



# BARN HUNT

## NEWSLETTER

### APRIL 2023



We wanted to thank all of you who have come to our events or shown an interest in Barn Hunt; our first few months have been fantastic and that is in large part because of you!

We have now uploaded all the photos from our events in Southhampton, Cambridgeshire, Nottinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Gloucestershire and our return to Southhampton.

We are very much looking forward to our first visit to Derbyshire for a specialist event for Canicross Midlands and hopefully it is the first of many! We are also looking forward to our return to Cambridgeshire where we are hosted by Tails We Win Flyball Teams, to Nottinghamshire at the wonderful Paws Project and Gloucestershire where we are hosted by For Paws Training.

We are currently negotiating venues in Kent, West Sussex, Essex and Cambridgeshire. If anyone knows of suitable venues in other counties please get in touch.

#### Upcoming events for 2023

- April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, Canicross Midlands – Derbyshire – closed event for Canicross Midlands Competitors
- April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, Ampthill, Bedfordshire
- April 30<sup>th</sup>, Holly Lodge, hosted by Tails We Win, Cambridgeshire
- May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, The Paws Project, Nottinghamshire
- May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, Lets Go Manor, Hampshire

We will continue to add dates and venues and in addition have 8 regular venues where we hold bi-monthly events at each of the 8 venues. We will continue to offer Introductory and Intermediate workshops as well as Trials.

We are currently looking for a permanent facility in North Essex to house full time Introductory and Intermediate courses and our challenge course layout "the Labyrinth". We envisage running monthly events at weekends and weekday evening training classes.

For those of you that are interested in progressing to competing in Trials, we are very excited to announce that we are planning our first Official Trial at Lets Go Manor at the end of May! It would be great to hear from you if are interested in competing. Please remember that you will require a BHA registration number to compete in Trials – registration is through our parent organisation Barn Hunt Association, it is a one time fee of \$32 for a lifetime registration.

For those of you who have dogs registered with the American Kennel Club, UK Barn Hunt Titles will be recognised!

We continue to invest in the sport and have recently purchased a light truck, new fencing and extra equipment that will enable us to bring much more to each event. We will have a two ring set up, improved fencing and more obstacles. Two rings allows us to move from ring to ring when we are increasing the challenge from Introductory to Intermediate at workshops and from Instinct and Novice to Open at Trials. All of this will result in a better Barn Hunt!

We have been busy designing obstacles that are fun and offer multiple opportunities for your dogs to seek out the rat; we keep designs for Introductory workshops simple to ensure success for the dogs and handlers. At Intermediate level we have obstacles that challenge the dog, the U tunnel, the Honeycomb, The Haystack, the Zig Zag, the Goat Shack, the Crossbow and the Rat Room.

We have a new design in process – The Altar – preparing for dogs who continue to progress and preparing for when we have dogs working towards their RAT Master!