

## **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.

ODTC/SuperPup, LLC 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 ODTc, SuperPup, LLC, 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:**

Red Roof Inn, 7306 Parkway Dr South, Hanover, MD 21076 -- 410-712-4070

Red Roof Inn, 827 Elkridge Landing Road, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090 -- 410-850-7600

La Quinta, 1734 West Nursery Rd, Linthicum, MD 21090 -- 410-859-2333

Holiday Inn, 815 Elkridge Landing Road, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090 -- 410-691-1000

RV Parking is available on site for a \$10 fee per night – unfortunately, no hook-ups though. Contact Jan at [agilelab@juno.com](mailto:agilelab@juno.com) for more info.



**January 4, 2015**

**Barn Hunt Fun Test**

**Splashdown! Farm**

**8396 New Cut Road**

**Severn, MD 21144**

**Judge: Melissa Avenius, Glen Burnie, MD**

Permission has been granted by the **Barn Hunt Association, LLC** to hold this barn hunt fun test under BHA rules and regulations.

**Open to all breeds and mixed breeds, ages 6 months or older.**  
Dogs **do not need** to be registered with Barn Hunt Association to participate.

**Opening Date: December 5, 2014**  
Maximum of 10 dog entries per envelope.

**Pre-entry Closing Date: December 22, 2014, 6:00 p.m.**  
No Refund of Pre-Entries withdrawn after the closing date.

**Classes offered: RATI, RATN, RATO, RATS and RATM**

**Limit: 60 runs each day**

**Late entries must be postmarked by December 29, 2014. Day of Show entries accepted 8:30 am – 9:00 am until the limit is reached.**

Trial is indoors on anti-fatigue matting. There is no indoor crating. **Dogs that bark incessantly must be crated in the garage.**

### **Barn Hunt Fun Test Organizers:**

Chairperson: Jan Huff, agilelab@juno.com, 410-215-2966

8396 New Cut Road, Severn, MD 21144

Secretary: Charlene Schilling, odtcbhsec@gmail.com, 410-963-3592

2801 Greenway Dr., Ellicott City, MD 21042

Event Committee Members: Connie Miller, Kathy Roberts, Linda Hulbert.

**Cost:** RATI - \$8.00; All other classes - \$10.00 each class; Late or DOS entries are \$11 for RATI and \$13 for all other classes. Late entries must be postmarked by December 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Schedule: (no formal check-in; just check-in at the gate before each class)**

**8:30 am** – Day of Show (DOS) entries taken; closes at 9:00 am

**9:15 am** – Measuring

**9:45 am** – General Briefing

**9:55 am** – Judge's briefing for first class

**10:00 am** – First dogs on the line

**Preliminary running order:** The running order will be: large, followed by medium, followed by small.

**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.

**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. Any errors must be reported no later than the move-up deadline. If you do not have email but want us to confirm receipt of your entry, please include a SASE with your entry. 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.

**Food Service:** There will be no food for sale on site at this fun test. Fast food restaurants are available within 10 minutes of the site.

**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. Priority mail is not necessary. If you have questions, contact the Trial Secretary directly at odtcbhsec@gmail.com.

**Loud/Disruptive dogs: Please keep dog barking to a minimum so as not to disturb the neighbors. If necessary, dogs can be crated in the garage.** 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. Exhibitors are expected to know the BHA rules as far as aggression is concerned, both on and off the course.

**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 while walking dogs, but are not allowed while the dog is competing. 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 may not be brought to the gate in a prong collar or on a Flexi-lead. Dogs MUST run “naked,” without a collar/harness; owners MUST NOT ☺ 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.

**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. You must also make sure the Judge informs all exhibitors at the briefing.*

### **Emergency Veterinary Services:**

**Emergency Animal Hospital of Ellicott City**

**410-750-1177**

**10270 Baltimore National Pike (Rt. 40 W)**

**Ellicott City, MD 21042**

### 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.
- 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, in a tent, or in the garage. Barking dogs MUST be crated in the garage so that they do not disturb the neighbors. Please ensure your crate is secure as the dogs may be highly excited.
- No vehicle, attended or unattended, may be left running while in the grass area. Doing so presents an unacceptable risk of starting a fire. Any competitor caught violating this rule will be asked to leave the site and no refund will be provided.
- **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.

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

### Class Descriptions:

**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: Three minutes, 30 seconds.

**RATM** (Master Barn Hunt): Ten 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: Four minutes, 30 seconds.

*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.*

Oriole Dog Training Club (ODTC)  
**Sanctioned Barn Hunt Fun Test**  
**Date: January 4, 2015**

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|---|------|---|-----|------|
| <b>This form must be signed. Fill out one form per dog.</b>   |      |   |     |      |
| Date: January 4, 2015   |      | Pre-Entry Closing Date: <b>Dec 22, 2014</b>   |     |      |
| <b>Opening Date: December 5, 2014</b>   |      |   |     |      |
| <b>Make checks payable to SuperPup, LLC</b> and mail to:<br>Charlene Schilling, BH Trial Sec., 2801 Greenway Dr., Ellicott City, MD 21042 |      |   |     |      |
| Dog's BHA ID # (not required)   |      | Dog's Call Name   |     |      |
| Dog's full name   |      |   |     |      |
| Breed   |      | Birth date  | Sex |      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog needs to be measured   |      | Circle Dog's Height   |     |      |
| Height at Withers (inches):   |      | S (13" & under)    M (13+" up to 18")<br>L (over 18")   |     |      |
| Actual Owner  |      |   |     |      |
| Handler/Agent (if different than owner)   |      |   |     |      |
| Address   |      |   |     |      |
| Phone & email ( <b>Entries will be confirmed by email. Please PRINT clearly.</b> )  |      |   |     |      |
| <b>Sun, January 4</b> circle each class   |      | Note: Both RATI and RATN may be entered in a single trial.<br>Late or DOS entries are \$11 for RATI and \$13 for all other classes. |     |      |
| Trial 1   | RATI |   |     | \$8  |
|   | RATN |   |     | \$10 |
|   | RATO |   |     |      |
|   | RATS |   |     |      |
|   |      |   |     |      |
| <b>Total enclosed:</b>  |      | <input type="checkbox"/> Bitch in season  |     |      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handicapped parking required (must display state decal)  |      |   |     |      |

**THIS DISCLAIMER MUST BE SIGNED  
AND INCLUDED FOR A VALID ENTRY**

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 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 and the opportunity to train my dog(s), I (we) agree to hold Barn Hunt Association, LLC; ODTC, LLC; SuperPup, LLC; and all associates 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 or dogs while in or upon the premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for such claim, and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for damage or injury to the dog or myself, either physically or mentally, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by negligence while in or upon the premises of the Barn Hunt grounds. The terms of this agreement bind the parties for the current period of training, and all subsequent classes/training/events in which they hereafter participate.

I / we agree to abide by the rules of BHA currently in effect at the time of the trial date. I/we testify that the dog entered is healthy and vaccinated or tittered in accordance with Maryland State laws. I/we certify that the dog entered is not dangerous to any person or other dog. By signing below, I/we agree to the disclaimer on this entry form.

Signature – Owner or Parent / Guardian if Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry form MUST be signed and the Disclaimer MUST be attached for a valid entry**

In case of an emergency, please provide the following information:

Emergency POC Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_