

## NAVHDA and VHDF Test Entry Procedures

LMS can qualify in a NAVHDA Natural Ability Test or VHDF Hunting Aptitude Evaluation generally up until only 16 months of age, so it is important to note this "deadline" on your calendar if you are obtaining a new puppy and preparing to enter a test.

Test dates and locations are updated regularly on the [NAVHDA](#) and [VHDF](#) websites. Rules and scoring information for each type of evaluation offered can also be found on the respective websites and are well worth reviewing in detail. Tests can fill months in advance, so it is important to plan ahead and enter early!

Prior to entering a NAVHDA test, there is an additional step involved in that you need to obtain a Single Dog Registration number from NAVHDA. The procedure for doing this is as follows:

- Download and complete the NAVHDA [Application for Single Registration](#) form.
- Mark the box indicating that the dog is to be listed as "Breeding Restricted". Failure to make this box will result in delays, as NAVHDA will return your application as incomplete due to the "Breeding Restricted" watermark on your dog's LMAA Certificate of Registration.
- Send the form, a copy of both sides of your LMAA Certificate of Registration, and a check or credit card payment of \$15 to:

Registrar - NAVHDA  
P.O. Box 520  
Arlington Heights, IL 60006

Alternatively, you can fax the form and front/back of your Certificate of Registration, along with your credit card information, to 847-255-5987; if you are pressed for time, request that they e-mail your registration number to you.

Once you have received your NAVHDA registration number:

- Download and complete the [Test Entry Form](#). In the event that you aren't a NAVHDA member, you will also find membership information on their website. You do not need to be a member to enter a test; however entry fees may be higher if you are not a member.
- Contact the NAVHDA Chapter Test Secretary or consult the Chapter website for applicable test fees and the name/address to send your Test Entry Form.
- Send the Test Entry Form and a check for the appropriate amount to the Chapter's Test Secretary.