

Entries close at 5:00pm Arizona Time (MST), Wednesday, January 10, 2024, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test Regulations. Make checks payable to: Grand Canyon State Bernese Mountain Dog Club (GCSBMDC) and mail fee with entry form to: Cathy Gushulak, Draft Test Secretary, 18404 W Long Lake Road, Goodyear, AZ 85338-6090. If sending by overnight, registered or certified mail, envelopes must be released without a signature. Signature required entries MAY NOT be accepted.

These tests are held in accordance with the January 2023 BMDCA Draft Test Regulations

Premium List

Bernese Mountain Club of America, Draft Test



**Hosted by
Grand Canyon State Bernese Mountain Dog Club**

**Royal Arabians - Mesa Arizona
1660 N Lindsay Road
Mesa, AZ 85213**

Saturday, January 20th and Sunday, January 21st, 2024

**Draft Judges: Both Days
Dr. Mary Dowski & Bob Schmidt**

This Is An All Eligible Dogs Draft Test

Officers of the Grand Canyon State Bernese Mountain Dog Club

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Vice President: Sharon Phillips
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Draft Test(s) Committee

Draft Test Chair: Jan Nelson, 1219 E Nicolet Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85020
janetnelson1946@cox.net
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gr8k9mom@gmail.com
Committee Members: Carroll Love, Meryl Bergstein, Nancy Stewart, Dale Ranke, Sharon Phillips

Draft Test Judges

Dr. Mary Dowski
Bob Schmidt

Veterinarian

Emergency 24 Hour Vet

VCA Animal Referral and Emergency Center of Arizona
1648 N Country Club Drive, Mesa, AZ 85201
(480) 898-0001
5.2 miles from draft site – 10 minutes

Schedule

- We will be utilizing a “self-check-in” process each morning of the test. Please look for your team’s name, and park your cart in the designated cart parking area. Your numbers, catalog, and other materials will be in this space.
- Check-in and equipment check times to be determined after the close of entries. You will be notified via email.
- Course walk-through to follow equipment check.
- Judging to begin as soon as possible after the walkthrough.
- Lunch break at judges’ discretion.
- Awards will be presented at the conclusion of each session AM/PM

Awards

Each titling team will receive an award/trophy and a rosette. All other qualifying teams will receive an award/trophy and a qualifying ribbon. Each participant will receive a ring favor.

We Welcome Spectators

Un-entered dogs may be present but must be leashed or crated and under control at all times. Please remember to pick up after your dog(s).

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.

Class Entry Details

- There will be a limit of 24 entries per test.
- Entry fees \$35.00 for each single dog team and \$40.00 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 random draw will be performed to determine the running order for each class, and 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 veterinary certificate
- 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.

Regulations

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

Refreshments & Lunch

Morning hospitality will be provided. Lunches can be ordered for \$10.00. Lunch will include drink, chips and sandwich. You must place your order in advance to reserve a lunch. If you will not be purchasing a lunch from the club, please plan ahead. See Lunch Order Sheet at end of Premium List.

Weather

- Average temperature: 56
- Average high temperature: 67
- Average low temperature: 46
- Warmest ever: 86
- Coldest ever: 29
- Average precipitation: .91

Hotel Information

There are not many hotels in the area. The hotels listed are from our test at Pecos Park. Check drive times. Please ask about pet policy (some have deposits). They may change. Please check Google Map for nearby hotels. Please ask about pet policy.

Delta Hotels Phoenix Mesa

200 North Centennial Way, Mesa, Arizona 85201 USA 480-898-8300

La Quinta Inn & Suites Phoenix

15241 South 50th Street, Phoenix, AZ 480-961-7700

Clarion Hotel

5121 E La Puente, Phoenix, AZ (480) 893-3900

Crowne Plaza Suites Tempe at Arizona Mills Mall

5223 South Priest Dr. Tempe, AZ 480-345-7889

Ramada Tempe at Arizona Mills Mall

1701 W. Baseline Rd Tempe AZ 480-413-1188

RV Reservations

There are a limited number RV spots available on-site. Please contact Jan Nelson for information and reservations. Jan Nelson, JanetNelson1946@cox.net, (480) 677-0056

Location

Royal Arabians - Mesa Arizona
1660 N Lindsay Road
Mesa, AZ 85213

About The Test Site

- Draft Equipment can be left at the site overnight.
- There are rest room facilities.
- No Electric
- Good Parking. Please park well-spaced.
- Shade is limited so please bring cover.

Driving Directions

From Phoenix: Take Arizona 202 Loop E (Red Mountain Freeway) to N Gilbert Road. Use the Right 2 lanes to turn right at Gilbert Rd. Go to McKellips Rd and turn Left onto McKellips Rd. Go to Lindsay, turn right and proceed to 1660 N Lindsay Rd. You will be given a gate key code with your entry number. If you do not have the number with you on test days, call Jan Nelson (480) 677-0056

Entry fees:

\$35.00 per team

\$40.00 per brace team

Close of Entries

- Entries close at the Test Secretary's address; **Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 at 5:00pm, (Arizona Time (MST))**, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test regulations.
- Please make checks payable to **GCSBMDC** and mail fee with entry form(s) and Entry Agreement to the Test Secretary.
- If sending by overnight, registered or certified mail, envelopes must be released without a signature.
** Signature required entries MAY NOT be accepted.
- Entrants will receive confirmation of entry via e-mail.

Mail Completed Entries & Fees to:

Cathy Gushulak, Draft Test Secretary

18404 W Long Lake Road

Goodyear, AZ 85338-6090

Please type or print clearly.
USE ONE FORM PER DOG PER CLASS ENTERED.

Breed		Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Class <input type="checkbox"/> Novice <input type="checkbox"/> Brace Novice <input type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Brace Open		<input type="checkbox"/> Open Weight Certificate Enclosed	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog is titled in entered class		<input type="checkbox"/> Dog has Advanced/Master Title in entered class	
<input type="checkbox"/> Test 100 Saturday, January 20, 2024		<input type="checkbox"/> Test 200 Sunday, January 21, 2024	
Registered Name (please include titles)			
Call Name		Berner-Garde # (BMDs only)	
Date of Birth		DNA # (Nationals only)	
Registration #		<input type="checkbox"/> American Kennel Club <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Kennel Club	
Breeder			
Sire			
Dam			
Actual Owner(s)			
Owners Address			
City		State	Zip
Telephone		E-mail	

Submitting this form constitutes your agreement to the terms of the Entry Agreement
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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.

Name of Participant

Please Print _____

Signature _____

Date: _____

Submitting this form constitutes your agreement to the terms of the Entry Agreement

**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:

MEAL RESERVATION

GCSBMDC DRAFT TESTS

Saturday, January 20th & Sunday, January 21st, 2024



Saturday Lunch - Sub sandwich, chips, drink and dessert

_____ Quantity

_____ @ \$10.00

\$_____ Total amount due

Sunday Lunch - Sub sandwich, chips, drink and dessert

_____ Quantity

_____ @ \$10.00 \$_____

\$_____ Total amount due

Name and phone number

Lunch reservations to:

Cathy Gushulak, Draft Test Secretary
18404 W Long Lake Road
Goodyear, AZ 85338-6090

Email: gr8k9mom@gmail.com
Phone or Text: (805) 320-5900