



BARN HUNT SPECTATORS

- Please do your best to be quiet as you watch our event.
- You must put your best “poker face” on and not help the handler in the ring with your expression or by making noise.
- You may NOT tell competitors where you saw the judge or staff hiding the rats in the barn.
- You may NOT text or email competitors who are waiting in the blind (they are not allowed to have mobile phones in the blind).
- Please do not let your dog come within 10 feet of any edge of the barn.





BARN HUNT COMPETITORS

- * Please DOUBLE-CHECK that your **Barn Hunt number** is correct and report any error immediately to the trial secretary.
- * Please check the posted running order and note your blind group. Your blind group will all go to the "blind" (i.e. picnic shelter) when you are called there. There you will wait with your dog while the judge puts the rat(s) out in their secret hiding places. Since you cannot know where that rat is hidden, if you have a friend or spouse watching, that person cannot come to the blind and tell you where it is. For this reason, **no mobile phones are allowed in the blinds either.**
- * When you are called to the barn, you come with your dog and enter the barn. You may not bring treats or toys into the barn. You hand your dog's leash and collar to the ring helper (your dog must run "naked" through the hay bales), and send your dog off to work.
- * Your dog gets to search until you think he/she has found the required number of rats or your time is up. After that point, you put your dog's leash and collar back on and exit the barn.
- * After your entire class has gone for the given trial, the scores will be posted and ribbons will be self-serve. There will be one toy per dog, no matter how your dog does. :-)
- * When you are watching another dog find rats, please be quiet. No outside handling is allowed. Also, **please keep your dog at least 10' away from the edge of the ring** where a dog is working. The working dog deserves its chance to hunt without other distractions.
- * We have a lot of space out here for you and your dog to enjoy when it is not your turn in the barn. We have several "off leash" dog areas where your dog can just have fun running around off leash in a fenced area. We also have a doggie swimming pond that is fully fenced in. It will be blocked off for you and your dog to enjoy on a first come, first served basis. The pond will also be opened up to the participants of the agility seminar with the same offer, so please take turns at the pond. **The agility ring and all equipment is off-limits unless you make arrangements to rent it ahead of time.**
- * Please have your dog ON LEASH unless it is in a fenced in area.
- * Please pick up after your dog on the grounds. There are poop bags and trash cans provided for you.
- * Dogs in heat are not allowed on our trial site. We have an agility event here the same weekend. We also have behavior modification work being done on the same site. Full refunds will be granted for dogs in season with a veterinarian's note.
- * Shock collars are never allowed on our site. We expect you to treat your dog kindly, as per BHA rules.
- * If it begins to thunder, we will send you to your cars until the thunder and lightning are past. **Please do NOT wait out the storm under the metal picnic shelters!**
- * Lunch is provided for anyone who helps out. If you can't help, please put \$5 in the bucket.
- * If you come to see the trial secretary in the RV, please knock first and come in without your dog.

