



Lower Levels Only Barn Hunt Trial

hosted by City Sniffers Rat Hunt Club

A Division of City Sniffers Dog Sports LLC

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 of all sizes, at least six months of age.

[CLICK HERE TO ENTER ONLINE via SECRETERRIER](#)

Entries Open 8/20/2026 ~ Close 10/7/2026

October 17-18, 2026

Saturday: 1 PM start (12:45 PM briefing)

Sunday: 9 AM start (8:45 AM briefing)

Location (do not send entries to this address!):

City Sniffers Chicago, 1802 W Berteau Ave, Unit 114-115, Chicago, IL 60613

2 trials offered each day in Instinct/Novice/Open levels only.

NEW: Double Entry per trial IS allowed – see next page for specifics.*

Move-ups allowed both trial to trial and day to day.

Entry Fees: Instinct (\$16), Novice (\$27), Open (\$27), Add \$5 per run for Late/DoS entries.

Online entry only – NO manual/mailed entries.

Judge:

Megan Renner, BHAJ-340A, Chicago, IL

Entries accepted ONLINE ONLY on a first come/first served basis. Initial email confirmations will be sent for all entries. Late and Day of Show (DoS) entries should enter online **before** traveling to the trial location. Runs added **during** the Day of Show will be accepted only up to judging limits. Final confirmation letters may not be sent for Day of Show entries. Limited to 4 hours of judging per day and a maximum run value.

Trial Chairperson/Secretary: Marjorie Thomas, trialsec@citysniffers.org, 773-232-0203 (phone only, no texts)

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are very important to any Barn Hunt Event. We want everyone to have a pleasant experience in Barn Hunt while at the same time running the event efficiently and smoothly. We will make sure that you have enough time to walk your dog before you run AND that you are instructed on how to do a job so that it is fun.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Dogs must have a Barn Hunt Association registration number: register for a \$34 per dog lifetime fee at <https://www.barnhunt.com/register.html>. Exhibitors are responsible for complete and accurate information on entry forms; incomplete or inaccurate entries cannot be processed. **Always check your confirmation!**

All entries must be accompanied by full entry fees to be valid. Entries are ONLINE ONLY: no mailed, phone, email, or drop-off entries.

Entry Limits & Wait List: Entry will be closed when judging limits are reached. Entries received after that point will be waitlisted. If any entries are withdrawn, waitlisted entries will be taken in the order received. Any prepaid waitlisted entry not accepted into the trial will be refunded.

Withdrawals & Refunds: Competitors who withdraw prior to the pre-entry closing date will receive a refund of all entry fees, minus any non-refundable credit card transaction fees (if applicable). Competitors who withdraw after the pre-entry closing date receive a refund only if the trial is full with a waitlist and a new entry replaces the withdrawn entry. Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog and/or owner/handler is absent or disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by action of the Event Committee. No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reasons of riots, civil disturbances, fire, acts of God, public emergency, an act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the Event Committee.

***Double Entry per Trial: What does it mean?**

Clubs can offer up to two Trials per day, meaning each class/level runs two times: Trial 1 and Trial 2. With the new Double Entry option, all dogs can now enter twice in each TRIAL, running up to 4 runs per day (excluding Games).

However, you cannot enter the same class/level twice in the same Trial, and your dog must actually be eligible to enter the classes/levels you choose. Due to this event's limitations to lower levels only, here is what is actually possible for this weekend (this means you can enter these levels up to twice per day, in Trial 1 and Trial 2 (max 4 runs per day).

Dogs that *not* yet earned a Novice title:

- Instinct only
- Novice A only
- Instinct & Novice A

Dogs that *have* earned a Novice title may enter:

- Novice B only
- Open A only
- Novice B & Open A

Dogs that *have* earned an Open title or above may enter:

- Novice B only
- Open B only
- Novice B & Open B

Class Running Order (same each day)

- Instinct T1
- Instinct T2
- Novice T1
- Novice T2
- Open T1
- Open T2

ENTER ONLINE HERE

SITE INFORMATION

Trial grounds will consist of the entire building and surrounding parking lots and sidewalks of the City Sniffers Chicago building @ 1802 W Berteau Ave. FIREARMS ARE NOT ALLOWED OUTSIDE OF YOUR CAR. Smoking and/or vaping are not allowed on trial grounds.

The ring & blind are inside a climate-controlled building with floors of rubber matting over concrete. The blind is a large area (200 sq ft+) separated from the rest of the room by 6' dividers. Up to six competitors per blind. There is limited indoor crating space; competitors may also crate out of their cars in designated parking areas.

The building will open one hour before judging start time and close one hour after the last dog runs.

Directions: From I 90-94, exit at Irving Park Rd and drive east. Turn left on Damen Ave and then right on Berteau Ave. Look for the big red brick building on the left just after the El tracks. The entrance to the City Sniffers space is the first set of double metal doors off the alley under the train tracks – please do NOT enter through the building's front door!

Parking: There is ample free parking both on the street along Berteau Ave and in the diagonal spaces that run along Ravenswood Ave. Competitors wishing to crate out of cars could also chose to pay for parking directly under the train tracks outside the entrance doors. **PLEASE REVIEW PARKING MAP TO BE SENT WITH FINAL CONFIRMATION.**

Dog exercise areas: Designated potty areas are the grassy areas on the streets around the building. Please pick up after your dog and dispose of waste in appropriate containers outside the building. Any exhibitor failing to follow these rules may be excused without benefit of refund if the Event Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement per BHA regulations.

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Check-in begins one hour before posted start time (see page 1 of this document); general & judge briefings held 15 minutes before posted start time. *Please check the event on Secreterrier to see if a particular day is full **before** considering DoS entry. Late/DoS entries must be submitted online via Secreterrier!

Further details will be emailed to all competitors after the trial closes and the actual number of entries in each class is known. Dogs will not run in any particular height order. Multiple dogs being handled by the same person will be separated into different blinds. Judge of Record and Event Official dogs may be judged prior to the official start time or as the first/last blind(s) of a Trial.

Barn Hunt LLC Rules can be obtained online in the form of a PDF file at <https://www.barnhunt.com/barnhuntrules.html>. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing the rules.

Collars and Leashes: Electronic collars, bark collars, head halters, uncovered prong collars, muzzles, and flexi/retractable leashes are not allowed on event grounds. Dogs may not be brought to the line in any disallowed collar – please consult

the rulebook. Dogs MUST run “naked,” without a collar/harness. Dogs should be brought to the ring with collars/harnesses that can be easily and quickly removed and replaced. All dogs must be on leash at all times except when in the ring; at no time can dogs be tied out or otherwise left attached to anything other than a human.

Bitches in Season (BiS): BIS are eligible for entry but will be required to be kept separately from all other dogs and will run with panties on in a separate blind at the end of any classes entered. Entry fees for bitches that come into season will be refunded if you wish to withdraw before the closing date. After the closing date, entry fees will not be refunded. If bringing a bitch in season, please inform the Trial Secretary prior to the trial and inform all exhibitors at the judge’s briefing. ***Remember your dog must wear panties at all times at the show site (except when being taken out to potty.)*** We will direct you to the BiS potty area, please come to the Trial Secretary’s table before unloading your dog.

Awards: Brown flat ribbons will be awarded for qualifying runs in all regular classes. Instinct Title ribbons will be awarded for a dog’s first qualifying Instinct run. Placement ribbons will be awarded for 1st thru 4th place, as required by the rulebook for A vs. B classes (see Competitor Rulebook, p 24-25). High in Class rosettes will be awarded to all A level classes; High in Class rosettes will also be awarded to the Novice B & Open B level classes IF there are ***at least three dogs*** that compete in the B class for that trial. New Title awards will be given to dogs with 3 qualifiers in Novice A or Open A and dogs with 10 qualifiers in Novice B or Open B. Specialty awards may also be offered at this event.

It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dog(s) and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dog(s) and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Event Committee, be asked to leave with no refund of any fees paid.

The safety of the dogs is our primary concern. 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.