THE FIRST HAPPY RATTERS TRIAL ON FLORIDA'S CENTRAL WEST COAST

"Winter Wonderland" theme!

Hosted by:

K9 Common Scents

At

Ocala Dog Ranch



Permission has been granted by Happy Ratters to hold this trial. Open to all breeds and mixed breeds of all sizes, at least 6 months of age.

January 30th and 31st, 2027
8:30 AM Start
3 Rings - 3 Judges
Judges: Emily Mardis, Maryann Abbott, LeeAnn Smebak
Each dog entered may play up to 6 runs per day!
Check-in begins at 7:15 AM
General Briefing and Judge Briefings held at 7:45 AM

Location: (DO NOT SEND ENTRIES TO THIS ADDRESS)
Ocala Dog Ranch
440 SW 110TH AVE.
OCALA, FL 34481

Entries are accepted through Secreterrier, only. www.secreterrier.com

Hunt for rats in tubes in an "urban" setting - no straw!
Games will run back to back and regular classes will run consecutively

There will be a lunch break at the Judge's discretion

Regular/Standard Classes: 4 Trials over the course of the weekend offering Ratter ($18), Happy Ratter ($18), Expert ($20), Champion ($20), Extraordinaire ($20) & Extreme ($20) Levels.

Games Classes on both days:

- A-MAZE-ing Rat ($18) - Levels 1 - 5
  - X-pens provide 3' wide corridor to hunt through a maze and find the rat!

- ULTIMATE DISTANCE ($18) - Levels 1 - 3
  - Handler stays *seated* behind line (always 1 rat; distance increases with each level

Enter ONLINE ONLY at secreterrier.com

Exhibitor Information:

CHECK IN - begins at 7:30 AM; general and Judge briefings held a 7:45 AM.

Further details will be emailed to all competitors after the trial closes an actual number of entries in each class is known. Dogs will not run in any particular height order, but the WILL run in a modified level order depending on which class in each set requires the greatest change between levels. Multiple dogs handled by the same person will be separated into different bounds. Judge and Event Officials dogs may be run prior to official start time, after official end time or as first and/or last blind(s) of a class.

Happy Ratters Rules can be obtained in the form of a PDF file at http://happyratters/rules/

Exhibitors are responsible for knowing the rules.

Awards: Ribbons are awarded for all qualifying runs, placements and titles.

Fun Facts about Happy Ratters:

- Treats are allowed in the ring (faults for dropping treats = points off - NOT an NQ ! Food, (silent) toys, petting and/or verbal praise are also allowed and encouraged.

- Points are accumulated from the start of that dog's runs in that particular level. You don't need a perfect run to Q and earn points! See the rules for each level!

- For Regular/Standard Happy Ratters classes, dogs with a BHA Novice title or higher may begin trialing at the Happy Ratter Level, if they prefer. Dogs with a BHA OPEN (RATO) or higher may begin trialing at the Expert Level if preferred. Alternately, they may start at a lower level if you prefer.

Ratter- 1 rat. Time 2:30
Happy Ratter: 2 rats, Time 3:00
Expert: 3 rats, Time 3:30
Champion: 4 Rats, Time 4:00
Extraordinaire/Extreme - 1 - 5 rats (unknown #), Time 4:30

Games Classes:
- *A-MAZE-ing Rat:* X-pens provide a 3 ft wide corridor to hunt for the rat through a maze
- *Ultimate Distance*: Handler stays SEATED behind the line (always 1(ONE) rat; distance increases with levels

Collars and Leashes:

- Prong/Pinch, or Choke collars are not allowed in the staging area or on the way from the staging area to the ring.

ELECTRONIC COLLARS (including bark collars) AND FLEXI LEASHES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS.

Dogs may run "naked" OR may wear a FLAT BUCKLE OR SNAP CLIP COLLAR with no hanging tags or collar plates attached. MARTINGALE COLLARS ARE NOT ALLOWED.

Dogs should be brought to the ring with equipment that can be easily and quickly removed and replaced. All dogs must be on leash at all times except when in the ring or secured in their car or crate.

Dogs should NOT be closer than 10 feet from the active ring (when a dog is running.) Dogs must be on leash and under control at all times on the grounds!

BITCHES IN SEASON: BIS are eligible for entry but will be required to be kept separated from all other dogs and will run with panties on in a separate blind at the end of any classes entered. Entry fees for bitches that come into season will be refunded if you wish to withdraw before the closing date. After the closing date, entry fees will not be refunded. If bringing a bitch in season, please inform **K9commonScents@proton.me** prior to the trial and inform all exhibitors a the judge's briefing. ***REMEMBER YOUR DOG MUST WEAR PANTIES AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON THE SHOW SITE (except when being taken out to potty.)*** You will be directed to the BIS Potty area. Please come to the Trial Secretary area before unloading your dog so we may inform you of the area to be used.

Muzzles may be worn by dogs, who may be inclined to pick up or retrieve tubes, in order to protect the rats. Muzzles are ***not*** intended to be used to mask or hide human or dog aggression. Aggression towards people or dogs is not tolerated in Happy Ratters.

It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dog(s) and/or children. Any exhibitor who's dog(s) and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Event Committee, be asked to leave with no refund of any fees paid.

Please clean up after your dogs! If you do not, you will be asked to leave and there will be no refunds. Please be responsible! Ocala Dog Ranch is being very generous to allow us to hold a trial on their private property, and we ask that you kindly respect them and the property!
The safety of the dogs is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all obstacles safely.

Pet Friendly Accommodations: When making reservations please ask for pet policies.

Towneplace Suites by Marriott
8125 SW Highway 200
Ocala, FL 34481
(352) 619-1234

The Riding Academy Hotel at WEC
1615 NW 81st Terrace
Ocala, FL 34482
(352) 414-7900

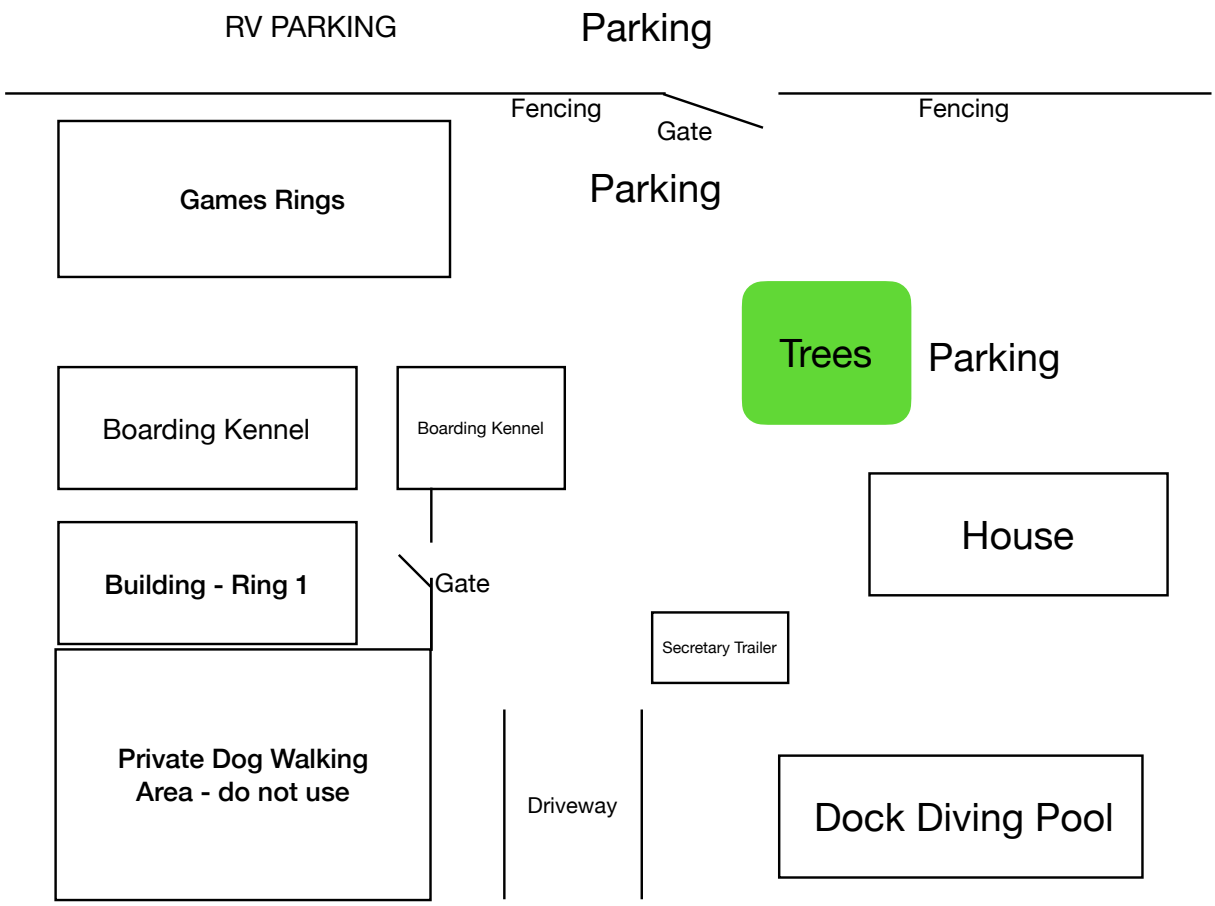
The Equus Inn
3434 SW College Rd.
Ocala, FL 34474
(352) 854-3200

The Red Roof Inn
120 NW 40th Ave,
Ocala, FL 34482
(352) 732-4590

RV Camping:

Class B and Class C (under 35 ft.) for $20.00 per night. Self-Contained RV's may stay on site after making arrangements by emailing K9CommonScents@proton.me and getting approval. There is dry camping only. There is no dump site or water available.

Site Layout:



Directions From North or South: I-75 exit to Highway 40. 8 miles West on Highway 40 and turn LEFT onto 110th Ave. Then .4 miles to Ocala Dog Ranch on the RIGHT (West) side. You will see a large field when turning onto 110th St., then a large ranch style home and DIRECTLY after the home you will see large bushes that obscure the turn into Ocala Dog Ranch! ***Go Slowly! We will put out signs, but the turn comes up very quickly!***

FRIDAY AFTERNOON - EVENING THERE WILL BE RUN-THROUGH'S AND "TRY IT'S" FROM 3-PM TO 7 PM for $10.00 per dog. A great opportunity to try this fun sport without the commitment of entering the trial - and if you want to after you've tried it, we will instruct you how to enter the trial online!

Come on out and PLAY, even if you've entered the trial!

We will introduce your dog to the rat, then you get to go to Ring 1 and get instruction with a judge to play with your dog for 3 minutes in the actual ring!

Come on out and have a great evening with your dog and the Happiest Ratter People around!!!

Emergency Information - Pet
Name: UF Veterinary Hospital at WEC
Address: 1156 NW 81st Ter Rd, Ocala, FL 34482
Phone: (352) 414-3858
Hours: Open 24 hours, 7 days a week for small animal emergencies

Trial Committee:
Karen Powers - Trial Secretary
Katie Colitz - Logistics and Awards
Neil Hennessey - Chief Ring Steward
LeeAnn Smebak - Chief Rat Catcher

For Complete rules, visit:
www.HappyRatters.com and download the PDF manual!

Happy Ratting! See you there!