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*Thank you!*

*RMR*

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**Thursday January 18 – Sunday January 21, 2024  
(Two Sanctioned Trials Each Day)**

**@ Matrix Dog, LLC**

13720 Deere Court, Mead CO 80504

Indoors! Fully Matted! Cooled & Heated!

**\*Please see the end of the premium for important information on how to find us.\***

**Judge:** Shelley Ingram (BHAJ-227A, Yellowknife NT)

*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.

**Trial Opening Date:** Dec 5, 2023. Entries received before this date will be destroyed.

**Pre-Entry Closing Date:** Jan 2, 2024 or when entry limits are reached.

**\*\*Late & day of show entries will be accepted for an additional fee if space allows.\*\* Late and Day of Show entries are not a guaranteed entry and will be accepted only up to judging limits. Confirmations will not be sent for late entries.**

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

### **ENTRY LIMIT:**

Weeknights will be limited to approximately 5 hours of judging. Otherwise, until the 260 Maximum Run Value (see BHA club rulebook) per judge limit is reached or per current BHA rules in effect. Judges are limited to 8 hours of judging and a maximum run value, which will require this Club to limit entries accordingly.

### **CLASSES OFFERED:**

Instinct, Novice, Open, Senior, Master, Crazy 8's. C8 will be one per day on weekdays and two per day on weekends. A&B Classes where applicable. 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.

**\* NEW: Competitors may enter more than one class type per Event (e.g. Open B on Saturday and Senior A on Sunday).**

### **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](mailto:Jen@RockyMountainRatters.com).

\*During the event if you title, you can move up to the next class for the next trial, except on the last day due to the running order. Move-ups must be submitted before the next class starts.

**\* NEW: Competitors can move down to a lower level on a following day of trials. You must let the Trial Secretary know before the end of the trial day (or sooner) for the next day.**

### **BLIND INFORMATION:**

Blind will be at least 200 square feet, located at least 15' away from the ring.

Instinct/Novice/Open will be blinds of up to 6 dogs. Senior & C8's will be blinds of up to 5.

Master will be blinds of 4-5.

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

Thurs eve: Instinct1&2, Novice1&2, Open1&2, C81, Senior1&2, Master1&2

Fri eve: Instinct1&2, Novice1&2, Open1&2, C81, Senior1&2, Master1&2

Sat daytime: Instinct1&2, Novice1&2, Open1&2, C81, Senior1&2, Master1&2, C82

Sun daytime: C81, Master 1&2, Senior 1&2, C82, Open 1&2, Instinct 1&2, Novice 1&2

**Based on entries, we may have two rings but they will not run at the same time.**

**FEES: Pre-Entry (received on/before 1/2):** \$5 Instinct Runs! \$25 N/O/S/M/C8's.

**Late Entry & Day Of (received after 1/2):** \$10 Instinct. \$30 N/O/S/M/C8s.

Day of Entries must be submitted prior to the start of the class. If you are in the first class, COME EARLIER! We need time to get you in the computer and cannot hold the start of the trials. CHECK THE WELCOME LETTER FOR CONFIRMED START TIMES.

**HALF PRICE Entries for Junior Handlers (under 18 at the time of the trials)! \*Please note on entry form if Junior Handler, include age. Must enter via paper form. No credits/refunds for handler changes after pre-entry closing. Additional fees will be due if dog is not run by a junior handler.**

Checks Payable To: **Rocky Mountain Ratters**

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

ONLINE ENTRY AVAILABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE AT [www.RockyMountainRatters.com](http://www.RockyMountainRatters.com)

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 official online entry via the [www.RockyMountainRatters.com](http://www.RockyMountainRatters.com) website. Maximum of 10 dog entries per envelope. For day-of-show entries please bring cash or check along with a completed entry form.

**Trial Chair/Secretary:** Jen Giacchi

Address: 13120 Raritan St, Westminster CO 80234

Email: [Entries@RockyMountainRatters.com](mailto:Entries@RockyMountainRatters.com) Cell: 720-523-3647 (Matrix Dog, LLC)

Trial Committee: Jennifer Giacchi, Natalie Nelson-Lang, Judy Katz, Joe Aden, Summer Aden, Lindy Phillips, Kathy Bourland, Noelle Hufnagel, Carol Henning, Jackie Harris, Katelyn Spooner

**PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE: (check the welcome letter for confirmed times)**

**Thurs/Fri:** Building will open at 5pm, Briefing at 5:30pm, Trials to follow.

**Sat:** Building to open around 10am, Briefing at 10:30am, Trials to follow.

**Sun:** Building to open around 9am, Briefing at 9:30am, Trials to follow.

**CHECK THE WELCOME LETTER FOR CONFIRMED TIMES!! This is an estimate!**

Building will close no sooner than 30 minutes after the last dog of the day has run.

Judge of Record and Event Official dogs may be judged prior to the official start time or as the first blind(s) of the Event.

**TRIAL GROUNDS:**

Barn Hunt grounds consist of the Matrix Dog training & event building.

There is an indoor restroom at the site.

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

**The trial will be held indoors, on matted concrete.** There is heating and cooling in the building but please dress appropriately for the outside weather. Please feel free to bring fans, power strips, extension cords, etc.

**HEIGHT DIVISIONS:**

- Dogs 15" and under - Small
- Dogs 15.1 to 22" - Medium
- Dogs over 22" - Large

**VOLUNTEERS:**

We need your help! A Volunteer Sign-Up sheet will be 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](http://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 MUST BE LOCKED SHORT AROUND OTHER DOGS/PEOPLE.**

**Per BHA rules:** bark collars (including citronella, etc), head halters, uncovered prongs and muzzles 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.** Please see page 9 section 13 of the competitor rulebook for further information regarding collars and leashes.

**FOOD:**

There are numerous restaurants within 10 minutes of the trial. See welcome letter for more information.

**CRATING:**

There will be crating space available inside the building but please make sure your crate is secure as the dogs may be highly excited. Disruptive dogs will have to be crated outside of the covered 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.

**IMPORTANT: Only soft or metal crates are allowed - no x-pens. All crates MUST have a tarp/blanket/towel/mat underneath them, between the crate and the matted flooring. Please be careful about water/food/etc spillage on the mats.**

**BITCHES IN SEASON:**

**Bitches in season are eligible to compete but will be required to be kept separate from all other dogs. They will be run at the end of their class/trial and must wear pants.** If bringing a bitch in season, you must 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. You must pull in writing (email or in person).

Any entries pulled after pre-entry closing will only be given a credit in the form of a voucher (minus a \$10 administrative fee per day) if there is:

- a) an entry on the waitlist that can take your spot (\*refund issued minus admin fee)
- b) an injury to the entered dog, in which case a veterinary note may be required
- c) a death or hospitalization of an immediate family member, in which case a doctor's note may be required
- d) an emergency weather declaration (i.e. road closure due to weather, national weather emergency)

**You must pull in writing (email or in person) before 7 am on the day of the trial.**

If you wish to re-enter another day with your voucher you will pay the current entry fee rate.

**TREAT VOUCHERS LIKE CASH. THEY WILL NOT BE REPLACED IF LOST.**

Entry fees will not be refunded/credited in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused or barred from competition by action of the Trial Committee or BHA.

Entry fees will not be refunded/credited in the event that a handler is ill or injured.

Entry fees will not be refunded/credited for bitches in season as they are eligible to compete.

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/credit of entry fees due to this will be made at our discretion.

## RV CAMPING & PET FRIENDLY HOTELS:

There is NO camping allowed on site. There are two RV parks within 15 minutes from the trial site.

Visit [www.MatrixDog.com](http://www.MatrixDog.com) and click on the "Nearby Accommodations" link for information on local places to stay!

## IMPORTANT DIRECTIONS TO TRIAL SITE:

**Matrix Dog, LLC:** 13720 Deere Court, Mead, CO 80504

**From I-25 turn East onto Hwy 66. About .5 miles I-25 turn South onto Deere Court. Matrix is the last building on the left, and the middle unit. DO NOT park directly in front of the other units or block the garage bay doors.** You can pull up to the building to unload and then parallel park on the dirt off Deere Court or along the back fence. After 5:30pm during the week and all day Saturday and Sunday the neighboring businesses in the building are closed and you can park in those spots.

Call 720-523-3647 with questions.

Visit [www.MatrixDog.com/location](http://www.MatrixDog.com/location) for more information and a map.

## 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 A, Open A, Senior A, Master A, and Master B classes.

HIC rosettes will be awarded for Novice A, Open A, Senior A, Master A, and Master B classes.

Placement ribbons will be awarded to first through fourth place across all height divisions for Novice B, Open B, and Senior B classes.

C8 "Perfect Score", "Bonus" and "Super Bonus" ribbons will be available.

Perfect Event ribbons! Enter and qualify in all regular classes offered. For example, if there are eight trials offered, you'd need to enter all eight trials in your respective regular class level (Novice/Open/Senior/Master) and qualify in all eight.

Title ribbons will be available for all regular classes. For RATS and above, we will personalize your title ribbon!

Ribbons and labels must be taken on or before the last day of the trial (other than ribbons being personalized). Forgotten ribbons/labels will not be mailed.

Additional special awards may be offered at this event as well.



## Rocky Mountain Ratters Licensed Barn Hunt Trials

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

**ALL FIELDS BELOW ARE REQUIRED. WRITE LEGIBLY!**

Event Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle One: **A** or **B** Level Classes  
(If nothing is circled we will presume you are entering A classes.)

Pre-Entry Fees (received on/before day of pre-entry closing): \$5 for Instinct. \$25 for each Novice, Open, Senior, Master, Crazy 8's run.

Late Entry & Day Of Show Fees (received after pre-entry closing): \$10 for Instinct. \$30 for each Novice, Open, Senior, Master, Crazy 8's run.

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

**DO NOT MAIL ENTRIES DIRECTLY TO MATRIX DOG**

I enclose entry fees in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

\*BHA Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Full Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Actual Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Height Class:  S (15" and under)  M (15.1" to 22")  L (over 22")

Actual Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand no xpens are allowed in the building and that all soft/wire crates must have a blanket/tarp/towel/pad underneath them between the crate and the matting.

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

I understand that it is my responsibility to read the BHA rulebook and know the BHA rules before competing.

I understand that if my entry will be RECEIVED after the pre-entry closing date (see premium), that I am responsible for paying the late entry fee rate.

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, 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. TRIAL INFO & RESULTS ARE SENT VIA EMAIL. WRITE YOUR EMAIL CLEARLY.**