

## 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; Rat Games does not intend to harm or kill rats.

\* By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport, 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.

\* Children of any age are eligible to handle a dog in a trial as long as they can control the animal before, during, and after the hunt. However, the parent or guardian must remain on the premises at all times with any child.

\* 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 day – unfortunately, no hook-ups though. Contact Jan at 4superpups@gmail.com for more info.



# SuperPup

**January 14, 2023**

**Alternate bad weather date: January 15, 2023**

**Rat Games Trial**

**Splashdown! Farm**

**8396 New Cut Road, Severn, MD 21144**

**Novice Judge: Sue Clark, RGJ-095**

**Supervisory Judge: Dayna Dreger, RGJ-048**

Permission has been granted by the Rat Games Association to hold this trial under RG rules and regulations.

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

Dogs must be registered with Rat Games to participate  
([www.ratgames.com](http://www.ratgames.com)).

**Opening Date: No opening date. Entries may be submitted any time.**

**Final Closing Date: 6 pm January 12, 2023**

No Refund of Pre-Entries withdrawn after the closing date except as noted.

**Move-ups are due by 6 pm, January 12, 2023**

**Classes:** All courses, Mad Hatter, Tunnels, Speed, and Heads or Tails

**Day of show entries will be offered at this trial. See schedule on the next page for times entries will be accepted.**

**Limit: Entries are limited to approximately 8 hours of judging**

Trial is indoors on matting. Senior/Master ring has a layer of grooved matting for additional traction. No indoor crating available.

### Rat Games Trial Organizers:

Chairperson: Jan Huff, [4superpups@gmail.com](mailto:4superpups@gmail.com), 410-215-2966

Secretary: Betsy Gartland, [superpupsec@gmail.com](mailto:superpupsec@gmail.com), 443-690-3936

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

**In case of excessive ice or snow, the date of this trial will be changed to Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Competitors will be given a refund if this happens and they cannot make the alternate date.**

COSTS PER RUN	COST through 1/12	DAY OF SHOW FEE
Games	18.00	20.00
Courses – Beginner	12.00	14.00
All other Courses	18.00	20.00

**\*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](http://www.paypal.me/superpupevents) ensuring you add \$1 for each run and adding a note to the transaction that this is for the **Jan. 14th RG trial**. Then fill out the RG entry form including the transaction number and amount of your payment and email your entry form(s) to the trial secretary at [superpupsec@gmail.com](mailto:superpupsec@gmail.com). Entries are not valid until the entry form(s) and payment are received. **NOTE: THIS MUST BE SENT TO THE SUPERPUPEVENTS ACCOUNT, NOT SUPERPUP AS THAT IS SOMEONE ELSE.**

**Entries** must be received by mail or via PayPal by 6 pm January 12th.

**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

**Administrative Reminders:** If you provide your email address, we will acknowledge receipt of your entry via email within a few days. If you don't receive it within 1 week, 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.**

**Veterans Division:** The Veteran division is for older dogs that can no longer climb or tunnel. Handlers shall self-identify their dog. All hides are on the ground level or one level up and no more than 1 bale from the perimeter of the structure 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.

**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. Dogs will be blinded in groups of 4 or 5.

**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 certain games. See the rulebook on [www.ratgames.com](http://www.ratgames.com) for more information.

**Class order:** This is a 1 judge/2 ring trial. We will switch rings in accordance with this schedule (order may be changed based on entries):

Class order	Ring 1	Ring 2
1		Mad Hatter
2		Heads or Tails
3	Beginner	
4	Novice	
5	Intermediate	
6		Speed
7	Tunnels	
8		Advanced
9		Expert
10		Champion

**Ribbons/Q Chews:** We have placement ribbons plus New Title ribbons. 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.

**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 **postmarked** prior to the day/time of closing to be considered valid.
- 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.
- All dogs must be on a maximum 6' leash, except while hunting, and be under control while on the grounds.
- **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 on this site.**
- All dogs must be crated or on a leash at all times except when running. Dogs may be crated in the car or in a tent. There is no indoor crating. Please keep your dog's barking to a minimum and 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.
- Any dog that fouls the ring in any way (e.g., urinates, defecates, vomits) will be immediately excused, as per the 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 blinds are outdoors, with sections covered by tents and shade from trees. The blinds are at least 15' by 15'.
- 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.

**Rat Games Rules** can be obtained online in the form of a PDF file at [www.ratgames.com](http://www.ratgames.com)

**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.

*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**

**SuperPup Sanctioned Rat Games Trial**

**Trial Date: Jan. 14, 2023 (snow date: Jan. 15, 2023)**

<b>This form must be signed. Fill out one form per dog.</b>		
Opening Date: <b>No opening date.</b>	Closing Date: <b>6 pm on Jan. 12, 2022</b>	
<b>Make checks payable to SuperPup, LLC</b> and mail to: Betsy Gartland, 6980 Runkles Road, Mt. Airy, MD 21771		
Dog's Rat Games ID #	Dog's Call Name	
Dog's full name		
Breed	Birth date	Sex
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog needs to be measured	Circle Dog's Height	
Height at Withers (inches):	S (13" & under)    M (13+" up to 18") L (over 18")	
Actual Owner		
Handler/Agent (if different than owner)		
Address		
Phone & email ( <b>Entries will be confirmed by email. Please PRINT clearly.</b> )		
<p><b>January 14, 2023</b> check each class being entered; for DoS entries, add \$5.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mad Hatter (\$18)    <input type="checkbox"/> Tunnels (\$18)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Heads or Tails (\$18)    <input type="checkbox"/> Speed (\$18)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Beginner (\$12)    <input type="checkbox"/> Novice (\$18)    <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate (\$18)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Advanced (\$18)    <input type="checkbox"/> Expert (\$18)    <input type="checkbox"/> Champion (\$18)</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Veteran dog (over 7 years old) – check only if running as a Veteran</b>		
Total enclosed:	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bitch in season</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Handicapped parking required</b> (must display state decal)		

<b>THIS DISCLAIMER MUST BE SIGNED AND INCLUDED FOR A VALID ENTRY</b>	
<p>I (we) acknowledge that if this application for the entry of this dog is made available to me (us) for participation in a Rat Games 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 Rat Games deems to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this and the opportunity to train my dog(s), I (we) agree to hold Rat Games; SuperPup, LLC; 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 Rat Games 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.</p> <p>I / we agree to abide by the rules of Rat Games currently in effect at the time of the trial date. I/we testify that the dog entered is healthy and vaccinated or titered in accordance with Maryland State laws. I/we certify that the dog entered is not dangerous to any person or other dog. By signing below, I/we agree to the disclaimer on this entry form.</p>	
<b>Signature – Owner or Parent / Guardian if Minor</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Entry form MUST be signed and the Disclaimer MUST be attached for a valid entry.</b>	

In case of an emergency, please provide the following information:  
Emergency POC Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_