



94th New England Hunts Foxhound Show Prize List

**Sunday, May 18, 2025
Hosted by Myopia Hunt Club**

Judge: Dr. Steven Thomas, MFH Chairman,
Hound Show & Performance Trial Committee
Masters of Foxhounds Association

Location: Myopia Hunt Club
435 Bay Road, South Hamilton, MA 01982

General Information

“The purpose of hound shows is to promote interest and provide the information essential in breeding of a pack of foxhounds. A hound show should provide the opportunity to gain knowledge in many areas, to evaluate the quality of hounds, and by discussion, both formal and informal, to exchange ideas, not only in the showing of hounds, but also on the many other areas that are essential to the sport of foxhunting.” –Introduction to *A Guide for Hound and Puppy Shows*, MFHA 1997

The Junior Showmanship classes introduce youth to foxhounds and the show ring. It is a great opportunity for youngsters to learn about hounds, sportsmanship, and conduct in the ring.

As always, we value the opportunity to learn from the judges, the hunts, the handlers, and from the hounds themselves. We may think we come together to evaluate hounds, but we leave knowing a lot more about ourselves. We are inspired, enlivened, and we have fun. Please plan to join us for a day of sportsmanlike competition and camaraderie.

Hounds may arrive after 7:00 a.m. Complimentary coffee and light refreshments will be served at 8:00. The Show Secretary will be available at 8:00. The show will start promptly at 10:00. The lunch break will be announced.

The Myopia Hunt Club requests appropriate attire for all competitors, spectators, and guests (e.g. no jeans, no T-shirts). Please pass this information on to members of your hunt, staff, and guests who will attend the show.

Special Notices

- In order to prevent exposure to diseases, including canine brucellosis, bitches in whelp, bitches that have whelped within the last sixty (60) days, bitches that have aborted and bitches in season are NOT permitted on the show grounds. This applies to all hounds.
- The MFHA does not approve of the procedure of ear cropping or "rounding" and urges all its members to cease the practice.
- Any hunt with confirmed Leishmaniasis in their kennel must provide negative test results for each competing hound, from a licensed veterinarian, within 6 months of the show date.

General Conditions

1. All hounds entered in this show must be American, English, PennMaryDel, or Crossbred foxhounds belonging to packs recognized or registered by the Masters of Foxhounds Association. Entered Hounds must have been accepted by the Keeper of the MFHA Stud Book. Unentered hounds must be eligible for acceptance by the Keeper of the Stud Book, have been whelped after the first of December two years prior to the current year i.e., Dec 1, 2016), and which are fully intended to be entered hounds at the proper time.
2. In classes for entered hounds, Masters must certify that each entry is a good hunting hound as demonstrated by its working ability in the field with the pack. All hounds must be named, giving hunt and date of entry for entered hounds as well as hunt and date of entry of both sire and dam of all hounds. If a hound is entered in more than one class, this information need be given only once. Individual hounds need not be named in the pack class. In classes for unentered hounds, Masters must further certify that it is their intention to enter these hounds into the pack this autumn.
3. **Drafts:** Hounds drafted from other hunts may be shown in all classes. All unentered hounds should be listed under the name of the hunt that is showing them. A drafted hound should have this status designated by checking the “drafted” column next to its name on the entry form. The hound will be judged as all others in the class. Drafted hounds that win a championship class—*unless bred by the hunt showing that hound*—will not be recognized by the MFHA and therefore shall not be eligible to compete in the Best Couple or Best in Show classes. Should a drafted hound or couple of hounds win a championship class, the next placing non-drafted hound or couple will compete in Best in Show classes, *unless said hound or couple was bred by the hunt showing those hounds*.
4. Any dog hound shown in any class must have both testicles. Spayed females are not permitted. Exception: Classes 21 and 42 (see rule 20).
5. Each hunt is allowed to name six (6) substitute hounds that will be assigned numbers. If, at the last moment, it becomes necessary to show a different hound rather than the original, a substitute hound may be used. The Show Secretary should be informed of intended substitutions the evening prior to the show.
6. Kennel coats must be worn by all exhibitors while in the ring. Discreet hunt logos on left breast are permitted. Bowler hats are requested while showing English hounds and hunt caps for others. Kennel coats are acceptable for the pack class, to be shown by the huntsman and one whipper-in only.
7. English hounds may be shown off leads. American and Crossbred hounds may be shown off lead at the option of the judge.
8. Dry biscuits are acceptable; liver is not.
9. Dogs not entered in the show are NOT permitted on the grounds.
10. Kenneling with bedding will be provided for visiting packs at no charge. Exhibiting hunts must provide their own feed, feed pans, and watering pans. Please note on your entry form the number of kennels requested. Overnight kenneling facilities are available.

General Conditions-cont.

11. **FEES:** Fees will be as follows: \$100.00 show fee, plus a \$5.00 fee per entry per class, and \$20.00 for the pack class. Hunts with unpaid entry fees will not be allowed to compete. Post entries must be paid before the start of the class(es) entered. There is no entry fee for the Junior Showmanship or Retired Foxhound classes.

Please enclose your checks made out to *Myopia Hunt Club* with your entry and mail to: Wendy Wood, 278 Cutler Rd., South Hamilton, MA 01982 or email entry to: wendyjwood@comcast.net. Entries received before April 30, 2025 will have their information printed in the official program.

12. Entries are made subject to the Rules and Regulations of the New England Hunts Hound Show committee. The decisions of the committee are final.
13. Four (4) places will be pinned in each class, plus Champion and Reserve of divisions, and Best in Show.
14. A veterinarian will be on call. Exhibitors are responsible for their own fees.
15. Myopia Hunt Club, the membership, and/or anyone connected with the hound show in any way will not be responsible for theft, accident or injury to hounds, equipment, exhibitors, or spectators.
16. **HSPT:** All hunts showing at a MFHA sanctioned show must be members of HSPT. Hunt dues are \$100.00 per year. Please submit a photocopy of your current HSPT Hunt membership card with your entries. Hunts that have not paid their HSPT dues will not be allowed to compete.
17. **Championship Classes:** In a championship class, all first place winners will be called in. The winner for that group shall be named Champion; second to the winner shall be named Reserve.
18. **Couple Classes:** All couples must be either both drafted or both registered dogs or bitches for the sake of recognition in the final "Best of" classes.
19. **Pack Class:** Open to professional and amateur huntsmen. The pack class will be conducted in accordance with the 2009 MFHA "A Guide for Hound Shows and Performance Trials." A reminder that when the judge calls for your pack, the Huntsman should introduce him/herself and whip to the judge and say "These are my hounds."
20. Spayed females and neutered males are eligible for classes 21, 42, and 49. This allows smaller hunts with non-breeding hounds to show the quality of their pack where siblings, sires and dams may still be available for breeding.

Class List

English Dog Division

1. Single Dog - Unentered
2. Single Dog - Entered
3. Couple of Dogs - Unentered
4. Couple of Dogs - Entered
5. Stallion Hound (certified to be sire of living get)

American Dog Division

6. Single Dog - Unentered
7. Single Dog - Entered
8. Couple of Dogs - Unentered
9. Couple of Dogs - Entered
10. Stallion Hound (certified to be sire of living get)

PennMaryDel Dog Division

11. Single Dog - Unentered
12. Single Dog - Entered
13. Couple of Dogs - Unentered
14. Couple of Dogs - Entered
15. Stallion Hound (certified to be sire of living get)

Crossbred Dog Division

16. Single Dog - Unentered
17. Single Dog - Entered
18. Couple of Dogs - Unentered
19. Couple of Dogs - Entered
20. Stallion Hound (certified to be sire of living get)

21. Neutered Single Dog Entered - All breeds

English Bitch Division

22. Single Bitch - Unentered
23. Single Bitch - Entered
24. Couple of Bitches - Unentered
25. Couple of Bitches - Entered
26. Brood Bitch (certified to be dam of living puppies)

American Bitch Division

27. Single Bitch - Unentered
28. Single Bitch - Entered
29. Couple of Bitches - Unentered
30. Couple of Bitches - Entered
31. Brood Bitch (certified to be dam of living puppies)

Class List-cont.

PennMaryDel Bitch Division

- 32. Single Bitch - Unentered
- 33. Single Bitch - Entered
- 34. Couple of Bitches - Unentered
- 35. Couple of Bitches - Entered
- 36. Brood Bitch (certified to be dam of living puppies)

Crossbred Bitch Division

- 37. Single Bitch - Unentered
- 38. Single Bitch - Entered
- 39. Couple of Bitches - Unentered
- 40. Couple of Bitches - Entered
- 41. Brood Bitch (certified to be dam of living puppies)

42. Spayed Single Bitch Entered – All breeds

Classes 43-48 are championship classes and are open to winners of the classes listed above (excluding winners of classes 21 and 42).

The Junior Showmanship Classes will be held as close to 12:00 pm as possible

Junior Showmanship Classes

- 49. Ages 6 and under
- 50. Ages 7-11
- 51. Ages 12-17
- 52. **Retired Foxhound Class** This class is open to dogs and bitches of any hound breed and any age as long as they are retired from hunting. To be shown on lead by their current owners. Owners and hounds registered by May 1st will have their names listed in the program. Entries the day of the show are permitted.
- 53. **Horn Blowing Contest** Open to all huntsman, professional or honorary. Contestants will stand out of sight of the judge, but where the judge can clearly hear the calls.
- 54. **Pack Class** Open to all huntsman, professional and honorary, assisted by one whipper-in. Five couple hounds per hunt. To be run at the end of the show immediately prior to the Trails.

Myopia Hunt Club cordially invites you to become a sponsor of the

94th Annual New England Hunts Foxhound Show

Sponsors play a very important role in the promotion and preservation of foxhounds, foxhunting and our American sporting heritage. The New England Hunts Foxhound Show Committee thanks its sponsors, past and present. Without their support, the hound show would not be possible, and part of our foxhunting tradition would be lost.

All hunts, even those not planning to participate, are encouraged to support the New England Hunts Foxhound Show with sponsorship in order to maintain the quality and tradition of this event.

Sponsorship Benefits

- All sponsors will be recognized in the official show program.
- Reserved ringside VIP seating
- General sponsors may have their business or organization's sign/banner ringside.
- Trophy sponsors will be requested to present the trophy to the winner at the show.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Best in Show New England Champion Class....\$275	Crossbred Division..... \$225
Best Couple in Show Class\$125	Pack Class \$125
English Division\$225	Horn Blowing Competition \$125
American Division.....\$225	Junior Showmanship Classes \$125
PennMaryDel Division\$225	Retired Foxhound Class \$125

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I wish to sponsor the following class(es) _____

I have enclosed a check in the amount of _____

Please provide text exactly as you wish it to appear in the program. We are willing to accommodate specific requests, but would prefer wording such as:

In Memory of Mr. John Brown, MFH

In Honor of Mr. John Brown Mr. and Mrs. John Brown

Sponsorship wording: _____

Please send or email form to:

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