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HOW TO REGISTER FOR A CLASS:

Go to www.barrettdogsports.ca

Scroll down to one of the Barnhunt Classes and click "Book Now"!

Or if the class is full, please email bookings@barrettoffleash.com to be added to the wait list!

LOCATION:

Barrett Dog Sports and Off-Leash Area

Conveniently located 2km east of the Calgary City Limits on 22x

Coming from Calgary: East on 22x, turn right (south) onto Range Road 284



Class Information

Barn Hunt

Foundations

Wags to Wishes K9 Training
Okotoks, Alberta

Barn Hunt Foundations

What is Barn Hunt?

Barn Hunt is a relatively new and rapidly growing dog sport in which dogs search for and locate rats (gerbils in Alberta) hidden in straw bale mazes. The sport replicates the traditional work of ratting terriers. The sport is open to all breeds (from tiny to giant) and mixed breeds. Gerbils are safely secured in heavy-duty PVC tubes and are never harmed. In addition to locating rats, dogs must also navigate tunnels made of straw bales and climb at least one bale high.

What to bring to class

1. Your dog – (of course!,) on a quick release collar or harness.
2. Although we do not use treats a great deal in class, it is helpful to always bring a supply of high value treats.
3. Water / water bowl for your dog. Dogs can search more effectively if they are well hydrated.
4. A Crate – it is important to crate dogs between runs – both to keep them safe and comfortable in a high drive environment and so that handlers serve as ring crew.

Class Details

The class is 6 sessions in length. This class will be held THURSDAY evenings at 7 pm. Classes may not always be 6 consecutive weeks due to periodic out of town work commitments. A tentative schedule will be available at the start of the sessions.

Class notes are provided to you for each class – these are usually sent to you via e-mail after the class. **Please include my e-mail address in your address book to avoid these notes ending up in your spam folder.**

Class notices & reminders are sent weekly via Facebook (Wags to Wishes Kg Training) - **be sure to like and follow Wags to Wishes on FB.**

Content

This is structured a class aimed at helping you and your dog develop the skills needed to be successful in the sport. Each week we will work on developing and strengthening key skills such as: building value for the rat, independent searching systematic searching, developing a consistent and strong alert behaviour, recalls from a high value behaviour, surrendering the tube on cue, climbing and tunnelling. Handler skills include developing strong observational skills, learning to let the dog lead and understanding your dog's reinforcement hierarchy.

- **The speed limit on the property is 10 km / hr.**
- **Please leash your dog when moving between vehicle & building.**
- **People and dogs exiting the building have RIGHT OF WAY. Please move back to allow people and dogs to exit safely.**

Children in class: Children are welcome to attend classes with the following provisos.

1. Children must be of sufficient maturity to not require you to supervise or entertain them while you are trying to learn.
2. Children must respect my rules regarding interactions with other dogs. Except when explicitly directed (& with your consent) there is to be NO contact between children and other dogs in the class.