

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

*At all times, the safety of the dogs, handlers, and rats is to be of paramount importance. Rats will be humanely handled and safely confined in aerated PVC tubes; this sport is not intended to harm or kill rats.

* By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of Rat Games, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all obstacles safely.

* Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by action of the show committee.

* Handlers of any age are eligible to handle a dog in a Rat Games trial as long as they can control the animal before, during, and after the hunt. Parents or guardians must remain on the premises at all times with any child under the age of 16.

* It is expressly understood that participants alone are responsible for the behavior of their dog(s). Any participant whose dog(s) create an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the event committee, be asked to leave the event site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. SuperPup, LLC will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by participants or spectators, or to any of their dogs or property. SuperPup, LLC reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog(s) on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against SuperPup, LLC or any official thereof.

* No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee.

* Exhibitors are responsible for complete, accurate, and legible information on the entry forms; illegible or incomplete entries cannot be entered in the show.

* Club grounds are defined as the dirt road once you leave New Cut Road, then 25 feet to the right of the driveway plus the rest of the property as it is bounded by the trees.

Accommodations (verify that they still accept pets)

Hotels:

Red Roof Inn, 7306 Parkway Dr South, Hanover, MD 21076 -- 410-712-4070

Red Roof Inn, 827 Elkridge Landing Road, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090 -- 410-850-7600

La Quinta, 1734 West Nursery Rd, Linthicum, MD 21090 -- 410-859-2333

Holiday Inn, 815 Elkridge Landing Road, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090 -- 410-691-1000

RV Parking is available on site for \$10 per night – hook-ups are not available. Contact Jan at 4superpups@gmail.com for more info.



SuperPup

Oct 1-2, 2022

Rat Games Trial

Splashdown! Farm

8396 New Cut Road, Severn, MD 21144

**Supervising Judges: Dayna Dreger (RGJ-048),
Jan Huff (RGJ-024)**

**Apprentice Judges: Kim Bowers (RGJ-099),
Sue Clark (RGJ-095)**

Permission has been granted by **Rat Games** to hold this rat hunting trial under their rules and regulations.

Open to all breeds and mixed breeds, ages 6 months or older.

Dogs must be registered with Rat Games (RG) to participate.

Opening Date: No opening date – enter anytime

Final Closing Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Received by 6 pm either by mail or online via PayPal (www.superpup.site).

No Refund of Pre-Entries withdrawn after the closing date except as noted.

Move-ups are due by Noon on September 30, 2022

Day of show entries will be offered at this trial between 7:45-8:15 a.m.

Trial is indoors on matting. There is no indoor crating available.

Rat Games Trial Organizers:

Chairperson: Jan Huff, 4superpups@gmail.com, 410-215-2966

Secretary: Betsy Gartland, superpupsec@gmail.com, 443-690-3936

Event Committee Members: Melissa Avenius, Kim Bowers, and Sue Clark

COSTS PER RUN	COST through 9/27	LATE FEE (9/30)	DAY OF SHOW FEE
Games	18.00	21.00	23.00
Courses – Beginner	15.00	18.00	20.00
All other Courses	20.00	23.00	25.00

***NEW* Online Payment Option:** For a non-refundable administrative fee of \$1.00 per run, you may pay via PayPal using a major credit card or your PayPal account. Submit payment to www.paypal.me/superpupevents ensuring you add \$1 for each run and adding a note to the transaction that this is for the **Oct. 1-2 trial**. Then fill out the entry form including the transaction number and amount of your payment, then email your entry form(s) to the trial secretary at email above. Entries are not valid until the entry form(s) and payment are received. **NOTE: THIS MUST BE SENT TO SUPERPUPEVENTS, NOT SUPERPUP AS THAT IS SOMEONE ELSE.**

Entries must be received by mail or via PayPal by September 19th.

Day of show entries will be accepted between 7:45-8:15 a.m. If possible, please email your entry info in advance to the Trial Secretary.

Schedule: (no formal check-in; check-in at the gate before the class)

7:45-8:15 am – Day of show entries accepted

8:15 am – Measuring, at handler's discretion

8:30 am – General briefing

8:40 am – Judge briefing ringside

Blind: The blind is outdoors, partly covered by tents with additional shade from trees. The blinds are at least 15' by 15'. Chairs will be provided; dividers/crates will not be provided in the blind. Dogs will be blinded in groups of 4 or 5 for all classes.

Grandfathering: Dogs may be grandfathered to a higher level based on their performance in other venues. You need to send a copy of the certificate along with the title transfer fee either by mail or by email to the RG organization prior to the trial. This is for both Courses and Games. See the rulebook on www.ratgames.com for more information.

Class order: This is a 2 ring/2 judge trial but we will stagger classes unless we have a large entry. Order will be (may be changed based on entries):

Saturday – (Games judged by Kim Bower and Courses by Dayna Dreger)

Ring 2 – Mad Hatter

Ring 1 – Beginner, Novice, Intermediate

Ring 2 - Speed, Distance

Ring 1 - Advanced, Expert, Champion

Ring 2 - Tunnels

Sunday – (Games judged by Sue Clark and Courses by Dayna Dreger)

Ring 2 – Tunnels,

Ring 1 – Champion, Expert, Advanced

Ring 2 - Heads or Tails, Bet the Farm

Ring 1 – Intermediate, Beginner, Novice

Ring 2 - Pairs

Ribbons/Q Chews: We have placement ribbons plus New Title ribbons with tabs. We will also have Q Chews for the dogs. As always, we have a Double Digit Dog ribbon for dogs that are 10 years or older (1 per weekend). They do not have to qualify to earn this ribbon.

Withdrawals: Withdrawals after the closing date due to injury of the dog will be eligible for a 75% refund of entry fees paid upon receipt of a note from your veterinarian. The note must be dated and emailed, mailed, or handed to the Trial Secretary **prior to the close of the trial on Sunday**. Priority mail is not necessary. This refund MAY be done by check and does not include the service charges paid, if your entry was done by PayPal.

Administrative Reminders: If you provide your email address, we will acknowledge receipt of your entry via email within a few days. If you do not receive an initial confirmation within one week of mailing your entry, PLEASE CHECK YOUR SPAM FOLDER. If it's not there, contact the Trial Secretary ASAP. Any errors must be reported no later than the move-up deadline. If you do not have email but want us to confirm receipt of your entry, please include a SASE with your entry and we will confirm your entry when we email the final confirmation. Please double-check your entry form and remember to sign the Release Form. **A \$35.00 service charge will be added for any returned checks.**

Bitches in season (BIS) are eligible to compete but will be required to be kept separate from all other dogs and run in panties/britches at the end of their class, regardless of height. If the handler chooses to pull after the closing date, the BIS can be treated as an injured dog and receive a 75% refund after a veterinarian note is received. ***If bringing a BIS, please inform the Trial Secretary prior to the trial and make sure it is announced at the briefing.***

Exhibitor Information:

- All entries must be accompanied by entry fees and be **received** prior to 6 pm the day of closing to be considered valid. Any entries received after 6 pm on the closing date will be under DoS fees.
- Exhibitors not attending the General/Judge's briefings will still be held responsible for knowing the information given in these briefings.
- Any dog that is sick, injured or lame will be excused from the trial grounds. **If your dog is contagious, please leave it home!!!**
- All dogs must be on a maximum 6' leash, except while hunting, and be under control while on the grounds. Flexi-leads may not be used at a RG trial.
- **At no time should dogs be tied out or otherwise left attached to something other than a human; specifically, leaving your dog(s) tied to an unattended chair or in an open crate is not safe in a trial environment and, therefore, not allowed.**
- All dogs must be crated or on a leash at all times except when running. Dogs may be crated in the car, in a tent, or under the trees. Barking dogs **MUST** be crated in an enclosed car or may be asked to crate in the garage so that they do not disturb the neighbors. Please ensure your crate is secure as the dogs may be highly excited. Dogs may not be left loose in a car with a door or a window open to the point where the dog may escape.
- **No unattended vehicle may be left running while in the field. Doing so presents an unacceptable risk of starting a fire or creating a carbon monoxide issue with dogs in cars parked nearby. If you want to run your vehicle while you are in attendance, please move 15 feet away from other vehicles.**
- Any dog that fouls the ring in any way (e.g., urinates, defecates, vomits) will be immediately excused, as per RG rules. The handler is expected to clean up after the dog, both in the ring and out.
- Please be considerate about picking up after your dogs and leaving the grounds as you found them. Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of a refund if the event committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement.
- The schedule is fluid throughout each day. No special considerations will be made to accommodate other activities outside of the trial.
- Handicapped parking must be marked on the entry form. The blinds and rings are not easily wheelchair accessible. Limited up-close handicapped parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Any Judge at this event may be used as a load balancing or relief judge in any ring.
- Judge and event official dogs may be judged prior to event start or as the first dogs of the event.

Rat Games Rules can be obtained online at <http://ratgames.com>

Loud/Disruptive dogs: Please keep dog barking to a minimum so as not to disturb the neighbors. Any dog behaving in a threatening or aggressive manner toward another dog or a person may be dismissed from the trial, if justification is found to do so by the judge and/or event committee. In that case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. Exhibitors are expected to know the RG rules on aggressive dogs, both on and off the course.

National Canine Cancer Fund (NCCF) Fundraiser: Jan will have banks available for people to pick up and fill through the "A Little Change Can Make A Big Difference" program. There will also be a bank sitting on a table in the garage for those that prefer to bring donations to the trials. For more information, look here: www.wearethecure.org/friends/wipeoutcancer.

Collars and Leashes: Per RG rules, no flexi-leads or shock collars are allowed on the premises of a RG trial. Citronella collars may be used in your car. GPS collars may be used on the property but not in the blind nor the ring. Prong collars and head halters may be used on the grounds but must be removed in the blind prior to going into the ring. Dogs must be run "naked" without any collar or harness. Dogs should be brought to the ring with collars/harnesses which can be easily and quickly removed and replaced.

Veterans Division: The Veteran division is for dogs 7 years or older or dogs with medical conditions that can no longer climb or tunnel. Handlers shall self-identify their dog. All hides are on the ground level or one level up so the dog does not have to climb. The tunnel is not required. The Vets division is offered for each game and regular class, except the Beginner Class. Vets will be in their own blind.

Exercise your dog responsibly. Please pick up after your dog at the show site and hotels. All dogs must be on leash except when in the ring hunting at the trial site.

Emergency Veterinary Services:

Anne Arundel Veterinary Emergency Clinic

410-224-0331

808 Bestgate Road, Annapolis MD

