

# Bunny

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## OFFICIAL RULEBOOK

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The purpose of the Bunny Dash event is to provide all dogs and their owners an enjoyable, healthy activity. Dogs are timed as they run singularly to complete the 40 yard dash which is converted into MPH. Dogs earn points based on how fast they run, and titles are awarded when a dog has accumulated a given number of points. We love our senior dogs, and double digit dogs earn an extra 10 points per trial.

**Section 2 CODE OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP**

- Exhibitors commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace
- Exhibitors refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior
- The exhibitor respects the Bunny Dash rules, regulations, and policies governing the sport of dogs
- Exhibitors find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of their fellow competitors
- Exhibitors welcome, encourage, and support newcomers to the sport
- Exhibitors always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog
- Exhibitors refuse to embarrass the sport of Bunny Dash, or themselves while taking part in the sport.

## PART 2                    HOLDING A BUNNY DASH EVENT

### Section 1                    BUNNY DASH LOGO

The official Bunny Dash Logo is copyrighted and cannot be used without Permission. Permission is granted for approved Licensed Trials and approved Bunny Dash Merchandise

### Section 2                    EVENT REQUIREMENTS and EQUIPMENT

- Bunny Dash is a timed straight race of 120 feet or 40 yard dash. Dogs run singularly.
- The time to complete the 40 yard dash is recorded to the nearest 1/100<sup>th</sup> of a second.
- An individual at the start line will signal with “READY, SET, GO” with the dog being released on “GO”
- Bunny Dash Course must be a Flat, Level, surface inside on turf or outside on grass with a minimum straight run area of 200’ and a minimum width of 8’  
Course must be fenced using gating no less than 48” high and securely fastened to prevent escape of the dog. Gating will have cross legs at the bottom for stability.
- An Entrance gate and Exit gate will be provided at both ends of the course runway
- The Lure will consist of two white plastic bags fastened to the lure string no more than the length of the bag apart
- Lure operating machine of the same type used in Lure Coursing and FAST Cat; a continuous loop machine

### Section 3                    HOLDING A LICENSED BUNNY DASH TRIAL

- A Licensed Trial is an event which teams earn points towards Bunny Dash Titles. No Bunny Dash licensed trials can be held on the same date by two different clubs within 100 miles of each other
- Groups holding a licensed trial must show proof of insurance including a waiver not holding Bunny Dash (including it’s officers) and B & D Creekside Activity Center responsible for any damage to persons, dogs, or facilities
- Applications for a licensed trial, accompanied by proof of insurance, must be made to Bunny Dash 45 days prior to each event date. A qualified lure operator must be indicated with each application. The fee is \$30 per trial and a recording fee of \$1.50 per run applies. A copy of the application form can be downloaded from [www.bndcreeksideactivitycenter.com](http://www.bndcreeksideactivitycenter.com).
- The original trial report, including recording fees, will be submitted to B & D Creekside Activity Center no later than 7 business days after the conclusion of the trial

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- Dogs must have an official Bunny Dash registration number to compete in licensed events.
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## Section 4 DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES

- Groups are not required to offer Day of Show Entries for Trials, but if offered the entries should be on a first come, first served basis. The entries may not exceed the limit of 300 per day, which must be declared in the published premium. Day of Show Entries for unregistered dogs may be accepted, if registration form and payment are submitted to the trial secretary and enclosed with trial reports. Previous online registrations that have not been assigned a registration number may be accepted on the day of the trial. Trial secretary will enter those dogs in the trial as pending

## Section 5 PREMIUM GUIDELINES

A premium must be published for each Bunny Dash Trial, printed and/or electronic. Information required is as follows:

- Name and Contact information of host group
- Physical location of the event
- Entry acceptance and closing dates
- Event dates
- Event start time
- Event chair contact information
- List of event committee members
- Event secretary contact information
- Entry fees
- Entry Limit per dog (1 run per trial)
- Lure operator
- Bitch in Season Policy
- Liability waiver
- Day of show policy listing applicable entry fees
- Refund policy
- Entry form
- Policy for Day of Event Add on Trials

## Section 6 CANCELLATION OF EVENTS

Every attempt should be made to hold a Bunny Dash Sanctioned trial as scheduled. In the event of an “Act of God” such as fire, flood, severe weather, etc. it may be prudent to cancel an event. The group must make every attempt to contact entrants and inform them of the cancellation.

Cancellation cont:

In such an event, the host group is not obligated to return any or all of entry fees collected, but may do so at their own discretion. Other than Acts of God/emergencies as outlined above, no Licensed Trial may be cancelled after the published closing date of the Event.

## Section 7 LURE OPERATOR CANCELLATION

In the event where the lure operator unexpectedly becomes ill or for some other reason is unable to perform their duties as lure operator on the day of the event, the club should avoid cancellation of the event if possible. If another experienced Lure operator is in attendance, they may be asked to step in. If no other lure operator is available, the Group may use a volunteer from their club as long as that person does not simultaneously perform the duties of trial secretary/timer/scorekeeper. Groups in this situation should promptly contact Bunny Dash to discuss options.

## Section 8 TIMER FAILURES

The Timer should inform the Lure Operator and Dog handler if there is a timer failure as soon as possible. The team shall then be given the option of an immediate rerun, or may choose to run again at the bottom of the running order. If the electronic timers fail, and cannot be fixed, then it is necessary for 2 stopwatches to be available for use.

## PART 3            DEFINITIONS

### Section 1            HOST CLUB/GROUP

Any Group of individuals numbering more than four or clubs may hold a Bunny Dash Event providing they have registered with Bunny Dash and have Obtained a license to hold trials.

### Section 2            TRIAL COMMITTEE

Trial committee consists of Trial Secretary, Trial Chairman, and 2 to 3 additional people. Three trial committee members must be on the Bunny Dash trial grounds at all times during trial hours to expedite any and all incidents. Members, other than trial secretary, may step in as Lure Operator in the case of the regular Lure Operator being unable to perform their duties if said member has lure operator experience.

### Section 3 TRIAL CHAIRPERSON

The Trial Chairperson arranges all aspects of the event from submitting the trial application, to obtaining the Lure Operator. The Chairperson may also be Secretary but **cannot** also be the Lure Operator.

### Section 4 TRIAL SECRETARY

The Trial Secretary arranges for the premium to be published, accepts entries, sends out confirmations, assigns gate numbers and sets the run order. The trial secretary also record runs times, and calculates placements for awards. Trial Secretaries must submit reports and payment of event to Bunny Dash within 7 Business days following completion of the final trial. The secretary may not act as Lure Operator.

### Section 5 GATE STEWARD

The Gate Steward is responsible for ensuring the next team as per the running order is ready to enter the starting area as soon as the previous dog has cleared the course.

### Section 6 RELEASER/CATCHER

The handler may act as either the release person or the catch person for the dog. A club member may serve as the releaser or catcher for a dog of a handler if one is needed.

### Section 7 TIMER/BACK UP TIMER

Electronic timing equipment is the preferred method of timing. However, in the case where either the equipment is malfunctioning or not available, there must be a timer and a backup timer. The use of 2 handheld timing devices such as stopwatches will be used simultaneously by the timer and back up timer. The two times will be added and then divided by 2 for an average to determine the dogs time.

### Section 8 LURE OPERATOR

The Lure Operator is solely responsible for set up and operation of the lure system. They may not perform any other duties for the event while simultaneously operating the lure system.

## PART 4            COMPETITION GENERAL RULES

### Section 1            ELIGIBILITY

- All dogs 6 months of age or older are eligible to compete with a valid registration number
- Deaf dogs are eligible to compete
- Dogs with physical limitations are eligible to compete if able to do so safely
- Any other limitations, handler must contact trial chairperson for approval to compete
- No bitches in season are permitted on the trial grounds
- Dogs without a registration number, bitches in season, or dogs with casts, bandages, stitches or other protective items cannot compete
- The committee will make a decision on the eligibility of any dog that appears to have physical discomfort the day of the show
- Dogs may not be released until indicated by the timer with the Words “Ready, Set, Go” with the dog being released upon “GO”.

### Section 2            RING ETIQUETTE

- Dogs may run with a buckle collar, martingale or harness, but no hanging tags. The collar/harness and lead may be removed once the gate has been secured.
- Flea collars are acceptable
- Electronic, citronella bark collars, or muzzles are not allowed on trial grounds
- Dogs must be brought to the starting line on a leash or lead, having a maximum length of 6 feet.
- Flexi-Leads are not permitted within 50’ of a Bunny Dash Trial
- Toys and food are permitted as a reward after the dog has competed the run.
- Handlers may not enter the course with any attachments including bait bags and/or pouches
- When exiting the course, the collar/harness must be attached to the dog and the dog must be on leash before leaving the exit gate.

### Section 3            ASSUMPTION OF RISK

All persons attending and/or entering a Bunny Dash licensed trial in any capacity do so at their own risk and agree to assume responsibility for damage caused by them, or by their dogs. They also agree to hold the trial group/club and Bunny Dash harmless for any injury sustained by their dog, or by a dog or person, during the trial. By entering a trial, owners/handlers attest that they have read, understand, and will abide by, all Bunny Dash Rules and Regulations.



## Section 4                    ENTRIES

Day of show entries may be taken up to 100 runs per trial per day.  
Groups must specify on the premium their day of show policy.

Entry forms must be submitted with the correct information including the Bunny Dash Registration number and valid payment.

It will be up to the group/clubs discretion concerning the refund of entry fees for competitors that withdraw any or all entries from a trial after the closing date.

Competitors who withdraw due to a bitch in season, or an injured dog must provide a veterinarian excuse to be refunded 50% of their entry fees. Clubs/Groups have the option to refund more than 50% for these circumstances if they so choose.

## Section 5                    DOG AGGRESSION

If any dog displays THREATENING OR MENACING BEHAVIOR toward any person or dog on the trial grounds (this includes, but is not limited to, leaving the course to confront another dog and/or person), the dog will be

- Excused from the course and immediately disqualified
- The dog must leave the trial grounds immediately with no refund of entry fees

Any dog, that in the opinion of the event committee, attacks a person or dog at a Bunny Dash Event, with or without injury, and is believed by that event committee to present a hazard to persons or other dogs, shall be disqualified, will be required to leave the trial site and no refunds of entry fees will be given

Dogs responding defensively to another dog's aggression should not be deemed aggressive. Dogs who growl or posture are not necessarily deemed aggressive.

All dogs sizes, breeds, and types are to be judged equally in terms of dog aggression. Breeds or breed types are not to be considered in any decision regarding dog aggression.

## Section 6                    MISCONDUCT

All participants and spectators at a Bunny Dash Event are expected to Act within the Code of Good Sportsmanship as outlined above. Fighting, Cheating, Loud Arguments, or disrespect towards spectators, competitors, Club/Host members, or trial committee members, may be grounds for Dismissal from a Bunny Dash Trial.

Misconduct cont:

The trial committee will review all complaints of all parties involved. Any Trial committee member who is one of the persons charged in any incident cannot act as a committee member or take part in any decision

An on-site decision will be made by the committee, regarding the incident. The committee must make a decision on whether to deny participation at the current event, and if accused must leave the trial grounds.

A written complaint will be made and sent to Bunny Dash for final decisions for future trials. Copies of Bunny Dash's final decision will be provided to the accused and must be retained by the trial committee. If a party is dismissed, no refunds will be issued.

## PART 5            JUDGING AND SCORING

### Section 1            SPEED CALCULATION AND POINTS

- The dog's time to complete the 40 yard dash is converted to MPH.
- Formula: 81.9 divided by Dog's Time

EX: Dog runs in 5.42 seconds  
81.9 divided by 5.42 = 15.11 mph

- Double Digit Dogs receive a 10 point handicap per trial.

## PART 6            BUNNY DASH TITLES AWARDS & RIBBONS

BUNNY DASH SUFFIX TITLES ARE AWARDED AT DESIGNATED POINT TOTAL MILESTONES:

- PETER = 200 points
- THUMPER = 600 points
- JACK = 1000 points
- ENYRGIZER = 1500 points
- RICKOSHAY = 2000 points
- POOH RABBIT = 2500 points
- BEANZ BUNNY = 3000 points
- BABE BUNNY = 3500 points

Qualifying ribbons will be awarded for each successful Bunny Dash run.

Qualifying ribbons should state BUNNY DASH with PASS on bottom. The qualifying ribbon should be orange in color, and not smaller than a 2"X8".