

Premium List
**BASSET HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**



**2026 BHCA Nationals Hunting Performance Test
Friday, October 9, 2026**

**Silver Creek Beagle Club
2520 Beagle Club Rd., Underwood, IN 47177**

This event has been sanctioned by the Basset Hound Club of America and is open to Basset Hounds.

Basset Hounds with ILP or PAL numbers, & spayed or neutered Basset Hounds may enter.

Hounds will be judged by the Rules used by the Basset Hound Club of America.

STAKES are LIMITED to a total of 15 entries + 10 Alternates. Stakes may run concurrently in separate areas. Alternates that do not get to run, will be refunded after the event.

STAKES are LIMITED to 2 (two) Stakes per Owner/Household. Any additional stakes will be entered as Alternates. Please identify which stakes are your primary stakes if you are entering more than two.

Entries open at 8 am CT on July 3, 2026.

Entries close September 11, 2026, at 7pm, OR when all 15 stakes and alternate entries are filled.

**TEST HOURS on October 9th: 7:30 am until dark
Run order will be sent out the week before the test.**

Awards: Dark green rosettes and 3 ½" BHCA logo medallions will be awarded to all qualifying hounds

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Stakes offered: Solo, Brace, and 2-Coupled Pack

Type of game: Cottontail Rabbit

Entry fee: \$20 per hound. Online option available.
(Make checks payable to: **BHCA 2026 Nationals**)

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Exhibitor Information: This test is open to Basset Hounds that are registered with the American Kennel Club or have obtained ILP or PAL numbers, except for aggressive hounds or hounds suffering from any deformity, injury or illness, which may affect the hound's physical or mental performance.

Safety of the hounds is a primary concern. The test running grounds are forested, brushy, and/or open meadows. No releasing dogs on rabbits except as instructed by the judges during the trial. All hounds must be on leash at all times except when being tested. It is expressly understood that the exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their hounds, guests and children. Anyone engaging in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the test committee, be asked to leave the trial site.

Bitches in season are not permitted at this test and entry fee will be refunded if a bitch entered in solo stake is in season at time of test. If a bitch in season has been entered in brace or pack another hound may be substituted. Refunds will be given if the secretary is notified by Thursday, October 9, 2026. **NO OTHER SUBSTITUTIONS.**

Judges are not required to wait for hounds. Owners or handlers of each hound are solely responsible for the hound being present and ready when preceding entry has completed.

Titles that may be earned in a BHCA sanctioned hunting performance test are: Hunting Hound (HH), Senior Hunting Hound (SHH), and Master Hunting Hound (MHH) or Master Hunting Hound Excellent (MHE). Each entry must specify "Q" or "NQ", indicating whether or not that hound is intended to qualify for a leg of a title. Only one "Q" entry may be submitted for each hound at a test. A hound qualifying three times in either solo, brace, or 2-couple pack can earn HH. Once having the HH, the hound must compete in one of the other remaining stakes and qualify three times for SHH; and then qualify in the remaining stake three times to earn an MHH or MHE. Awards: Ribbons with an AKC logo will be awarded to all qualifying legs. For titles earned, a certificate from the BHCA with the hound's name, owner's name(s), title earned, and date will be prepared and delivered to the owner. Application can be made to add the title to the AKC pedigree.

Hounds will be judged in the following categories of hunting ability on a scale of one to ten:

1. *Ability to find game*
2. *Use of voice*
3. *Line ability*
4. *Adaptability*
5. *Determination*

Gun shyness will be judged on a pass/fail basis. A pass requires a minimum score of 5 in each category, and an average of at least 6. A current copy of the rules can be found on the BHCA web site: <http://www.basset-bhca.org>

VETERINARIAN:

St. Clair Veterinary Clinic
706 S Gardner St, Scottsburg, IN 47170
1-812-752-2753

LOCAL MOTELS that accept well-behaved dogs:

Red Roof Inn, 1522 W McClain Ave, Scottsburg, IN 47170
Hampton Inn, 1535 W McClain Ave, Scottsburg, IN 47170
Red Roof Inn, 2201 Grace Ave, Charlestown, IN 47111

DIRECTIONS TO HUNT TEST GROUNDS:

FROM THE SOUTH: I-65 north to exit 19, turn right (east) onto IN-160 East, go to US 31 and turn left (north). Continue for 3 ½ miles to Beagle Club Rd, turn right onto Beagle Club Rd and continue for 2 ½ miles to Silver Creek Beagle Club on the left.

FROM THE NORTH: I-65 south to exit 29A, turn onto IN-56 East and go



0.8 mi east. Turn right (south on US 31 and continue 6.7 mi to Beagle Club Rd. Turn left onto Beagle Club Rd and continue for 2 ½ miles to Silver Creek Beagle Club on the left.

USE OF GROUNDS FOR PRACTICE:

Practice is limited to two dogs at a time, per handler on Thursday, October 8th, after

12 noon. If you are practicing with other dogs/handlers, do not allow dogs to “pack up” on a rabbit or surround brush piles.

CAMPING RESERVATIONS

Participants may arrive no earlier than 12 noon on
Thursday, October 8th

- Parking of RVs in spots is at the discretion of the Silver Creek Beagle Club and the BHCA Field Trial/HPT committee.
- Price per night per RV, (or tow vehicle + camper) is \$50 with water and 30-amp electric hook-up. (Same price as Fairgrounds)
- You may arrive on Thursday, October 8, 2026 after 12 noon.
- The BHCA Field Trial and HPT Committee has full authority over RV parking decisions.
- Matting is encouraged under all x-pens, especially if shavings are used. All areas used must be cleaned before departure.
- RVs must be removed from the Beagle Club grounds by 8:00 pm, Sunday, October 11, 2026.
- RV spaces will be reserved on a first come-first served basis, no guarantees. Bring extra electric cords and extra-long water hoses.

RV Hook-up Fee: \$50 per night. Payment forfeited for unused nights.

Mail RV reservations to Field Trial Secretary, Kaylynn Finke, 223 State Route 186 South, Humboldt, TN, 38343, payable to BHCA 2026 Nationals

Dry camping is allowed on the grounds.

A room with bunk beds that sleeps 4 is available in the clubhouse on a first come basis, as well as space for cots.

Men’s and Women’s restrooms each have showers.

RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION

A Raffle and Silent Auction will run through the HPT and FT weekend.

Winners will be drawn/posted at noon Sunday.

Donations will be graciously accepted. Please contact Lei Ruckle or Cindy Patrick with a description of your raffle or auction item and then bring the item(s) with you to the event grounds.

MEALS

Meals will be provided throughout the weekend

Friday: Breakfast and Lunch for \$20

Friday MSBHC Fundraiser Dinner: \$12
(includes evening fun)

Saturday: Breakfast and Lunch for \$20

Saturday Annual Field Trial Banquet: \$15
(includes evening fun)

Sunday: Breakfast and Lunch for \$20
(no dinner)

“Full Meal Deal” for \$85

Full weekend meal package may be paid for in advance via Venmo:

@MidSouthBassetHoundClub

Must note when paying by Venmo name(s) and “HPT/FT Meal Package”

Pre-paid meal ticket packets can be picked up beginning noon Thursday, 8 Oct.

OR

Individual meals may be purchased from the event secretary on-site during event

Agreement

I (we) acknowledge that the "Basset Hound Club of America Hunting Performance Test Rules" have been made available to me (us) and that I am (we are) familiar with their contents. I (we) waive any and all claims, causes of action, I or we may otherwise have against the BHCA and all BHCA approved judge(s) judging at these tests. I (we) agree that the club holding this test has the right to refuse this entry for cause, which the clubs shall deem to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this test and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold this club, its members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or show secretary and the owner or lesser of the premises and any employees of the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any persons or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the hunt test premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or damage or injury be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes.

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 expenses (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 including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this hunting performance test, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused and whether or not the same may have been caused or may have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents or any other persons.

Instructions

A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for a trial closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner, it must be entered in the name of its new owner in any show for which entries closed after the date of acquirement, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been mailed to the AKC (for complete rule, refer to Chapter 11, Section 3.)

One form must be submitted for each hound entered. A complete brace entry will require two forms; a complete pack entry will require four forms.

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM FOR HUNTING PERFORMANCE TEST

Basset Hound Club of America

Silver Creek Beagle Club, Underwood, Indiana

Friday, October 9, 2026

Entries cannot be accepted, altered or substituted after entries have closed.

All entries with fees payable to: ***BHCA 2026 Nationals***

Entries be mailed to: Cindy Patrick

13635 Harpers Bridge Dr., Houston, TX 77041

Entry fee is \$20 per hound entered

OR

We have an online entry option this year. Fill out your entry, save to pdf and email to chpatrick79@gmail.com. Then send your payment with your name, HPT, dog call names via Zelle to NationalsEntryFees (no spaces!)

Incomplete or unpaid entries are not valid. Confirmations will be sent out upon receipt of payment and completed entry forms.

(IMPORTANT: CAREFULLY READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT)

BREED VARIETY

REGISTERED NAME AND AKC NUMBER

SEX CALL NAME OF DOG

STAKE (CHECK ONE) SOLO BRACE 2-COUPLED PACK

HOUND (CHECK ONE) #1 #2 #1 #2 #3 #4

CHECK "Q" OR "NQ" Q NQ
CHECK TITLE FOR THIS ENTRY AND THIS TEST HH SHH MHH

(Enter number below) DATE OF BIRTH
 AKC® REGISTRATION NUMBER
 AKC LITTER NUMBER
 PAL/ILP NO. PLACE OF BIRTH (LIST COUNTRY)
 FOREIGN REG. NO.

BREEDER

SIRE

DAM

ACTUAL OWNERS

OWNERS ADDRESS NEW ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP + 4

HANDLER
IF JUNIOR HANDLER, PLEASE ENTER # BELOW FEE ENCLOSED \$

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 ABOVE. IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS ENTRY, I (WE) AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE BASSET HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA IN EFFECT AT THE TIME OF THIS HUNTING PERFORMANCE TEST, AND BY ANY ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS APPEARING IN THE PREMIUM JUST FOR THIS HUNTING TEST, AND FURTHER AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE AGREEMENT PRINTED ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS ENTRY FORM. I (WE) CERTIFY AND REPRESENT THAT THE DOG ENTERED IS NOT A HAZARD TO PERSONS OR OTHER DOGS. THIS ENTRY IS SUBMITTED FOR ACCEPTANCE ON THE FOREGOING REPRESENTATION AND AGREEMENT. PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IF OWNER IS UNDER 18. SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR HIS AGENT DULY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THIS ENTRY.

Must be signed here

Telephone # ()

Email: