



# Novice

RATS! Canada

## BARN RATting

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### The Objective

Your dog must find a rat, hidden in one of three tubes. The rat is in a protective PVC tube and will not be harmed.

### The Rules

- ⚡ When you enter the ring, you may walk around the ring but you may not communicate with your dog in any way.
- ⚡ When the judge tells you to, you may communicate with your dog by speaking, pointing etc. for the remaining time allowed (60 seconds to Q).
- ⚡ You decide when your dog has indicated they have found the rat. You must raise your arm and clearly call out "RAT!".
- ⚡ You will incur a penalty, but may keep searching if the judge says that you have made an incorrect call.

### A Qualifying Run (Q)

A qualifying run occurs when the judge has deemed that your dog has found the rat, within 90 seconds, and with no penalties.

### Achieving a title

To achieve your novice title (NBAR) in Barn Ratting, you must successfully complete three qualifying runs.

### Faults

You can be disqualified for:

- ★ touching your dog or any of the tubes; or
- ★ speaking, pointing, clapping or communicating with your dog in the first 30 seconds.

Elimination occurs when your dog does not indicate finding the rat within 120 seconds or if you incorrectly identify two tubes as the find.



### The Ring

The ring will contain:

- ★ one tube containing a rat;
- ★ one empty tube (virgin); and
- ★ one tube containing used rat litter.



For complete rules go to  
<http://www.ratscanada.com>