



Texas Rat Masters

at the Houston World Series of Dog Shows
NRG Center, 8600 Kirby Drive, Houston, TX 77054
Trial location (*Do not send entries to trial location address.*)

Barn Hunt Trials, 8 trials – 1 ring

Thursday July 16, 2026 (Trial 1, Trial 2)

Friday July 17, 2026 (Trial 3, Trial 4)

Saturday July 18, 2026 (Trial 5, Trial 6)

Sunday July 19, 2026 (Trial 7, Trial 8)

Indoors, air conditioned, matted ring

Opening June 1, 2026 at 8:00 am Closes July 5, 2026 at 11:59 pm

Judge Heather Peppers, BHAJ-352B, Thomasville, GA (Thurs-Friday)

Judge Kayce Davis, BHAJ-284A, Katy, TX (Saturday-Sunday)

Permission has been granted by the Barn Hunt Association, LLC for the holding of this barn hunt trial event under BHA Rules and Regulations. **Classes offered:** Instinct, Novice, Open, Senior, Master, Crazy 8. OPEN TO ALL BREEDS AND MIXED BREEDS, registered with Barn Hunt Association. A **BHA number is necessary to register for Barn Hunt Trials**. To acquire a barn hunt number, see the Barn Hunt Number Register User Guide at <https://www.barnhunt.com/register.html>

Judge Heather Peppers will judge all classes on Thursday and Friday. Judge Kayce Davis will judge all classes on Saturday and Sunday. Any Judge of Record at this Event may be used in any ring. Qualifying scores will show the Judge who designed the Course. Judge of Record and Event Official dogs may be judged prior to the official start time or as the first blind(s) of the Event. A Relief Judge will be in attendance.

Entering, attending, or spectating at any Barn hunt Event at any time, is done entirely at your own risk.

Event Chair & Trial Secretary : Myrna Rychlik - trmbarnhunt@gmail.com 832-304-3084

Event Committee: Ken Rychlik, Myrna Rychlik, Ashley Peterson, Susan Grayshon, Cynthia Krohn, Jennifer Sheridan, Jonathan Teague or other members of the TRM working trial staff.

ENTRY FEES – See the Entry Submission section below.

Fees are per run. \$16 per Instinct, \$26 per Novice, Open, \$31 Senior, Master, Crazy8
Entries are **late** if received after July 5, 2026 at 11:59 pm. Additional fees will apply.

Judges are limited to 8 hours of judging and a maximum run value, which may require this club to limit entries accordingly. Crazy 8 may be limited to 20 dogs per day. Entries are not guaranteed and will be accepted only up to judging limits.

See section for move ups, downs, or lateral move allowances. Not all level move ups or downs may be possible. Review the running order information in this premium. You are responsible for notifying the trial secretary in time to process paperwork.

Competitors are expected to read and understand the current BHA rules prior to participating in this event. See Rule books at barnhunt.com

Entry Submission – Entry is online through Secreterrier.com . Fees will be taken at time of entry. If you do not have an account with Secreterrier, you will need to create one. If trials fill, a waitlist will be maintained. If trials have not filled, late entries may be accepted (additional fees will apply). Late entries are not a guaranteed entry and will be accepted only up to judging limits. Confirmations will not be sent for late entries. No day of show entries will be accepted.

Note: If your entry status in Secreterrier is Awaiting Payment, please add your selections to the cart and checkout. Until payment has been made, your entry is not valid.

Double entry will NOT be offered for this event.

Refunds:

Entry Fees will not be refunded after closing date or in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by the action of the Event Committee. No entry fees will be refunded if the trials cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, and act of God, weather, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other causes beyond the control of the Event Committee.

Refund of online entries that are accepted prior to the close date, may incur non-refundable transaction fees of up to 4%.

Tentative Start Times- Final confirmation attachment will have additional information and a reminder of class run order, with the number of dogs in each class. We will no longer be sending estimated check-in times, as they can change without notice. Best to come early and make sure to check in with the Blind Steward upon arrival. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday – First dog will enter the ring at 8:00 am.

A General briefing will be held 10-15 minutes (7:45 am) prior to the first dog running each day. Class level briefing for Instinct and Novice will be held before loading the first blind. Judges written briefing and a general briefing will be posted in predetermined areas.

Running Order – trials will run consecutively.

Judge Heather Peppers - Thursday – T1 & T2 (first dog in the ring at 8:00 am)

T1 Instinct, Novice, T2 Novice, T1 Open, T2 Open, T1 Crazy 8, T1 Senior, T2 Senior, T1 Master, T2 Master

Judge Heather Peppers - Friday – T3 & T4 (first dog in the ring at 8:00 am)

T3 Instinct, Novice, T4 Novice, T2 Open, T4 Open, T3 Crazy 8, T3 Senior, T4 Senior, T3 Master, T4 Master

Judge Kayce Davis - Saturday – T5 & T6 (first dog will enter the ring at 8:00 am)

T5 Senior, T6 Senior, T5 Master, T6 Master

Judge Kayce Davis - Sunday – T7 & T8 (first dog will enter the ring at 8:00 am)

T7 Crazy 8, T7 Senior, T8 Senior, T7 Master, T8 Master, T7 Instinct, Novice, T8 Novice, T7 Open, T8 Open

All Instinct through Senior, and Crazy 8 blinds will hold no more than 5 teams. Master blinds will hold no more than 4 teams.

Height Divisions: Small, Dogs 15" & under; Medium, Dogs 15.1" to 22"; Large, Dogs over 22". Dogs are measured at the option of the judge.

BITCH IN SEASON - Bitches in season (BIS) may compete at Barn Hunt trials. They will be run at the end of each class. BIS must wear well-fitting pants at all times when not being pottied, including on the course. Owners of BIS should crate/confine their dogs away from traffic and other dogs, and potty away from other competitors. Please notify the trial secretary before arrival so running order can be adjusted.

Questions about What Class to Enter?

Please refer to and review Part 14: Regular Classes section of the BHA Competitor Rule book.

Section 2: What Class to Enter. When sending in an entry prior to the Event, the Class entered depends on titles previously earned. Dogs cannot be entered in a class they are not yet eligible to enter. It is the competitor's responsibility to know the dog's eligibility. Per BHA, any dog entering a class they are not eligible to enter will have any and all qualifying scores removed for that class. (See Flow Chart on page 18 of Competitors Rule book.)

Section 3: Moving Up, Down, or Over during an Event

At this event, Competitors can move up (A to next level A) or over (A to B at the same level) trial to trial if running order allows, and time and/or judging limits are not exceeded. Dogs achieving RATM from Master A must move to Master B for RATCH and RATCHX and above.

Competitors can move down (A level title earned and move down to lower level B) trial to trial if running order allows. (Original entry fees will not be adjusted, credited, or refunded.)

Lack of Control – Please be aware that course destroyed materials which include but not limited to bales, mats, rats, rat tubes, misc equipment, or fencing may incur a replacement fee set by the club.

Spectating

Spectators are allowed where space for observing is available. Spectator areas will be at the discretion of TRM.

If you need further assistance, please contact the Trial Secretary – trmbarnhunt@gmail.com

For directions to the event, use your favorite navigation app.

Houston World Series of Dog Shows 2026 at the NRG Center
NRG Center events utilize Gate 10, on the corner of Kirby and McNee
8600 Kirby Drive, Houston, TX 77054

