Hi Everyone,

Below is an announcement from Tim Thompson regarding the Buckeye Club’s upcoming “Back to Back” draft tests…..

It’s that time of year again! **The Buckeye Bernese Mountain Dog Club** is hosting a weekend of draft tests on Saturday & Sunday, September 21st  and 22nd, 2024 at the Columbus All-Breed Training Club in Columbus, Ohio – 2164 Williams Road, Columbus, Ohio 43207 – to be exact.

Ever wondered what it’s like to work alongside amazing draft dogs and their handlers? Here’s your chance to get “up close and personal” with these incredible furry athletes - meaning the dogs, of course! (but some of the handlers can be a little furry as well!)

Not only will you have a ring-side seat to watch working draft dogs showcase their skills, but you’ll also play a vital role in contributing to the success of these tests. Your involvement will allow the test to run smoothly and help create a memorable experience for all participants.

As a steward, you’ll be right in the heart of the action, assisting the judges both in and by the ring, and even on the freight haul if you like!

Stewards provide these critical roles:

·       Returning a moveable object back to its starting position

·       Measuring and adjusting a set of objects to test teams’ ability to maneuver in a narrow space

·       Greeting the team’s handler and delivering a lightweight load to be placed in the cart

·       Receiving the same lightweight load at the end of ring exercises, and greeting the dogs with a couple pats on the head

·       Providing a visual or auditory distraction while ringside to challenge the dogs’ focus and concentration

Ready to be part of this thrilling event? Join our team of 6-8 stewards and make a difference in the world of draft dog testing! Come for a morning (~8am - noon), an afternoon (11:30 - ~4pm), or stay all day to maximize your fun! Your dedication and enthusiasm will be greatly appreciated by both the participants and the organizers.

Contact Tim Thompson to be added to the stewarding schedule!

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