



Sanctioned Barnhunt Trials

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May 7-9, 2021

Montana K9 Sports
Barn Hunt Barn
70763 Schall Tanner Rd
Arlee MT 59821
Indoors, Dirt

JUDGE

Angelique Shear (BHAJ-190A)

Mail completed entry to:

NEW MAILING ADDRESS

Laurie Cowhig
52 Big Gulch Road
Plains, MT 59859

Make check payable to Laurie Cowhig

Table with columns: Fri T1, Fri T2, Sat T1, Sat T2, Sun T1, Sun T2 and rows: Instinct (\$20), Novice (\$25), Open (\$25), Senior (\$27), Master (\$27), Crazy 8's (\$25)

All fields must be filled in - Please print clearly

A Barnhunt number is required to enter a trial - You can enter Intsinct and Novice in the same trial

I enclose entry fees in the amount of: \$ Class Level - A B

Name of Owner's Agent/Handler (if any):

*BHA Registration #: Date of Birth: Sex:

Full Name of Dog:

Call Name: Breed:

Actual Height: Height Class: ** S M L

Actual Owner(s):

Owner's Address:

City: State: Zip:

** S = 13" and under, M = 13.1" to 18", L = over 18"

AGREEMENT 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.

Signature of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry:

Telephone: Email:



PRESENTS

Spring Rat-N-Seek

Open to All Breeds and Mixed Breeds

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Pre-Entry Recommended

Classes Offered	Instinct, Novice, Open, Crazy 8's, Senior, Master - Estimated start times will be used for this trial. Move ups are allowed on Saturday due to class order or day to day.
Entries Close	April 27, 2021 midnight or when limit is reached Limit is 100 entries per day or 8 hours. LATE AND "DAY OF" ENTRIES ACCEPTED IF NOT FULL. "Day Of" entries close once the trials have started. 8am for trial 1 and 8:30am for Trial 2.
Entry Fee	Instinct: \$20 Novice/Open/Crazy 8's: \$25 per run Senior/Master; \$27
	Permission has been granted by the Barn Hunt Association, LLC for the holding of these barn hunt trials under the BHA Rules and Regulations.

Send Completed Entry to:

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Online entry via email; RedwoodRatters@comcast.net

Once entry is received, via email, I will send a PayPal invoice -10% convenience fee with a maximum of \$10

WAIT FOR INVOICE

Running Order - Class orderer

Friday - Instinct T1, Novice T1, Novice T2, Open T1, Open T2, Crazy 8's T1, Senior T1, Crazy 8's T2, Senior T2, Master T1, Master T2

Saturday - Master T1, Master T2, Senior T1, Crazy 8's T1, Senior T2, Crazy 8's T2, Open T1, Open T2, Instinct T1, Novice T1, Novice T2

Sunday - Instinct T1, Novice T1, Novice T2, Open T1, Open T2, Crazy 8's T1, Senior T1, Crazy 8's T2, Senior T2, Master T1, Master T2

The running order will be posted at the score table for each trial. All requests for running order changes must be approved by the Trial Secretary.

Master Blind:

Master Blinds will be 4 dogs

Awards:

Awards are handed out at the awards table.

All classes:

Qualifying Score: Brown Flat Ribbon

Novice and above:

Rosettes are offered for new titleholders.

High In Class Rosettes

Qualify in both trials on the same day?: Award medal - BLING!!!!

Ribbons are offered for First through Fourth place in each height division.

Venue:

Exhibitors will be crating under cover at the Fairgrounds. Should be plenty of crating space. Redwood Ratters reserves the right to remove any individual for any reason from the premises. No refunds will be issued. Please pack water for you and your dog.

Notice to Exhibitors:

- This event is open to all dogs 6 months of age and older.
- The show committee has the right to refuse any entry.
- Any of the Judges of Record for this event may be used to judge any of the classes at this event at the discretion of the Club under the rule provisions for Load Balancing, Relief Judging, and Splitting. Qualifying scores are assigned to the official Judge of Record for that class.
- Withdrawal of entry before the closing date will receive a full refund.
- Refunds for dogs pulled before closing will be mailed 7 days after the event.
- **No refunds will be made for cancellations after the closing date or entries which are absent, disqualified, excused or barred from competition by decision of the Trial Committee. Exception - Injured dogs with a note from their Veterinarian will receive a refund less the \$5 processing fee.**

Exhibitors are responsible for complete, accurate and legible information on their entry forms.

- It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for behavior of their dogs, children and/or guests. Any exhibitor whose dogs, children and/or guests repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Trial Committee, be asked to leave the trial site. In such case, no refund on any entry will be made.
- All dogs must be on leash at all times except when in the ring.
- Exhibitors are responsible for being in the staging area when it is their turn to run.
- Please be courteous and pick up after your dog.
- All entries must be accompanied by entry fees to be valid. A declined payment or returned check does not constitute a valid entry. There will be a \$40 fee for any returned check or payment. Checks must be made payable to Redwood Ratters. There is a 10% convenience charge for payment by PayPal with a max of \$10. Entries where payment has not been received within 7 days of receipt of entry will be cancelled.
- Maximum of 5 entries per envelope.
- Trials site and judging ring are handicapped accessible.
- Bathroom facility is on site
- At no time can dogs be tied out or otherwise left attached to anything other than a human when outside a crate, car, or other secure enclosed confinement. Leashes cannot be left dangling or dragging. Standing or stepping on a leash is not allowed as a form of restraint (but may be used in an emergency to help secure a loose dog.) Accommodations to this rule may be made for differently-abled handlers as determined by the Club.

Daily Check in:

Check in begins at 7:30am - Trial begins at 8:00 AM each day. Estimated start times will be used for this trial.

Dogs may enter both Instinct and Novice in the same trial until the dog has earned the RATN title. A dog that has earned an RATN may no longer enter the Instinct Test. Exception: If the dog is already entered in Instinct at the trial and earns its Novice title, it may continue to compete in Instinct for that weekend only.

Dogs must be eligible to run a class at the time of entry. Dogs who complete a title at a trial may move up, at the discretion of the handler, in the next trial. Please make move-up requests at the score table before the lunch break or before leaving the afternoon trial. Handlers are responsible for making the request in time for the move-up to be processed.

Results

Please check your results at the event. It is much easier to fix an incorrect score BEFORE the results are sent into Barn Hunt Association. It is the handlers responsibility to make sure all information and scores are correct.

Directions:**From Missoula, MT**

- Merge onto I-90 W
- Take exit 96 for US-93 N/MT-200 W toward Kalispell
- Continue onto MT-200 W/US-93 N
- Turn left onto Saddle Mountain Rd
- Continue straight onto Schall Tanner Rd
- 70763 Schall Tanner Rd

Parking:

Area will be marked.

Volunteers:

All volunteers will receive \$3 voucher for each class worked that can be used toward future entry fees at any Redwood Ratters Barn Hunt event.

Barn Hunt Association:

Exhibitors should read and be familiar with the BHA Official Rulebook
<http://www.barnhunt.com>

Bitches in season:

are eligible for entry but will be required to be kept separate from all other dogs and will be run at the end of their class/trial.

Full refund for bitches in season less any PayPal or Credit Card fees processing fee, up to 48 hours before the event. After this time no refunds will be given.

If bringing a bitch in season, please inform the

Trial Secretary prior to the trial and inform all exhibitor's at the judge's briefing.

Dry Camping available for \$15 per night. Email montanak9sports@yahoo.com for info and reservation

Veterinarian On Call:**Secretary:**

Laurie Cowhig (707) 206-8901
52 Big Gulch Road
Plains, MT 59859
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www.redwoodratters.com

Trial Officials:

Laurie Cowhig - Jessica Clough - Nicole Marlin -Jim Shear

Current Public Health Safety:

As of right now, we are in Phase 2 of re-opening here in Montana. It is uncertain where we will be at the time of the trial- but we will adhere to the local and state recommendations. This allows for groups of more than 50 people when physical distancing allows. Our trial will be held in an indoor ring – and we have adequate space for everyone to physically distance, but no spectators within 10ft of the ring.

- Parking areas will be organized such that vehicles will be parked with a minimum 10ft spacing between vehicles to allow for ample space to set up private space around vehicles and move freely around the parking areas.
- It is recommended that you bring your own sanitizer to use after touching public facilities.
- We will be following the current BHA Covid protocols for our trial

COVID-19 Release Form

This Release of Liability form will be emailed to you the week of the trial – please review it now so you are aware of the terms for entry into the facility.

I/we certify that I/we do not, to my/our knowledge, have COVID-19 at the time of attending this event. Nor have I/we knowingly been in contact with or exposed to any person with COVID-19 within the past 14 days.

I/we have not been told to isolate or quarantine.

I/we are not awaiting the results of a COVID test.

If I/we have been diagnosed with the virus or have had virus-like symptoms but no formal diagnosis, I/we certify that I/we have been released by government officials and/or my/our health care providers to resume all activity with no limit, and can produce results from a positive antibody test on request, or have had no symptoms for a minimum of 14 days prior to the Event.

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 understand that mask wearing is required.

I/we will 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, Redwood Ratters and Montana K9 Sports 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.

COVID-19 TEMPORARY RULES THROUGH MAY 31, 2021

SECTION 1. Overview

The precautions and rules outlined in this document are meant to help Clubs, Judges, and Competitors safely hold and attend upcoming Barn Hunt Events, gatherings, Clinics, and practices.

All attendees must act in accordance with all Barn Hunt rules including these special rules, and in a way that will not only keep them healthy but also protect the entire community. Read the whole document. While attendees may think that the Club and Judge sections do not apply to them, it is important for all to know all of the precautions taken and what to expect when showing up for an Barn Hunt Event/practice.

SECTION 2. Competitor Rules/Guidelines

All Barn Hunt Events must comply with all Federal, State and Local recommendations and requirements regarding travel and attendance at non-essential events. Entering and attending any Barn Hunt Event at any time is done entirely at your own risk. All Clubs will have a waiver that you must sign (read the waiver in this document carefully). If a Club suspects you are ill for any reason, they will ask you to leave trial grounds immediately and you must comply.

Attendees should expect longer days at Events due to some of the extra steps Clubs and Judges must take to make sure Events are safe for all.

Withdrawing due to sickness:

Attendees who enter a scheduled Event but then must withdraw due to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 or direct exposure to/close contact with a COVID-19 patient will receive a full refund minus a Club administration fee. That administration fee will be set by the Club but may not be more than \$10.

Masks/face shields and gloves:

All Event attendees must wear a mask covering both nose and mouth and tucked under chin at all times when indoors, going to/inside the blind, going to/in the ring, and exiting the ring. Even if outdoors and not going to the blind/ring, masks must be worn any time a person will be within 10' of another person. All persons who do not cohabitate should keep a 10' distance from each other. Face shields are allowed in addition to, but not as a replacement for, a mask. Competitors must provide their own masks/face shields in a sufficient number to make it through the event; the Club will not provide masks or face shields for competitors. If used, face shields must be cleaned/disinfected at least daily.

- Masks are of tightly woven cloth or other solid, breathable material of at least two layers. Bandanas and other loose-bottomed coverings are not allowed (mask/scarf combos are allowed). Neck gaiters are allowed if they are at least two layers, contain a pocket for a filter, and used with a filter. A one-way valve (usually a raised plastic circle the size of a quarter), which aids in exhalation, is not allowed. If unsure about a mask type, please see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html> for accepted and unaccepted types.
 - Any person refusing to wear a mask, hanging their nose or mouth out, or taking down/removing the mask within 10' of another person not in their household will be asked to leave the Event. Any person who becomes combative/disruptive about mask wearing may be subject to a Trial Hearing on misconduct/lack of sportsmanship.
 - If a mask is dislodged during a run (dog paw, etc.) the competitor may immediately fix without penalty. If a face shield is being worn in addition to the mask and it comes off during a run, the competitor may either immediately replace the face shield or leave it where it lies until the end of the run. There is no penalty for the face shield falling off.
- Gloves are allowed but not required, see the Competitor Rulebook for information about glove use.
- Face shields are a solid piece without holes, reach well below the chin, to the ears, and the area between shield and forehead is covered.

Leash handling:

Handlers must handle their own leash/collar. The leash will not be touched by anyone but the handler. The leash can be draped over the fence, placed in a bucket provided by the Club which can be either on the inside of the ring gating or inside on the floor at the corner of the start box (see Club Rules on bucket handling/cleaning). Handlers may bring a small bag or sack to the ring and place the leash in the sack if they wish, with only the handler touching the bag/sack. Handlers can continue to put the leash in their pocket if it is completely in the pocket. Dogs must still run naked. If the handler chooses to put the leash on the floor or in a bucket/sack on the floor and the dog returns to play with the leash, all regular rules apply (cannot touch dog until call rat, could be subject to Lack of Control). Slip leads, limited slip martingale leads, and sighthound leads strongly encouraged.

Blinds:

See the Club rules on blinds. Each competitor will be loaded into the blind in a way that prevents handlers/dogs crossing paths, and will be assigned a numbered chair corresponding to their number in the blind. Competitors must stay in their numbered chair, not move their chair around, and exit the blind in order, not crossing the path of another competitor. Competitors must wash their hands just prior to entering the blind, and wash their hands as soon as possible after leaving the ring.

Restraints/Removes:

Handlers choosing Restraint encouraged to make every effort to turn themselves and their dog away from the Rat Wrangler (don't breathe in their face). (See Releasing the Dog After Restraint in the Competitor Rulebook, page 18.). Handlers who usually Remove the tube should if possible set the tube down then Restrain and turn their dog away rather than handing the tube directly to the Rat Wrangler. However, handing directly to the RW is still allowed if this method will not work for the team. Remember, the RW will never pick a tube up out of straw unless the dog is fully physically restrained.

Spectating:

Spectators may not be within 10 feet of other competitors, the judge, or RWs around the ring. This will limit or in some cases eliminate spectating for this period of time. Clubs will designate if spectators will be allowed and where they must stand. No touching the fence is allowed. Other than entrants and direct family/support of entrants, no general visitors/spectators will be allowed during this time.

Crating and general proximity:

Competitors are encouraged to crate out of cars when possible. Crating areas will be designated by the Club which can enforce distancing. Do not touch anyone else's chairs, crates, setups, or dogs.

SECTION 3. Rules for Judges

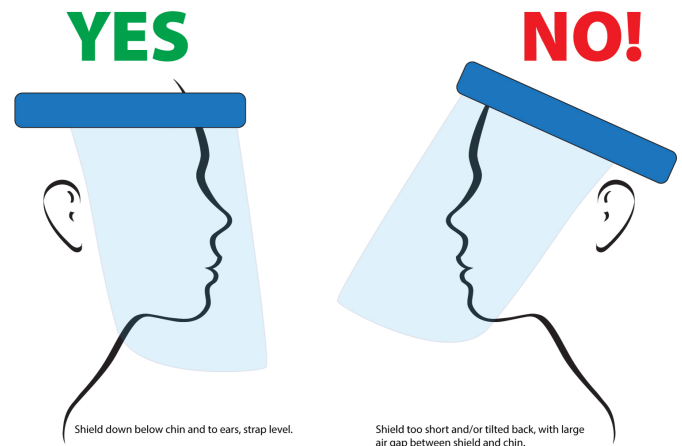
Travel:

Judges must comply with all State/National travel and quarantine restrictions on travel (e.g., a State is requiring people from outside the state to quarantine for 14 days upon entry or upon re-entry to a home state after traveling).

Masks/face shields:

Judges must wear a mask at all times in the ring (see exception below) and must have enough masks to get through the Event. Judges are also encouraged to wear face shields in addition to masks. Judges may exit the ring between blinds if needed to take a break from the mask/shield as long as in doing so they stay 10+ feet away from others (see Club rules for adjusted MRVs for slower running events due to these changes). A Judge can establish a specific area they will go to in order to take a quick mask-off break.

- When judging outdoors on hot days the judge may opt to wear a face shield alone while in the ring, without a mask, as long as it is worn properly (see illustration). The judge must wear a mask outside the ring as noted elsewhere in these rules. Outdoors is defined as an area with or without a roof, with two or fewer walls and where air freely circulates through the entire ring area (i.e., the judge is not backed into a closed corner with no circulation).
- All Rat Wranglers are strongly encouraged to wear face shields as well as masks. There will be one inside RW for all classes except Crazy 8s which will still have two. Inside RWs have temporary permission to move around the ring at will and as necessary to keep distance from the judge and competitor. Outside RWs must stay a foot or so back from the fence and move in when they hear the call of RAT. RWs can be switched out as often as needed to ensure they get a break.



Scribing and Briefing:

Judges are not to touch scribe sheets but instead must visually approve each sheet, check the time, and authorize the scribe to initial the sheet for them with the judge's initials.

There are no Class/ring briefings during this time. Judges are encouraged to have base-level maps that the Club can post in several areas including the blinds. Even if those are posted, if a competitor asks, Judges must answer as they come in before releasing the dog. Do not answer competitors unless asked. The written general briefing is posted as usual.

Prospective and B Level Judges:

Unless otherwise notified, all mentoring is suspended at this time. For those who are gathering experience toward their judging license, appropriate deadline extensions will be given. Mentoring is expected to resume by the 2nd quarter of 2021.

Required Continuing Ed and Yearly Judging Assignments:

For 2020, the requirement to judge at least one class per year is waived. Judge Workshops are cancelled for the remainder of 2020, and all judges needing a workshop in 2020 will be given an exemption until 2021. Workshops are expected to resume by the second quarter of 2021.

SECTION 4. Rules for Clubs:

Clubs can only hold Events/**gatherings** if they can do so safely and in compliance with these rules and all local, state, and federal laws. Barn Hunt COVID-19 rules hold precedence over both State and Local laws unless the state/local laws are more restrictive than Barn Hunt COVID-19 rules. In order to host Events/**gatherings**, the club must be able to provide the following:

- Masks/face shields for all primary positions including Trial Chair and Secretary, Awards person, RWs, Blind, and Gate Stewards; with enough numbers that no one will have to share or wear dirty masks.
- The room and ability to provide safe distance crating options
- A way to post results to eliminate crowding.
- A place for competitors/Judges/Club members to wash and dry their hands. Sanitizer must also be available but is not sufficient on its own. A washing station can be rented if necessary.

New Waiver:

Add a new waiver for all competitors to sign prior to being allowed in Event grounds. This waiver must be signed at or immediately prior to the event.

*I/we certify that I/we do not, to my/our knowledge, have COVID-19 at the time of attending this event. Nor have I/we knowingly been in contact with or exposed to any person with COVID-19 within the past 14 days. I/we have not been told to isolate or quarantine. I/we are not awaiting the results of a COVID test. If I/we have been diagnosed with the virus or have had virus-like symptoms but no formal diagnosis, I/we certify that I/we have been released by government officials and/or my/our health care providers to resume all activity with no limit, **and** can produce results from a positive antibody test on request, **or** have had no symptoms for a minimum of 14 days prior to the Event. 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 understand that mask wearing is required. I/we will 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 the [insert club name] 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.*

Events in conjunction:

Events in conjunction may still be held if all parties are able to provide adequate spacing and distancing to keep competitors safe. As always, Barn Hunt rules are in effect on all Barn Hunt grounds, including these rules.

Premiums:

All Barn Hunt Premiums must mention COVID-19 protocols and add this link to the COVID-19 rules: <https://www.barn-hunt.com/covid-19.html>

Surface cleaning:

All surfaces that will be frequently touched need to be cleaned often. If you are providing a bucket for the leash, it must be cleaned after each competitor with a fresh wipe. Fencing should be cleaned after each blind. Blind chairs must be of a hard material and wiped down with sanitizer after each blind (see the Blind rules).

If possible, provide a tool such as a trash picker or long handled reacher to pick up leashes that have dropped to the ground after being hung on the fence. <https://www.amazon.com/Best-Sellers-Industrial-Scientific-Commercial-Trash-Pickers/zgbs/industrial/3310332011>.

When rats are switched from tubes, it is best practice that the new rat be put in a new tube and the existing tube be wiped down with a rodent-safe surface cleaner and set aside to dry. The tubes can be rotated thus throughout the day.

Food:

No communal food (potlucks, etc.) is allowed on Barn Hunt Grounds. Single serving food items are encouraged.

General Club Briefings:

There are no gathered General Club briefings during this time. Briefings, including a grounds map should be sent prior to the event. These briefings outline where dogs can be pottied, restroom locations, where the bitches in season crate/exercise, and any other grounds information the Club needs to share.

Ribbons and Results:

In the written General Briefing, specify how you wish competitors to get to the results. Clubs must also send results via email to all competitors after the event. Individual emails are preferred, but posting to a website or group is also acceptable, if the latter that site/location must be listed in the Premium.

Ribbons must be placed so that competitors can come pick up their ribbons without large numbers of people touching them (i.e., no self-serve drawers with multiple competitors touching the ribbons).

Limiting Classes and MRVs:

Classes may be limited by size during this period, with a minimum class size limit being 10. The current rules on types of classes that can be held is still the same (must offer all classes at least one day of the event), but Clubs may limit entries in any class, not just Crazy 8s.

The overall Maximum Run Value during this period will be 220 per Judge and Ring. For Clubs who only have 10 x 10 blinds or who only wish to have 4 persons in blinds even if the blind is 10 x 15 or larger, and for Events in Conjunction, that MRV drops to 200.

Blinds:

During this time, 10 x 10 blinds are limited to 3-4 persons. 10 x 15 blinds will have a maximum of 5 people and a minimum of 4. 10 x 20 blinds may have up to 6 people for Instinct, Novice, and Open and up to 5 people for Senior, Master, and Crazy 8s. The minimum for 10 x 20 blinds is 4.

Crating is not allowed within 10' of any blind.

Canceling an Event:

For Events prior to May 31, 2021, if the COVID-related cancellation is BEFORE your published closing date, you can offer competitors several choices. You get to decide if you wish to offer to move or to give vouchers. If offering those choices, the competitor makes the final decision on what they want to do.

- You can MOVE their entry to another event on your calendar
- You can offer them a VOUCHER for a future event
- You can REFUND some/part/all of their entry but see the guidelines below:

At this time Clubs are NOT required to refund entry fees for trials canceled due to COVID-19 whether open or closed and can make a decision based on existing cost outlay. As always I will strongly advise you to refund what you can. If your club is in a position to refund all of an entry fee please do so.

For Events canceled prior to December 31 due to COVID-19, the Barn Hunt Association will move the event to a new date any time in the future, free of charge.

- To move an event, contact info@barnhunt.com with the cancelled Event dates, and the dates you wish to move the Event to. The event must be moved in its entirety. We do not split Events.

Number of required events per year:

The requirement for all Clubs to have at least one event per year with all classes is waived for 2020 but resumes in 2021.

Trial Application, Premium, and Class Assignment Deadlines:

On April 1, 2021, Trial Application Deadlines go back to 60 days. If you have a May Event, you must apply for that in March. Likewise, Premiums, class assignments, and Judge listings go back to 60 days for May events.