

Moncton Rat Sports



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TWO Official *RATS! Canada* Sanctioned Trials

Saturday, June 4, 2022

TRIAL 1: Barn Rattng, Brush Hunt, and Go to Ground Trial (**ALL LEVELS**)

TRIAL 2: Barn Rattng, Brush Hunt, and Go to Ground Trial (**ALL LEVELS**)

Entries Close Sunday, May 29, 2022

Moncton Rat Sports is the New Brunswick Division of *RATS! Canada*

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

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Judges:

Lisa Green (NB), monctonratsports@gmail.com (**Head Judge**)

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Your Host:

PJ's Canine Club

(dirt floor, indoor arena facility)

Directions to PJ's Canine Club:

GPS: 3420 Route 890, Hillgrove, NB (Sometimes shows up as "Salisbury")

From NS/PEI/Moncton:

- Take the Trans Canada Highway towards Fredericton
- Take the Highway 1 exit to Saint John/Petitcodiac/Sussex
- Take first off-ramp exit to Petitcodiac/River Glade (Highway 106), turn right towards Petitcodiac
- Turn right onto Route 885 (Kent)
- Turn left onto Route 890 (towards Cornhill)
- Stay **LEFT** on Route 890 and go up the hill (towards Cornhill)
- Near the top of the hill, house #3420 will be on your right

From Fredericton:

- Take the Trans Canada Highway towards Moncton
- Take the Highway 1 exit to Saint John/Petitcodiac/Sussex
- Stay in that lane and take first off-ramp exit to Petitcodiac/River Glade (Highway 106), turn right towards Petitcodiac
- Turn right onto Route 885 (Kent)
- Turn left onto Route 890 (towards Cornhill)
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From Saint John:

- Take NB Highway 1 towards Moncton
- Take the exit to Petitcodiac (Exit 233/Highway 106)
- After the gas stations, turn right (still on 106)
- Turn left onto Route 885 (Kent)
- Turn left onto Route 890 (towards Cornhill)
- Stay **LEFT** on Route 890 and go up the hill (towards Cornhill)
- Near the top of the hill, house #3420 will be on your right

TRIAL PROTOCOLS

- You will have a Session No. assigned to you that will correlate with a 60-minute time-slot that you will be competing in. You will receive this a week or two before the trial date.
- Running Orders will be emailed out a night or two prior to your event
- Please do not arrive more than 15 minutes prior to your Session's start
- Groups will be limited to 15-20 dogs
- Spectators might not be allowed. We will let you know the week before the trial
- Competitors will have to wait outside the building until it is their turn
- Crating will need to be from your vehicle
- Poop bags will not be available on site, so please bring your own
- Competitors will enter the building one by one to complete both their Barn Rattling, Brush Hunt, and Go to Ground (if applicable) runs. They will be told by the Judge(s) if they have achieved any Qualifying Scores or Titles, and they will be able to pick up those ribbons on their way out of the building. They are then free to leave if they wish
- Competitors are asked to only attend for the time-slot when they are scheduled to run their own dogs
- Placement ribbons will be mailed out following the trial
- There will be no in-person Award presentation ☹️
- **Move-ups will be allowed from Trial 1 to Trial 2, if you have a previously registered spot in Trial 2**
- Please follow the instructions of the facility host re: Running Order protocols
- Please use hand sanitizers provided at entrances/exits
- Please use Sanitizing Wipes in bathroom to wipe down taps and handles before exiting
- You will be sent a confirmation email in the week prior to the event that will contain additional details
- If you cannot attend due to Covid restrictions, illness, or symptoms, or because you have been instructed to isolate, you will be issued a full refund/credit towards your next trial
- Covid protocols are subject to change

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 of dog who measures 15" or less at the withers.

This sanctioned trial is held under *RATS! Canada* rules and regulations. All events are *RATS! Canada* recognized and approved. The rules and regulations are available on the *RATS! Canada* website. 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 judges 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

ALL entries/payments must be received by Sunday, May 29, 2022. No telephone or fax entries will be accepted. Same-day and Before-day entries will be accepted on a case-by-case basis. Payments are made via etransfer to monctonratsports@gmail.com.

Qualifying Ribbons and Instinct Titles may be earned at both trials. Move-ups will be allowed will be allowed in from Trial 1 to Trial 2.

Any changes to entries, including cancellations, will be accepted until closing date. Changes must be made via email at monctonratsports@gmail.com. Cancellations received after closing date will not be eligible for a refund of fees unless accompanied by a veterinary certificate, or if it is due to COVID-related circumstances.

SCHEDULE:

RAT 'n' RUN FORMAT:

Dogs will do their Barn Ratting, Brush Hunt, and Go to Ground (if applicable) runs back-to-back, unless they are at different levels. Registration is via Google Forms at <https://forms.gle/U4R9C9abip4ViDQr6> Runs are \$20 each.

(Team Relay runs will be done at the beginning of Trial 1, and the end of Trial 2)

Dog/handler teams will be given a one-hour time block (in groups of 15-20) to attend and run their dog(s)

TRIAL 1 SCHEDULE:

- SESSION 1 9:00-10:00AM, Teams 1-20
- SESSION 2 10:00-11:00AM, Teams 21-40
- SESSION 3 11:00-12:00PM, Teams 41-60
- SESSION 4 12:00-1:00PM, Teams 61-80

(Schedule will be Team Relay, Champion, Masters, Advanced, Novice)

TRIAL 2 SCHEDULE:

- SESSION 5 2:00-3:00PM, Teams 1-20
- SESSION 6 3:00-4:00PM, Teams 21-40
- SESSION 7 4:00-5:00PM, Teams 41-60
- SESSION 8 5:00-6:00PM, Teams 61-80

(Schedule will be Novice, Advanced, Masters, Champion, Team Relay)

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

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 database, therefore 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 ribbons (to be mailed).

Dogs that qualify will receive a Q rosette for each Qualifying run, and a Title Award if they achieve a Title in either trial.

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.

TITLES

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
NGtG (Novice Go to Ground) – 3 Qualifying Legs to earn Title – 1 Qualifying Score = 1 Leg

Advanced Titles:

ABRH (Advanced Brush Hunt) – 4 Qualifying legs to earn title – 1 Qualifying Score = 1 Leg
ABAR (Advanced Barn Rattling) – 4 Qualifying legs to earn title – 1 Qualifying Score = 1 Leg
AGtG (Advanced Go to Ground) – 4 Qualifying Legs to earn Title – 1 Qualifying Score = 1 Leg

Masters Titles:

MBRH (Masters Brush Hunt) – 5 Qualifying legs to earn title – 1 Qualifying Score = 1 Leg
MBAR (Masters Barn Rattling) – 5 Qualifying legs to earn title – 1 Qualifying Score = 1 Leg
MGtG (Masters Go to Ground) – 5 Qualifying Legs to earn Title – 1 Qualifying Score = 1 Leg

Champion Titles:

ChBRH (Champion Brush Hunt) – 7 Qualifying legs to earn title – 1 Qualifying Score = 1 Leg
ChBAR (Champion Barn Rattling) – 7 Qualifying legs to earn title – 1 Qualifying Score = 1 Leg
ChGtG (Champion Go to Ground) – 7 Qualifying Legs to earn Title – 1 Qualifying Score = 1 Leg

INSTINCT TITLES:

Dogs will have the opportunity to earn Instinct titles at this trial, providing they meet the proper qualifications.

IBRH (Instinct Brush Hunt) – Earned by qualifying in your first or second ever sanctioned Brush Hunt trial
IBAR (Instinct Barn Rattling) – Earned by qualifying in your first or second ever sanctioned Barn Rattling trial
IGtG (Instinct Go to Ground) – Earned by qualifying in your first or second ever sanctioned Go to Ground trial

Puppies can earn the Instinct Title as well. A dog that titles as a puppy does not need to re-title in novice, and they will retain bragging rights of earning an Instinct Title as a pup!

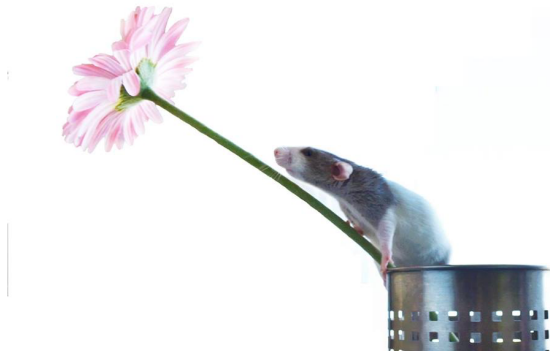
(NOTE: A Non-Qualifying run as a puppy will not count as first novice run in any discipline)

Running order will be randomized and not separated by Group, in order to accommodate those running multiple dogs. If you are not present when your name 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 name is called. If you are running more than one dog, we will do our best to schedule at least 2-3 other dogs in between.

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 Moncton Rat Sports event is being held. Basket muzzles may be used on a reactive dog. Head Halters are permitted as well as Martingale Collars.

Rat Care and Safety



Moncton 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
- Rat Keepers/Parents are Lisa Green and Janice Aubé



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.

Any person/dog disturbing the rats at rest will be disqualified. When rats are not working they are to be left to relax, you are not permitted to take your dog up to their cage to smell them. You will be immediately disqualified.

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

Marie-Claire Guindon ~ ratscanadadogsports@gmail.com



Housekeeping and General Rules of Trial

- Do not arrive more than 15 minutes before your Session time slot
- Running Orders will be emailed the night before the trial. Check the running order for your dog.
- Respect the site and facility and clean up after yourself and your dog(s).
- Garbage cans are provided
- Keep your dog(s) on a short leash (except in the enclosed ring)
- Do not purposely allow your dog to approach other dogs or crates, as there may be some shy, fearful, or reactive dogs attending these events
- No choke chains, prong, e-collars, or flexi-leashes permitted in arena
- Do not crowd doors, entrances, or the working area
- Keep dog play, toys, and treats to yourself to avoid distraction
- Take your dog(s) away from entrances and exits to eliminate - we understand that the working area smells like outside, but an empty bladder should help avoid eliminating in the ring
- *****NEW***** Eliminating in the ring **is a disqualification** (unless dog is wearing a diaper that keeps urine or feces contained within it)
- Going over the time allotted will lead to disqualification
- Pay attention to the running order
- You will be instructed when you arrive how entering/exiting will be done
- When it is your turn, follow the Judges' instruction and please remember the Judges' 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
- 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 she believes your dog has sufficiently marked their finding of the rat

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:

- It is your responsibility to obtain a *RATS! Canada* Dog ID number prior to the trial. Applications can be found at <https://www.ratscanadadogsports.com/register.html>
- This trial is open to ALL DOGS being at least 3 months of age
- Dogs who display injury, illness, or great discomfort will not be permitted to compete
- *RATS! Canada* has left the decision with individual clubs on whether to accept bitches in season, we will allow bitches in season; however, your dog MUST wear panties to contain her scent when she is in the ring so as not to distract the other working dogs. Please advise the host if your bitch will be in heat, and we will adjust the Running Order accordingly
- Physically challenged dogs are allowed and encourage to compete. The dog must not show evidence of being in pain or discomfort.
- *****NEW***** Nature calls (for the dog) in the ring **ARE** a disqualifying matter!
- Dogs are permitted to wear belly-bands and diapers at the handler's discretion and encouraged if you know your dog is a repeat offender.
- 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 appropriate 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
- 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
- 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
- You MUST pick up after your dog and yourself

**YOUR HELP IS APPRECIATED!!! VOLUNTEERS AT MRS EVENTS EARN CREDITS
TOWARDS ANY ACTIVITY HOSTED BY PJ'S CANINE CLUB, SO PLEASE CONTACT JANICE
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT 😊**

