NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

- *At all times, the safety of the dogs, handlers, and rats is to be of paramount importance. Rats will be humanely handled and safely confined in aerated tubes or boxes. The rats are also appropriately trained for this sport.
- * By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport.
- * Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by action of the show committee.
- * It is expressly understood that participants alone are responsible for the behavior of their dog(s). Any participant whose dog(s) create an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the event committee, be asked to leave the event site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. SuperPup, LLC will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by participants or spectators, or to any of their dogs or property. SuperPup, LLC reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog(s) on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against SuperPup, LLC or any official thereof.
- * No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee.
- * Exhibitors are responsible for complete, accurate, and legible information on the entry forms; illegible or incomplete entries cannot be entered in the show.

Accommodations (verify that they still accept pets)

Hotels

Red Roof Inn, 7306 Parkway Dr South, Hanover, MD 21076 -- 410-712-4070 Red Roof Inn, 827 Elkridge Landing Road, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090 -- 410-850-7600

La Quinta, 1734 West Nursery Rd, Linthicum, MD 21090 -- 410-859-2333

RV Parking is available on site for \$15 per night – unfortunately, no hook-ups though. Contact Jan at 4superpups@gmail.com for more info.



Happy Ratters Trial hosted by:



SPLASHDOWN! FARM

March 29-30, 2025 Trial 8396 New Cut Road Severn, MD 21144

Judges: Dayna Dreger, Sue Clark (BUJ)

Open to all breeds and mixed breeds, ages 6 months or older.

Dogs must be registered with Happy Ratters to participate.

You may register at www.happyratters.com

Opening Date: No opening date – enter at will!

Closing Date: March 19, 2025

After that, runs will cost an additional \$5/run as noted below.

No Refund of Pre-Entries withdrawn after the closing date except as noted.

2 trials of each class daily plus 1 trial each of the following games:

Saturday – Dump Hunter, Rat Race, and Infestation Sunday – A-MAZE-ing Rats, Earn A Rat, Ultimate Distance

Day of show entries will be offered at this trial, if available. See schedule on the next page for the times DoS entries will be accepted.

This trial is indoors on matting. No indoor crating available.

Trial Organizers:

<u>Trial Secretary:</u> Katrina Drake, superpuphappyrat@gmail.com, (571) 247-1346 – text only! 8832 Blue Smoke Dr Gaithersburg MD 20879

Chairperson: Jan Huff, 4superpups@gmail.com, 410-215-2966

Event Committee Members: Jan Huff, Katrina Drake, Betsy Gartland

Cost: \$20.00/run through closing date. Late/day of show rate - \$25.00.

Online Payment Option: We accept online entries via Zelle with no fee. Please read all directions below! Entries are not valid until both the entry form(s) and payment are received! Submit payment to 4superpups@gmail.com through the Zelle app with a note showing the date of the trial you are entering. (Do not use my phone number!!!) Then fill out the entry form, including the transaction number and amount of your payment. Email a PDF file (no JPEGs please) of your entry form(s) to the trial secretary at superpuphappyrat@gmail.com.

Late entries DoS entries are not guaranteed entry and will be accepted only up to judging limits. If planning to enter DoS, please email your entry info in advance to the Trial Secretary, if possible

Schedule: (no formal check-in; just check in at the gate before class)

7:45-8:15 am - Day of show entries accepted for all classes

8:30 am – General briefing

8:40 am - First dogs in the blind

Class order: (all classes inside):

Sat: Dump Hunter, Rat Race, T1-T2 Ratter, T1-T2 Happy Ratter, T1-T2 Expert, T1-T2 Champion, T1-T2 Extraordinare/Extreme, Infestation

Sun: A-MAZE-ing Rat, Earn A Rat, T1-T2 Ratter, T1-T2 Happy Ratter, T1-T2 Expert, T1-T2 Champion, T1-T2 Extraordinare/Extreme, Ultimate Distance

Withdrawals: Withdrawals after the closing date due to injury of the dog will be eligible for a 75% refund of entry fees paid upon receipt of a note from your veterinarian. The note must be dated and emailed, mailed, or handed to the Trial Secretary **prior to the close of the trial**. Priority mail is not necessary. This refund will be done by check and does not include the service charges paid if your entry was done by PayPal. If you have questions, contact the Trial Secretary directly at superpupsec@gmail.com.

Administrative Reminders: If you provide your email address, we will acknowledge receipt of your entry via email within a few days. If you do not receive an initial confirmation within one week of mailing your entry, contact the Trial Secretary. Any errors must be reported no later than the move-up deadline. If you do not have email but want us to confirm receipt of your entry, please include a SASE with your entry and we will confirm your entry when we email the final confirmation. Please double-check your entry form and remember to sign the Release Form. A \$50.00 service charge will be added for any returned checks.

Emergency Veterinary Services:

Anne Arundel Veterinary Emergency Clinic 410-224-0331

808 Bestgate Road, Annapolis MD



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Exhibitor Information:

- All entries must be accompanied by entry fees and be <u>postmarked</u> prior to the day/time of closing to be considered valid.
- Exhibitors not attending the General/Judge's briefings will still be held responsible for knowing the information given in these briefings.
- Any dog that is sick, injured or lame will be excused from the trial grounds.
- Per the rules and SuperPup policy: Prong, choke, and pinch collars can be used on the property but are not allowed in the blind nor on the way to the ring. Electric collars are not allowed to be used on the property during a trial. GPS collars are always welcomed.
- All dogs must be on a maximum 6' leash, except while hunting, and be under control while on the grounds. Flexi-leads may not be used within 100 feet of the buildings. Please attempt to control your barking dogs so that they do not disturb the neighbors. Please do not leave dogs loose in the car with a door or a window open to the point where the dog may escape.
- At no time should dogs be tied out or otherwise left attached to something other than a human; specifically, leaving your dog(s) tied to an unattended chair or in an open crate is not safe in a trial environment and, therefore, not allowed.
- No unattended vehicle may be left running while in the field. Doing so
 presents an unacceptable risk of starting a fire or creating a carbon
 monoxide issue with dogs in cars parked nearby.
- Please be considerate about picking up after your dogs and leaving the grounds as you found them. Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of a refund if the event committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement.
- The schedule is fluid throughout each day. No special considerations will be made to accommodate other activities outside of the trial.
- The blinds are outdoors, with sections covered by tents and shade from trees. The blinds are at least 15' by 15'.
- Handicapped parking must be marked on the entry form. The blinds and rings are not easily wheelchair accessible but it can be done. Please contact the Trial Chairperson in advance so we can ensure a safe path to the rings. Limited up-close handicapped parking is available on a firstcome, first-served basis.

Bitches in season (BIS) are eligible to compete but will be required to be kept separate from all other dogs and run in panties/britches at the end of their class. Entry fees for BIS that come into season will be refunded until date/time of closing of the trial, if you wish to withdraw. Additionally, if the handler chooses to pull after the closing date, the BIS can be treated as an injured dog and receive a 75% refund after a veterinarian note is received. If bringing a BIS, please inform the Trial Secretary prior to the trial and make sure it is announced at the briefing.

Loud/Disruptive dogs: Please keep dog barking to a minimum so as not to disturb the neighbors. Any dog behaving in a threatening or aggressive manner toward another dog or a person may be dismissed from the trial, if justification is found to do so by the judge and/or event committee. In that case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. Exhibitors are expected to know the HR rules as far as aggression is concerned, both on and off the course.



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SuperPup Sanctioned Happy Ratter Trial Trial Date: March 29-30, 2025

This form must be signed. Fill out one form per dog.					
Opens toda	•		ım		
\$20/class	DoS fee \$				
Make checks payable to SuperPup, LLC and mail to:					
Katrina Drake, 8832 Blue Smoke Dr., Gaithersburg MD 20879					
Zelle transaction #:					
Amount of transaction: \$					
HR Reg. #: HR		Dog's Call Name			
Dog's full name					
Breed		Birth date	Sex		
Actual Owner					
Handler/Agent (if different than owner)					
Phone & email (Entries will be confirmed by email. Please PRINT clearly.)					
	(Circle appropriate class and levels)			(Circle if metallic)	
Saturday Games:	Dump Hunter Level: 1 2 3			М	
	Rat Race Level: 1			М	
	Infestation Level: 1			М	
Classes: 2 trials each day	Ratter	Happy Ratter	Expert Ratter		
	Champion Ratter	Extraordinaire Ratter	Extreme Ratter		
each day	Sat: T1 T2 Sun: T1 T2				
Sunday Games:	A-MAZE-ing Rat	Level: 1 2		М	
	Earn A Rat	Level: 1		М	
	Ultimate Distance	Level: 1 2 3		М	
☐ Bitch	Total enclosed:			ı	
in season					
☐ Handicapped parking requested (must display state decal)					

Vaccinations: Please note that the State of MD requires that all dogs over 16 weeks old be vaccinated for rabies every three years. Rabies can be spread by saliva in addition to blood. By signing the disclaimer below, you are signing that all dogs in your vehicle are in compliance with this law. Puppies below 16 weeks old are not required to be vaccinated; however, they must be in good health to be at Splashdown! Farm. Thank you for being mindful of the health and well-being of all animals at this trial, especially the ratties that may be in contact with your dog's blood/saliva 🟵

THIS DISCLAIMER MUST BE SIGNED AND INCLUDED FOR A VALID ENTRY

I (we) acknowledge that if this application for the entry of this dog is made available to me (us) for participation in a Happy Ratter event, that I (we) agree that this facility has the right to refuse the entry of this dog and/or they reserve the right to dismiss the dog and myself for cause which Happy Ratters deems to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this and the opportunity to train my dog(s), I (we) agree to hold Happy Ratters; SuperPup, LLC; and all associates harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog or dogs while in or upon the premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for such claim, and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for damage or injury to the dog or myself, either physically or mentally, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by negligence while in or upon the premises of Splashdown! Farm. The terms of this agreement bind the parties for the current period of training, and all subsequent classes/training/events in which they hereafter participate.

I / we agree to abide by the rules of HR currently in effect at the time of the trial date. I/we testify that the dog entered is healthy and vaccinated or tittered in accordance with Maryland State laws. I/we certify that the dog entered is not dangerous to any person or other dog. By signing below, I/we agree to the disclaimer on this entry form.

Signature – Owner or Parent / Guardian if Minor	Date
Entry form MUST be signed and the Disclaimer MUST be at	ttached for a valid entry.
In case of an emergency, please provide the followi	ing information:

Emergency POC Name:				

Emergency Phone number: