ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED

ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON September 1st, 2023 at 12:00PM EDT at the Test Secretary's address. All entries received before this date will be returned. Overnight or certified mail must be sent with the "No Signature Required" waiver signed.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON October 12th, 2023 6:00pm EDT after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted. Envelopes/transactions containing entries for more than the ten (10) dog maximum and/or entries received prior to the opening date shall be treated as an invalid entry and shall be returned to the sender.

DAY OF TEST entries will be accepted on a space available basis.

ALL entries must be paid for using cash or check.

PREMIUM LIST

National Beagle Club

Member of the American Kennel Club

Hunting Performance Test

NBC Sponsored Event

Thursday, October 26th, 2023 Test #1 am
Thursday, October 26th, 2023 Test #2 pm
Friday, October 27th, 2023 Test #1 am
Friday, October 27th, 2023 Test #2 pm

Lone Star Dachshund Conservancy

17526 TX-34, Ladonia, TX 75449
Approximately 1 mile North of TX-34 on CR 3355

OPEN TO BEAGLES ONLY

ENTRY LIMITS

50 dogs per day; additional day of test entries may be accepted if time permits

To be held Outdoors

Test Hours:

Thursday Test #1 – 7:30am until complete
Thursday Test #2 – No earlier than noon* until complete
Friday Test #1 – 7:30am until complete
Friday Test #2 – No earlier than noon* until complete
Handler's Briefings: 7:00am and 30 minutes prior to start of Test #2, both days

**Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Test Committee for entrants with conflicts, see page 3 for details.*

Permission is granted by the National Beagle Club for the holding of this event.

OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL BEAGLE CLUB

President ……..……..Joan Barrett, MB
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EVENT COMMITTEE

Mandy Palmer, Kurtis Palmer, Khalida Hendricks, Michael Simpson

JUDGES & MARSHALLS

Judges
Ed Belding, 109 Country Oaks LN, Weatherford, TX 76088-7811
Brandon Scott, PO Box 682, Okemah, OK 74859

Marshalls
Larry Gohlke, PO Box 120, Neshkoro, WI 54960
Kurtis Palmer, 342 Sugar Hill Rd, Brockway, PA 15824

VETERINARIAN ON CALL

Commerce Vet Clinic
113 Hwy 224, Commerce TX Mon-Fri 8:00 am-5:30 pm
903-886-7941 1st Saturday of the months 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 pm

DALLAS ANIMAL URGENT CARE (NOT 24 HOUR)
12835 Preston Road Suite 405, Dallas, TX (972) 910-2890 Open Daily 8am – 10pm

BLUE PEARL EMERGENCY PET HOSPITAL
(24 HOUR – CALL AHEAD, LIMITED AVAILABILITY)
4651 N Beltline Road, Mesquite, TX (972) 226-3377

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Ambulance, Fire, Police: CALL 911
YOU ARE LOCATED 1 Mile North of TX-34 on CR 3355

Hunt Regional Emergency Medical Center at Commerce
2800 Hwy 24, Commerce, TX (across from WalMart)
903-886-3161
Hunt Regional Medical Center Hospital
4215 Joe Ramsey Blvd., Greenville, TX
903-408-5000

DOGS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER

This test is open to all dogs FOUR (4) months of age or older that are registered with the American Kennel Club or that have AKC Limited Registration, Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP).

Only beagles are eligible to participate.

Classes are not separated by height for the Hunting Performance Test.

Spayed/neutered dogs are eligible to participate.

Females in season may participate; however, females in season will be cast in the last pack(s) of the day. Females in season may be required to run both Test #1 and Test #2 at the end of the day.

No dog shall participate if it is sutured, bandaged, or wounded such that, in the opinion of the judge, the dog cannot safely complete the hunt.

ENTRY INFORMATION

An individual dog may be pre-entered once per Test. If time permits, additional Day of Test entries will be accepted.

Handlers may request to be packed with dogs with similar hunting speed and style, if known.

Handlers may request specific packmates. All handlers and packmates must be present at the time of request and all handlers must agree to run together.

MOVE-UPS

Same day move-ups will be accepted. Move-ups between days will be accepted.

A move-up may be requested if, according to the owner's records, the handler and dog are eligible and the dog has completed the qualifications of all prerequisite levels. A move-down may be requested if the owner mistakenly entered the dog in a higher level class for which it is not eligible. A lateral transfer may be requested to move between Advanced Solo/Brace and Advanced Pack.

The request for a class transfer must be submitted in writing to the Event Secretary by the end of the previous day or at least 30 minutes prior to the start each test.

CONFLICTS

A conflict is defined as entry or active participation in another NBC event being held as part of the 2022 NBC National Specialty Show. This may include conformation, rally, agility, etc.

The test committee will make reasonable attempts to accommodate handlers/dogs with a conflict. Participants with conflicts will be given priority in the pack running order and may complete Test #1 runs in the afternoon or Test #2 runs in the morning if necessary. If you have a conflict, please check the "Conflict" box on the entry form and work with the test committee to ensure you have the best opportunity to participate in all the great events we are having this year!

ENTRY FEES

*an entry is defined as a single run by a single dog, in a single class.

All classes……..……..……..$30

Mail entry form and fees to:

Khalida Hendricks
686 Mock Rd.
High Point, NC 27265

Please make checks payable to the **National Beagle Club**.

No entries will be accepted by phone, email, fax, or hand delivery. Express mail entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary's address. Inquiries may be directed to Khalida Hendricks at ***funwithgravity@gmail.com***. No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.

Illegible entries will not be processed and will be returned to the exhibitor. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry and the Test Secretary will add a $25.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

WAIT LIST INFORMATION

The National Beagle Club is offering a wait list to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the test's closing date/time. A maximum of **50 entries per day** will be placed on the club's wait list. All entries, including wait listed entries, must be received by the Test Secretary prior to 6:00pm **Thursday October 12th, 2023**. No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after closing on October 12th, 2023. If a withdrawn entry is replaced by a wait listed entry, a full refund will be issued for the withdrawn entry. Any wait listed entry that does not move off the wait list into the test will receive a full refund.

RIBBONS, AWARDS, AND PRIZES

Ribbons will be awarded for passing scores in all levels.

A "Form and Function" ribbon will be awarded to any dog that obtains a passing score in the Hunting Performance Test as well as a placement in any regular conformation class.

STAGING AREA, HANDLER'S BRIEFING, AND RUNNING CONDITIONS

The Staging Area will be located at the building and the west enclosure gate. Handler's briefings will be held at 7am each day and 30 minutes prior to the start of Test #2 each day. Attendance at handler's briefings is encouraged but not required.

Hunting Performance Tests are conducted outdoors, therefore handlers should be prepared for all potential weather conditions. Handlers should understand that packs will be run rain or shine, unless dangerous conditions are present (such as lightning or flooding). Comfortable footwear and water-resistant clothing are recommended. Brush/briar-proof clothing is ideal.

Each dog in a pack will wear a collar with an identifying color. Collars will be provided by the test committee. Shock collars are not allowed. Integrated GPS/shock collars may be used so long as the shock feature is turned off and the stimulation prongs are removed. GPS collars will be provided by Hunt Test Committee for all running dogs as a precaution against any dog breaching the enclosure fence.

At the Advanced level, hounds will be fired over using a blank pistol. Pistol will be fired at a minimum of 20 yards away from the running dogs.

Judges are not required to wait for dogs. The owner of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at the staging area when it is to be judged. The Club has no responsibility to provide service through a public address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the staging area when required.

Spectators. Spectators are encouraged. Spectators may not touch a dog unless the judge has ordered the dog to be picked up. Spectators should not interfere with the hunt. Spectators must follow the judge's instructions and remain at a respectful distance away from the dogs and judge at all times.

CLASSES AND JUDGING ASSIGNMENTS

Classes will be judged jointly by two judges per class. If advertised judges are unavailable, then qualified judges will be assigned by the HPT Event Committee.

Instinct, Novice, Advanced Solo/Brace, and Advanced Small Pack classes will be offered at all four tests.

LEVEL 1 – HUNTING BEAGLE INSTINCT (HBI)

The Hunting Beagle Instinct level tests the hounds for basic instinctual behaviors characteristic of a rabbit hound. These behaviors must distinguish the dog as a rabbit hound as opposed to being a simple display of generic canine prey drive. Although the behaviors are essentially instinctual, it should not be assumed that a dog can pass level 1 without any prior experience.

Dogs will be cast in packs of 2-4 hounds. To earn a passing score, dogs must receive a total score of at least 10 points across the four scoring categories (search, desire, handling, and scent indication).

LEVEL 2 – HUNTING BEAGLE NOVICE (HBN)

The Hunting Beagle Novice level tests the hounds for intermediate hunting abilities that could be expected from a newly started dog or puppy with the potential to progress to the skills of a viable hunting companion. Desirable traits should be present but not necessarily refined. Display of assets is worth more at this level than an absence of faults, although the balance of faults and assets contribute to the overall score in each scoring category.

Dogs will be cast in packs of 2-4 hounds. If the judge determines that the pack needs assistance for any reason after some length of time, the gallery may assist in getting a rabbit up. To earn a passing score, dogs must receive a total score of at least 14 points with a score of 2 or higher in each of the five scoring categories (search, pack work, check work, line control, and voice).

LEVEL 3 – HUNTING BEAGLE ADVANCED (HBA)

The Hunting Beagle Advanced certifies a dog as being a viable hunting companion. A dog can pass level 3 without being field trial quality; level 3 simply represents a dog that could be enjoyably and effectively hunted over. There are two parts to Level 3 certification: the solo or brace, and the small pack.

Solo or brace: Dogs will be cast either solo or in a brace with one other dog. If a brace is used, neither dog can already have obtained the level 3 title or have earned points at an AKC licensed beagle field trial. To pass solo or brace, a dog must obtain a total score of 13 or more points with at least 3 points in each of four categories (search, check work, line control, and voice).

Small pack: Dogs will be cast in packs of 4-6 hounds. If an insufficient number of dogs are entered in level 3 to form a small pack, experienced hounds (as defined in Section 1 of the rules) may be used to fill the pack. To pass small pack, a dog must obtain a total score of 17 points with at least 3 points in each of five categories (search, pack work, check work, line control, and voice). Additionally, a blank pistol will be fired over the pack while dogs are actively pursuing a rabbit to test for gun shyness. Gun shyness is a single pass or fail item separate from the five scoring categories.

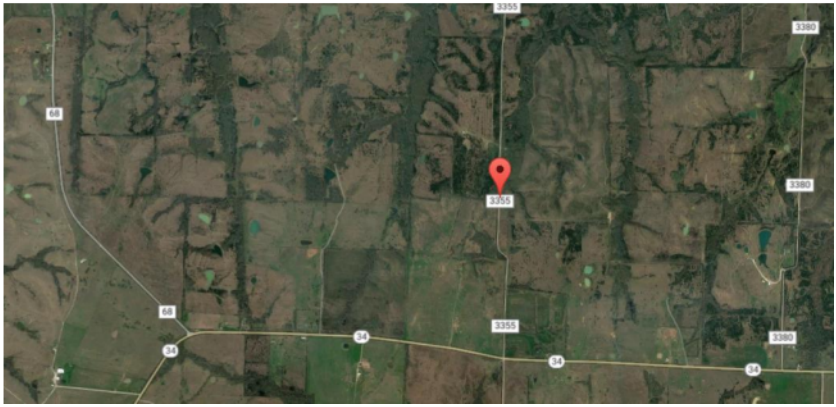
DIRECTIONS TO TEST SITE

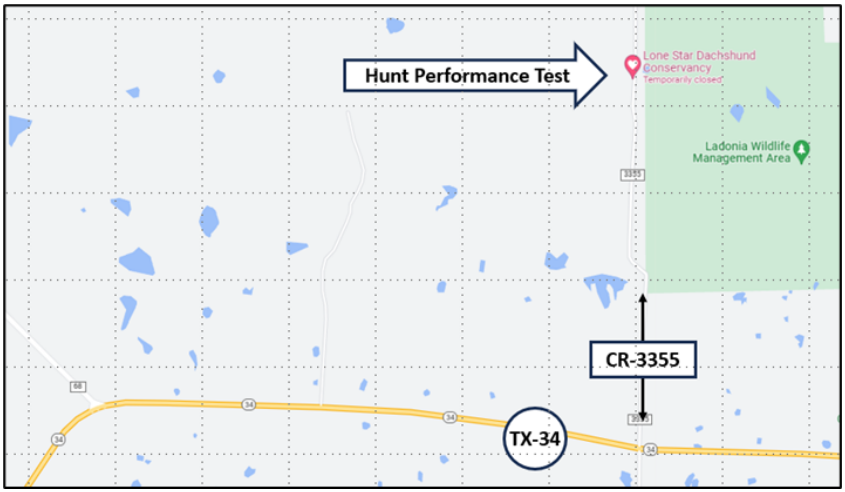
DIRECTIONS
Lone Star Dachshund Conservancy, Ladonia, TX
Approximately 1 mile North of TX-34 on CR 3355
GPS coordinates for LSDC: N33° 25.700' W96° 1.300'

DIRECTIONS FROM I-30
Coming from the west through Greenville
Take Exit 96 towards TX-302. Turn left onto TX-302 Spur W / Lee Street. In 2 miles, turn right onto Johnson Street. At fork in road, veer right onto Commerce Drive. In 0.5 miles, turn left onto TX-34 N / Wolfe City Drive. Continue north on TX-34 for approximately 15 miles to Wolfe City. In Wolfe City, TX-34 turns left (from Crockett Street onto Santa Fe Street). Continue with the directions from Wolfe City.

Coming from the East through Sulphur Springs
Continue on I-30 west of Sulphur Springs and take Exit 116. Turn right onto FM 2635 N. In 5 miles, turn left onto TX-11 W. Follow TX-11 for 8 miles to city of Commerce. Turn right onto TX-11 Business (Maple Street). In 1 mile, turn right onto Park Street to remain on TX11. In 0.9 miles, turn left onto Neal Street to remain on TX-11. Continue on TX-11 for 13 miles.
In Wolfe City, turn right onto TX-34 N then continue with the directions from Wolfe City.

From Wolfe City to LSDC
After leaving Wolfe City, continue north on TX-34 for approximately 5 miles. Turn left on CR 3355 (white gravel road). Follow CR 3355 for approximately 1 mile. The entrance to LSDC will be on your left.





INFORMATION FOR TEST SITE

DAY PARKING. Day parking is available in the gravel lot nearest FM3355. Parking on Tally Ho property near the pavilion is available only after the gravel lot is full, and/or as directed. Parking anywhere else on either property is prohibited unless directed to do so.

ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

Test Site. Use of the enclosure outside of official hunting performance test activities must be coordinated directly with Mike Simpson or designee of the the Lone Star Dachshund Conservancy.

Indoor crating space will not be available. All crating will be outdoors, from cars. Some limited grassy areas are available for setting up popups, etc. Please plan appropriately to provide shade and dry areas for your dog.

Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s) in staging or parking area. Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the Event Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement.

Limited brown bag lunches will be available for $6 per meal. Pre-order is preferred; limited meals without pre-ordering will be available. Contact Michael Simpson at mike01simpson@gmail.com (Subject line NBC HPT Lunch(s)) to pre-order a brown bag lunch.

LODGING

These hotels have graciously agreed to accept our well-mannered dogs. A pet deposit may be required. Please check with hotels for policies and restrictions.

AREA MOTELS

Magnuson Hotel (about 20 miles SE of grounds)
2207 Culver Street, Commerce, TX
903-886-4777

Holiday Inn Express (about 20 miles NW of grounds)
1101 GK Reddy Ave., Bonham, TX
903-486-6111

Motel 6 (about 25 miles south of grounds)
5109 I-30 Access Road (at Moulton Street Exits 94A/94B), Greenville, TX
903-455-7700

Super 8 (about 25 miles south of grounds)
5010 Hwy 69, Greenville, TX
903-454-3736

La Quinta Inn & Suites Sulphur Springs (about 40 miles SE of grounds)
1344 Eaton Drive, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482 (location is on I-30 access road)
903-885-8181

The above are listed for your convenience. Please verify locations and directions to the motel and determine their pet policies

CAMPGROUND

Bonham State Park (15 miles NW of grounds)
Water and Electric hook-ups available, as well as, bathroom and shower facilities.
1363 State Park Road 24, Bonham, TX
903-583-5022; Reservations – 512-389-8900

CAMPING ONSITE. Overnight parking / camping will be available by advance reservation for $10 per night (payable at test). Please note there are NO hook- ups or facilities. There are two very nice, clean outhouses on site. Trash and holding tank waste may not be placed in the outhouses. Camper parking will be on the gravel lot nearest FM3355. **ALL CAMPERS MUST ARRIVE DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. THERE IS NO ELECTRICITY; THIS ALSO MEANS NO YARD LIGHTS**.Campers must depart within 2 hours of the conclusion of the Friday test unless other arrangements are made. To make camping reservations, please contact Mike Simpson at **mike01simpson@gmail.com** (**Subject line NBC HPT Camping).** Please see Mike upon arrival for camp site assignments. Please make checks for camping payable to CHERI FAUST**.**

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

SAFETY, BEHAVIOR and LIABILITY

The safety of the dog is our primary concern. By entering this test, 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 in a hunt safely. **It is expressly understood** that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the test committee, be asked to leave the test site. In such a case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. The National Beagle Club and its agents, employees, etc., will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children. The National Beagle Club reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against the National Beagle Club or any official thereof.

Any dogs not currently running must be on leash at all times. Retractable leashes may not be used in the enclosure or staging area. Dogs must enter and exit the hunting area with the leash securely attached to the collar or harness, including when waiting in the staging area before and after the hunt. If a dog isn't assigned to the currently running pack, they should not be in the enclosure, even on lead.

REFUNDS

No entry fees will be refunded if the test 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. No entry fee will be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by the action of the Test Committee. Dogs pulled after closing because of injury or other medical condition are eligible for a full refund with a note from the attending veterinarian.

Bitches in season may be refunded the full entry fee if the handler chooses to withdraw the bitch. Notification in writing must be given to the test secretary no later than one half hour prior to the start of the first class of the day of the test.

Claims will be arbitrated as set forth on the Official NBC Entry Form for this event.

"Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations." Additionally, clubs should include any specific local or state health requirements; for example, proof of rabies vaccination.

OTHER INFORMATION

Hunting Performance Test Rules and Regulations will be posted on the NBC Hunting Performance Test Facebook Group.

Please visit the National Beagle Club website at
https://nbcspecialty.com/2023-nbc-national/
for a schedule of events, sign ups and more information!

Please join the Facebook Group called 2023 NBC National Show for posts, raffles and other details about the event.

NBC Official Hunting Performance Test Entry Form

Entry fees: **$30 all classes**

***Make checks payable to*: National Beagle Club**

Send entries to:
Khalida Hendricks
686 Mock Rd
High Point, NC 27265

Test Secretary will add a $25.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

# of entries: _____ x $30 = Total due: _____

	Class	Conflict		Class	Conflict
Thursday Test #1 10/26/23	□ Instinct □ Novice □ Advanced - Solo/Brace □ Advanced - Small Pack	□ Dog/handler may have a conflict with another NBC event.	Friday Test #1 10/27/23	□ Instinct □ Novice □ Advanced - Solo/Brace □ Advanced - Small Pack	□ Dog/handler may have a conflict with another NBC event.
Thursday Test #2 10/26/23	□ Instinct □ Novice □ Advanced - Solo/Brace □ Advanced - Small Pack	□ Dog/handler may have a conflict with another NBC event.	Friday Test #2 10/2723	□ Instinct □ Novice □ Advanced - Solo/Brace □ Advanced - Small Pack	□ Dog/handler may have a conflict with another NBC event.

Preferred running speed/style of hound, if known *(optional)*: _____

(Describe the speed/style, and/or list a preferred field trial organization/federation, ie, UBGF, MidWest, ARHA, etc., or write "unknown")

AKC Registered Name		Registration Number □ **AKC**/PAL/ILP/CP □ Foreign
Call name	Date of birth	Sex
Breed		Variety
Breeder		
Sire		
Dam		
Owner		
Owner's Address		
City	State	Zip
Telephone	Email	
Handler name (if different from owner):	Junior Handler # (if applicable):	

Fields marked in blue are REQUIRED. Fields marked in gray must be completed if the information is known.
Be sure to read the Agreement and sign on the reverse. No form will be processed without your signature!

AGREEMENT

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The National Beagle Club in effect at the time of this event, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the NBC, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any NBC approved judge, judging at this event, 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 while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim of loss, injury or damage to this dog.

Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. I (we) agree that the determination of whether the injury is serious shall be made by the event veterinarian and is binding on me (us). I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE NBC (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION.

SIGNATURE of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry.

SIGN HERE

X:_____

Phone #:

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Email:

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In case of Emergency

Name: _____

Phone #: _____