

### Barn Hunt Trial Organizers:

Trial Chairman: **Scott Minke**, [scottminke@aol.com](mailto:scottminke@aol.com), 703-365-2642

Trial Secretary: Elizabeth Staley, [bhsecretaryva@gmail.com](mailto:bhsecretaryva@gmail.com) (please do NOT use the email on the BHA site for trial communication), 419-306-7919 (text preferred)

Trial Committee: Wendy Minke, Ali Garcia, Scott Minke, Lisa Decker, Jon Baker

**Cost:** RATI - \$20; Novice - \$20, Open/Senior/Master/C8 \$25 each class. Pre-entries must be received by 6pm on 3/22/2024. **There will be an additional \$5 fee per class for all late and DOS entries. DOS entries 8:30am-8:45am each day at the trial site if there is space available!**

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE (Both Days) - Any JOR at this event may be used as a load balancing judge in any ring. Any licensed judge may be used to BUJ/ROJ. Final order will be in final confirmation. Start time may be adjusted pending weather.

Site opens @ 8:00am, trial @9am  
Ring 1 - Shannon (Sat), Heidi (Sun)      Ring 2 - Heidi (Sat), Shannon (Sun)

Instinct - Novice 1 - Novice 2      Crazy 8's - Master 1-  
- Open 1 - Open 2 - Senior 1      Master 2  
- Senior 2

\*Judges and trial staff dogs may run before the general briefing to expedite the day. Briefings as per BHA rules.

**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.

**Final Class order will be published in the confirmation letter.** 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.

**Food Service:** There will be no food for exhibitors at this trial. Drinks will be provided for workers. We will take a scheduled lunch break.

**Withdrawals:** Withdrawals after the closing date due to injury of the dog will be eligible for a 75% refund of entry fees paid upon receipt of a note from your veterinarian. The note must be dated and emailed or mailed to the Trial Secretary prior to the close of the trial on Sunday afternoon.



## Mattaponi Kennel Club

**April 6-7, 2024**

**Barn Hunt Trial (2 trials per day)**

Animal Friends' Pampered Paws

Training Center

10401 Green Road

Beaeton, VA 22712

**Judges: Shannon Floyd (BHAJ-135A), Virginia**

**Heidi Connolly (BHAJ-219A), Virginia**

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: February 23, 2024.**

Maximum of 10 dog entries per envelope.

**Closing Date Pre-Entry: March 22, 2024. Late & DOS entries accepted.** No Refund of Pre-Entries withdrawn after the closing date.

**Classes offered daily:** RATI (1) , RATN x2, RATO x2, RATS x2 & RATM x2  
Crazy 8's (1)

**Limit: 8 hours judging time per BHA MRVs**

Trial is indoors on concrete/mats - rings are indoors and climate controlled. Blind area is approx 10x15 outdoors, covered Crating space in covered barn - no climate control - or in vehicles.

## **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. MKC will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by participants or spectators, or to any of their dogs or property.

\*MKC 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 MKC 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.

\*PLEASE COME PREPARED FOR WEATHER! It could be hot, rainy, windy, etc. Don't forget water and cool gear for your dog(s) in case of extreme heat.

### **Accommodations (verify that they still accept pets)**

**Hotels:** They are listed in the order of nicest down.

Holiday Inn - Dogs are \$35/pet/night. There is no weight limit. <http://www.stayinwarrenton.com/>

Baymont Inn - Dogs are \$15/night. Limit of 2 dogs with a total weight limit of 100# <http://www.baymontinns.com/hotels/virginia/warrenton/baymont-inn-and-suites-warrenton/hotel-overview>

Howard Johnson - Dogs are \$10/pet/night with a 60# limit. <http://www.hojo.com/hotels/virginia/warrenton/howard-johnson-inn-warrenton/hotel-overview>

**Administrative Reminders:** 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.

**Mailed** entries payments via personal check, MO, cashier's check made payable to Mattaponi Kennel Club or cash is also acceptable. Secretary is not responsible for cash sent through the mail. Checks will be cashed after closing.

**Electronic entry** via Mid Atlantic Barn Hunt (<https://midatlanticbarnhunt.com/index.php>).

Entries AND payment must be received by each deadline to be a valid entry.

Trial grounds are the parking lot and area by the barn and training building. Please do not allow your dogs to harass any livestock in their fields. There is a small step up into the building that may not accommodate a wheelchair. The grounds are mostly grass and gravel in the parking areas and area to the blinds and into the building.

### **Emergency Veterinary Services:**

Prince William Emergency Clinic

8610 Centreville Road

Manassas, VA 20110

703-361-8287

[www.princewillamevc.com](http://www.princewillamevc.com)

**Loud/Disruptive dogs:** Please keep dog barking in the crating and ring area to a minimum so as not to disturb other exhibitors. If necessary, dogs may be crated in your vehicles around the perimeter of the club building. 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. Prong collars may be used on the site or while competing. Please refer to the rules for restrictions on prong collars. Approved collars also 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.

### **Class Descriptions:**

**Crazy 8's:** Twelve PVC tubes hidden on the course. Tubes will be: Four with litter only, eight with both litter and a rat. Time Limit: 2 minutes. 10 pts per rat, 10 pts for tunnel, 10 pts for climb.

Please visit: [http://barnhunt.com/rules/crazy8\\_rules.pdf](http://barnhunt.com/rules/crazy8_rules.pdf) for more information.

**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)/Championship:** 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 litter 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/Championship 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.*

### **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.
- All entries must be accompanied by entry fees and be **received** prior to the day/time of closing to be considered valid.
- 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 in the barn (non-ring area). There is plenty of space for crating. Please keep your crating area clean/dry. Barking dogs MUST be crated in vehicles or away from other dogs so that they do not disturb the neighbors. 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.
- The schedule is fluid throughout each day. No special considerations will be made to accommodate other activities outside of the trial.
- Please come prepared for weather/temperatures and check your dogs regularly.
- 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. Entry fees for bitches that come into season will be refunded until date/time of closing of the trial, if you wish to withdraw. If bringing a bitch in season, please inform the Trial Secretary prior to the trial.

**\*\*Barn Hunt LLC Rules can be obtained online in the form of a PDF file at <http://barnhunt.com/rules>**

**Exercise your dog responsibly. Please pick up after your dog at the show site and hotels. All dogs must be on leash attached to a human, except when in the ring.**

Mattaponi Kennel Club

10401 Green Rd, Bealton, VA

Mail entry with check or Money Order to:

MKC, 714 N 5th St, Hampton, VA 23664

BH Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Height (in): \_\_\_\_\_ Height Class: \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ A Class \_\_\_ B Class

Saturday T1 (4/6/2024):

\_\_\_ Instinct \_\_\_ Novice \_\_\_ Open \_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_ Master

\_\_\_ Crazy 8's

Saturday T2: \_\_\_ Novice \_\_\_ Open \_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_ Master

Sunday T1 (4/7/2024):

\_\_\_ Instinct \_\_\_ Novice \_\_\_ Open \_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_ Master \_\_\_ Crazy 8's

Sunday T2: \_\_\_ Novice \_\_\_ Open \_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_ Master

WAIVERS:

I (we) agree that the club holding this event 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, MKC, 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 and/or have a final vaccination for COVID-19 at least 2 weeks prior to the Event. If unvaccinated, I/we have not knowingly been in contact with or exposed to any person with COVID-19 within the past 10 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 10 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 if I/we are not vaccinated or do not wish to disclose vaccination status. 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 MKC 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.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_