

### **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. Aiken Barn Hunt and all volunteers associated with Aiken Barn Hunt will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by participants or spectators, or to any of their dogs or property.

\*Aiken Barn Hunt (ABH) 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 ABH 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.



December 18-20, 2020 Aikenly Close To Christmas Barn Hunt Trial (2 Trials/Day)

Aiken Barn Hunt Training Facility

174 Mossy Tree Ln. Aiken, SC 29803

Judge(s): Shannon Floyd BHAJ-135A

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

Open to all breeds and mixed breeds, ages 6 months or older. Dogs must have a Barn Hunt number to participate.

**Opening Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2020** Maximum of 10 dog entries per envelope.

Closing Date: Friday, Decmber, 4, 2020. See General Information Section for refund options.

Classes offered daily: RATI, RATN, RATO, RATS, RATM, & Crazy8s, & B Classes for all allowed Levels

#### Limit: 8 hours judging

Trial is in a pole barn on crushed rock base with matting on top and hardy plank full and half walls. Blinds are in a tent with blind separators and fans when necessary. Crating is out of your vehicle.

Barn Hunt LLC Rules can be obtained online in the form of a PDF file at <u>http://barnhunt.com</u> It is up to each competitor to know the rules prior to entering this competition. The volunteers and event committee are not held responsible for any missed runs or disqualifications earned by the competitior.

#### **Barn Hunt Trial Organizers**

Chairperson: Mary Boltz, metta@juno.com Secretary: Elizabeth "Shea" Brooks, agilitypommom@gmail.com, 803-646-7561 (texts acceptable) 174 Mossy Tree Ln. Aiken SC, 29803 Event Committee Members: Elizabeth "Shea" Brooks, Mary Boltz, Linda Finnegan

### <u>Cost</u>

Instinct - \$10.00 Novice - \$15.00 Open - \$20.00 Senior/Crazy8 - \$25.00 Master - \$30.00 Late entries are allowed if room is available. Our trials fill quickly so please do not wait till the last minute.

## **SCHEDULE** - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Please review final confirmation for schedule changes **7:00 am** – Site Opens – Any one available to assist with setup, please arrive at this time.

7:30 am – General Briefing Posted

8:00 am - (Instinct/Novice1/Novice2/Open1/Open2/

Crazy8(1)/Crazy8(2)/Senior1/ Senior2/Master1/Master2)- All Judged by 1 judge.

Briefings will be held before each class. Running order: Small to Tall with accommodations made for handlers with multiple dogs. 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. Move-ups will be allowed from trial to trial. Please fill out the Move-up log at the Show Office.

**Concessions:** Due to Covid-19 we will not be able to host a formal concessions at this event. We will have prepackaged snacks available for a small donation to the club. There are several eateries within 10 miles of the facility.

Ribbons and/or Rosettes will be offered for all qualifiers, High in Class, New Titles, with special rosettes for RATCH, RATCHX, X, and Crazy8s titles.

## <u>Animal Emergencies</u> <u>Augusta Animal Emergency Veterinary Clinic</u>

Open 24 Hours 208 Hudson Trl. Augusta, GA 30907 (706)733-7458

### 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: 3 minutes, 30 seconds.

RATM (Master Barn Hunt): Eight 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 littler only. Handler must declare when ring is cleared. Time Limit: 4 minutes, 30 seconds. Master class blind size will be announced in final confirmations based on entry numbers for Master class in each trial. Dogs are eligible to enter both RATI and RATN on the same day. Any dog may enter Crazy 8's with a BHA number.

#### **General Information:**

Entries must be postmarked by 12/4/2020 for pre-entry rate. Entries submitted via Federal Express or Express Mail will be accepted only if the signature waiver is signed. Entries may be emailed to aikenbarnhunt@gmail.com and online payments can be sent to the same address. ALL PAYPAL PAYMENTS ADD \$7 CONVENIENCE FEE.

Any move-ups or changes to entries will be accepted until 6 pm, 12/4/2020. Changes must be made to the Trial Secretary by e-mail or in writing.

Entries will be taken in a first received order. A waitlist will be maintained up until the morning of the show. If you must pull your dog for any reason and a waitlist entry can replace you, a full refund will be awarded. Otherwise, cancellations received after 12/4/2020 will not be eligible for a refund of fees unless due to injury or illness. Dogs that qualify for refund will receive a full refund if a vet's note is received within 30 minutes of first dog on trial day.

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. Check your confirmations, errors must be reported no later than the move-up deadline. Secretary is not responsible for errors not brought to her attention. Please double-check your entry form and remember to sign the Release Form. A \$25.00 service charge will be added for any returned checks and must be paid via cash, money order or cashier's check. Entries are not valid until entry forms AND payment are received. Secretary is not responsible for cash sent through the mail.

# Loud/Disruptive dogs

Please keep dog barking near and in the ring area to a minimum so as not to disturb other exhibitors. 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.

#### **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. Flexis are allowed on site but may not be used when bringing dogs into the ring. 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 MUST run "naked," without a collar/harness. 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. If utilizing a flexi leash, dog may not be within 30' of the ring as a site rule.

# **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 and will be charged a \$10 fee per bale.

• 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, or outside in the large field near the car. Barking dogs MUST be crated in vehicles or away from other dogs. Please ensure your crate is secure as the dogs may be highly excited.

• 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.

• 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. If bringing a bitch in season, please inform the Trial Secretary prior to the trial. Bitches in season will be required to be kept at your vehicle crating area except when competing or using the BIS Potty Area. This rule will be strictly enforced.

### **HOTEL / MOTEL INFORMATION**

All hotels / motels listed in this premium list as accepting dogs are considered to be part of the show / trial site. An event committee hearing will be held for individuals reported by any of the below hotels / motels for not respecting motel property. Unattended dogs must be crated. Do not let your dog(s) destroy or foul the rooms. No grooming or bathing dogs in rooms. Clean up after your dog outside too! Limit barking and other noise. Please respect others. For your protection, thoroughly check your room for previous damage before moving in. Report any previous damage to hotel before occupying room.

## TownePlace Suites by Marriott Aiken Whiskey Road

Address: 1008 Monterey Dr, Aiken, SC 29803 Phone: (803) 641-7373

# Sleep Inn

Address: 1002 Monterey Dr, Aiken, SC 29803 Phone: (803) 644-9900

# Suburban Extended Stay Hotel

Address: 1052 Claussen Rd, Augusta, GA 30907 Phone: (706) 737-5550

# **Clarion Inn and Suites**

Address: 155 Colony Pkwy. Aiken, SC 29803 Phone: (803) 648-0999

## **Knights Inn Aiken**

Address: 1850 Richland Ave. W, Aiken, SC. 29801 Phone: (803)648-6821

## **The Willcox Hotel**

100 Colleton Ave SW, Aiken, SC. 29801

RVs are welcome at the trial for no fee however we do NOT have any hookups so you WILL need a generator.

#### <u>Aiken Barn Hunt</u> Licensed Barn Hunt Trials Aiken Barn Hunt Training Facility 174 Mossy Tree Ln. Aiken SC. 29803 December 18-20, 2020 Mail To: Shea Brooks, 174 Mossy Tree Ln. Aiken SC. 29803

Checks pay	able to Aiken Barn Hunt	
Class	Trial 1 – 12/18/2020	Trial 2 – 12/18/2020
Instinct	Instinct	N/A
Novice	A B	A B
Open	A B	A B
Crazy8s	Crazy8s	Crazy8s
Senior	A B	A B
Master	A B	A B

Class	Trial 3 – 12/19/2020	Trial 4 – 12/19/2020
Instinct	Instinct	N/A
Novice	A B	A B
Open	A B	A B
Crazy8s	Crazy8s	Crazy8s
Senior	A B	A B
Master	A B	A B

Class	Trial 5 – 12/20/2020	Trial 6 – 12/20/2020
Instinct	Instinct	N/A
Novice	A B	A B
Open	A B	A B
Crazy8s	Crazy8s	Crazy8s
Senior	A B	A B
Master	A B	A B

Please circle the classes/levels that you wish to enter above. Instinct and Novice A may be entered at the same trial. For all other classes, only one class/level per trial allowed. Only enter the class for which your dog is eligible. Trial 2 classes will immediately follow Trial 1 class of the same level.

Entry Fees Enclosed	\$
Name of Owner's Agent or	
Handler (if any)	
BHA Registration #*	
Full Name of Dog	
Date of Birth	
Breed	
Sex	
Call Name	
Actual Height	
Height Class** (Please Circle	S M L
One)	
Actual Owner(s)	
Owner's Street Address	
City, State and Zip	

\*Barn Hunt Association registration number required for valid entry. Register your dog online at: www.barnhunt.com.

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

#### Agreement

I (we) agree that the club holding this event (Aiken Barn Hunt) has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to win prizes, ribbons, and/ or trophies, I (we) agree to hold Barn Hunt Association, LLC, Aiken Barn Hunt, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any BHA LLC approved judge, 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 while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog. Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other persons.

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 been in contact with or exposed to any known carrier of COVID-19 within the past 14 days. I/we have not been tested within the last 14 days. If I/we have had the virus, I/we certify that we have had at least two negative tests 14 or more days prior to the Event and have been released by government officials and/or health care providers to resume normal activity without limit. 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 will also 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 Aiken Barn Hunt Club 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, during or after this Event.

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address MUST be filled out legibly to ensure confirmation of entry email is sent to the right email address.

Volunteer Sign up: We cannot hold a trial without volunteers. Thanks in advance! New volunteers are welcome. We will train you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail:

Please select jobs you are willing to work. We will accommodate running order and work to make sure there are no conflicts.

Course Builder

Jobs:

\_\_\_\_ Gate Steward Leash Runner

\_\_\_\_\_ Blind Steward

\_\_\_\_\_ Score Runner Rat Wrangler

\_\_ Clean Up Crew

Timer/Score Keeper

\_\_\_\_ I'll do any job