

# Alapaha Bulldog Registry's Hang Time Rules

- 1) Safety for animals, spectators and exhibitors will be our top priority.
  - All animals participating in Hang time will be leashed with an ABR provided and inspected leash at all times.
  - Every hang time require 2 handlers. One to maintain control of the animal and another to provide encouragement to the animal.
  - Hang time area will be in open space or in a secluded area away from other canines.
  - No animals will be allowed in the vicinity of the hang time except the animal participating.
  - Handlers and judges are solely responsible for maintaining the safety of themselves and everyone around them.
  
- 2) The Set Up
  - Hang time will be off of a study tree or hydraulic crane.
  - It will have a pulley with steel cables and steel hooks.
  - The bite item can be a sleeve, rag, or rope.
  
- 3) Hang Time
  - The dog has a 5-minute time limit in the Hang time event.
  - Every dog starts off with 10 points.
  - Handler 1 will entice the canine to bite the item while handler 2 keeps hold of the leash.
  - Handler 1 then signals to the ABR judge that the bite is secure and an ABR official will then proceed to lift the canine, handler 2 is allowed to drop the leash at this time.
  - The clock starts when all four feet are off the ground.
  - If the dog gets a single bite upon presentation of the "toy" and hangs on without re-biting for the full 5-minutes, it gets a perfect score of ten point and time is noted.
  - For every time it loses its grip and is forced to re-bite it loses one point.
  - If the dog loses his or her grip, then either handler 1 or 2 must grab the dog and leash and the time is noted.
  - The dog is done with Hang time after re-biting 5 times in the air. Time is noted and the animal is lowered for safety reasons.
  - Hangtime stops whenever the dog gets less than 50% bite, the dog is lowered and time is noted.
  - The ABR Judge may disqualify a dog or stop the event at anytime for safety reasons
  - The animal will receive 2 points for every 15 seconds of Hang Time
  - Animals are placed by highest total of points.
  - Any Ties between the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed dogs will go to the dog that has the longest Hang-time, or if the same, then will be called by the judge and ABR official based on Hangtime enthusiasm and bite onto the object.