



Novice

RATS! Canada

GO TO GROUND

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The Objective

Your dog must crawl through a man-made tunnel to find a rat. The rat is in a protective cage and will not be harmed.

The Rules

- ☀ You will release your dog 6 inches from the tunnel entrance. Your dog may enter and exit the tunnel multiple times until they find the rat.
- ☀ You should remain where you released your dog into the tunnel. You may move to pick up your dog to re-release it into the tunnel if it exits before finding the rat.
- ☀ Upon finding the rat, the dog must "mark" the find for 20 seconds continuously, by barking, snapping, licking, etc.

A Qualifying Run (Q)

A qualifying run occurs when the judge has deemed that your dog has found the rat by scent, within 36 seconds, and marked the rat for 20 seconds without pause.

Achieving a title

To achieve your novice title (NGTG) in Go To Ground, you must successfully complete three qualifying runs.



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

Faults

You can be disqualified for pushing your dog into the tunnel, the dog must enter willingly.

Elimination occurs when your dog does not find the rat within 36 seconds, or leaves the tunnel before the 20 seconds of marking the rat are over.



The Liner (tunnel)

The liner/tunnel is 10" wide and 10" high, and 12 feet long.

The ring will contain:

- ★ one tunnel with one 90 degree turn; and
- ★ one rat.

