show.

*Any JOR at this event may be used as a RBJ in any ring.

*All crates inside must have floor protection placed under them. Any items left at the end of Sunday in the crating area will be removed and donated by club.

Accommodations (verify that they still accept pets)

Hotels:

Red Roof Inn, 1925 Coliseum Dr. (I-64 Exit 263B) Hampton, VA
(757) 838-1870 or 1-800-843-7663. Pets are free.

Sonesta Simply Suites, 401 Butler Farm Rd (I-64 Exit
263A) Hampton, VA (757) 766-8976
Pets \$75 per stay.

RV Parking is NOT available on site, but there are some local parks that allow camping. Newport News Park, Gosnold Hope Park and Ft Monroe can be contacted.

Withdrawals: No refunds after closing for unless there is a wait list run to replace the with drawn runs unless otherwise noted here. Withdrawals after the closing date due to injury/illness of the dog will be eligible for a 75% refund of entry fees paid upon receipt of a note from your veterinarian. The note must be dated and emailed or mailed to the Trial Secretary prior to the close of the trial on Sunday afternoon. Fees for online entries will not be refunded at any time. There is no refund for sick or injured handlers.

Online/Electronic Entry/Payment Option:

Electronic entries will be available via

<https://www.secreterrier.com/events/528/enter>

Credit Card and Program Convenience Fees apply to online entries.

We will be running 2 year long competitions with embroidered Picnic Time style chairs as prizes!!!

#1: The dog with the most Master (A & B can be combined) level Qs earned at our trials in 2025. All dogs will all be calculated out of 18 possible runs (Qs) for the year.

#2: Top Crazy 8 dog of the year. The dog with the most Crazy 8 points earned during the year. This will be a total calculation based on each run the dog completes. Remember dogs can be in any level to run Crazy 8's.

Emergency Veterinary Services:

**Animal Emergency Center,
2025 George Washington Mem.
Hwy, Yorktown, VA 23693
(757) 234-0461**

Loud/Disruptive dogs: Please keep dog barking in the crating and ring area to a minimum so as not to disturb other exhibitors. If necessary, dogs may be crated in your vehicles around the perimeter of the club building. Any dog behaving in a threatening or aggressive manner toward another dog or a person may be dismissed from the trial if justification is found to do so by the judge and/or event committee. In that case, no refund of any fees paid will be made.

Collars and Leashes: Per BHA rules, electronic collars/devices are not allowed anywhere on the site – this includes electronic bark collars. Head halters are also not allowed at BH trials. Prong collars may be used on the site. Prongs are only allowed to come to/into the ring if they are covered and quick release. Approved collars include flat snap or buckle collars of solid construction and leather or nylon leads. Limited slip martingale and single piece slip collars/leads are allowed. Harnesses are allowed. Dogs MUST run “naked,” without a collar/harness. Dogs should be brought to the ring with collars/harnesses which can be easily and quickly removed and replaced. All dogs must be on leash at all times except when in the ring.

Class Descriptions:

Crazy 8's: Twelve PVC tubes hidden on the course. Tubes will be: Four with litter only, eight with both litter and a rat. Time Limit: 2 minutes. Point game.

RATI (Rat Instinct Class): Three PVC tubes placed in plain sight on the course. Tubes will be: one dry, one with litter only (no rat), and one with both litter and a rat. Time Limit: 1 minute.

RATN (Novice Barn Hunt): Three PVC tubes hidden on the course. Tubes will be: one dry, one with litter only, and one with both litter and a rat. Time Limit: 2 minutes.

RATO (Open Barn Hunt): Five PVC tubes hidden on the course. Tubes will be: one dry, two with litter only, two with rats and litter. Time Limit: 2 minutes, 30 seconds.

RATS (Senior Barn Hunt): Eight PVC tubes hidden on the course. Tubes will be: one dry, three with litter only, and four with rats and litter. Time Limit: 3 minutes, 30 seconds.

RATM (Master Barn Hunt): Eight PVC tubes hidden on the course at all times. There will be anywhere from one to five rat and litter tubes; all others will have litter only. Handler must declare when ring is cleared. Time Limit: 4 minutes, 30 seconds. Master class blind size will be announced in final confirmations based on entry numbers for Master class in each trial.

Move-ups, downs and laterals permitted when a title is earned.

*Dogs are eligible to enter both RATI and RATN on the same day.
Any dog with a BHA number may enter Crazy 8's.*

Exhibitor Information:

- All dogs must be on a maximum 6' leash, except while hunting, and be under control while on the grounds. Flexi-leads may not be used within 30 feet of the ring.
- Any dog that fouls the arena in any way (e.g., urinates, defecates, vomits) will be immediately excused. The handler is expected to clean up after the dog, both in the ring and out.
- All entries must be accompanied by entry fees and be **received** prior to the day/time of closing to be considered valid. Late entries are any entry/ payment received after closing but before the day of show.
- Exhibitors not attending the General/Judge's briefings will still be held responsible for knowing the information given in these briefings.
- All dogs must be crated or on a leash at all times except when running. Dogs may be crated in the car, or in the climate controlled crating area. There is plenty of space for crating. Please keep your crating area clean/dry. Barking dogs MUST be crated in vehicles or away from other dogs so that they do not disturb the neighbors. Please ensure your crate is secure as the dogs may be highly excited.
- **At no time should dogs be tied out or otherwise left attached to something other than a human; specifically, leaving your dog(s) tied to an unattended chair or in an open crate is not allowed.**
- Any dog that is sick, injured or lame will be excused from the trial grounds.
- Please be considerate about picking up after your dogs and leaving the grounds as you found them. Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the event committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement, per BHA regulations.
- The schedule is fluid throughout each day. No special considerations will be made to accommodate other activities outside of the trial.
- Please place tarps or mats under crates in the crating area.
- Bitches in season are eligible to compete but will be required to be kept separate from all other dogs and run in panties/britches at the end of their class, regardless of height. Entry fees for bitches that come into season will be refunded until date/time of closing of the trial, if you wish to withdraw. If bringing a bitch in season, please inform the Trial Secretary prior to the trial.

4 The Dogs and MDTC are not responsible for personal items left in vehicles.

****Barn Hunt LLC Rules** can be obtained online in the form of a PDF file at <http://barnhunt.com>

Exercise your dog responsibly. Please pick up after your dog at the show site and hotels. All dogs must be on leash except when in the ring hunting at the trial site.

4 The Dogs @ Merrimac Dog Training Club

17 Newsome Place, Hampton, VA

23661 Mail entry with check or Money Order to:

4 The Dogs Barn Hunt, 714 N 5th St, Hampton, VA 23664

Online entry via Secreterrier: www.secreterrier.com/events/528/enter

BH Registration #: _____ DOB: _____ Sex: _____

Dog Full Name: _____

Call Name: _____ Breed: _____

Height (in): _____ Height Class: ___ S ___ M ___ L

Owners Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

____ A Class ____ B Class

Friday T1 (7/11/2025):

____ Instinct ____ Novice ____ Open ____ Senior ____ Master ____ Crazy 8's

Friday T2: ____ Novice ____ Open ____ Senior ____ Master ____ Crazy 8's

Saturday T1 (7/12/2025):

____ Instinct ____ Novice ____ Open ____ Senior ____ Master ____ Crazy 8's

Saturday T2: ____ Novice ____ Open ____ Senior ____ Master ____ Crazy 8's

Sunday T1 (7/13/2025):

____ Instinct ____ Novice ____ Open ____ Senior ____ Master ____ Crazy 8's

Sunday T2: ____ Novice ____ Open ____ Senior ____ Master ____ Crazy 8's

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone: _____

WAIVERS:

I agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem 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 agree to hold Barn Hunt Association, LLC, 4 The Dogs, 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, 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 further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog. Additionally, I 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.

I/we certify that I/we do not, to my/our knowledge, have COVID-19 at the time of attending this event and/or have a final vaccination for COVID-19 at least 2 weeks prior to the Event. If unvaccinated, I/we have not knowing been in contact with or exposed to any person with COVID-19 within the past 14 days. I/we have not been told to isolate or quarantine. I/we are not awaiting the results of a COVID test. If I/we have been diagnosed with the virus or have had virus-like symptoms but no formal diagnosis, I/we certify that I/we have been released by government officials and/or my/our health care providers to resume all activity with no limit, and can produce results from a positive antibody test on request, or have had no symptoms for a minimum of 10 days prior to the Event. I/we understand that we have entered and are competing at this Barn Hunt event entirely at my/our own risk and take full responsibility for my/our own health and safety during this Event. I/we pledge to follow all Barn Hunt Association and specific Club Event rules and requirements to mitigate any possibility of infecting others or becoming infected. I/we understand that mask wearing is required if I/we are not vaccinated or do not wish to disclose vaccination status. I/we will cooperate with any health department and/or State/Local guidelines that have jurisdiction in the area in which the Event is taking place. The Barn Hunt Association LLC and the 4 The Dogs are in no way liable for any present or future COVID-19 infection incurred at any time by any person, in attendance or not in attendance, before, during or after this Event.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Phone: _____