



**Thursday December 8, 2016 - One EVENING Trial**  
**Friday December 9, 2016: Two Trials**  
**Saturday December 10, 2016: Two Trials**  
**Sunday December 11, 2016: Two Trials**

**@ Matrix Dog, LLC**  
2870 Industrial Lane, Broomfield CO 80020  
Indoors on mats!

**Judge:** LeeAnn Smebak (BHAJ-168A) Johnson Creek WI

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.

**Opening Date:** Now.

**Closing Date:** Monday Nov 28, 2016 or when entry limits are reached.

**ENTRY LIMIT:**

Thursday Evening limited to approximately 60 runs or 4 hours per judge.  
All other days 120 runs or until the 8 hour per judge limit is reached.

**CLASSES OFFERED:**

Instinct, Novice, Open, Senior, Master, Crazy 8's  
Dogs may enter both the Instinct Test and Novice class in the same Test until the dog has earned the RATN title and then they cannot enter the Instinct Test any longer.

**MOVE UPS:**

From another event can be made up until 24 hours prior to the start of the trial. Please email Jen@RockyMountainRatters.com.

During the event are allowed between trials but must be submitted to Trial Secretary within 30 minutes of the conclusion of your class.

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

Thursday Evening: Crazy 8's, Master, Senior, Open, Instinct, Novice

Friday - Saturday - Sunday:

Trial One: Instinct, Novice, Open, Crazy 8's, Senior, Master

Trial Two: Senior, Master, Open, Novice

**FEES:**

**\$15 for Instinct, \$20 for Novice, Open, Senior, Master. \$20 for Crazy 8's.**  
**Enter one dog for all 7 trials (not including Instinct or Crazy 8's) for \$130!**  
(Move-ups allowed if you title!)

Checks Payable To: **Rocky Mountain Ratters**

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

Online entry at [www.MatrixDog.com](http://www.MatrixDog.com)

All entries must be accompanied by 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. Maximum of 10 dog entries per envelope.

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

**Trial Chair/Secretary:** Jen Giacchi

Address: 13120 Raritan St, Westminster CO 80234

Email: Jen@RockyMountainRatters.com

Cell: 720-523-3647 (Matrix Dog, LLC)

**PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE:**

Thursday:

Building to open around 3pm for set up.

Briefing at 4pm.

Trial One to follow briefing.

Estimated finish time around 9pm.

Friday & Saturday:

Building to open around 8am for set up.

Briefing at 8:45am.

Trial One to follow briefing.

Lunch break TBD.

Trial Two to start no earlier than 1pm.

Sunday:

Building to open around 7am for set up.

Briefing at 7:45am.

Trial One to follow briefing.

Lunch break TBD.

Trial Two to start no earlier than 12noon.

**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, Open, Senior, and Master classes.

**HEIGHT DIVISIONS:**

- Dogs 13" and under - Small
- Dogs 13.1 to 18" - Medium
- Dogs over 18" - 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). We will have raffles and other fun things for volunteers!

**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 ARE NOT PERMITTED INSIDE ANY BUILDINGS.** Electronic collars, bark collars, and head halters 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/slipleads which can be easily and quickly removed and replaced.** Prong collars are not allowed in the ring.

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 with tarps.** There is heating and cooling in the building but please dress appropriately for the outside weather. The cooling system is via an industrial swamp cooler. It can still get hot in the building! Please bring lots of fans, power strips, and extension cords.

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.

**Bitches in season are eligible to compete but will be required to be kept separate from all other dogs and will be run at the end of their class/trial and must wear pants.** If bringing a bitch in season, please inform the trial secretary prior to the trial and inform all exhibitors at the judge's briefing.

No refunds allowed after closing, except in the case of injured dogs which can request a refund minus a \$5 administrative fee. A veterinary note may be required. **Requests for refunds must be made before 7am on the day of the trial.** Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused or barred from competition by action of the Event Committee.

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

Please bring adequate water for you and your dogs. The brewery serves beer and now has a kitchen serving pizza and salads! There are also numerous fast food restaurants within 10 minutes of the trial. There are indoor restrooms at the site.

**IMPORTANT:** Only soft or metal crates are allowed - no x-pens. If the weather is nice, you can crate out of your car. 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.

#### **RV CAMPING:**

Dry camping for RVs is available on site. There are no hook-ups (unfortunately, yes, this also means no electric). It's just a huge parking lot. :)

Permits will be issued – please email [Jen@MatrixDog.com](mailto:Jen@MatrixDog.com) to reserve your space.

We are in an industrial area and back up to the highway (check out the satellite imagery for the address). There is a retaining wall between the parking lot and the highway but it's pretty desolate at night and there is a lot of road noise from the highway. Parking is at your own risk.

#### **IMPORTANT DIRECTIONS TO TRIAL SITE:**

**Matrix Dog, LLC:** 2780 Industrial Lane, Broomfield, Colorado 80020

IMPORTANT: Some map programs take you to the NORTH side of the street, but we are in fact on the SOUTH side of the street. Use “2750 Industrial Lane” for the address or look for the “Nighthawk Brewery” signs.

**Drive around to the back of the building (the side where you can see Hwy 36). We are on the southwest corner of the building, there are stairs leading up to our door right under the back “Nighthawk Brewery” sign.**

Call 720-523-3647 with questions. Visit [www.MatrixDog.com/location](http://www.MatrixDog.com/location) for more information and a map.

#### **PET FRIENDLY HOTELS:**

*(Please verify current pet policies with each hotel before booking.)*

##### **Aloft Broomfield Denver** (2.7 miles, 7 minutes)

8300 Arista Pl, Broomfield, CO, US 80021, 877-411-3436

<http://www.aloftbroomfielddenver.com/en/broomfield-pet-friendly-hotel>

Aloft Broomfield Denver is pet friendly! Two dogs up to 40 lbs are welcome for no additional fee. If your dog weighs more than 40 pounds, please contact the hotel directly to discuss a waiver.

##### **TownePlace Suites by Marriott Denver Boulder Broomfield** (2.3 miles, 6 minutes)

480 Flatirons Blvd, Broomfield, CO, US 80021, 877-411-3436

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dentb-towneplace-suites-boulder-broomfield/>

Towneplace Suites by Marriott Denver Boulder Broomfield welcomes two pets of any size for an additional fee of \$25 per night, up to a maximum fee of \$100 per stay.

##### **Omni Interlocken Resort** (2.0 miles, 4 minutes)

500 Interlocken Blvd, Broomfield, CO, US 80021, 877-411-3436

<https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/denver-interlocken>

Omni Interlocken Resort welcomes one pet of any size for an additional fee of \$100 per stay. Additional pets may be permitted with prior approval from the management.

##### **Hyatt House Boulder Broomfield** (2.0 miles, 5 minutes)

13351 W Midway Blvd, Broomfield, CO, US 80020, 877-411-3436

<http://broomfield.house.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>

Hyatt House Boulder Broomfield welcomes two pets up to 100 lbs for an additional fee of \$75 (for stays of 1 to 6 nights), and \$150 (for stays 7 nights or more).

##### **La Quinta Westminster Promenade** (6.1 miles, 9 minutes)

10179 Church Ranch Way, Westminster, CO 80021, 303-438-5800

<http://www.laquintawestminster.com/>

##### **La Quinta Denver Westminster** (8.2 miles, 10 minutes)

8701 Turnpike Drive, Westminster CO 80030, 303-425-9099

<http://www.laquintadenverwestminster.com/>

##### **Motel 6 Denver Thornton** (13.9 miles, 15 minutes)

6 W 83rd Place, Thornton CO 80221, 303-421-1550

<https://www.motel6.com/en/motels.co.thornton.433.html>

**Matrix Dog, LLC dba Rocky Mountain Ratters Licensed Barn Hunt Trials**

Thursday December 8	Trial 1: Instinct	Novice	Open	Senior	Master	Crazy 8's
Friday December 9	Trial 1: Instinct	Novice	Open	Senior	Master	Crazy 8's
Friday December 9	Trial 2: Instinct	Novice	Open	Senior	Master	
Saturday December 10	Trial 1: Instinct	Novice	Open	Senior	Master	Crazy 8's
Saturday December 10	Trial 2: Instinct	Novice	Open	Senior	Master	
Sunday December 11	Trial 1: Instinct	Novice	Open	Senior	Master	Crazy 8's
Sunday December 11	Trial 2: Instinct	Novice	Open	Senior	Master	

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.

Fees: \$15 for each Instinct. \$20 for each Novice/Open/Senior/Master. \$20 for each Crazy 8's

**Enter one dog for all 7 trials (not including Instinct or Crazy 8's) for only \$130!**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Actual Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Height Class:  S (13" and under)  M (13.1" to 18")  L (over 18")

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

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

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

*\*A Barn Hunt Registration number 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 number.*

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.

**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 dba 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. WRITE YOUR EMAIL CLEARLY.**

# Barn Hunt Workshops

**Mon 12/5, Tues 12/6, Wed 12/7**

**Sponsored by Rocky Mountain Ratters**

**@ Matrix Dog, LLC**

**2780 Industrial Lane, Broomfield CO 80020**



All workshops and private lessons are taught by Barn Hunt Association Judge John Fisher. Mr. Fisher has been instrumental in the advanced training of Barn Hunt dogs competing at the national level, and dogs he trained took Gold and Silver medals at the 2015 BHA National, one of those was his own that took a Gold. In 2016 at the BHA National Ginger was there again to defend her Games Championship and won the Grand National and Versatility Championship making her the only dog to have Gold medaled in all three National disciplines. Lucy, his nine year old Aussie, is the second highest ranked Aussie with an RATCHX3. Scout, also an Aussie, was the youngest dog ever to attain his Master title - at under 10 months old!

**Space is limited! Pre-registration required!**

**Note: Seminars last approximately 4 hours when full.**

**Registration form on back page**

**or visit [www.MatrixDog.com](http://www.MatrixDog.com) for online registration.**

**Private lessons may be available after the trials on Friday and Saturday, depending on what time we finish.**

**Contact [Jen@MatrixDog.com](mailto:Jen@MatrixDog.com) for more information.**



# **Monday December 5**

## **Barn Hunt Workshops**

### **INTRO TO BARN HUNT**

#### **MINI WORKSHOP**

**approx 2 hrs**

**(OPEN TO ALL LEVELS)**

**Starting at 7:30pm**

This clinic is designed for beginner handlers. It is a hands on clinic for people who have never run at a Barn Hunt trial or are fairly new to the sport looking to get a solid foundation to improve their skills. At the end of this clinic, you will have the knowledge and confidence to trial successfully in Barn Hunt.

Topics include:

- \* Rules Overview
- \* Basic Course skills (Rat, Tunnel, Climb)
- \* Basic Handling Skills and Strategies
- \* A Typical Trial... And the Not So Typical
- \* Creating Drive
- \* Dog-Handler Team Building

You will have at least two runs during the clinic. All runs will have coaching during and group debriefing afterwards.

**Private Lessons w/ John Fisher**  
**Scheduled throughout the day**  
**Private Lessons: \$50/half hour increments**  
**Multiple Dogs Encouraged for Privates - no additional fee.**

# Tuesday December 6

## Barn Hunt Workshops

### UPPER LEVEL SKILLS & DRILLS

(OPEN TO ALL LEVELS)

### Starting at 8am

This clinic is a hands-on clinic that will be run focused on master level competition, but is **open to all levels** of handlers. Even Novice handlers will greatly benefit - this may be your first chance to discover how your dog indicates he or she is done working.

Topics include:

- Reading your dog's cues and indications
- Reading your clears
- Difficult and variable hides
- Course management
- Creating drive
- Understanding scent plumes and movement
- Dog-handler team building
- Tube removal strategies

You will have at least three runs during the clinic. All runs will have coaching during and group debriefing after. If time permits, Crazy 8's will be run at the end of class.

### BUILDING DRIVE & INDICATIONS

(OPEN TO ALL LEVELS)

### Starting at 6pm

This clinic is designed for **all levels** of handlers who are having issues getting their dog to hunt with enthusiasm and are unable to read their dog's indications. At the end of this clinic, you will have a dog that hunts and indicates better as well as a plan to continue improving drive and indications!

Topics include:

- How did you get here?
- Building drive and enthusiasm
- Why you don't want the indication you think you want
- Exercises to build drive and indication

All runs will have coaching during and group debriefing afterwards. You will experience working in the ring to understand what other dogs are doing and why.

**Private Lessons w/ John Fisher**  
**Scheduled between workshops**  
**Private Lessons: \$50/half hour increments**  
**Multiple Dogs Encouraged for Privates - no additional fee.**

**Wednesday December 7**

## **Barn Hunt Workshops**

### **BUILDING DRIVE & INDICATIONS**

**(OPEN TO ALL LEVELS)**

**Starting at 8am**

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Topics include:

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- Building drive and enthusiasm
- Why you don't want the indication you think you want
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All runs will have coaching during and group debriefing afterwards. You will experience working in the ring to understand what other dogs are doing and why.

### **UPPER LEVEL SKILLS & DRILLS**

**(OPEN TO ALL LEVELS)**

**Starting at 6pm**

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Topics include:

- Reading your dog's cues and indications
- Reading your clears
- Difficult and variable hides
- Course management
- Creating drive
- Understanding scent plumes and movement
- Dog-handler team building
- Tube removal strategies

You will have at least three runs during the clinic. All runs will have coaching during and group debriefing after. If time permits, Crazy 8's will be run at the end of class.

**Private Lessons w/ John Fisher**

**Scheduled between workshops**

**Private Lessons: \$50/half hour increments**

**Multiple Dogs Encouraged for Privates - no additional fee.**



# Rocky Mountain Ratters / Matrix Dog, LLC Barn Hunt Workshop Registration Form

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

## Intro to Barn Hunt, Mini Workshop

\$  Monday December 5 starting at 7:30pm  
 Working Spot       Audit

## Upper Level Skills and Drills

\$  Tuesday December 6 starting at 8am  
 Working Spot       Audit

\$  Wednesday December 7 starting at 6pm  
 Working Spot       Audit

## Building Drive and Indications

\$  Tuesday December 6 starting at 6pm  
 Working Spot       Audit

\$  Wednesday December 7 starting at 8am  
 Working Spot       Audit

**If you are available for either date/time for a seminar, please check both boxes so we can load balance if needed!**

## Private Lesson(s)

\$  **30 min session (multiple dogs encouraged, no extra fee)**  
To reserve a longer time, pay for multiple lessons. Time slots will be assigned.

**Offered Monday December 5, Tuesday December 6, and Wednesday December 7.**  
**What times/days are you available?** (The more options you give the easier it will be to fit you in.)

# Rocky Mountain Ratters / Matrix Dog, LLC

## Barn Hunt Workshop Registration Form

Limited spots available. Space is reserved first come, first serve in order of payment received. No refunds.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Workshop(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Workshop(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRIES WILL BE CONFIRMED BY EMAIL. WRITE CLEARLY. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

***Make Checks Out to Rocky Mountain Ratters and mail to Jen Giacchi, 13120 Raritan Street, Westminster CO 80234 or email form and send total via PayPal to Jen@MatrixDog.com or visit www.MatrixDog.com for an online registration form***

**Total:**

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 dba 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 events in which they hereafter participate.

Signature of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rocky Mountain Ratters / Matrix Dog, LLC**  
**Barn Hunt Workshop & Lesson Fees**

**Upper Level Skills and Drills**

**Building Drive and Indications**

**Paid on or before November 28th:**

- \$100 working spot
- \$60 audit spot

**Paid after November 28th:**

- \$125 working spot
- \$85 audit spot

**Intro to Barn Hunt - Mini Workshop**

**Paid on or before November 28th:**

- \$50 working spot
- \$30 audit spot

**Paid after November 28th:**

- \$65 working spot
- \$45 audit spot

**Private Lessons**

**Paid on or before November 28th:**

- \$50 per half hour (multiple dogs encouraged, no extra fee)

**Paid after November 28th:**

- \$60 per half hour (multiple dogs encouraged, no extra fee)