

For your first Barn Hunt Lesson:

Please arrive 15 minutes early to walk your dog and water them, work out the jitters etc. We want to give you the time you paid for, so will start promptly at your start time.

Please air your dog AGAIN (though briefly) before you run. The fastest way to DQ in Barn Hunt is for your dog to pee or poop in the ring, on the bales etc.

Please bring your dog's water and bowls.

Bring a clicker (if you use them), a tug toy and plenty of soft little treats- whatever motivates your dog. Hopefully we can get your dog to key in on the quarry (live rat) that is surely the easiest method. Many dogs DON'T have it that easy and we then teach similar to Nose Work and use a clicker. This takes a bit more time and practice than predator based responses, but can be just as much fun for you and the dog!

Bring a flat collar and leash or fast release harness and leash. NO chains or prongs or flexi leads. Dogs run naked in trials, but we may use the dogs on leash to help build drive and indication. We may leave collars on dogs or use tab leashes as well to help guide them.

The rats we use are domesticated PET rats. They are healthy and they are well cared for. They have been Barn Hunt rats since they were a few months old, and they are used to the procedure. Barn Hunt rules prohibit the intentional killing or injuring of rats before, during or after trials; and we use the suggested methods to both stimulate the dog while at the same time keeping the rats safe.

Class fee is \$20 (includes tax) per 30 minutes. We accept cash and check.

If you need to cancel- please drop me an email or a phone call letting me know.

**Directions:**

*GPS address is 78 Gunther Road, Central Square, NY 13036*

From Buffalo/Niagara Falls/Rochester- take 90 East to Exit 36 (Route 81). Go North on 81 to exit 32 (Central Square/Route 49). Go left on Route 49 and go 4.2 miles (go through the town/stopligh of Central Square). Turn right on Gunther Road- there are large Christmas Tree Farm signs at the Gunther Road Turn. A quarter mile down Gunther is Grace Farms Christmas Tree farm, you can't miss the candy cane house!

From Syracuse/Binghamton- Go North on 81 to exit 32 (Central Square/Route 49). Go left on Route 49 and go 4.2 miles (go through the town/stopligh of Central Square). Turn right on Gunther Road- there are large Christmas Tree Farm signs at the Gunther Road Turn. A quarter mile down Gunther is Grace Farms Christmas Tree farm, you can't miss the candy cane house.