



BARN HUNT NEWSLETTER July 2023



Hi and welcome to our July newsletter.

June was a quieter month for us but it gave us time to get some essential “house-keeping” done on our equipment. We’ve had some very enthusiastic dogs working the tubes, which we love 😊, but the tubes needed a bit of TLC and we were able to get that done.

Tails We Win Flyball Teams hosted us at their fabulous training venue, Holly Lodge Farm, on June 24th – which turned out to be a blisteringly hot day but we think we managed to keep all the dogs cool with plenty of water bowls and paddling pools. It was another fantastically well organised event by Tails and a very special thanks goes to Ellen Ashford for her help, support and enthusiasm!

July 1st and 2nd we were back at Ampthill, Bedfordshire – our very special thanks to Jo Essex for making our time at her facility so wonderful. We had beginner and intermediate workshops and a Fun Test (mock trial) – we saw some awesome run times but most importantly we all had so much fun! Rosettes and Ribbons were awarded for the fastest 3 scores. Everyone agreed that all the dogs did great!

Instinct: 1st – Nellie 08.39 seconds, 2nd Widget 0.13.85 seconds, 3rd Tinker 0.14.44 seconds

Novice 1: 1st Lilibet 0.22.18 seconds, 2nd Scooby 0.35.75 seconds, 3rd Teddy 0.39.65 seconds

Novice 2: Joint 1st Topo & Lilibet 0.26 seconds, 2nd Scooby 52.22 seconds, 3rd Coco 56.13 seconds

Novice 3: 1st Scooby 0.39.28 seconds, 2nd Queenie 1.15.32 minute/seconds, 3rd Widget 1.16.60 minute/seconds

Great work everyone!

We are very pleased to announce that we will be exhibiting at All About Dogs at the Norfolk Showgrounds August 27th & 28th, DogFest at Ashton Court Estate, Bristol September 2nd & 3rd and Beaus Pack Doggy Day Out, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire September 16th. This gives us the opportunity to demonstrate the sport and how much fun it is and grow interest in Barn Hunt! If any of you are planning on attending any of these events please come and visit us and be part of the demonstration or if you want to be part of a demonstration please let us know, we would love to have you join us 😊

Please see our upcoming events for future workshops, Fun Tests and Official Trials. We have spaces available for all workshops, email us for more details: info@barnhuntuk.co.uk

Upcoming events for 2023

- July 15th, Ardleigh, Essex, Essex & Suffolk Dog Training
- July 22nd & 23rd, Lets Go Manor, Hampshire
- July 29th & 30th, Paws Project, Newthorpe, Notts.
- August 5th & 6th, Bracknell, Berkshire
- August 27th & 28th All about Dogs, Norwich
- September 2nd & 3rd, DogFest, Ashton Court Estate, Bristol
- September 9th & 10th Little Witcombe, Gloucester
- September 16th, Doggy Day Out, Worcester
- September 23rd & 24th, Lets Go Manor, Hampshire
- September 30th – October 1st, Cheadle, Stoke on Trent
- October 21st & 22nd Cleator Moor, Cumbria
- October 28th & 29th, Hempnall, Norfolk

As you can see from the events above we have some first time venues to visit and we are very much looking forward to our collaborations with Wundermutts August 5th & 6th, Beaus Pack September 16th, Constellation Dog Training September 30th & October 1st, Cumbria Canine Services October 21st & 22nd, 4 Paws Dog Training October 28th & 29th. As well as continuing our collaborations with Essex & Suffolk Dog Training July 15th, Lets Go

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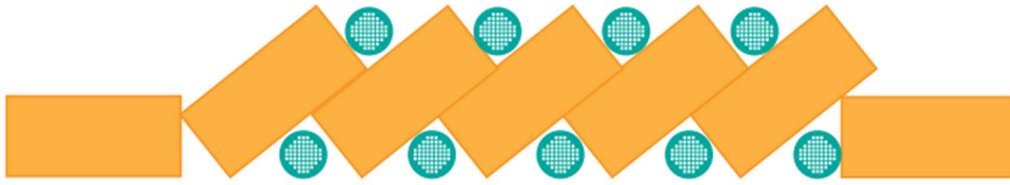
We are introducing a Masterclass at our workshops at Lets Go Manor this month – this is the next level from Intermediate and participants will find that there will be an unknown number of rat tubes on the course (between 1-5) and it is the handler's job to call the course clear – this will be timed and the handler and dog team will have 4.5 minutes to work the course. This will be true team work!

Coming later this year we will be offering Games sessions – Barn Hunt Games include Crazy 8s, Line Drive and Hurdles

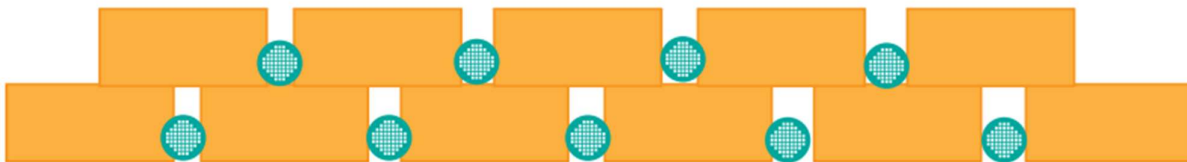
Crazy 8s – This is a speedy game! 2 minutes to find up to 8 rat tubes, complete the tunnel which can have between 2-5 turns, climb on a bale. There are also 4 bedding tubes on the course for decoys. 10 points for each rat tube found and element completed (tunnel & climb). Additional 5 points for being 15 seconds under time, plus 5 more points for being 30 seconds under time. Total points that can be achieved 100 – 110. However – minus 20 points for failure to tunnel, minus 20 points for failure to climb, minus 20 points calling an incorrect tube. NQ for failure to find any rats or calling more than one incorrect tube.

Line Drive – This is another speedy game 😊 1 minute, 9 tubes, 4 will contain rats, 5 with bedding. Start line is 3 feet from the line of bales. The tops of the tubes will be lightly covered with straw but one end of the tube will be visible. The handler and dog team have 1 minute to find all 4 rats! The Line Drive can be built in either of the two below formations.

Line Drive Course 1



Line Drive Course 2



Hurdles – This is another speedy game! 1 minute, The dog must jump over a series of five 4" tall hurdles made of PVC pipe to reach 3 tubes openly secured on the ground in front of a hay bale “stop.” One tube will be empty, one will have litter and one will have a live rat just like in Instinct. The racing lane is a completely fenced area that is 4 feet high by 4 feet wide by 80 feet long. Two people are required for each dog – a handler and holding partner – the holding partner can be one of the Barn Hunt UK crew if you have attended alone 😊. The holding partner will keep the dog behind the start line inside the fenced area/lane. The handler will be outside of the fenced area. Handlers may not cross the start line until the judge/timer says GO. Time starts when any part of the dog crosses the start line, and stops when the handler calls the rat and the judge stops the time. Handlers may run down the line with the dog to the end or send the dog ahead. Holding partners must stay behind the start line. Handlers cannot call a rat tube until the dog has crossed all 5 hurdles. Dogs who do not cross all 5 hurdles do not receive a qualifying score. Knocking over a hurdle does not incur a penalty.

Once we have Trials underway and dogs are earning RATI, RATN Titles, Crazy 8s and Line Drives will be added to Trials so that dogs can start earning these titles as well 😊

We are working through some technical issue with the BHA events register and as soon as those are resolved Official Trials will

commence! We have quite a few people who want to give it a go, which is fantastic – we'll start to see UK Dogs on the BHA register with Barn Hunt Titles.

We are switching our bookings over to Bookwhen.com – all active bookings on the email/entry form will remain and future workshops/events will be on <https://bookwhen.com/barnhuntuk>
This will make future bookings easier 😊

Thank you for your continued support of Barn Hunt, we are so thrilled to see the interest and growth of the sport.

We look forward to seeing you in the coming months!

Jacqueline & Clayton