



**Fri Nov 9 – Mon Nov 12, 2018**

**FOUR DAYS! 7 TRIALS!!**

**\*\*B CLASSES OFFERED.\*\* See last page.**

**@ Billings K9 Coaching**

2815 S 48th S West, Billings, Montana 59106

(Temporary gate codes will be sent out after pre-entry closing.)

### Judges:

Judge Shelley Ingram (BHAI-227A) Strathmore AB

*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.

**Opening Date:** Oct 2, 2018

**Pre-Entry Closing Date:** October 31, 2018 or when entry limits are reached.

**\*\*Day of show entries will be accepted for an additional fee if space allows.\*\***

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

### ENTRY LIMIT:

Fri: 4 hours of judging

Sat/Sun/Mon: 120 runs per judge or 8 hours per judge.

### CLASSES OFFERED:

Instinct, Novice, Open, Senior, Master, Crazy 8's

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.

**Crazy 8's is open to ALL LEVELS.**

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### 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).

\*Fri/Sat/Mon if you title, you can move up to the next class for the next day. Move-ups must be submitted no later than the end of the day that you titled.

\*Sunday if you title in T1, you can move up to the next class for T2. Move-ups must be submitted before the completion of the class in which you titled.

**Please see the last page for more information regarding move-ups, titling, & B classes!**

### BLIND INFORMATION:

Blind will be approx. 10'x10' and located 20' away from the ring.

Master will be blinds of 4 dogs, all other classes will be blinds of 5 dogs.

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

Fri: I-N-O-C8-S-M

Sat: C8-M-M-S-S-C8-O-O-I-I-N-N

Sun: I-I-N-N-O-O-C8-S-S-M-M-C8

Mon: C8-M-M-S-S-C8-O-O-I-I-N-N

### FEES:

**Pre-Entry (until closing 10/31):** \$5 Instinct Runs! \$25 N/O/S/M/C8's.

**PRE-ENTRY ONLY:** Enter one dog for all 7 trials (N/O/S/M only) for \$150!

**Day Of (after closing 10/31):** \$10 Instinct. \$30 N/O/S/M/C8s.

Day of Entries must be submitted no later than 30 minutes prior to the morning briefing (i.e. if the briefing is at 8am, DOS entries must be submitted by 7:30am).

**HALF PRICE Entries for Junior Handlers (16 & under)! \*Please note on entry form.**

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

Checks Payable To: **Rocky Mountain Ratters**

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

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. Maximum of 10 dog entries per envelope.

**Trial Chair:** Pamela Pfau

**Trial Secretary:** Jen Giacchi

Address: 13120 Raritan St, Westminster CO 80234

Email: Jen@RockyMountainRatters.com

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

Trial Committee: Pamela Pfau, Kathy Gates, Jennifer Giacchi, Natalie Nelson-Lang

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

Friday:

Building to open around 5:30pm for set up.

Briefing at 6pm.

Trial to follow briefing.

Sat/Sun/Mon:

Building to open around 7:00am for set up.

Briefing at 8am.

Trials to follow briefing.

**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).

**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/slip leads 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 packed sand/dirt.** There is heating in the building but please dress appropriately for the outside weather.

There is a porta-potty on site.

**FOOD:**

There are numerous fast food restaurants around 4 minutes from the trial.

**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.

**BITCHES IN SEASON:**

**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.

**REFUNDS:**

Any entries pulled prior to pre-entry closing will be refunded minus any PayPal/Transaction fees. Any entries pulled after pre-entry closing will only be given a refund (minus a \$5 administrative fee) provided a) there are entries on the waitlist that can take your spot or b) in the case of injured dogs, in which case 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 Trial Committee or BHA. Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a handler is ill or injured.

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.

**RV CAMPING:**

<https://yellowstoneriverrvpark.com/>

<http://billingstrailervillagervpark.com/>

**PET FRIENDLY HOTELS:**

La Quinta Inn & Suites Billings, 5720 S Frontage Rd, Billings, MT

Motel 6 Billings, 5400 Midland Rd, Billings, MT

## 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 "A" classes.

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

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

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. Forgotten ribbons/labels will not be mailed.



## BARN HUNT LESSONS & WORKSHOPS!

INTRO TO BARN HUNT WORKSHOP.....\$40/DOG  
(+ \$10 WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE EVENT)

**Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:45-8:15pm**

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
- \* Creating Drive
- \* A Typical Trial
- \* Basic Course skills (Rat, Tunnel, Climb)
- \* Basic Handling Skills and Strategies
- \* Dog-Handler Team Building

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

PRIVATE LESSONS.....\$50/30 MIN

Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup> - before the workshop  
Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> - after the trials

GROUP LESSONS.....\$25/DOG

Beginner (Novice/Open) @ 6pm Sat & Sun  
Advanced (Senior/Master) @ 7pm Sat & Sun

Lessons & workshops taught by John Fisher, owner of Dog Sports America in Carson City, NV and Jen Giacchi, owner of Matrix Dog in Westminster, CO. Mr. Fisher has been instrumental in the advanced training of Barn Hunt dogs competing at the national level, and dogs he trained have taken medals at BHA Nationals since 2015. In 2016 at the BHA National his dog Ginger won the Grand National and Versatility Championship making her the first dog to have Gold medaled in all three National disciplines. Lucy, his eleven year old Aussie, is the third highest ranked Aussie with her RATCHX8. Scout, also an Aussie, was the youngest dog ever to attain his Master title - at under 10 months old! He now has his RATCHX4. Cody (Aussie) has his CZ8P3 and RATCHX2.

Jen Giacchi is a BHA judge and competes with Dottie, a Danish Swedish Farmdog, who just earned her RATCHX13.

Visit [www.MatrixDog.com/events/MT2018](http://www.MatrixDog.com/events/MT2018) for more information!

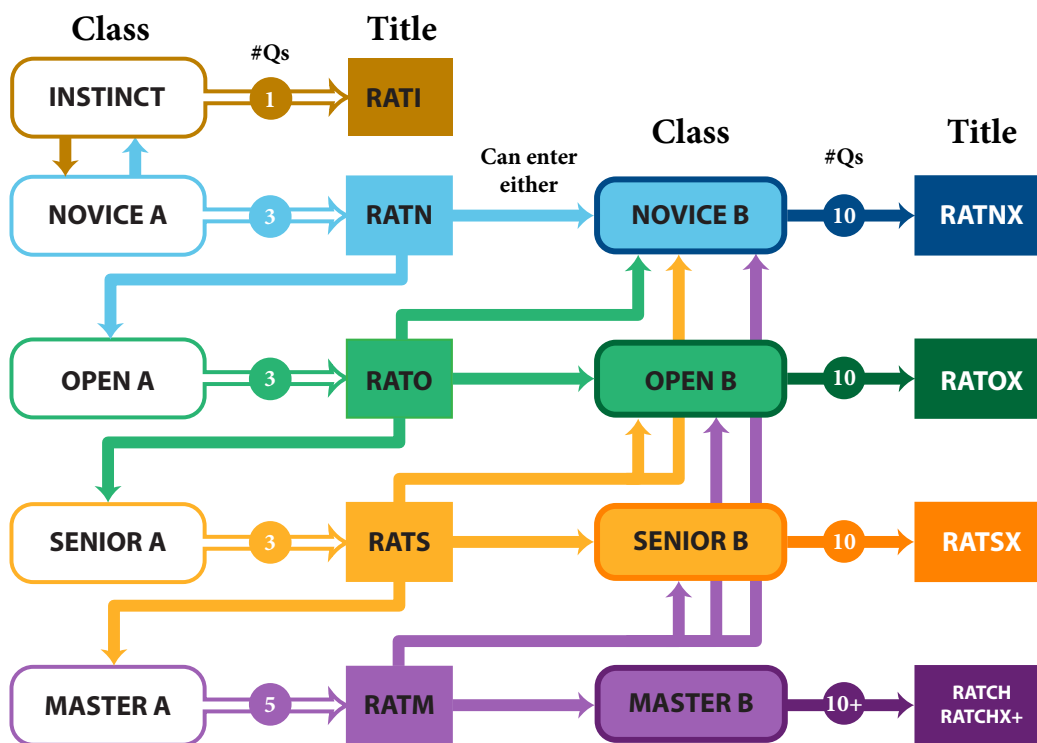
# Barn Hunt® Guide to A and B Classes



Beginning in the summer and fall of 2018, the Barn Hunt Association will start implementing B classes and a new titling track. These changes affect only the Regular classes of Novice, Open, Senior, and Master. The changes were made to give teams an opportunity to stay at a single level or move down to a previous level while also giving them an opportunity to achieve new titles at that level. Here is what you need to know about the new B classes.

- All dogs, regardless of handler experience, start in A class at each level and stay in A class until the dog attains the title at that level.
- Once a dog finishes a title from A class, that dog may either move UP to the A class at the next level, LATERALLY into the B class at the same level, or DOWN to any previous level they are eligible to enter.
- In B classes, X titles are awarded after 10 qualifying scores. 10 qualifying scores in Novice B will be RATNX, 20 scores will be RATNX2, etc.
- There will be one set of placements for all competitors in each B class level, regardless of height.
- A dog may show in any class that dog is eligible for. So a dog with a Master title may move DOWN and show in Novice B, Open B, or Senior B.
- Dogs are not required to finish a particular B class title to move on from that class. A dog may have multiple qualifying scores from different levels and may choose to enter different B class levels at different events.
- Dogs are never required to enter any lower level B classes, but must enter Master B to attain the titles of RATCH, RATCHX, and above.
- **For each Event:**
  - All dogs must be entered in only one class level and type. (i.e., a dog cannot be entered in Novice B on one day and Open A on the next.)
  - Dogs entered in B class must stay in that class for the entire event (may not move up or down during an Event.)
- Dogs may be entered in one B class level one weekend and a different one the next. As an example, a dog with a RATM title could enter Master B on one weekend, then Open B the next, up to Senior B, then back to Master, etc.
- All existing Master scores and titles are grandfathered in to the B classes.

## TITLE PROGRESSION CHART



In the chart above, the A classes are listed on the far left. Next are the Qs needed to get the title at that level. Once you have the title the solid arrows show you where you can go next. For example, once you have your RATS title (gold box), you can follow the solid gold arrows to see that you can next enter either Master A, Senior B, Open B, or Novice B. Each X title takes 10 qualifying scores.

**Rocky Mountain Ratters Licensed Barn Hunt Trials  
@ Billings K9 Coaching in Billings, MT**

Trial Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

|          |                   |        |      |        |        |           |
|----------|-------------------|--------|------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Friday   | Trial 1: Instinct | Novice | Open | Senior | Master | Crazy 8's |
| 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 |
| Monday   | Trial 1: Instinct | Novice | Open | Senior | Master | Crazy 8's |
| Monday   | 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.*

Fees: See premium!

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One: "A" or "B" Level

(If you already have a title in the level you are entering, circle "B".)

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, Billings K9 Coaching 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.**