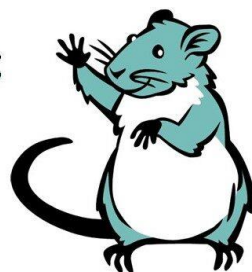


Happy Ratters

- Just for Fun -
Urban Rat Hunting
for Dogs



DECEMBER 13 & 14

HAPPY RATTERS TRIAL “The Twelve Rats of Christmas”

**December 2025 Trial
Hosted at Paws Abilities Dog Training**

Permission has been granted by Happy Ratters for the holding of these trials. Dogs must be registered with Happy Ratters to participate in this trial. **Register your dog at www.happyratters.com**

Entries open October 23rd and will close December 3rd 2025 or when the limit is reached. Day of show entries accepted until the maximum run value for each judge/ring is met for that day. Any judges of record at this event may be used in any ring. Qualifying scores will show the Judge who designed the course.

The Happy Ratters Rulebook can be found at <https://www.happyratters.com/rules/> Please review it before attending the trials. For the Standard classes all dogs will start at the Ratter Level, but dogs with a Barn Hunt Association Open title or higher, may begin trialing at the Expert Level if they prefer.

Scheduling details will be emailed to all competitors after the trial closes and the actual number of entries in each class is known. We reserve the right to change the run order based on entries. Multiple dogs being handled by the same person will be separated into different blinds.

First Trial in
Minnesota!!

Friday: Judge
Training Workshop

2 Trials Saturday
and Sunday

Just North of
Rochester
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December 13-14, 2025

START TIME

- Parking lot/building open at 9:00am
- General briefing at 9:40am
- 1st dog on the line at 10:00am

TENTATIVE RUN ORDER & ASSIGNMENTS

Friday

- Judge Training Workshop! Time to be determined, if interested please email Trial Secretary. **We are looking for qualified judge candidates so that we can build a robust pool of judges in the Midwest to support this new sport. Please consider training to become a judge if you have experience in rat sports or scent work!**

Saturday

- Standard Trials 1&2 (Ratter, Happy Ratter & Expert Ratter)

Sunday

- Standard Trials 3&4 (Ratter, Happy Ratter, Expert Ratter, Champion Ratter)

CONTACTS

- Trial Chair –Jaime Elvert – jamie@scienceofdog.com
- Trial Secretary – Kaitlyn Pudenz-
happyratsatpa@gmail.com

ENTRY FEES

- Pre-entry: \$25 per run
- Late fee/day of entry fee: \$30 per run

All entries must be completed online through
<https://www.secreterrier.com/>

No entries will be taken over the phone.

If you plan to enter after the closing deadline and/or day of, please email the trial secretary ahead of time as a courtesy. Day of show entries must be paid in cash with exact change and will be taken from 9am-9:40am each day.

Move ups are available all weekend and must be made at the secretary table immediately following the qualifying run.

Late and/or Day of Show entries are not guaranteed entry and will be accepted only up to judging limits. Confirmations may not be sent for late entries.

Nearest Emergency
Vet Clinics:

(About 30 minutes
South) Allied
Emergency Veterinary
Service -205 S Main St.
Stewartville MN 55976

(About an hour North)
South Metro Animal
Emergency Care -
14690 Pennock Ave.
Apple Valley MN
55124

TRIAL IS OPEN TO...

- All Breeds
- Mixed Breeds
- All Sizes
- 6 months or older
- Dogs in
Wheelchairs
- 3 legged dogs
- Deaf dogs
- Vision impaired
dogs

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

All dogs must be kept on leash and under control while on trial grounds when not showing. Flexi leashes are not permitted indoors. Electronic, prong, and choke chain collars are not permitted by Happy Ratters, and are not permitted on show grounds by the host club.

Parking:

There is ample parking on the property. There are two handicapped parking spaces directly in front of the building with easy access. Please be considerate when parking and leave ample space around vehicles.

The driveway is dirt/gravel. Please drive slowly, as it may become rough under certain weather conditions.

Please pick up after your dog and dispose of waste in appropriate containers.

Trial Site:

This trial will be held INDOORS. The building is heated. Rings have slip-resistant, padded turf. We have indoor crating space available.

Smoking and/or vaping are not allowed in the buildings or on the show grounds.

BIS:

Bitches in season are eligible for entry. They will be kept separate from all other dogs and will be run at the end of their class/trial. We will designate a BIS crating area.

If bringing a bitch in season, please inform the trial secretary prior to the trial. Bitches in Season will be run in a separate blind at the end of class entered.

Remember your dog must wear panties at all times at the show site (except when being taken out to potty.) Please come to the secretary's table before unloading your dog. Thank you! Entry fees for bitches that come into season will be refunded until closing date of the trial if you wish to withdraw.

PLACES TO STAY:

Hidden Meadows RV Park
& Campground-6450
120th St NW Pine Island,
MN 55963

Country Inn & Suites by
Radisson – 4323 W
Frontage Rd NW
Rochester, MN 55901 (\$20
per pet per night with a
refundable \$150 deposit)

American Best Value Inn-
Zumbrota (Red Lion
Hotel) - 1435 Northstar Dr.
Zumbrota MN 55992 (\$10
per pet per night)

REFUNDS:

No refunds will be issued after the entry deadline, except in cases of illness or injury with a note from a licensed veterinarian.

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

AWARDS:

All qualifiers will be awarded a qualifying ribbon.

Placement ribbons will be awarded for 1st-4th place in each class.

New title and perfect score ribbons will be available.

The Layla Award will be presented to the Ratter level team who best exemplifies teamwork and connection each day, regardless of their scores.

VOLUNTEERS:

No event can run without you, our volunteers! Not only does it help the trial to run more efficiently and smoothly, it's a great opportunity to learn much more about the sport, its rules, and its competitors.

Thank you in advance for helping with rat catching, stewarding, scribing, course building, and all the other things that come along!

A volunteer raffle will be held at the end of each day. Each volunteer task earns you one entry in the raffle!

LUNCH:

A light, potluck-style lunch will be available both days. Please consider bringing a dish to share!

Lunch timing will be at the judges' discretion.