



BARN HUNT

NEWSLETTER

May 2023



Welcome to our second newsletter.

We start by thanking all of those that we saw at the Canicross Midlands Season Finale in Derbyshire on the 8th and 9th of April. Thanks for great organisation and making us feel so welcome, we had a great time! Special thanks to Frøya for getting us there! On Sunday we had to jostle around the start times of our workshops and Have-a-go to accommodate the revised timing of the races; I hope everyone got their runs in and to those that had to miss out we are so sorry but we will be back at the next event.

On the 15th and 16th April we had our second visit to Ampthill in Bedfordshire; we had many returnees and it was so wonderful to see familiar dogs and their people. We also got to meet many first timers and a lovely day was had by all 😊 We were able to run both Introductory and Intermediate workshops, many thanks to Jo, once again, for her hospitality and organisation skills! We can't wait to return on 1st and 2nd July!

Our last event in April was with our friends Tails We Win Flyball Teams at Holly Lodge Farm Cambridgeshire – as usual it was a great day with a great variety of breeds. We look forward to seeing you all again, hopefully on the 24th June. To all those that were first timers we hope you had a great day and hope to see you again soon.

Photos from Canicross Midlands and Ampthill events are on our website gallery already, those from Holly Lodge should be uploaded by 7th May.

We are also very close to confirming dates for workshops in Liverpool and Cumbria – thanks for your patience!

The event at Lets Go Manor, Hampshire at the end of May will include Fun Tests (mock trials), we are VERY keen to commence Official Barn Hunt Trials, we are finalising procedures for events with Barn Hunt Association.

We are on course to have our first double ring set up for the end of May, this will enable us to switch quickly to a different course.

Upcoming events for 2023

- May 7th and 8th, The Paws Project, Nottinghamshire
- May 13th, Essex & Suffolk Dog Training, Ardleigh Essex
- May 27th and 28th, Lets Go Manor, Hampshire
- June 24th, Holly Lodge Farm – hosted by Tails We Win Flyball Teams
- July 1st & 2nd, Ampthill, Bedfordshire
- July 22nd & 23rd, Lets Go Manor, Hampshire

We are working on dates for Liverpool, West Cumbria, Kent and Berkshire.

For those of you that are interested in progressing to competing in Trials, we are planning our first Official Trial this Summer! 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!

What is the difference between Fun Tests and Official Trials?

Fun Tests

- Fun Tests are mock trials- the key word is Fun!
- Handlers can use rewards in the ring such as toys and treats.
- Dogs do not have to be registered with Barn Hunt Association to enter a Fun Test.
- All runs are timed: Instinct – 1 minute, Novice – 2 minutes.
- Dogs do not earn qualifying scores towards their Titles
- Fun Tests are a great way to experience Trial conditions but continue to train with your dog.

Official Trials

- Trials are where you and your begin to work towards earning Barn Hunt Titles – we begin with RATI – Instinct and RATN – Novice.
- Dogs do need to be registered with Barn Hunt Association prior to entering a Trial as a BHA registration number is required for the entry.
- No treats or rewards can be used in the ring.
- All runs are timed: Instinct – 1 minute, Novice – 2 minutes.
- Dogs earn qualifying scores towards their Titles.

Our previous newsletter is still available to read on the website.

The next Newsletter for June should be available the first week of June on the web.