



Thursday May 2, Friday May 3, Saturday May 4, 2019
Two Sanctioned Trials Each Day
@ Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, Shade Umbrella
(Grassy area just SOUTH of the West Exhibition Hall)

25690 E Quincy Ave, Aurora CO 80016
Outside on grass/dirt, under a canopy.
(Crating permitted inside the East Wing, see notes below for more information.)

Judges:

Nita Gandara (BHAJ-049A) Cusseta, GA
Cathy Hoese (BHAJ-197A) Mayer, MN

*Additional judges may be added to load balance, split, and/or relief judge.
Any of the Judges of Record for this event may be used to judge any of the classes at this event at the discretion of the Club under the rule provisions for Load Balancing, Relief Judging, and Splitting. Qualifying scores are assigned to the official Judge of Record for that class.*

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

Open to all Breeds and Mixed Breeds of all sizes!

A Barn Hunt Registration Number **IS REQUIRED** to enter this trial.

Opening Date: March 11 for Rottweilers.

March 25 for all breeds.

(Any entries received before the opening date for your breed are invalid!)

Pre-Entry Closing Date: April 22, 2019 (11:59pm MST) after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in the "FEES/ENTRIES" and "REFUNDS" policies of this premium.

Any changes to your entry (besides move-ups) must be done in writing before closing!
Please email Jen@RockyMountainRatters.com.

OTHER ALL BREED EVENTS AT THIS SHOW:

Herding, April 27 & 28 * Agility, April 29 * Obed & Rally, May 3
More information here: <http://arcnationals.com/>

ENTRY LIMIT:

120 runs per judge or until the 8 hour per judge limit is reached.

CLASSES OFFERED:

Instinct, Novice, Open, Senior, Master, Crazy 8's

Dogs may enter both the Instinct class and Novice class in the same Trial until the dog has earned the RATN title and then they cannot enter the Instinct class any longer.

BLIND INFORMATION:

Blind will be 10'x20' and located 20' away from the ring.
Master will be blinds of 4 dogs, all other classes will be blinds of 5 dogs.

TRIAL GROUNDS:

The grassy area with the Shade Umbrella located SOUTH across the street from the West Exhibition Hall, as marked by signage.

PRELIMINARY RUNNING ORDER: (subject to change based on entries)

Instinct (T1), Instinct (T2), Novice (T1), Novice (T2), Open (T1), Open (T2), C8 (T1), C8 (T2), Senior (T1), Senior (T2), Master (T1), Master (T2)

Two rings running at the same time! You'll run your T1 class in one ring and T2 class following in the other ring.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE:

Barn Hunt show grounds open at 7am. Briefing at 8am. Trials to follow briefing.

FEES & LATE/DOS ENTRIES:

Pre-Entry: \$20 Instinct, \$25 Novice/Open/Senior/Master/Crazy 8s.

Late entry WILL be offered. **There will be no day of show entries.**

(You can enter at the trial for the following days, just not same day.)

Late Entry: \$25 Instinct, \$30 Novice/Open/Senior/Master/Crazy 8s.

Check the status of runs available on our website www.MatrixDog.com/events

Checks Payable To: Rocky Mountain Ratters

Send Entries & Fees To: Jen Giacchi, 13120 Raritan St, Westminster CO 80234

Online entry at www.MatrixDog.com/events

All entries must be accompanied by full entry fees to be valid. A returned check does not constitute a valid entry. There will be a \$50 fee for all returned checks. No entries will be taken over the phone or electronically (other than the online entry form on our website). Maximum of 10 dog entries per envelope.

Trial Chair/Secretary: Jennifer Giacchi, 13120 Raritan St, Westminster CO 80234, Jen@RockyMountainRatters.com, Cell: 720-523-3647

Trial Committee: Natalie Nelson-Lang, Kim Swearingen, Judy Katz, Cindy Pitts

AKC Liaison: Natalie Nelson-Lang

MOVE UPS:

From another event can be made up until 24 hours prior to the start of the trial. Requests must be in writing. Email Jen@RockyMountainRatters.com.

During the event move-ups are allowed each day, but must be submitted to Trial Secretary within 30 minutes of the conclusion of your class (MUST BE BEFORE the start of the class you are moving into, if that's shorter than 30 minutes).

AWARDS:

Qualifying ribbons will be awarded to all dogs with qualifying scores. Placement ribbons will be awarded to first through fourth place in each of the three height divisions for Novice, Open, Senior, and Master classes. Title ribbons will be awarded for Instinct, Novice, Open, Senior, Master & C8.

HEIGHT DIVISIONS:

- Dogs 13" and under - Small
- Dogs 13.1 to 18" - Medium
- Dogs over 18" - Large

VOLUNTEERS:

We need your help! A Volunteer Sign-Up sheet will be online via the event page and also on site. We will need Gate Stewards, Rat Wranglers, Course Builders, Leash Runners, Scribes, and Sheet Runners. Information about each position is available at www.BarnHunt.com.

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION:

All dogs must be at least 6 months of age to compete in a Barn Hunt event.

All dogs must be on a short leash and under control while on trial grounds except while showing. **FLEXI LEASHES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON TRIAL GROUNDS.** Electronic collars, bark collars, and head halters are not allowed to be used on the trial grounds. **Dogs are required to run "naked" and should be brought into the ring with collars/harnesses/slip leads which can be easily and quickly removed and replaced.** Prong collars are not allowed in the ring.

RV PARKING INFO:

<http://arcnationals.com/> click on "CAMPING"

HOTEL INFO:

<http://arcnationals.com/> click on "MOTELS"

There is **NO SMOKING** on the grounds. Please pick up after your dog and dispose of waste in appropriate containers outside the building.

The trial will be held outdoors, under a canopy. It is in May so the temperatures should be reasonable but please be prepared for hot/cold weather as this is Colorado and it could also snow or be hot! There will be no electricity supplied.

CRATING:

Car crating is allowed. You can also set up canopies (at your own risk). You CAN crate inside but it will be a bit of a walk. Free crating will be in the East Wing, on the east side (see map below).

Disruptive dogs will have to be crated outside of the trial area. If your dog cannot handle other dogs or people walking past their crate, plan to crate outside the trial area. Please bring adequate shade.

BITCHES IN SEASON:

Bitches in season are eligible to compete but will be required to be kept separate from all other dogs and will be run at the end of their class/trial and must wear pants. If bringing a bitch in season, please inform the trial secretary prior to the trial and inform all exhibitors at the judge's briefing.

REFUNDS:

Any entries pulled prior to pre-entry closing will be refunded minus any PayPal/Transaction fees. Any entries pulled after pre-entry closing will only be given a refund (minus a \$5 administrative fee per day) in the case of injured dogs, in which case a veterinary note may be required. **Requests for refunds must be made before 7am on the day of the trial.** Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused or barred from competition by action of the Event Committee.

Every attempt will be made to hold this event as scheduled. In the event of an "act of God" such as flood or fire, or civil disturbances or any other causes beyond the control of the organizing committee, the event may be canceled. We will make every attempt to contact entrants and inform them of the cancellation. Any refund of entry fees due to this will be made at our discretion.

DIRECTIONS TO TRIAL SITE:

If you take E-470, be advised that is a license plate toll road.

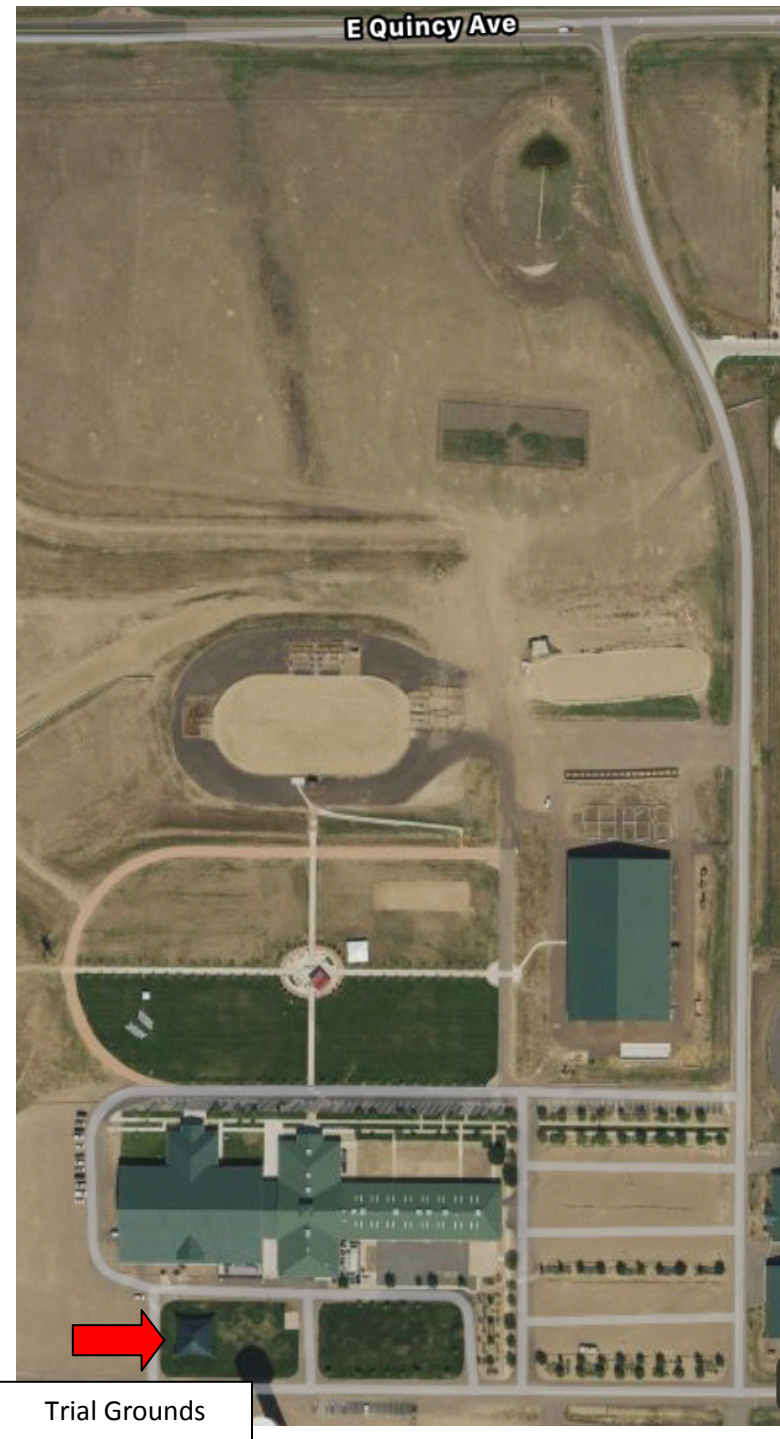
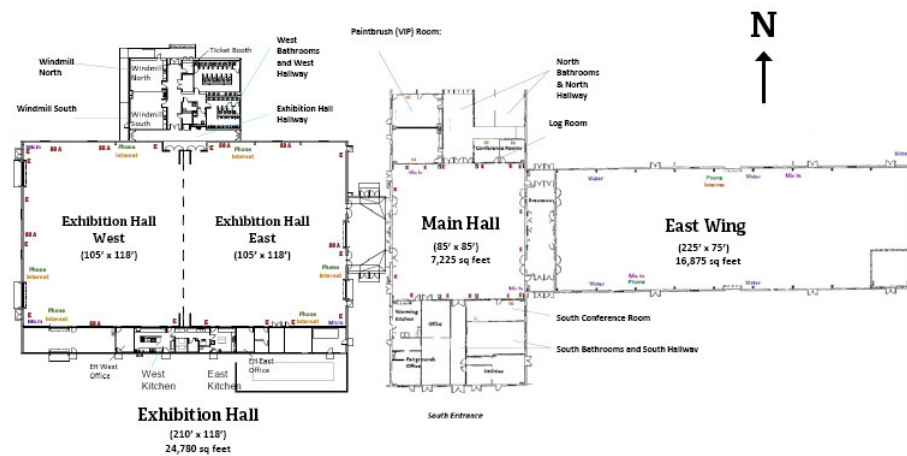
From the North:

Take I-70 to Watkins. Take Watkins Road (County Road 97) south to Quincy Road. Take Quincy Road west about four miles west to the Fairgrounds entrance.

Alternately, I-11 eastbound will become Jewell and will take you to Watkins Road. Take that south to Quincy Road and turn west.

From the South:

Take Gun Club Road north to Belleview. Turn east on Belleview, which will take you through the housing development to Harvest Road. Harvest Road north will take you to Quincy; go east to the Fairgrounds entrance.



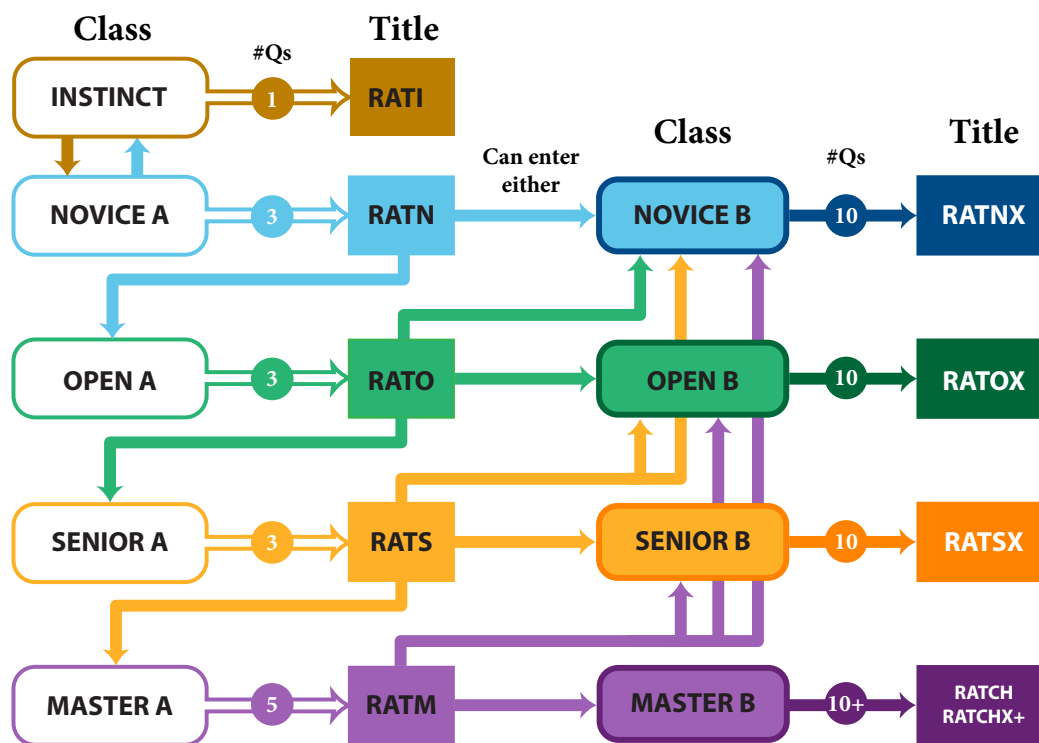
Barn Hunt® Guide to A and B Classes



Beginning in the summer and fall of 2018, the Barn Hunt Association will start implementing B classes and a new titling track. These changes affect only the Regular classes of Novice, Open, Senior, and Master. The changes were made to give teams an opportunity to stay at a single level or move down to a previous level while also giving them an opportunity to achieve new titles at that level. Here is what you need to know about the new B classes.

- All dogs, regardless of handler experience, start in A class at each level and stay in A class until the dog attains the title at that level.
- Once a dog finishes a title from A class, that dog may either move UP to the A class at the next level, LATERALLY into the B class at the same level, or DOWN to any previous level they are eligible to enter.
- In B classes, X titles are awarded after 10 qualifying scores. 10 qualifying scores in Novice B will be RATNX, 20 scores will be RATNX2, etc.
- There will be one set of placements for all competitors in each B class level, regardless of height.
- A dog may show in any class that dog is eligible for. So a dog with a Master title may move DOWN and show in Novice B, Open B, or Senior B.
- Dogs are not required to finish a particular B class title to move on from that class. A dog may have multiple qualifying scores from different levels and may choose to enter different B class levels at different events.
- Dogs are never required to enter any lower level B classes, but must enter Master B to attain the titles of RATCH, RATCHX, and above.
- **For each Event:**
 - All dogs must be entered in only one class level and type. (i.e., a dog cannot be entered in Novice B on one day and Open A on the next.)
 - Dogs entered in B class must stay in that class for the entire event (may not move up or down during an Event.)
- Dogs may be entered in one B class level one weekend and a different one the next. As an example, a dog with a RATM title could enter Master B on one weekend, then Open B the next, up to Senior B, then back to Master, etc.
- All existing Master scores and titles are grandfathered in to the B classes.

TITLE PROGRESSION CHART



In the chart above, the A classes are listed on the far left. Next are the Qs needed to get the title at that level. Once you have the title the solid arrows show you where you can go next. For example, once you have your RATS title (gold box), you can follow the solid gold arrows to see that you can next enter either Master A, Senior B, Open B, or Novice B. Each X title takes 10 qualifying scores.

Matrix Dog, LLC dba Rocky Mountain Ratters Licensed Barn Hunt Trials

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| Thursday | Trial 1: Instinct | Novice | Open | Senior | Master | Crazy 8's |
| Thursday | Trial 2: Instinct | Novice | Open | Senior | Master | Crazy 8's |
| Friday | Trial 1: Instinct | Novice | Open | Senior | Master | Crazy 8's |
| Friday | Trial 2: Instinct | Novice | Open | Senior | Master | Crazy 8's |
| Saturday | Trial 1: Instinct | Novice | Open | Senior | Master | Crazy 8's |
| Saturday | Trial 2: Instinct | Novice | Open | Senior | Master | Crazy 8's |

Circle classes above that you wish to enter. Instinct and Novice may be entered at the same trial. For all other regular classes only one class/level per trial is allowed. Only enter the class for which your dog is eligible. Crazy 8's may be entered in addition to the regular classes and any/all levels are welcome to enter Crazy 8's.

Trial Date: _____ Circle One: **A** or **B** Level Classes
(If nothing is circled we will presume you are entering A classes.)

Pre-Entry Fees (before closing): \$20 for each Instinct. \$25 for each Novice/Open/Senior/Master/C8.

Late Entry Fees (after closing, before day-of show): \$25 for each Instinct. \$30 for each Novice/Open/Senior/Master/C8.

Make Checks Payable to **Rocky Mountain Ratters**. Mail to Jen Giacchi, 13120 Raritan Street, Westminster CO 80234

I enclose entry fees in the amount of \$ _____

Name of Owner's Agent/Handler (if any): _____

*BHA Registration #: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____

Full Name of Dog: _____

Call Name: _____ Breed: _____

Actual Height: _____ Height Class: S (13" and under) M (13.1" to 18") L (over 18")

Actual Owner(s): _____

Owner's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

*A Barn Hunt Registration # required for valid entry. Register your dog online at www.barnhunt.com. Allow at least two (2) business days to receive a Barn Hunt #.

I understand and agree to the refund policy listed in the premium.

AGREEMENT: I (we) acknowledge that if this application for the entry of this dog is made available to me (us) for participation in a Barn Hunt event, that I (we) agree that this facility has the right to refuse the entry of this dog and/or they reserve the right to dismiss the dog and myself for cause which Barn Hunt deems to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this and the opportunity to train my dog(s), I (we) agree to hold Barn Hunt Association, LLC, Matrix Dog, LLC dba Rocky Mountain Ratters and all associates 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 or dogs while in or upon the premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for such claim, and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for damage or injury to the dog or myself, either physically or mentally, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by negligence while in 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 of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

ENTRIES WILL BE CONFIRMED BY EMAIL. WRITE YOUR EMAIL CLEARLY.