

ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED

ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON September 22nd 2026 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.

PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE ON October 26th 2026 at 6:00pm EDT after which time pre-entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted. Entries received after this date will be treated as Day-of-Test entries. IF you do not get your entry in by this date but plan on coming please contact us to increase chances of securing run times.

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



A Wicked Good Time

Kingsport, Tennessee

Monday, November 2nd, 2026 TEST

Friday, November 6th, 2026 TEST

Test Location: Greene County Beagle Club
535 Jeffries Lane, Mosheim TN37818

OPEN TO BEAGLES ONLY

ENTRY LIMITS

30 runs per day; additional day of test entries may be accepted if time permits
To be held Outdoors

Test Hours:

Monday, November 1st, 2026 TEST 6:30 am done or until dark (5pm)

Friday, November 6th, 2026 TEST 6:30 am until done or dark (5pm)

Handler's Briefings: 30 minutes prior to start of each test, all days

**Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Test Committee for entrants with conflicts*



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

OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL BEAGLE CLUB

PresidentJoan Barrett, MB
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TEST CHAIRPERSON	TEST SECRETARY
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EVENT COMMITTEE

Mandy Palmer, Kurtis Palmer, Khalida Hendricks, Michael Simpson

JUDGES & MARSHALLS

Judges:

Qualified Judges

Approved backup judges and marshalls may be used for some packs.

Marshalls

Kurtis Palmer, Mandy Palmer, Khalida Hendricks & Greene Beagle Club Volunteers

EMERGENCY SERVICES

AMBULANCE, POLICE, OR FIRE: CALL 911

Hospitals / Emergency Rooms:

Greeneville Community Hospital
1420 Tusculum Blvd Greeneville Tn 37745

VETERINARIANS

**Animal Medical Center of Greeneville
370 Morgan Rd, Greeneville, TN 37745
+1 423-639-6777**

**Andes-Straley Veterinary Hospital
3407 Memorial Blvd, Kingsport, TN 37664
+1 423-380-9014**

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 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:

**Amanda Palmer
342 Sugar Hill Road
Brockway Pa 15824**

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

We do have an online link available to pay for entries. PLEASE email or mail in entry form and NOTE on the form that you have paid via online system. Entry Form without payment will be accepted as a day of entry if payment is made during test.

<https://nbc specialty.com/hunting-performance-test/>

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 Amanda Palmer & Khalida Hendricks at beaglehpt@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 **30 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 closing. No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after closing unless a bitch is in season. If a withdrawn entry is replaced by a waitlisted entry, a full refund will be issued for the withdrawn entry. Any waitlisted entry that does not move off the waitlist into the test will receive a full refund.

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. Owners are responsible for knowing what level their dog is eligible for.

CONFLICTS

A conflict is defined as entry or active participation in another NBC event being held as part of the 2026 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; 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! Note: We may not have late afternoon test times due to the heat.

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. You are responsible for collecting your ribbon at the National. We hand out ribbons from the Friday/Saturday eligible dogs each day at the close of conformation. The Thursday eligible dogs will have ribbons available at the HPT site if supplies last.

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). One passing score is required to earn the NBC-recognized Hunting Beagle Instinct title.

LEVEL 2 – HUNTING BEAGLE NOVICE (HBN)

Dogs must have obtained the Hunting Beagle Instinct Title prior to entering this level.

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). Two passing scores are required to earn the AKC-recognized Hunting Beagle Novice title.

LEVEL 3 – HUNTING BEAGLE ADVANCED (HBA)

Dogs must have obtained the Hunting Beagle Novice Title prior to entering this level.

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 an HBA or have earned points at an AKC licensed beagle field trial. Filler dogs can NOT be used in solo/brace.** Passing scores may be nullified if this rule is violated.

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.

One passing score in solo/brace and one passing score in small pack are required to earn the AKC-recognized Hunting Beagle Advanced title.

STAGING AREA, HANDLER'S BRIEFING, AND RUNNING CONDITIONS

SECRETARY TABLE will be located by the clubhouse & is subject to be moved into the building at any time- please check our facebook or feel free to contact Amanda "Mandy" Palmer with questions. 814-591-1151

STAGING AREA will be located by the secretary's table

HANDLER'S BRIEFINGS will be held 30 minutes prior to the start of each test at the Secretary's Table. 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 run rain or shine, unless dangerous conditions are present (such as lightning, heat stroke risk, or flooding). Comfortable footwear and water-resistant clothing are recommended. Brush/briar-proof clothing is ideal. Please NOTE: ticks & other outdoor hazards are possible within the enclosure.

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 the Hunt Test Committee for all running dogs as a precaution against any dog breaching the enclosure fence. ONLY true field trial color collars are allowed during the test. Judges have the ability to request collar color changes to identify hounds.

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 test committee has no responsibility to provide service through a public address system, stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the staging area when required.

Your pack order is subject to be changed repeatedly throughout the day. We try really hard to accommodate everyone, but due to the nature of the test you may be bumped due to conflicts. Please note on forms if you have a request of time and we will work on order received AFTER conflicts.

Spectators. Spectators are encouraged and may enter the pen and follow the hounds to watch. 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.

WEATHER.

Average High: 58°F (falling from about 65°F at the start of the month to 55°F by the end). Average Low: 34°F (overnight lows typically range between 26°F and 42°F). Extremes: Daily highs can occasionally reach up to 66°F on warmer days, while colder nights can drop into the mid-20s, making early morning frosts common.

ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

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.

There is a port a potty within the Clubhouse. Please be respectful.

Please utilize the concessions the Green County Beagle Club will be selling- we will make an order for lunch if they do not offer meals.

LODGING

Accommodations:

HOST HOTEL

MeadowView Conference Resort & Convention Center
1901 Meadowview Parkway
Kingsport, Tennessee, USA, 37660
(40 minutes from site)

Quality Inn Bulls Gap
50 Speedway Lane, Bulls Gap, TN

RV Parking and Camping:

RV parking and trailer and tent camping is available at Green County Beagle Club grounds but NO HOOK UPS are available. The clubhouse has a port a potty

There is a \$10 fee per night to tent camp or park RVs. Please make reservations to Mandy:

Amanda "Mandy" Palmer CVT ABCDT
814-591-1151 (text or call)
sugarhillhounds@gmail.com

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 because 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. Bitches in season may still participate; see the Hunting Performance Test Rules for more information on restrictions.

"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 are posted on the NBC Hunting Performance Test Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/beaglehpt>) as well as our website <https://beaglehpt.com/>

Please visit the National Beagle Club website at <https://nbcspecialty.com/2026-nbc-national/> for a schedule of events, sign ups and more information!

ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

Please make all entries at the level your dog is currently at (ie, Instinct if your dog does not yet have an HBI, Novice if your dog does not yet have an HBN, etc.). Move-ups are available so if your dog passes the first run you will have the option to move it up for the next run. Advanced Solo/Brace and Advanced Pack may both be entered in the same test.

If you would like to pre-pay for additional entries in the same test for the same dog, please check the "number of additional runs" box and clearly write the number of additional runs you would like for that test. If the test limits are filled at the time of closing, additional entries for the same test and same dog may be refunded or moved to a later test to allow other pre-entries with only one test entry per dog the opportunity to run. You will be contacted by the test secretary to discuss options if this happens.

Dogs who have already earned a Hunting Beagle Instinct Title may continue to enter the Instinct level until they have earned an HBN. Dogs who have earned an HBA title may continue to enter Advanced-Solo. They may not run in Advanced-Brace unless it is with another dog who has an HBA title. If you have a dog who has earned the HBA title and you would like to pre-pay entries to run for fun in any other class, please contact the test committee; we may be able to use your dog as "filler" for an HBN or HBA pack or arrange for an all-HBA pack.

For "speed and style" of hound, the most useful description includes which AKC field trial federation and format your dog best fits (ie, Midwest, UBGF GDB, UBGF SPO, PBGF, DSBGF, Large Pack, 2CP, etc.). If your dog competes in a different registry (UKC or ARHA) those can also be listed. If you do not know which federation/format/registry would fit your dog best, "probably faster" or "probably slower" is still helpful. Numbered speeds are difficult to interpret as people from different backgrounds can assign the same number to two very different hounds. If you don't know, simply leave this field blank.

We try to pack dogs together whose entries are received together. If you would like to pack with another dog that is entered but their entries will not be received together, please contact Mandy Palmer to request specific running mate(s). All handlers and packmates must agree to run together. Handlers may also request to be packed with dogs with similar hunting speed and style, if known. Requests may be denied at the test committee's discretion due to scheduling or other constraints, but all efforts will be made to honor reasonable requests.

All fields shaded in light blue **must** be filled out in order to record passing scores or titles. Gray fields should be filled out if known.

Eventually we would like to provide breeder/sire/dam statistics to celebrate show dogs and show breeders that tend to produce stock with field ability. If your dog, its sire, or its dam is an AKC show champion or higher please include that title (or just "CH" if you are not sure what the highest show title is) so that the sire/dam and breeder can be recognized in these (future) statistics.

NBC Official Hunting Performance Test Entry Form

Entry fees: **\$30 all classes**

Send entries to:
Amanda Palmer
342 Sugar Hill Rd
Brockway PA 15824

Make checks payable to: National Beagle Club

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

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

	Class	Conflict		Requests	Conflicts & Camp
Monday Test 11/2	☐ Instinct ☐ Novice ☐ Advanced - Solo/Brace ☐ Advanced - Small Pack	☐ Dog/handler may have a conflict with another NBC event. ☐ Number of additional runs _____	Specific Requests - first come first serve!	☐ AM reason _____ ☐ PM reason _____	Event: _____ <i>*Please note to the left time you THINK you can run if known</i>
Friday Test 11/6	☐ Instinct ☐ Novice ☐ Advanced - Solo/Brace ☐ Advanced - Small Pack	☐ Dog/handler may have a conflict with another NBC event. ☐ Number of additional runs _____	Other Notes:	Request running companions: _____ _____ _____ _____	☐ Plans to RV or Tent Camp at Club Dates: _____ _____ _____

☐ ***This dog has ran a rabbit before (trial, starting pen, other HPT, wild game, etc)***

☐ ***This dog has been off lead before - if not no worries (fenced with GPS provided)***

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 #: _____

Email: _____

In case of Emergency

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

- ☐ Check this box if you are okay with your dogs scoring information posted publicly **ONLY IF** they pass a level. NOTE: We do not post failed scores. We intend to make a database with all dogs who pass each level for public knowledge and accessibility.