

Hunter Appointments

Except for a stallion (which is never allowed) you may hunt any horse you can control. Your enjoyment of the hunt as well as others' safety is very dependent on how manageable your mount is. If you cannot control a horse at home or in the arena, you will not be able to control him on a run. An animal being introduced to the hunt field for the first few times should have a green ribbon tied to his tail. Horses that kick must have a red ribbon. If your horse is ill-mannered or unmanageable, you will be asked to drop back to the third field or take the animal back to your trailer.

Tack should be in good repair and checked thoroughly for weaknesses before each hunt. Tack should be plain with no colored or shiny trim and be clean. Heavy leather in shades of brown or black is appropriate for all pieces of tack. A plain white saddle pad is correct. Indian blankets or colorful pads are not appropriate. Your hunter must be bitted adequately for you to have control. A recommended guide for untried hunters is to bit the animal one step stronger than he normally would be bitted, since many horses are more difficult to manage in the hunt field and are not as well-mannered as usual. Buckles should not be used to attach cheek pieces and reins to the bit.

Hunt saddles should be comfortable and fit both rider and horse well. A flat or English saddle is preferable (with deep forward seat), but not required. Stirrups should be well-fitted to the rider with openings large enough so the boot cannot be wedged in but small enough to prevent the boot from slipping all the way through. Safety catches should be left open. Break-away or safety stirrups are recommended for young riders.

Tradition and Fun

Juan Tomas Hounds is rich in tradition but also is based upon making sure guests and members enjoy themselves.

Guests are welcome, along with newer members, to take their time to acquire their hunter and personal appointments (*tack and clothing, etc.*) Many new members even start riding in Western saddles.

Most of all, we want people to enjoy the beautiful surroundings, the hunting, and the hounds.

NEW MEXICO EQUINE LIABILITY ACT WARNING

ALL activities involving HORSES, donkeys, mules or ponies have inherent risks for participants.

New Mexico State law protects operators, owners, trainers, promoters and others from liability for injuries, which are the result of an equine animal's behavior.

**USE THESE FACILITIES AND/OR
RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK.**

Equine Liability Act SJC / Senate Bill 268.aa1993

*For More Information about
Juan Tomas Hounds:*

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Juan Tomas Hounds



Coming Home from a Hunt

**HUNTING WITH
JUAN TOMÁS
HOUNDS
IN
NEW MEXICO**



Come Out and Join Us!

Every Thursday and Sunday morning during the months of October through March, the members of Juan Tomás Hounds meet together in the revelry of the beautiful Southwest to enjoy the fellowship of the members, the faithful footsteps of their horses, and the mastery of the Huntsman and his hounds.

Juan Tomas Hounds (JTH) is an organization whose purpose is to provide good sport in the hunting field for its members.

Membership is an opportunity for people to share their interests in hounds, hunting, and horses and to enjoy related social activities sponsored by JTH.

We are fortunate to have a wonderful group of people in Juan Tomas Hounds.

We encourage guests to join us for a hunt to see if they are interested in membership. Our memberships range from purely social to full family riding. We are one of the most inexpensive hunts to join in the United States.

Hunting is a sport to be enjoyed by all ages from Juniors to Seniors. We have multiple



*It's all about the Hounds—
Two New Puppies*

fields for the beginning rider at a slow pace to the advanced rider that loves jumps.

Hunting with Juan Tomas

The Juan Tomas Hunt Country consists of areas within a hundred mile radius of Albuquerque. Our hunt country is as varied as New Mexico, from desert to mountains. We select hunt sites within a million acre area, and are fortunate in having permission from landowners to hunt on ranches around Albuquerque and Santa Fe. We occasionally take trips to joint meets. We have built white pipe jumps over wire fences as well as rock and wooden jumps on some ranches; however, for those riders that do not jump, there are always paths around. We chase coyote, an animal that runs faster than either the red or gray fox.



The Kennels for the Hounds

Cubbing begins our hunt season in late September. This training and exercise period introduces young hounds to the working pack and provides a refresher course for older hounds after a summer layoff. Riders are urged to condition their horses on their own in preparation for the hunt season. A traditional blessing of the hounds takes place during opening hunt and from then until Closing Hunt in March, the hunt meets twice a week on Sundays and Thursdays.

Each hunt is followed by an outdoor tailgate breakfast hosted by a group of members that take turns each week as part of their club obligation.

The season is punctuated by social events including a “get-acquainted” party in the fall, a New Year’s Eve hunt followed by a mid-afternoon party, and a traditional Hunt Ball. Juan Tomas also puts on special riding events.



The Huntsman with the Hounds

The present Hunt was formed by a group of sporting individuals who were interested in starting a traditional foxhunt in New Mexico. The first meeting was held in Albuquerque on Sunday, June 14, 1970. The original Hunt country was centered around the small Manzano village of Juan Tomas.

JTH has a wonderful pack of hounds that have been acquired and bred over time in cooperation with other hunts in keeping with a planned breeding program aimed at developing a pack suitable for the local terrain and climate. A minimum of 12 couple is required by the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America. The Hunt was registered in 1973 and recognized in 1979 by the Masters of Foxhounds Association (MFHA).



Enjoying a Tailgate Breakfast



JTH - Application for Membership -2013-2014 Season

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

Sponsors: 1- _____ 2- _____

Family members who will be entitled to ride (Patron or Family only) _____

Names of Parents (Junior members only) _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	Class	Annual Dues	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family	\$590	Riding couples, including dependent children residing at the same address or attending school with family support.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family Long Distance	\$295	Same as above but reside outside New Mexico
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual	\$415	Riding adults, 21 years of age or older.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual Long Distance	\$210	Same as above but reside outside New Mexico
<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior	\$200	Riding individual under 21.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Couple	\$350	Non-Riding Couple membership.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Individual	\$175	Social individuals, can ride for a capping fee.

Patron Status Upgrade \$100 Optional Patron Upgrade for those that can afford the little bit extra. This allows our dues to remain lower for regular memberships.

Note: All members including Social members are required to participate in hosting a breakfast.

Have you ever been a member of another registered foxhunt? yes no

Name of Hunt _____ Dates _____

Served as Field Master or Hunt Staff? (describe) _____

Are you a member of other riding or horse organizations? (describe) _____

State briefly your riding experience (not required for Non-Riding Social Memberships) _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (Juniors only) _____

Your annual dues plus a \$15 nonrefundable application fee must accompany application. You will be required to sign a formal release in order to ride with the Hunt. You may participate in Hunt Activities while your application is pending.

Please return this application to: Jackie Cronenberg
Email: cronenberg88@q.com 1524 Eagle Ridge Dr. NE
505-797-8092 Albuquerque, NM 87122

For office use only: Date sent _____ Date received _____ DB-ID _____

Probation date _____ Packet sent date _____