

Breed Firsts - Barn Hunt—Crazy 8 Bronze {CZ8B}



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Sully being Sully is an odd ball who has a unique prey drive. He loves to hunt and chase. So Barn hunt just came naturally to him. We don't have any classes locally, so I just decided to wing it and give some trials a shot! He LOVED it and was instantly hooked. He never had any issues finding the rats. He's gotten many compliments on how fast he finds the rats, even faster than some terriers.

Since he loved it, I kept trialing with him.

Crazy 8 is a non-regular class, dogs don't need any specific titles beforehand. Sully loved this game so much. Crazy 8 has 8 rats to find in 2 minutes. Each rat is secure and safe in a tube, they can't get harmed by the dogs. To make it extra tricky there are tubes with just rat litter, no rats in them. This way if the human sees a tube they just can't call it.

Each rat found is 10 points, plus if the dog tunnels or climbs on a bail its an additional 10 points. However, if the dog doesn't tunnel or climb they lose 20 points. The dog must find at least one rat. If the human calls the wrong thing twice, the dogs turn is over. So the handler, must really learn to read their dogs. We aren't allowed to touch anything while the dog is running. So we can't be moving hay around, and "searching" with them.

For the bronze title, the dogs must accumulate 500 points. Sully had no issues finding rats, however his desire to tunnel through the hay was not there. He'd rather hunt than squeeze through the tunnel. For Saint's the tunnels are very tight and they literally have to squeeze through them. They are only one hay bale tall and one hay bale wide, but they can be anywhere from a few feet in length to 18 feet with some turns.

Sully's best run was when he found 7 out of the 8 rats in a run, he found the 8th but right after time ran out. He truly loves this game and has so much fun doing it! He earned this title on May 20, 2022 in NY! We had to travel to over a handful of states to let him play with his rat "friends"

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