



**RiverRAT Barn Hunt Presents
Barn Hunt Training Clinic & Workshop
Saturday April 21, 2018**

Cowlitz County Fairgrounds
1900 7th Avenue, Longview, WA
AM & PM Clinics

Clinics limited to 12 teams
\$35 pre entries \$40 Day of Clinic
Audit \$20—no just watching, unless parent
Same handler w/2 dogs same clinic add \$15
(\$50 total)

Open to all Breeds and Mixed Breeds
You do not have to be registered with BHA LLC to participate

*Pre-entries by April 18, 2018,
Day of clinic entries accepted as space permits*

Some dogs have all the fun!

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Be a part of the exciting new sport of Barn Hunt!

Barn Hunts have been held informally at Earthdog tests for years, but never under consolidated rules as a titling event. Barn Hunt is based on the traditional task of ratcatchers who traveled the countryside riding homes, barns, and grounds of vermin. Unlike Earthdog, Barn hunt is above ground and involves locating aerated tubes, some which contain a live rat, within an obstacle course made of straw bales. It is open to all dogs older than 6 months that can navigate the course safely, mixed breeds welcome.

The training clinic is open to all dogs and will be taught from the novice handler's perspective. Teams rotate through several stations. Rules review and handling tips provides the handlers with the foundation to succeed in the sport. Intro to prey has teams working with the instructor in a round robin format and introduces the dogs to live caged rats in a controlled environment. Climb & tunnel provides guidance in safely encouraging the dogs to traverse through a hay bale tunnel and on to a stack of bales, intro to tubes transfers the "hey it's a rat!" drive from sight to scent, and then scent discrimination between live rat, litter, and empty tubes. Each team will also participate in a BHA Instinct course. Rat care and safety is paramount in the sport, opportunity to interact with the rats, without the dogs, will be available to those interested in becoming "Rat Wranglers" for sanctioned trials.

The goal of the clinic is to develop a positive association between your dog and the sport, each dog progresses at their own rate—some are great at finding the rat, but don't want to climb a bale, others love the tunnel but may think the rat is some kind of proofing exercise. The instructor works with each team to determine how to tap into their "inner ratter".

Clinic teams will participate in:
Introduction to Barn hunt & Rules Review
Introduction to prey
Climb & Tunnel practice
Scent discrimination
Instinct Course

There is crating area in the clinic barn for non-disruptive dogs. Dogs must be on lead & participating in the clinic, crated, or safely confined to your vehicle. The barn is covered, but is not climate controlled—dress yourself and your dog for winter weather. The course will be fenced, but may not be impassible to determined dogs.

The tentative schedule is:

Saturday AM —registration & check in 9:00—9:30, clinic 10:00-12:00

Saturday PM—registration & check in 12:45—1:15, clinic 1:30-3:30

Private Lessons and practice available by pre-arrangement only

Check www.riverratbarnhunt.com for the latest information

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Registration Form



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Owners Name:

Address: St/Zip

Email: Phone

Dog Name: Breed Sex

2nd dog:

Saturday AM Clinic Preference
 Saturday PM

Clinic fees

\$35 pre-entry, \$40 day of clinic, 2nd dog same handler same clinic add \$15
Audit—\$20 (no “just watching” unless parent of attendee)

Total Fees Enclosed \$

For Pay Pal payment send this form to joatneys@gmail.com & I'll send invoice
Make Checks Payable to River Rat Barn Hunt & Mail to Janet Oatney
PO Box 354 St Helens OR 97051

I acknowledge that if this application for entry to an educational seminar is made available to me for participation, that I agree that this facility has the right to refuse the registration and reserve the right to dismiss myself for cause which Barn Hunt & the hosting clubs deems to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this and the opportunity to receive Barn Hunt information I agree to hold harmless the Barn Hunt Association, Robin Nuttall, Janet Oatney, Ron Dunn, volunteers, judges, Cowlitz County Fairgrounds and all associates and affiliated Barn Hunt clubs harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing while in or upon the premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I personally assume all responsibility and liability for such claim, and further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claims for damage or injury to my dogs or myself, either physically or mentally, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by negligence within or upon the premises of the Barn Hunt grounds. The terms of this agreement bind the parties for the current period of training and all subsequent classes/training/events in which they hereafter participate.

Signature:

Date