



BARN HUNT TRIAL

Spring Fling

May 9th, 10th, 11th 2025

Cowlitz County Fairgrounds

1900 7th Ave, Longview, WA 98632

In Building #2 and #3



Permission has been granted by the Barn Hunt Association, LLC for the holding of these Barn Hunt trials under BHA Rules & Regulations

## CLASSES OFFERED

**Friday/Saturday/Sunday: Instinct, Novice, Open, Senior, Master, Crazy 8**

**\*\*DON'T FORGET TO ENTER B CLASSES or CHAMPION CLASS(Masters) IF NECESSARY\*\***

*Move ups allowed for all trials & must be included on the Secretary's Move Up sheet 30 minutes prior to the start of the next trial*

Open to all BHA Registered breeds and mixed breeds of all sizes that have a BH registration number.

**Entry Fees: Instinct(Pre) \$17 / (Late) \$22. Novice & Open (Pre) \$22 / (Late) \$27.**

**Senior, Masters & Crazy 8s (Pre) \$27 / (Late) \$32.**

A portion of trial proceeds will go towards the GSPCA

**Entries Open-3/1/25 Pre-Entries Close-4/19/25 Late-Entries Close- 4/29/25**

**~Entry via SECRETERRIER.COM!~**

**Valid Entries must be SIGNED, PAID & RECEIVED by 4/19/25 9:59AM PST to be a valid Pre-Entry.**

*Day of show entries are not a guaranteed entry and will be accepted only up to judging limits. Day of show entry must be submitted 30 minutes prior to the start of the entered trial. Manual entries acquire an additional \$1/entry fee.*

*Confirmations may not be sent for late entries. Don't wait to enter - Trial sizes are limited - we would hate to have you miss out!*

## Trial Limits

Judges are limited to 8 hours of judging and a maximum run value, which will require this club to limit entries accordingly.

## START TIMES

General Briefing at 8:45AM with classes to start after at 9. PLEASE attend the General Briefing if at all possible and especially if you are new to OUR trials! Lots of good information will be shared. Judge of Record & Event Official dogs may be judged prior to the official start time or as the first blind

**Trail Chair- Katie Chamberlain 2716 NE 339th St La Center, WA 98629 (360)719-9342**

**RiverRATBarnHunt@gmail.com**

**Trial Secretary- Shelby Ward 2716 NE 339th St. La Center, WA 98629 shelbygrae96@gmail.com**

## CLASS

Ring 1- Masters -45 min lunch- Masters  
Ring 2- Instinct, Novice, Open -45 min lunch-Instinct, Novice, Open  
Ring 3- Senior, Crazy8 -45 min lunch- Senior, Crazy8  
Class order is subject to change for load balancing!

## JUDGES

**Jessica Knox-BHAJ-302A, Jamie Morris- BHAJ-299A, and Valerie Piltz-BHAJ-186A**

Any judge may judge any class - load balancing and relief judging will be in effect. JOR for the class will be listed in the judging program. Judges are limited to 8 hours of judging and a maximum run value, which will require this club to limit entries accordingly or adjust blind size. Any Judge of Record at this Event may be used as a Load Balancing Judge

## GENERAL EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

**All Barn Hunt rules & regulations apply on BHA event site.**

Barn Hunt site is defined by the area of the barn, parking area, BIS area. Per BHA dogs must remain on leash anywhere on the Fairgrounds

- 1.) Please check-in without your dog at the secretary's table.
- 2.) Please inform the board wrangler with any conflicts. DO NOT make the adjustments yourself.
- 3.) It is YOUR responsibility to be familiar with Barn Hunt rules & regulations. You can review them at [www.barnhunt.com](http://www.barnhunt.com)
- 4.) **PLEASE pick up after your dog!** Those found to not be cleaning up after their dogs will be asked to leave and no refunds will be given!
- 5.) There are other events happening this weekend. We will have a conflict blind at the end of each class. Please indicate with a 'c' on your dog's name on the run order. We will move you to that blind if necessary.

**Blinds will be approximately 10x20 to provides ample room for all sizes of dogs.  
Seating is assigned by blind order, no exceptions! Blind order is assigned  
randomly.**

**\*\* Dog aggression and or behavior that affects other dogs competing will not be tolerated.\*\***

**~~Rings are covered, however plan on weather!~~**

**~~Please be courteous of the grounds, and your fellow competitors.~~**

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 in well fit panties/britches. If bringing a bitch in season, please inform the Trial Secretary prior to the start of the trial and inform all exhibitors at the judge's briefing. Failure to do so may result in removal from the trial, with no refunds.

Run order will be emailed no later than the Monday of the trial weekend. Run order will also be posted at the trial.

~~Run order is likely to change due to late entries, move ups, conflicts, etc.~~

~~We will have a conflict blind at the end of each class, due to other events happening on the grounds. If absent we will mark the team absent from that trial~~

~~Move ups are **YOUR** responsibility and will be handled at the secretary's table~~

It is **YOUR** responsibility to be prepared for your blind.

There will be NO off leash area. All dogs must be on leash at all times when not in the ring. Thank you for understanding!

## OVERNIGHT and DAY PARKING

On site RV parking is available through GSPCA, reservations due April 16th. Contact:  
Bonnie Nau smidgeon1@comcast.net

**All overnight parking must be approved prior to the start of the trial.**

**Day parking is FREE**

Please park thoughtfully.

## VENDERS

Only registered vendors are allowed, to reserve contact GSPCA Kim Abbott

[coldwatergsp@gmail.com](mailto:coldwatergsp@gmail.com). Deadline is **April 1st**.

Food and beverages is available on the Event Center grounds

## VOLUNTEERS

Without our wonderful volunteers Barn Hunt Trials would not happen! Our volunteers are what make the trials run smoothly. So if you are not in a blind, running your dog or getting your dog ready to run...PLEASE Volunteer! See the Secretary's table for Volunteer Opportunities!

## RESULTS

Results will be posted as soon as possible after the completion of the class. PLEASE check the results and if you have a question or concern about your dog's score bring it to our attention at that time!

**~ NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE AFTER THE TRIAL EXCEPT DATA ENTRY ERRORS. ~**

## Lucky Draws and Auction

**Volunteer Lucky Draw-** At the conclusion of each trial a basket of goodies will be awarded to one of our fantastic volunteers! Tickets for the draw are handed out to those who assist in at least a full blind at any level.

**Super Pooper Scooper-** At the end of each trial day a random participant who has entered the SPS draw will receive a prize. Tickets for this drawing are given to those who pick up unattended dog waste, and dispose of it properly.

**Not Quite (NQ)-** At the end of each trial day a random participant of the NQ drawing will be selected. Tickets for this drawing are given to those who received a non-qualifying run.

**Heavy Lifter Prize-** Awarded at the end of the trial weekend to a random participant who contributes in course building in one or more levels/trials.

**Silent Auction-** Donation based event. We will have a silent auction on the second day of the trial, highest bidder wins. Proceeds go to RiverRAT Barn Hunt Club.

\*Donations accepted, please reach out to **Judy Chamberlain, [judy@steveandjudy.com](mailto:judy@steveandjudy.com)**

## RIBBONS

Qualifying ribbons will be awarded to the dog which achieves a qualifying score and placements ribbons (1st-4th) will be awarded or the fastest time in each class except for Instinct (as allowed in BHA rules). High In Class ribbons and New Title ribbons are available.

Ribbons unclaimed more than 30 minutes after the last trial of the day will be deemed as donated back to the club. No Ribbons or Trophies will be mailed.

## EXHIBITOR GENERAL RULES

Any exhibitor failing to comply with these rules may be excused without benefit of refund if the Event Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation.

- 1.) All dogs must be on a short (6ft maximum) leash and under control while on the grounds, except while hunting in the ring OR running Line Drive. (See BHA Rules regarding acceptable leashes for Line Drive.)
- 2.) Bitches in Season (BIS) run LAST after all other dogs in their class, and must wear well fitting britches at all times (except when inside the BIS designated potty area or inside their handler's vehicle).
- 3.) Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog or handler is absent, disqualified, excused or barred from competition by action of the Event Committee.
- 4.) Owners are responsible for errors in making out entry forms. No refunds will be made in the event of Exhibitor Error.
- 5.) Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. There is a \$50 returned check fee. Please DON'T mail cash!
- 6.) Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s).
- 7.) To be a valid entry, details such as dog's name, height, owner, etc must match details on file with Barn Hunt EXACTLY. Check your work before you submit
- 8.) Disruptive behavior (dog or human) is unsportsmanlike behavior and shall be cause for immediate excusal from the event grounds. No refunds will be given. Unsportsmanlike behavior may also result in a misconduct hearing.
- 10.) When photographing photo/video cameras must run on silent mode (no virtual shutter sound). No "camera staring" at the hides! No cameras may be used that have detachable lenses except by the contracted photographer, when they are on site.
- 11.) If you are running multiple dogs we will ATTEMPT to accommodate you (but no guarantees). Handler is responsible to be present for their class.
- 12.) It is YOUR responsibility to be aware of BHA rules

## GENERAL JUDGE BRIEFING

- 1.) You must enter and exit the ring with the dog on leash. You may not remove your leash until you are in the ring and the gate is secured. You must re-leash before the gate opens for you to exit.
- 2.) Dogs must run without collar/leash/harness, except in line drive.
- 3.) Toys/treats are never allowed in the ring.
- 4.) Do not hand the judge the collar/leash or a rat tube.
- 5.) You must wait for the judge to release you verbally before you release your dog.
- 6.) When releasing your dog, do not bowl, shove or drop your dog. On the course, don't body block or push your dog with your foot/leg/body.
- 7.) Time starts when any part of you or your dog leaves the start box. Deliberate lead outs are not allowed.
- 8.) After the release of the dog, you may not touch your dog except as allowed in the Allowed Praise and Reward portion of the Rules.
- 9.) You may not touch any tube prior to calling the rat.
- 10.) You must call the rat tube clearly and decisively and not form it as a question.
- 11.) Allowing your dog to kick/pitch/maul any tube without either calling a rat or redirecting your dog may result in a stalling penalty.
- 12.) Being unable to control your dog either for tube removal or removal from the course may incur a Lack of Control penalty.
- 13.) You may not deliberately touch or step over any bale except during the Allowed Praise and Reward portion.
- 14.) If the Rat Wrangler is removing the tube, you must restrain (physically or verbally) your dog by a minimum of 2' from the tube until the Rat Wrangler is safe.
- 15.) If you verbally redirect your dog from the tube and don't pick it up yourself, it will remain on the course.
- 16.) All dogs must be in the blind before a blind can start. You are responsible for getting to the blind when asked.
- 17.) You may not go back to the blind after your turn.
- 18.) You are expected to treat your dog, your fellow competitors, the trial committee and the judge with respect.
- 19.) A copy of the rules is available at the Trial Secretary's table or at [www.barnhunt.com](http://www.barnhunt.com)

## ENTRIES

1.) Please set up an account with *Secreterrier.com*. After creating an account, you will need to “Register” your dog. This will also allow you to link your dog to BHA. Be sure to follow all the way through this process. It is really very easy. If you have trouble, reach out and we will help you.

2.) Complete your entry on *Secreterrier.com*. You will enter, submit and pay...all online!

## YOUR ENTRY IS NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT PAYMENT

PLEASE VERIFY CLASS ENTRY! It is YOUR responsibility to make sure your dog is entered in the proper level. If you are entered in an A level class but should be in a B level, your run will NOT count. No refunds will be given.

## ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS

Take I-5 Exit 39. From the North-turn left onto Allen Street. From South- turn right onto Allen Street. Follow Allen Street over the river. Take the first left after Bridge onto 1st Avenue. Turn right onto Washington Street. Cowlitz County Event Center is located on the corner of Washington Street and 7th Avenue. Barn Hunt will be located in the red buildings #3 and #2  
RVs -take the second left on 5th Ave. At the ‘T’ turn left on Washington Street, then right into the Event grounds.

## OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS OFFSITE

- ★ Quality Inn and Suites- Longview Kelso
- ★ Guesthouse Kelso Longview
- ★ Red Lion
- ★ Brookhollow RV Park

**\*\*Please make sure that these pet friendly locations can accommodate your dogs\*\***