



Presents

**Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Workshop & Instinct Evaluation**

AM – **Barn Ratting & Brush Hunt**

PM - **Artificial Terrier (Go to Ground)**

with Daniele Pichette

**Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Official RATS! Canada Sanctioned Trial**

AM – **Novice Brush Hunt**

PM – **Novice Barn Ratting**

(Adult, Puppy, Junior Handling, Veteran & FEO)

Judge Daniele Pichette

(Limited Entry 100 Dogs)

**Entries Close on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**By Mail: Send Entry Form with cheque to:**

Melissa Morse  
46 Cassandra Drive  
Dartmouth, NS  
B2W 6H5

**By Email: Send Entry Form with etransfer to:**

[membershipars@gmail.com](mailto:membershipars@gmail.com)

## Your Host



**Atlantic Rat Sports** is the Atlantic Division of RATS! Canada.

**RATS! Canada** is the Official Canadian organization for the sport of Barn Ratting, Brush Hunt and Artificial Terrier (Go to Ground)

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## **Trial & Workshop Location**

### **AQUA TERRA KENNELS**

**Flat Coated Retrievers, Boarding, Training and  
Canine Aquatic Sports**

**50 Ridge Rd.  
Upper Stewiacke, NS**

## Trial Information

Barn Ratting and Brush Hunt are open to any breed of dog or mixed breeds. Go to Ground is open to any breed or mixed breeds who can navigate a 10 X 10 wooden liner.

This sanctioned trial is held under *RATS! CANADA* rules and regulations. All events are *RATS! CANADA* recognized and approved. The rules and regulations will be available in this premium list. A copy will be available at the secretary's table for consultation during the event. All dogs must be kept in an x-pen, crate or on leash when not in the ring. Any dogs who have anxiety issues or environmental or specific trigger reactivity, **MUST** be managed appropriately, for the safety and emotional wellbeing of the reactive dog, and other dogs at the event. If special crating arrangements need to be made, it is your responsibility to inform the trial secretary prior to the event.

All dogs must be managed appropriately and with respect for all teams at the event. Do not allow your dogs to meet and greet other dogs without the handler's permission. Many dogs have special issues and therefore all dogs at the event should be assumed to need space from other dogs and people. Competitors who do not respect this request may be required to leave the event grounds. In such cases, no refund of fees will be paid.

## Entries and Closing Date

Entries must be received by **May 12, 2016**. No telephone or fax entries will be accepted.

Same Day Entries for Workshop & Instinct Evaluations on Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 providing there is space available Same Day Entries for Official RATS! Canada Sanctioned trial will be accepted **ONLY** if limited entry is not met

- Instinct Barn Ratting and Brush Hunt Titles may be earned at this trial, providing dog meets requirements of testing
- Only one leg toward the Novice level of Barn Ratting and Brush Hunt may be earned at this trial, providing dog meets requirements of testing

Any changes to entries, including cancellations, will be accepted until closing date. Changes must be made to the Secretary by e-mail, or in writing. Cancellations received after closing date will not be eligible for a refund of fees unless accompanied by a veterinary certificate.

## Check-In

### SATURDAY

**Check-in** for Workshop begins at 8:00 AM

**AM** - Workshop begins at 8:30 AM sharp – Instinct Evaluation to begin following workshop

**Lunch** 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

**Check-in** for Workshop Artificial Terrier (Go to Ground) 1:00 – 1:30PM

**PM** – Workshop at 1:30 PM sharp - – Instinct Evaluation to begin following workshop

### SUNDAY

**Check in** for Trial begins at 8:15 AM

**Judges Briefing** – 8:45 AM

**AM** - Trial – Brush Hunt begins at 9:00 AM sharp

**Lunch** 11:30pm – 12:15 PM

**Judges Briefing** – 12:15 PM

**AM Trial** – Brush Hunt at 12:30 PM sharp

**Score Compilation** – 3:00 pm

**AWARDS** – 3:15 – 3:30 pm ~ Closing Ceremony to follow

## Which Group do I put my dog into?

Dogs are organized by CKC Breed Group. Mixed breed dogs will be placed within breed group, that dog most resembles. Once you have chosen a breed group for your mixed breed dog, this group must remain the same, through-out your dog's competitive career, in order to track points and qualifying scores.

Group 1: Sporting Dogs (ex: Pointer, Retriever, Spaniel, Setter)

Group 2: Hounds (ex: Beagle, Dachshund, Whippet)

Group 3: Working (ex: Bernese Mountain Dog, Doberman, Portuguese Water)

Group 4: Terriers (ex: Jack Russell, Border, Fox, Skye, Welsh)

Group 5: Toys (ex: Chihuahua, Cavalier King Charles, Papillion, Yorkie)

Group 6: Non-Sporting (ex: Chow Chow, Dalmatian, Poodles (mini / standard)

Group 7: Herding (ex: Australian Shepherd, Cattle Dog, Border Collie, Belgians)

If you do not see your breed here, please go to <http://www.ckc.ca/en/Events/CKC-Breed-Standards>

Puppies must be at least 3 months of age

Unsanctioned classes, but awarded rosettes are Veterans Class offered to dogs 8 years old or older, and Junior Handling Class.

A dog that is running in a regular sanctioned Novice class and also in a Junior Handling class, or Veteran class, must run in the Novice class FIRST, otherwise the Novice run will not be counted toward a Qualifying score. Competitors must clearly indicate that their dog is running as a Novice dog and as a Junior Handling dog, when completing entrance form.

## Awards

Dogs will be judged in their specific group as determined by the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC). For the mix breeds, the owner chooses the most representative group depending on their dog's attributes. Once the owner has chosen a group for their mixed breed dog, this will be entered into our data-base, there-fore the dog must remain in this group for their remaining trial life with RATS! Canada, unless a Judge has deemed the group the dog has been placed in, unsuitable.

Top 3 dogs in every group and categories will be awarded placement rosettes.

Puppies will all be in the same group for placements.

Dogs that qualify will receive a Q ribbon for each Qualifying run.

### INSTINCT TITLES:

**IBRH** (Instinct Brush Hunt) - will be granted to novice dogs who qualify in one of their first two runs ever in Brush Hunt

**IBAR** (Instinct Barn Ratting) – will be granted to novice dogs who qualify in one of their first two runs ever in Barn Ratting

Puppies can earn the Instinct Title as well, but a Non-Qualifying run as a puppy, will not count as first novice run, in either discipline. A dog that titles as a puppy does not need to re-title in novice, and will retain bragging rights of earning an Instinct Title, as a pup!

Dogs earning the Instinct Title will receive a rosette mentioning if earned as a puppy or adult dog.

NOVICE TITLES:

**NBRH** (Novice Brush Hunt) – 3 Qualifying Legs to earn Title – 1 Qualifying Score = 1 Leg

**NBAR** (Novice Barn Rattling) – 3 Qualifying Legs to earn Title - 1 Qualifying Score = 1 Leg

Since this is Rats! Canada's first trial in Atlantic Canada and Atlantic Rat Sports is only offering 1 trial at this weekend event, Novice dogs will only have the opportunity to earn a maximum of 1 qualifying leg in each class (Barn Rattling and Brush Hunt).

**\*Please Note\*** A Novice title cannot be earned at this event, however a weekend trial (with 2 official sanctioned trials), are planned for the fall of 2016, in Nova Scotia, where dogs will have the opportunity to earn Title Rosettes.

Dogs will have the opportunity to earn Instinct titles at this (May 2016) trial.

There will be Rosettes and Special Prizes awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> fastest time and 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest in each discipline 😊

All Junior Handlers (younger than 18) will receive a participation rosette, however, the dog will be judged in its registered class.

If Veteran dogs are also competing for a Novice Leg as well as in the Veteran's class, the dog must run in the Novice run prior to their Veteran run.

**FEO = For Exhibition Only** – these are dogs who do not have a *RATS! Canada* ID #

FEO runs will be allowed in the Novice class, however, these dogs cannot earn Qualifying Legs, even if a Qualifying run has been performed.

Please Note: Running order will be based on group, then breed within the group, and finally by entry received. You will be given an arm band # at Check in. If you are not present when your number is called, you will be bumped to the end the running order, and you may lose your turn if you are not present the second time your number is called.

If you are running more than one dog, you will be scheduled with at least 3 dogs between your own dogs.

Adult dogs must search off leash in the securely enclosed, fenced area.

**No choke, prong, or electric collars are permitted in the building where the ARS event is being held. Basket muzzles may be used on a reactive dog.**



## **Rat Care and Safety**



**Atlantic Rat Sports Society** and RATS! Canada are committed to the humane and respectful treatment of all rats used, at all RATS! Canada events.

- Rats are rotated hourly or as applicable based on weather condition and other factors
- Rats are chosen and trained specifically for rat sports. Tubes are built for dog AND rat safety according to specific rat care rules
- Rats will not be harmed in any way during or at the end of the trial
- Rats used are all pet rats and they are returning home to be as cared for and loved as our dogs are cared for and loved
- Our rat keeper/parent is Jackie McGowan St. Croix and she is a member of the American Fancy Rat & Mouse Association - <http://www.afrma.org/>



**\*Please Note\*** – It is extremely important and your responsibility to remove your dog from the rat tubes as soon as the Judge requests you do so, casual or careless response in doing so, could lead to disqualification. Although we encourage our dog to scent, search and appropriately mark their find - excessive biting, pawing or shaking of rat tubes will not be tolerated and will lead to disqualification

**Please report to RATS! Canada any concerns or any unacceptable treatment you witness in any rat sport event, so they can investigate**

Danielle Pichette ~ [ratsportscanada@gmail.com](mailto:ratsportscanada@gmail.com)



## Housekeeping and General Rules of Trial

- Check in at registration desk. You will be given an arm band number and running order for your dog(s) breed Group
- Respect the site and facility (floors, décor, etc.) and clean up after yourself and your dog(s)
- Garbage cans and poop bags are provided
- Keep your dog(s) on a short leash (except in the enclosed ring)
- Do not allow your dog to approach another dog or crate. There may be some shy, fearful or reactive dogs attending these events
- No choke chains, prong, e-collars or flexi leashes permitted on site
- Do not crowd doors, entrances, stairs or the working area
- Crates are welcome in designated area(s), but excessive barking and whining can be distracting to the dogs who are working, please manage your dogs and help them deal with the environment, if they are finding it stressful or overtly arousing
- Keep dog play, toys and treats to yourself to avoid distraction
- Take your dog(s) outside to eliminate frequently - we understand that the working area smells like outside, but an empty bladder should help avoid eliminating in the ring
- Eliminating is not a disqualification, however, the clock keeps ticking, and you are responsible for clean-up and refocussing your dog
- Going over the time allotted will lead to disqualification
- Pay attention to the running order
- Wait near ringside for when your dog's name is called or in designated blind area as instructed for specific classes
- When it is your turn, follow the Judge's instruction and please remember the Judge's word is final
- Do not remove your dog's leash until the ring gate is closed
- In Barn Rattling Trials - it is your responsibility to let the Judge know when you think your dog has found the tube that contains the live rat – please call "rat!" clearly and raise your hand
- Do not touch your dog or the tube until instructed by the Judge to do so, however allowing your dog to continue to paw, bite, pick up or roll the tube once the Judge has indicated that you can remove your dog, will lead to elimination
- In Brush Hunt Trials - the Judge will indicate when s/he believes your dog has sufficiently marked their finding of the rat



## Brush Hunt Rules – Novice

Brush Hunt relies completely on your dog's ability to locate a live quarry. Brush hunts are usually held outside in a wooded or fallow fenced area. The size of the area is determined by the level of difficulty. The higher the level, the larger the area the dog must search

### Rules

- Only one tube containing a live rat is used for this event
- The tube must remain in the same position for every team
- The handler is told where the quarry (rat in tube), is before entering the ring
- The tube is totally out of sight, covered slightly in leaves, branches, straw or hay
- The Judge stops the timer when s/he considers that the dog has indicated, in a satisfactory fashion, the presence of the quarry (rat in tube)
- Two (2) minutes are allocated to find the quarry
- During the first 60 seconds the handler must remain in the designated 4x4 marked box, or mat.
- The handler must remain silent, if not you will be disqualified. Sounds are not tolerated (no clapping, whistling, etc.)
- The Judge will inform you when you may leave the designated area and join your dog
- For the next 20 seconds you may stand near the tube, but must still remain silent
- The Judge will inform you when you 20 seconds are up, and at this point, for the next 40 seconds you may give verbal encouragement and may point, however you will not Q
- Under no circumstances may the handler touch their dog or the tube. Doing so will result in an automatic disqualification
- Completing a run in less than 2 minutes is considered a "pass" and scores will be used for placement
- To earn a qualifying score (Q), however, the dog must locate the rat within the 80 seconds
- Qualifying in your first or second ever sanctioned novice brush hunt, entitles your dog to a Brush Hunting Instinct Title (IBRH)

### Qualifying Score (eligible for classification / ranking)

Your dog found and sufficiently marked the rat within **80 seconds**, without penalties

### Non-Qualifying Score (eligible for classification / ranking)

Your dog found and sufficiently marked the rat within **120 seconds**, including possible penalties

### Disqualification

You speak to your dog or Judge prior to time indicated to qualify, you touch your dog or the tube prior to you or the Judge calling "Rat!"

### Elimination

Can occur if your dog has not found, nor sufficiently marked the quarry within **120 seconds**, or if total time to find rat including possible penalties exceeds 120 seconds; can also occur if you identify two wrong tubes. You do not act as quickly as possible to retrieve your dog when the Judge indicates





## **Barn Ratting Rules – Novice**

Barn Search/Hunt requires good communication with your dog and their ability to discriminate between other odours and live animals. Barn Search/Hunts are held either indoors or outdoors. The land or building used is defined by fences or walls. Depending on the level of difficulty, many tubes may be used. These tubes can be empty, containing rats and/or rat litter. The size of the ring remains the same for all levels of competition. Tubes are hidden in bales of hay and must be in plain view of handler and the Judge at the Novice level. Tubes may be only partially visible at intermediate or advanced levels.

Handlers (up to 5 in queue) must remain behind a blind or in another room while rat tube is placed, or moved to another location

### **Rules**

- Teams are allocated two (2) minutes to locate quarry (rat in tube)
- The handler and the dog enter the ring together
- The handler can give one verbal cue and then must remain silent for the first 30 seconds while the dog hunts
- Any additional sound within the first 30 seconds (clapping, whistling or talking), will lead to disqualification
- For the first 30 seconds you can follow your dog, however you cannot physically, nor verbally steer your dog in any way, for if you do so, you will be disqualified
- The Judge will inform the handler when the 30 seconds are up and at this time the handler may encourage their dog and direct their dog verbally
- The handler is responsible for making the timer stop, by calling “Rat” to the Judge, when s/he believes their dog has found a rat
- Should the team be in error and identified a wrong tube, the timer will continue and 5 seconds will be added to the final time
- Touching the dog before the Judge has confirmed that the last rat tube is found or touching a tube that has not yet been identified will lead to an automatic disqualification
- Second indication of a wrong tube will lead to elimination
- Handlers may pet their dogs shortly after they have found a rat tube
- The tubes where the rats are hidden are switched around between every 5 participants
- To earn a qualifying score (Q), your run must be fault free
- Qualifying in your first or second ever run at a sanctioned Novice Barn Ratting trial will earn a Barn Hunting Instinct Title

### **Qualifying Score (eligible for classification/ranking)**

Your dog found the rat within **90 seconds**, without penalty

### **Non-qualifying Score (eligible for classification / ranking)**

Your dog found the rat within 120 seconds, including possible penalties

### **Disqualification**

You speak to your dog or Judge prior to time indicated to qualify, you touch your dog or the tube prior to you or the Judge calling “Rat!”

### **Elimination**

Can occur if your dog has not found the rat within 120 seconds or if the total time to find the rat including possible time penalties exceeds 120 seconds; can also occur if you identify two wrong tubes. You do not act as quickly as possible to retrieve your dog when the Judge indicates

## Notice to Competitors

Competitors, through submission of entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of RATS! Canada rules and regulations including but not limited to the following rules regarding entry:

- This trial is open to all dogs being at least 3 months of age
- This includes purebred and non-purebred dogs
- Dogs who display injury, illness or great discomfort will not be permitted to compete
- RATS! Canada is working hard toward a system to accept bitches in season, however, bitches in season will not be permitted to compete at this event – Full refund will be granted, even after closing date with a Veterinary certificate.
- Physically challenged dogs are allowed and encourage to compete – The dog must not show evidence of being in pain or discomfort
- Nature calls (for the dog) in the ring, are NOT a disqualifying matter, but the clock keeps running!
- Dogs are permitted to wear Belly-Bands at the handler's discretion
- Physically challenged owner/handlers are allowed – Physically challenged owner/handlers shall provide the Judge with a written description of how they intend to work with their dog – The modification must be approximate to the best of the handler's ability – The Judge must approve and initial the modifications and attach the written description to the score sheet
- All dogs must be registered with RATS! Canada to compete for qualifying legs and placements
- It is your responsibility to obtain a RATS! Canada Dog ID number, prior to the trial
- If you do not have a RATS! Canada Dog ID number, you may submit your request with your entry form
- Safety of dogs, humans and rats, shall always be of the foremost consideration at all times
- Handlers, through entry at the event, accept full responsibility for themselves and the management of their dogs
- The organizing committee may refuse any entry for any reason
- In addition, there shall be NO refund for entries withdrawn after the closing date or in the event a dog and/or handler are dismissed from competition, regardless of reason for such dismissal
- Please allow yourself adequate time to get to the trial location
- All dogs shall be presented at ringside in a flat buckle or snap collar, plain harness, or properly fitted martingale (limited slip). NO choke collars, prong or shock collars are allowed in the facility where the workshops, instinct testing, or trial is taking place
- Owners may choose to briefly pet or touch their dog as a reward, after the Judge has given okay, but no treats or accessories can be used in the ring
- Careless, excessive biting, pawing or shaking of rat tubes will lead to disqualification
- You MUST pick up after your dog and yourself

# Atlantic Rat Sports Entry Form

## DOG INFORMATION

Dog's Name:	
Date of Birth (or approx.):	RATS! Canda ID #
Breed (or approx.):	Breed Group:
Dogs must have a RATS! Canada # in order to earn qualifying scores. Please fill out ID form, pay fee, and put "pending" where ID # goes. Otherwise, enter as "For Exhibition Only"	
Is dog or handler physically challenged? (please circle) Dog: <b>Yes No</b> / Handler: <b>Yes No</b>	

## 2<sup>nd</sup> DOG INFORMATION

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Breed (or approx.):	Breed Group:
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Is dog or handler physically challenged? (please circle) Dog: <b>Yes No</b> / Handler: <b>Yes No</b>	

## OWNER/HANDLER INFORMATION

Name:	Handler: (if different)	Age: (if Junior)
Address:		
City:	Province:	Postal Code:
Phone:	Email Address:	

Lunch Sat (BBQ)	\$7.00	
Lunch Sun (Soup & Sandwiches)	\$7.00	
<b>Lunch Fee Total</b>		

Saturday May 28, 2016

**Workshops and Instinct Evaluations**

With Daniele Pichette

<b>AM</b>	Fee ARS Members		Fee Non-Members	
Barn Rattling & Brush Hunt Workshop	<b>\$25</b>		<b>\$30</b>	
Barn Rattling & Brush Hunt Instinct Evaluations	<b>\$10</b> per dog		<b>\$10</b> per dog	
	<b>\$5</b> every add dog		<b>\$5</b> every add dog	
<b>PM</b>	Fee ARS Members		Fee Non-Members	
Artificial Terriers (Go To Ground) Workshop	<b>\$15</b>		<b>\$20</b>	
Artificial Terriers Instinct Evaluation	<b>\$10</b> per dog		<b>\$10</b> per dog	
	<b>\$5</b> every add dog		<b>\$5</b> every add dog	
<b>Total Fee Saturday Entries</b>				



**Sunday May 29, 2016**

**Official Sanctioned RATS! Canada Trial**

<b>AM – Classes</b>	<b>Fee ARS Members</b>	<b>Dog 1</b>	<b>Dog 2</b>	<b>Fee Non-Members</b>	<b>Dog 1</b>	<b>Dog 2</b>
<b>BRUSH HUNT</b>						
Adult & Puppy	\$15.00			\$18.00		
<b>Non-Sanctioned Classes</b>						
Junior Handler	\$12.00			\$15.00		
Veteran (non sanctioned class)	\$12.00			\$15.00		
For Exhibition Only	\$12.00			\$15.00		
<b>PM – Classes</b>	<b>Fee ARS Members</b>			<b>Fee Non-Members</b>		
<b>BARN RATting</b>						
Adult & Puppy	\$15.00			\$18.00		
<b>Non-Sanctioned Classes</b>						
Junior Handler	\$12.00			\$15.00		
Veteran (non sanctioned class)	\$12.00			\$15.00		
For Exhibition Only	\$12.00			\$15.00		
<b>Sub-total both dogs</b>				<b>Sub-total both dogs</b>		
<b>Trial Fee -Total</b>				<b>Trial Fee Total</b>		

Sat Workshop/Instinct Title Fee Total	\$
Lunch Fee Total	\$
Sun Trial Fee Total	\$
<b>Total</b>	\$

## General Agreement / Waiver

**The entry is not valid unless accompanied by the waiver which has been completed, signed, and dated. In order to be valid, entries must also be received with correct fees by the closing date May 12, 2016**

I (we) agree that Aqua Terra Kennels (the hosting facility, Atlantic Rat Sports Society (the hosting club), and/or RATS! Canada has the right to refuse this entry for any cause, which the organizing committee alone shall deem to be sufficient.

In consideration of the acceptance of the entry, of the holding of the event, and of the opportunity to have the dog participate and/or to be Judges, I (we) agree to hold the organizing committee, the hosting club, including their members, executive, directors, agents, RATS! Canada, sponsors of the event, and the owners of the premises upon which the event is held and their employees, harmless from any claim for loss or injury that may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the event premises or grounds, or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim.

I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for the loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for the damage or injury to the dog whether such loss, disappearance, appearance, theft, damage or injury s/he caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes.

I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless for any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reasons of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for the damage because of bodily injuries, including death resulting at any time therefore, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damages to property arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, howsoever such injuries/death or damage to property may be or may have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents or any other persons.

I (we) further acknowledge that I (we) have read, understand, and will abide by the Official RATS! Canada Rules and Regulations and the provisions for entry as set forth in the Schedule of which this entry form is a part. I (we) acknowledge and represent that the information supplied by me (us) herein is correct the best of my (our) knowledge; if any portion of this information is found to be invalid or insufficient to establish the validity of my (our) entry, such finding shall render my (our) entry invalid in its entirety, for which there shall be no refund of fee paid. Further, I (we) represent that I am (we are) the owner(s) of the dog(s) listed hereon, or that I (we) am (are) a family member of the dog(s) owner as stated and allowed in the RATS! Canada rules, and that, I (we) hold the hosting club and RATS! Canada, including their executive, directors, employees and agents and their sponsors, harmless from any liability or claim made by dog's owner.

Further I (we) hereby release RATS! Canada, the hosting club, their representatives, agents, and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of the privacy, right of personality or and similar right. All video, broadcast, and telecast rights for this event are the exclusive of the trial host(s).

Handler Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dog(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

RATS! CANADA Dog ID #(s): \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian signature for Junior Handler or minor entries:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## VOLUNTEERING!

Pretty much all the rat sports volunteers that will attend the Atlantic Rat Sports 1<sup>st</sup> RATS! Canada trial, workshop and Fun Run are also competitors.

We would like to gather as many volunteers as possible so the task of running a weekend event runs smoothly and is made easier by teamwork.

We would like to double book every position so you can all switch if you are running more than one dog during the time block you are volunteering.

<b>Registration Desk</b> Welcome competitors, tick their name on the list, hand them their trial packages	<u>Sat 8am</u>	<u>Sun 8:15am</u>
<b>Gate Manager</b> Greet competitors at the gate, tick their name in the binder, take their scoring sheet and hand it to the judge	<u>Sat</u>	<u>Sun</u>
<b>Score Compilation</b> Pick filled scoring sheet from the gate manager, enter times from scoring sheet in the correct category, add barn and brush hunt times if applicable	<u>Sat</u>	<u>Sun</u>
<b>Rat Wrangler</b> HANDLING LIVE RATS (in case you were wondering), Ensure rats are rotated often enough, make sure stand-by rats are safe and comfortable as well as tube rats. Also help with litter filled tubes.	<u>Sat</u>	<u>Sun</u>
<b>Awards</b> Assist the judge in handling the awards at the end an event	<u>Sat</u>	<u>Sun</u>

**THANK YOU SO MUCH. YOUR HELP WILL BE REWARDED!!!**





# RATS! Canada

## Dog ID # Registration Form

*Canine Lifetime Membership*

**\$25.** (tax incl.)

### Owner/Handler Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Dog Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (if not known, best guess): M/D/Y \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: **M Mn** or **F Fs**

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ or Mixed Breeds: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed Group: \_\_\_\_\_ or Most Resembles: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Dogs will be judged in their specific group as determined by the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC). For the mix breeds, the owner chooses the most representative group depending on their dog's attributes. Group 1: Sporting Dogs (ex: Pointer, Retriever, Spaniel, Setter) - Group 2: Hounds (ex: Beagle, Dachshund, Whippet) - Group 3: Working (ex: Bernese Mountain Dog, Doberman) - Group 4: Terriers (ex: Jack Russell, Border, Fox, Skye, Welsh) - Group 5: Toys (ex: Chihuahua, Cavalier King Charles, Yorkie) - Group 6: Non-Sporting (ex: Chow Chow, Dalmatian, Poodles) - Group 7: Herding (ex: Aussies, Cattle Dog, Border Collie, Belgians)

Make cheque payable to DANIELE PICHETTE with mention of RATS CANADA DOG ID on the information line of the cheque. Info and question please contact Daniele @ [ratscanadasports@gmail.com](mailto:ratscanadasports@gmail.com)

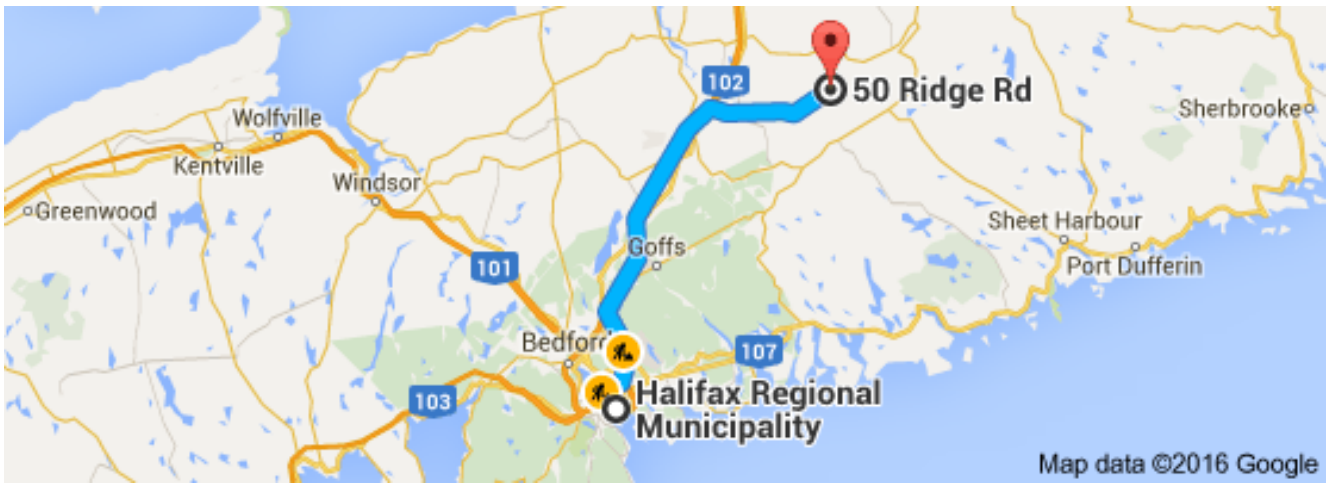
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