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Premium List

Bernese Mountain Club of America, Draft Test



**Hosted by
Buckeye Bernese Mountain Dog Club**

**Tests will be held on the grounds of the
Columbus All-Breed Training Club
2164 Williams Road
Columbus, OH 43207**

Saturday, September 21st & Sunday, September 22nd 2024

Judges (both days): Jasen Duncan and Barry Solomon

**This Is An All Eligible Dogs Draft Test
These tests are held in accordance with the January 2023 BMDCA Draft Test Regulations**

Officers of the Buckeye Bernese Mountain Dog Club

President: Nicole Stonitsch
Vice President: Signe Strawser
Treasurer: Anne Creek
Secretary: Patty Gartmann

Draft Test(s) Committee

Draft Test Chair: Tim Thompson Email: cncjdad@gmail.com

Draft Test Secretary: Cinthia Lee, 8119 Van Wert Willshire Road, Van Wert, OH 45891
Phone: (567) 259-3029. Email: buckeyedraftsec@gmail.com

Committee Members:

Lynn Fausnaugh, Michele Resta, Signe Strawser, Kathryn Thompson

Location

Columbus All-Breed Training Club, 2164 Williams Road, Columbus, OH. 43207

Ample parking on asphalt is available. Test site includes access to a climate-controlled building which includes a kitchen area and restrooms. Adequate crating space for all participants' dogs is available in this building. A protective tarp (or similar) is required to be placed under all crates set up in this building.

The building is not immediately adjacent the test ring - the entrance is approximately 200 yards from the test ring site. Shade is limited, so if desired, portable cover/canopies can be set up on the grounds closer to the ring test site for use instead of (or in addition to) the building.

Between the hours of 3 PM and 6 PM on Friday, September 20th, you may set up crates and chairs in the building, set up portable cover/canopies, and bring your cart to the test site. Carts may be stored in the building overnight (provided wheels are free of mud). The site is private property, and the entrance gate will be locked each evening, but you assume all risks for any belongings left at site.

Driving Directions:



From I-70, take I-270 South, or from I-71, take I-270 East. Exit I-270 at Exit 49 (Alum Creek Drive). Go north approximately 1 mile on Alum Creek Drive and turn left on Williams Road. (There is a traffic light at this intersection.) Go approximately ¼ mile to the CATC facility on the right side of the road (2164 Williams Road). Speed limits strictly enforced on Alum Creek Drive.

Schedule

There will be a “**Self-Check-In**” process the morning of each test. Please look for your team’s number and park your cart in the designated spot along with all draft equipment: harnesses, leads, collars, and weights. Your Self-Check-In bag will contain: Your Number, clip, catalog, and a Ring Favor.

Any **Move-Ups** **MUST** be communicated to the secretary at least 30 minutes before the equipment check begins.

Check-In and **Equipment Check** times will be determined after the close of entries. All teams (including Alternates) will be contacted via email with details. Test site will open at least 30 minutes prior to check-in time.

Course walk-through with judges will take place following Equipment Check.

Judging begins as soon as possible after the walk through.

Lunch break will be taken at the Judges’ discretion.

Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the test each day.

Weather

Draft test will proceed except in extreme weather. Typical weather this time of year for the Columbus area is an average low of 54 and high of 75. However, weather can be unpredictable, so please be prepared. Please consult your favorite weather report or app for the most accurate weather information.

Veterinarian

MedVet Diley Hill
9695 Basil Western Road
Canal Winchester, OH 43110
(614) 829-6444
10 miles from draft test site - 15 minute drive
If possible, please call prior to arriving

Spectators

We welcome spectators! Un-entered dogs may also be present but must be leashed or crated and under control at all times. Please show courtesy to the working dogs by keeping all dogs at a reasonable distance from the ring, and do not allow them to foul the freight haul. Remember to always pick up after your dogs.

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test Purpose

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Tests are a series of exercises designed to develop and demonstrate the natural abilities of purebred Bernese Mountain Dogs in a working capacity involving hauling. The Bernese Mountain Dog has historically functioned as a draft dog in various capacities, and performance of these exercises is intended to demonstrate skills resulting from both inherent ability and training which are applicable to realistic work situations. Efficiency in accomplishment of tasks is essential. It is also desirable that the dog evidence willingness and enjoyment of his work in a combination of controlled teamwork with his handler and natural independence.

Regulations

Draft Test Regulations: Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (revised as of Jan 2023) and being familiar with them.

Waiver of Rights

Animals in Distress: The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. reserves the right to remove any animal in distress from a parked vehicle or crate, and all persons attending these dog events hereby waive any claim for damages against the clubs for such removal. The Club regards the health, safety and life of any dog on the show grounds to be paramount to other property or privacy rights. We will attempt to reach the responsible party but cannot guarantee contact will be made before action is taken.

Awards

Each passing team will receive a rosette. Teams earning new titles will receive a "Tag Ribbon" that can be attached to their rosette to indicate the title earned. A ring favor will be included in your Check-In bag each day.

Refreshments & Lunch

Morning Hospitality (coffee, bottled water, breakfast snacks) will be available both days, with donations gratefully accepted. A box lunch will be available for purchase both days of the testing weekend. Orders and payment will be taken the morning of each test.

Hotel Information

This is not an exhaustive list- please use your favorite hotel booking app for more options. Please call to check for specific rates and pet policies. Always clean up after your dog(s) when staying at these (or any) hotels.

Drury Inn and Suites Columbus South, 4104 Parkway Center Drive, Grove City, OH 43123.
Phone: 614-875-7000

Quality Inn & Suites, 4850 Frusta Drive, Columbus, OH 4320. Phone: 614-497-9600

Red Roof Inn, 4055 Jackpot Road, Grove City, OH 43123. Phone: 614-871-9617

Class Entry Details

- There will be a limit of **24** entries per test.
- Entry fees **\$40** for each single dog team and **\$45** for a brace team
- A separate entry form must be filled out for each dog of a brace team and then submitted together. Even though two entry forms are required for each brace team, each brace team will be counted as one entry in the Draft Test entry limit.
- If more than 24 entries are received, they will be prioritized per the following order:
 1. Untitled BMD's
 2. Titled BMD's without Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
 3. Titled BMDs with Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
 4. Untitled other dogs
 5. Titled other dogs without Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
 6. Titled other dogs with Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
- *Note: For brace teams, the dog with the lowest level title in the entered class determines the team's priority. If a brace has a BMD and a non-BMD, it is considered a "BMD team" for the above.*
- *Note that "titled" means titled in the entered class.*
- Running Order: A separate random draw to determine the running order for each class for each test.
- Entrants must notify the Draft Test Secretary if a dog has earned a title in the entered class, including if the title is earned after the entry has been submitted.

Attention Exhibitors

- The following classes will be offered: Novice, Brace Novice, Open and Brace Open.
- Handlers must provide their own rigs, harnesses, and tie downs or other means of securing a load on their particular draft rig.
- Handlers must bring their own weight. Weight will be verified via scale at the test site.
- Entered dogs must be 24 months old or older on the day of the Draft Test.
- Bitches in season are not permitted to compete.
 - *Refunds will be given for bitches in season or injured dogs with a vet cert required at the discretion of the club.
- The two dogs of a brace team need not be owned by the same person or by the handler.
- Un-entered dogs may be present but, like entered dogs that are not in the ring, must be leashed or crated and under control at all times.
- Please remember to be responsible dog owners and pick up after your dog(s).

Weight Certificates

Each Open or Open Brace entry shall include the DWC weight certificate or a certificate that includes the same information that is contained in the DWC WC (available on the BMDCA website) and be signed and dated within 60 days prior to each Draft Test date. The handler is solely responsible for having a valid Weight Certificate. An incorrect Weight Certificate may result in the loss of any qualifying runs.

Entries and Payment

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Entries By Mail:

1. Make checks payable to: **Buckeye BMDC**
 - a. Single Dog Team **\$40**
 - b. Brace Dog Team **\$45**
 2. Complete Entry Form for each dog/class entered.
 - Please type entry form
 - (Multiple days for **one** class can be marked on one entry form)
 3. Weight Certificate if applicable for class entered
 4. Mail Completed Entry Forms & Fees to:
 - **Cynthia Lee, Draft Test Secretary**
8119 Van Wert Willshire Road
Van Wert, OH 45891
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An acknowledgment of the receipt of an entry form will be sent to the email address provided on the form. This acknowledgement is not a guarantee of entry into the test(s).

Please complete the form on a computer, and then print it out. Completing the form this way avoids issues with deciphering handwriting.

Buckeye BMDC DRAFT TEST 2024 ENTRY FORM

Close of Entries

- Entries close at **6:00 PM (Eastern Time Zone), Wednesday, September 11, 2024**, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test regulations.
- Entrants will receive confirmation by via e-mail.
- One form per dog/class entered. Multiple days for the same class can all be marked on one entry form.
- **Entries will not be processed until all forms and payment are submitted.**

Breed:				Sex: Male Female	
Class:	Novice	Brace Novice: Dog 1 Dog 2	Open	Brace Open: Dog 1 Dog 2	
Open Weight Certificate Enclosed		In Entered Class Dog Is: Titled Advanced Titled		In Entered Class: Dog Could Earn Advanced Title	
Test 100 Saturday Sept 21, 2024		Test 200 Sunday Sept 22, 2024			
Registered Name <small>(please include titles)</small>					
Call Name			Berner-Garde # <small>(required)</small>		
Date of Birth			DNA # <small>(Nationals Only)</small>		
Registration #			American Kennel Club Canadian Kennel Club		
Breeder					
Sire					
Dam					
Actual Owner(s)					
Owners Address					
City			State	Zip	
Telephone			E-mail		
Name of Participant					
I have read, understand, and agree to the Entry Agreement. <i>Check Box:</i>				Date	
SUBMITTING THIS FORM CONSTITUTES YOUR AGREEMENT TO THE TERMS OF THE ENTRY AGREEMENT					

ENTRY AGREEMENT

I understand that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry. I agree that I am solely responsible for the actions of myself and the dog ("the dog") that accompanies me in relationship to this entry.

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry and the opportunity to participate in this event, I agree to **HOLD HARMLESS and INDEMNIFY** the following listed parties from any claim for loss, damage or injury alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly by my actions or by the actions of the dog in relationship to this event : the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America (BMDCA) and the event-giving club, their members, officers, and agents; the owner and/or leaser of the premises; any provider of services at this event; any employees or volunteers of the parties listed here, and any BMDCA Draft Judge judging at this event. I personally assume **all responsibility and liability** for any such claim. I agree to be responsible for any loss and expense (including legal fees) incurred by any of the listed parties based on claims related in any way to my participation or the actions of the dog in relationship to this event, whether the claims are made by third parties or by myself.

Additionally, I agree to assume the sole responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury (including death) to myself or to the dog in relationship to this event. I agree to **RELEASE, INDEMNIFY and promise not to sue** the parties listed above for any such loss, damage or injury to myself or the dog, regardless of the cause, and whether or not the loss, damage or injury may have been caused by the negligence of the listed parties.

I AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE BMDCA BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE BMDCA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I agree to abide by rules and regulations of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America (BMDCA) in effect at the time of this BMDCA Draft Test and by any additional rules appearing in the premium list for this event. I certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. **I also certify that all the information I provide with this entry is true and correct.** This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I agree to conduct myself in accordance with all such Rules and Regulations (including all provisions applying to discipline) and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them.

**BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA
DRAFT TEST WEIGHT CERTIFICATE**

NAME OF VET CLINIC: _____

OWNER/HANDLER NAME: _____

DOG'S CALL NAME: _____

VET CLINIC TO FILL IN BY HAND:

I verify on _____ : _____ : Weighed _____ lbs.
(date) *(dog's call name)* *(insert weight)*

(Signature of Vet Clinic employee witnessing weight of dog)

(Position of Vet Clinician)

(Print name of Vet employee signing this form)

(Clinic Phone #)

Please provide **Vet Clinic Stamp** below, **with name and address of the Clinic**, OR have the information above printed/provided on the Vet Clinic's letterhead.

VET STAMP HERE: