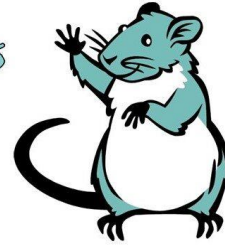


Happy Ratters

- Just for Fun -
Urban Rat Hunting
for Dogs



HAPPY RATTERS AUGUST 2026 TRIAL

Hosted by Rock-N-Ratters and Clermont County Dog Training Club
6058 Kells Lane, Milford, OH 45150



**CLERMONT COUNTY
DOG TRAINING
CLUB**
513-625-4337
6058 Kells Lane Milford, OH 45150
A Great Place To Train Your Dog!



Dates: August 8 & 9, 2026

Check in @ 7:45 AM, Briefing at 8:15 AM, Start Time @ 8:30 AM

Register via <https://secreterrier.com>

Entries open on May 1, 2026 at 12PM

As each trial fills, entries will be automatically waitlisted.

All entries and waitlists will close on **July 30, 2026 at 12PM**

Trial Email: rocknratters@gmail.com

TWO TRIALS EACH DAY (two judges, four rings)

Photographer: www.raeoflightimagery.com

Judges: Dyan Dalby and Valerie Caudill

“Standard” Searches: Ratter \$18, Happy Ratter \$20, Expert \$24

“Game” Searches: Box A Rat (level 1 & 2), Rat Trap (level 1 & 2), Dump Hunt (level 1 & 2),

A-Maze-Ing Rat (level 1 & 2), Silent Hunt (level 1 & 2),

Ultimate Distance (level 1 & 2), Earn-A-Rat, and Rats in the Garden.

Games: Level 1 @ \$18, Level 2 @ \$20, Earn-A-Rat and Rats in the Garden @ \$22

Trial chair: Colleen Fox

Trial secretaries: Karen Kimmerly (primary), Gene Langschwager and Gwyn Jeans

Trial Committee: Colleen Fox, Don Ventre, Karen Kimmerly, Gene Langschwager, Barb Langschwager, Gwyn Jeans, Traci Bradley, Donna Summers, Katie Maess

EVENT REGISTRATION AND RULES:

- By registering for this Happy Ratter trial, participants agree to read this premium and follow the rules/expectations listed in this document. In addition, participants agree to read and follow the Rules and Guidelines established by Happy Ratters.
 - Refer to <https://www.happyratters.com> for its 2026 revised rules.
- Participants may **register their dog for one (1) standard search per trial, and then they may register their dog for additional game searches, BUT MAY NOT EXCEED a maximum of six (6) total searches per DAY.**
 - Participants are not permitted to register their dog for mixed levels of the same class in the same trial (e.g., cannot register for Ratter and Happy Ratter, cannot register for Level 1 and Level 2 of the same game).
 - When registering: T1 means AM trial, T2 means PM trial.
 - The “M” after T1 or T2 indicates “Medallion” status. For example, after a title has been earned, the dog may work towards a Medallion title (e.g., bronze, silver, etc.). If this is desired, participants should register for the relevant T1M or T2M option.
 - **Contact us via the Trial Email (on page 1) if any assistance is needed.**
- **Dogs with special needs (e.g., wheelchairs, 3 legged, deaf, vision impaired) are permitted to trial.**
 - Let our trial team know during check-in if any dog needs special accommodation.
- **Dogs must be registered with both Happy Ratters and Secreterrier to participate.**
 - Refer to <https://secreterrier.com> to obtain/purchase a Happy Ratter number (\$22 per dog).
 - Participation is open to all purebred and mixed breeds; minimum age requirement of 6 months.
- **Refer to <https://secreterrier.com> to confirm registration eligibility for each title and/or level.**
 - Entry fees are to be prepaid within the Secreterrier website.
 - The new site provides status information on titles and points; therefore, we expect participants to understand what their dog is eligible to compete in.
 - Let our trial team know if a dog is on track to earn a title or medallion during our event and be prepared to share the dog’s Secreterrier account results.
- **REFUNDS WILL NOT BE OFFERED after trial closing date, regardless of any external causes;** however, emergency situations will be evaluated by the Trial Chair. Secreterrier fees (\$1 per run) are not refunded by Secreterrier, no exceptions.
- **LEVEL UPS: Advancing to a higher-level search may be accommodated at the end of Saturday afternoon trials.** Discuss the request with a Trial Secretary prior to 5pm on Saturday. Additional fees will need to be paid to the Trial Secretary at the time of the request. **Registration changes will not be permitted mid-day on Saturday or Sunday.**

IMPORTANT FACILITY AND TRIAL LOGISTICS:

- The building is climate-controlled and offers a crating area with nearby indoor restrooms.
- Several rings will be set up inside the building and astro-turf is installed throughout the building.
- Any elimination on the turf within the ring is an automatic disqualification.
- **In addition, any elimination (vomitus, urination, defecation) on the turf will result in a \$25 cleaning fee being owed, payable to the Trial Secretary at the time of the incident.**
- One ring will be set up outside in the back of the building, on grass, regardless of weather conditions, during the mornings only.

- **Inside rings will run concurrent searches, which means that each dog will run all or most of its indoor searches back-to-back within a 10-15 minute time period during each trial.**
- Each participant is entitled to a fair and consistent search area with limited distractions; therefore, observers and spectators will be limited within the trial area to respect the wishes of those participants who do not want additional people to be present during their searches.
 - Participants will not be allowed to enter the trial area until it's time for their dog to compete.
 - If a participant wants someone to observe their searches, and/or wants someone to video/photograph their dog, and that person is not competing in the trial, everyone must agree to not share or post any videos/photographs until after the trial concludes.
- Trial schedules will be posted at the start of each trial. Morning trials will likely start with Ratter / Level 1 searches and progress to Expert / Level 1. Afternoon trials will likely start with Expert / Level 2 searches and then regress to Ratter / Level 1.
- Each day, between the AM and PM trials, there will be a 1-hr lunch break for the judges and trial committee members. Text notifications via Secreterrier will be sent to participants, when needed, to communicate breaks and start times.
- **Lunch, snacks, and beverages will not be sold onsite or provided to competitors/participants.** Several restaurants and fast-food options are within a 10-15 min drive (Off 275, Exits 57, 59 A, 63B and 65).
- **AWARDS:** Ribbons will be awarded for all qualifying searchers and for new title ribbons or medallions. Placement ribbons will be awarded for 1st to 4th place. For anyone not wishing to keep their ribbons, a donation of those ribbons back to Rock-N-Ratters is greatly appreciated.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION AND GENERAL ETIQUETTE:

- Smoking is not allowed within 25 feet of entrances.
- Flexi-Leads, Prong, Choke, Pinch, or Electric collars are not allowed in the building. All dogs must be on a maximum six (6) foot leash and be under control at all times.
- Dogs not working with their handler must be crated or kept within their handler's vehicle.
- Collars/Leads – when inside the trial rings, dogs typically run “naked” during most of their runs. Recent Happy Ratters’ rule revisions permit the use of buckle collars in some situations. The judges will provide clarification, as needed.
- During outside searches (e.g., Rats in the Garden), a buckle collar and leash will be required.
- **POTTY ETIQUETTE:** Pick-up after your dog when it potties and then dispose of its waste in appropriate trash containers outside the building.
- CCDTC property adjoins Cincinnati Therapeutic Riding and Horsemanship (CTRH) which offers services to those with disabilities and unique challenges); therefore, we ask that dogs are not walked too close to the fencing that separates CCDTC from CTRH.

BARKING/DISRUPTIVE DOGS, BITCHES IN HEAT, DOG AGGRESSION:

- Barking, loud, whining, and/or disruptive dogs will be asked to leave the building to ensure that each participant is provided with a fair and consistent search environment that is free of distractions.
- **BITCHES IN HEAT WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TRIAL (NO EXCEPTIONS)**
- Any dog exhibiting threatening or aggressive behavior towards another dog or to any person will be dismissed from the trial at the discretion of the judge and/or trial committee members. The dog will not be permitted to trial, and entry fees will not be refunded.

SAFETY: At all times, the safety of the dogs/handlers and the rats is our top priority. Rats are to be humanely handled at all times and be safely confined in aerated tubes or appropriate boxes/containers. The rats are specifically handled and trained for this sport, in addition, many of them are maintained as members' pets. **Roughhousing of rats and their tubes/containers by a dog or handler/participant is not tolerated and disqualification from the trial, without refund, is possible. Decision authority is with the judge. Disputes with the judge or evidence of poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated.**

LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Nearby hotels/motels are listed below. Participants should verify if these facilities accept dogs and charge pet-related fees when making reservations.

- Homewood Suites, Exit 59, I-275 & Milford Parkway, Milford (513) 248-5462
- Tru by Hilton, Exit 59, 951 Chamber Drive, Milford, Ohio 45150 (833)372-3506
- Holiday Inn Express, Exit 57, 1-275 and Rt. 28, Milford (513) 831-7829
- Hilton Garden Inn, Exit 54, 1-275 & Wards Corner Rd., Loveland (513) 576-6999
- Hampton Inn, Cincinnati Eastgate, 858 Eastgate North (513)752-8584
- Holiday Inn, Exit 63B, I-275 & Rt. 32, Eastgate (513) 752-4400
- Motel 6, Exit 65, Beechmont Ave, 3600 Nine Mile Rd. (513) 752-2262
- Best Western, Exit 65, 1-275 & Beechmont Ave./St. Rt. 125, Cherry Grove (513) 528-7702
- Red Roof Inn, Exit 15, I-71 1900 Pfeiffer Rd (513) 793-8811

DIRECTIONS to Clermont County Dog Training Club (CCDTC), Address: 6058 Kells Lane, Milford, OH 45150.

- CCDTC is located near the east side of Cincinnati, OH not far from the I-275 loop.
- Take the Route 50/Hillsboro exit off of I-275 turn towards Route 50/Hillsboro (not towards Milford Parkway) and turn right (east) on Route 50.
- Travel approximately 2 ½ miles through three traffic lights.
- After the third traffic light (Round Bottom Road, UDF on corner) turn left on the second street, Kells Lane, just past Sugar Camp Rd.
- Our building is the second building on the right and plentiful parking is available.

Emergency Information	
Veterinarians	Urgent Care/Hospitals (Human)
Urgent Care/Hospital MedVet Cincinnati 3964 Red Bank Road, Fairfax, OH 45227	CareFirst Urgent Care Milford, OH 45150
Care Center Cincinnati 6995 E. Kemper Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249	Bethesda North Hospital 10500 Montgomery Road Cincinnati, OH 45242

LIABILITY RELEASE

By entering this trial you acknowledge that you are familiar with the current rules applying to Happy Ratter Trials, including all terms and conditions contained in this Event Premium, and agree to abide by all rules, terms, and conditions. You agree that the Host Club holding this trial has the right to refuse entry for cause which the Host Club, in its sole judgment, must deem to be sufficient. Upon acceptance of this entry, you agree to hold:

(a) Happy Ratters; (b) this Host Club; (c) the owner or lessee of the premises; (d) any sponsors of this event, and each of their members, directors, officers, agents, Trial Secretary, Trial Chairperson, Trial Committee and employees harmless from any claim or loss or injury or expenses (including attorney fees) which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing arising out of or in consequence of my/our participation in the trial or the act of my/our dog, howsoever such injuries or damage may be caused and whether or not the same may have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or any other persons.

You further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim or loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether any claim be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the Host Club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes.

Signature _____ Date _____