

Barn Hunt Trial Organizers:

Chairperson: Deirdre Simon, dezzaray1@gmail.com

Secretary: Elizabeth Staley, bhsecretaryva@gmail.com 419-306-7919 (text preferred) - PLEASE USE THIS EMAIL FOR ALL TRIAL COMMUNICATION

Event Committee Members: Gloria Smith, Kathy Brady, Deirdre Baker, Christina Tyndall, Renee Sianato, Sara Shafer, Brenda Dorman, Elizabeth Staley

Cost: RATI - \$20.00, Novice, Open and Senior \$22.00 each class. Master & Crazy 8's \$25. There will be no day of show entries accepted. Late entries received 1/20/26 - noon 1/29/26 - add \$5 per run/class. NO ENTRIES ACCPETED AFTER NOON 1/29/26. Late entries may not receive confirmations. Please review final confirmation on secreterrier. *Move downs after earning a title will not receive a refund.*

SCHEDULE: SUBJECT TO CHANGE -

please review final confirmation for schedule and judges assignment -load balancing may occur.

08:15 am – Building Opens

09:00 am –

Ring 1 Friday-Shannon Saturday - Shea
Instinct - Novice 1 - Novice 2 Open 1 - Open 2 - Crazy 8's 2 -
Master 2

Ring 2 Friday - Shea Saturday - Shannon
Crazy 8's 1 - Master 1 - Senior 1 - Senior 2

Ring 1 Sunday - Shannon

Instinct - Novice 1 - Novice 2 Open 1 - Open 2 - Crazy 8's - Senior 1 -
Senior 2

Ring 2 Sunday - Shea

Master 1 - Master 2

*Judges and trial staff dogs may run before the start of classes to expedite the day.

Running order: Small to Tall with accommodations made for handlers with multiple dogs

Final Class order will be published in the confirmation letter. Dogs being handled by the same person must be separated into different staged groups. Bitches in season will run at the end of the class with panties securely on, as per BHA rules. Move-ups will be allowed from trial to trial.

Food Service: There will be no food for exhibitors at this trial. Water will be provided for workers. Judges will take a 30-45min lunch break to allow exhibitors to get food if they want.

Withdrawals: Withdrawals after the closing date due to injury 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. If you have questions, contact the Trial Secretary directly at bhsecretaryva@gmail.com.



January 30-Febrary 1, 2026

Barn Hunt Trials (2 trials per day)
Merrimac Dog Training Club

15 Newsome Place
Hampton, VA 23664
www.barnhunt.com/barnhuntrules

Judges: **E. Shea Brooks BHAJ-294A, South Carolina**
Shannon Floyd, BHAJ-135A, Virginia

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.
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Opening Date: December 22, 2025. Maximum of 10 dog entries per envelope.
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Closing Date: January 19, 2026. Late entries until 12:00pm on 1/29/26. No Refund, changes or withdraws of pre-entries after closing.
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Classes offered daily: RATI (1) , RATN x2, RATO x2, RATS x2 & RATM x2 Crazy 8's (2 Fri & Sat, 1 Sunday)

Limit: 8 hours judging time per judge
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Trial is indoors on concrete/foam mats - ring and blind area (10x20) is indoors, covered and climate controlled. Ample crating space indoors in secure, climate controlled area.
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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. ODT/ 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.

*MDTC 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 MDTC 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.

Accommodations (verify that they still accept pets)

Hotels:

Element Hampton Peninsula Town Center, 1851 Merchant Ln,
Hampton, VA 23666, (757) 251-6586

Pets allowed with a nonrefundable fee of \$25 dollars per night 40 lb limit.

Ambassador Inn & Suites, 2138 West Mercury Blvd (I-64 Exit 263A) Hampton, VA (757) 827-8680 or 1-800-531-5900.
Pets \$10 per night.

RV Parking is NOT available on site, but there are some local parks that allow camping.

Administrative Reminders: If you provide your email address, we will acknowledge receipt of your entry via email within a few days. If you do not receive an initial confirmation within one week of mailing your entry, contact the Trial Secretary. Check your confirmations, errors must be reported no later than the move-up deadline. Secretary is not responsible for errors not brought to her attention. Please double-check your entry form and remember to sign the Release Form. A \$35.00 service charge will be added for any returned checks and must be paid via cash, PayPal, money order or cashier's check.

Payment via personal check, MO, cashier's check made payable to MDTC or cash is also acceptable. Secretary is not responsible for cash sent through the mail. Checks will be cashed after closing. Entries are not valid until entry forms AND payment are received.

****Online Entry & Payment Option**:**

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ENTRIES VIA EMAIL -THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO ENTER ELECTRONICALLY

<https://www.secretterrier.com>

Emergency Veterinary Services:

Animal Emergency Center, 2026

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.

****For these trials, dogs may enter any class they are eligible for at entry (ie: dog has RATO can enter Open B on Friday and Senior A on Saturday and Sunday). You may move up, down or lateral from a class after completing a title during the weekend.****

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 littler only. Handler must declare when ring is cleared. Time Limit: 4 minutes, 30 seconds. Master class blind size will be announced at the trial based on entry numbers for Master class in each trial.

Line Drive: Will not be offered at these trials.

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/brittches 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.

MDTC is not responsible for personal items left in vehicles.

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.

Merrimac Dog Training Club

15 Newsome Place, Hampton, VA 23661

Mail entry with check or Money Order to:

MDTC Barn Hunt, **Jan Barn Hunt**, 714 N 5th St, Hampton, VA 23664

ONLINE ENTRY:

www.secretterrier.com

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 (1/30/2026):

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

Friday T2:

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

Saturday T1 (3/1/2026):

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

Saturday T2:

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

Sunday T1 (2/1/2026):

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

Sunday T2:

____ Novice ____ Open ____ Senior ____ Master

WAIVERS:

I (we) 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 (we) agree to hold Barn Hunt Association, LLC, MDTC, 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 (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.

I/we also certify that I/we do not, to my/our knowledge, have COVID-19 at the time of attending this event. Nor have I/we been in contact with or exposed to any known carrier of COVID-19 within the past 10 days. If I/we have had the virus, I/we certify that we have had at least two negative tests 10 or more days prior to the Event or have had a positive antibody test, and have been released by government officials and/or health care providers to resume normal activity without limit. 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 will also 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 MDTC 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. I will re-sign this waiver the week before the event.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____