

Premium List

## Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test

*Hosted by the*

**Grand Canyon State  
Bernese Mountain Dog Club**



**January 23<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**Royal Arabians Breeding Division**  
1660 N. Lindsay  
Mesa, Arizona 85213

**Judges: Jennifer Brightbill and Larry Bohlig**

Entries close at the Test Secretary's address **Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at 6:00 pm, Arizona time.**  
Please make checks payable to **Grand Canyon State Bernese Mountain Dog Club** and mail fee with entry form to the Test Secretary:

**Meryl Bergstein   meryl@bergsteinaz.com**  
**3863 E Linda Court**  
**Gilbert, AZ 85234**

**This is an All Eligible Dogs test.** This test is open to all eligible dogs in accordance with July 2011 BMDCA Draft Regulations. The July 2011 BMDCA Draft Regulations will be in effect for this test. All Judging will be outdoors.

## Officers of the Grand Canyon State Bernese Mountain Dog Club

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### Draft Test Committee

**Draft Test Chair:** Jan Nelson, 1219 E Nicolet Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85020 [janetnelson1946@cox.net](mailto:janetnelson1946@cox.net)  
**Draft Test Secretary:** Meryl Bergstein, 3863 E Linda Court, Gilbert, AZ 85234 [meryl@begsteinaz.com](mailto:meryl@begsteinaz.com)  
**Committee Members:** Carroll Love, Nadine Alfonso, Nancy Stewart

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### 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. The oldest qualifying BMD team each day will receive a gift. The oldest qualifying non-BMD team each day will receive a gift.

### Refreshments & Lunch

Morning hospitality will be provided. Lunches can be ordered for \$10.00. Lunch will include drink, chips and sandwich. If you have entries in both morning and afternoon check-ins 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.

### Judges' Dinner

**Due to Covid-19 restrictions we will not be planning a judge's dinner.**

### January Weather

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

## **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.

### **Judges**

**Jennifer Brightbill  
and  
Larry Bohlig**

### **Spectators**

Due to COVID-19 procedures, we will be limiting spectators and un-entered people and dogs (must be leashed or crated and under control at all times). People traveling with you are welcome and must adhere to precautions as well as SIGN the COVID waiver last page of premium.

## **Covid-19 Protocol: Exercise Updates**

- Basic Control – No change
- Recall – Handler keeps the leash with them and does not give it to the judge.
- Harness and Hitch – Judges will not touch the dog or harness. If the judge needs to see any part of the harness or hitch, the handler will make that possible.
- Load & Unload – A chair, small table or similar object will be provided to place the load on. The steward will approach once the handler has their mask on and stand near the load. The greeting will be verbal only. During the unload, the steward will still pat the dog, two pats is perfect. The handler can choose to wipe the dog's head if they wish. The club must provide a cleanable, impervious object for the load that can be picked up with one hand and easily be wiped down between handlers.
- Slow – No change.
- Group Stay – Keep a distance of at least 6 feet from other handlers – Masks shall be worn.
- Freight Haul - Keep a distance of at least 6 feet from other handlers – Masks shall be worn.
- Awards and Scoresheets - Ribbons/Trophies are to be available for the handlers to get them themselves. Scoresheets will be put into the Ziplock bag that was originally used for check-in. The Ziplock bag will be wiped down and returned to the original ringside cart location

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- A temperature check will be done daily for all attendees.
- All persons at the test site must wear a mask at all times when within 6 feet of others.
- Handlers will need to be available when their equipment is being checked in: If weight(s) for the freight haul need to be weighed, the handler will be responsible for carrying the item(s) to the scale and back to the staging area. ii. Judges will not handle any harnesses or any part of the cart other than what is needed to measure the cart. If these items require inspection, the handler will need to be available to show the items.
- Handlers may go without a mask while maneuvering.
- Handlers must put a mask on before the Load and Unload steward approaches.
- Gate stewards will use appropriate wipes, gloves, etc. when bringing a cart into the ring.
- The movable object will be cleaned/disinfected/sanitized between teams. This will be further clarified in the briefing.
- A COVID-19 Waiver has been provided in this Premium List. The waiver will need to be signed and returned with the entry agreement in order to complete the entry.
- All individuals in attendance will be required to sign the COVID-19 Waiver form. Additional forms will be available at the test site.

**Because of Covid-19 restrictions the test may be divided into two sessions in order to limit the number of people on site at one time. If the decision is made to divide the test, the following may occur:**

1. There will be a draw to determine which sessions teams are in.
2. Sibling groups (Dogs belonging to the same owner) will be placed in the same session whenever possible.
3. NO request for which session your team (s) are placed in will be considered.
4. Awards will be done after each session.
5. Handlers will need to vacate the test site before check-in for the next group of handlers.
6. Alternates can be added to the test up until and including the day before the test. If an alternate is added to the second day, they will be contacted the by phone day/night before.

## **Tentative 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

## Class Entry Details

- There will be a limit of 24 entries for the Draft Test.
- Entry fees - \$ 35.00 for each single dog team \$ 40.00 for a brace team
- A separate entry form must be filled out for each dog of a brace team and then stapled/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
3. Untitled other dogs
4. Titled other dogs

Note that "titled" means titled in the entered class.

- A random draw will be held for each group in the list including and following the one that causes a total entry in excess of the Test limit.
- Teams entered in a class in which they have already earned the advanced level title will be drawn after teams without the advanced level title in that class.
- 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.
- A weight certificate form can be found on page 10.

## Close of Entries

Entries close at the Test Secretary's address **Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at 6:00 pm, Arizona time.**

Please make checks payable to **Grand Canyon State Bernese Mountain Dog Club** and mail fee with entry form to the Test Secretary:

**Meryl Bergstein,  
3863 E Linda Court,  
Gilbert, AZ 85234**

## Regulations

Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (revised as of 2011) and being familiar with them. Draft Test Regulations may be downloaded from the Draft page [www.BMDCA.org](http://www.BMDCA.org) at no charge.

The BMDCA and the DWC take dog aggression very seriously and have zero tolerance for inappropriate behavior on the part of dogs/owners and/or handlers. For a copy of the Misconduct Disciplinary Procedure, go to the Draft page of [www.bmdca.org](http://www.bmdca.org).

By participating in or attending this test, you understand and agree to the terms of the Misconduct Disciplinary Procedure. This procedure is a clarification of the Discipline Section of the BMDCA Draft Regulations.

### **Waiver of Rights – Animals in Distress**

The Grand Canyon State Bernese Mountain Dog Club 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.

### **Attention Exhibitors**

- The following classes will be offered: Novice and Open, Brace Novice 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 a scale at the test site.
- Entered dogs must be 24 months old or older on the day of the Draft Test.
- Open and Open Brace entries must include a veterinary certificate stating the dog's name and weight. This certificate must be dated within 60 days of the date of the test.
- Bitches in season are not permitted to compete.
- 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 who are not in the ring, must be leashed or crated and under control at all times.

### **Bitches in Season and Medical Withdrawals**

Bitches in season are not permitted to compete. A handler may withdraw a dog from a Draft Test for medical reasons. Entry fees shall be refunded upon receipt of a signed veterinary certificate stating the reason for the withdrawal. Refund of entry fees for bitches who come in season after the closing date of the Test may be obtained by: 1) notifying the Test Secretary before the start of the Test, and 2) by sending a veterinarian's certificate to the Test Secretary no later than three days after the last Test. However, it is requested that the Test Secretary also be notified by telephone or e-mail.

### **Emergency 24-hour Vet**

VCA Animal Referral and Emergency Center of Arizona  
1648 N. Country Club Drive, Mesa, 85201  
480 898-0001

5.2 Miles from draft site, 10 minutes

## Test Site

### Royal Arabians Breeding Division

1660 N. Lindsay  
Mesa, Arizona 85213

- **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.

### Directions:

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

**Accommodations:** 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. With covid things do change so check with hotels. Please check Google Map for near by hotels.

#### **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

## **Weight Certificates**

**The only acceptable weight certificates are:**

- a. On the BMDCA Draft Test Certificate Form (with clinic stamp showing clinic name, address and phone number).** This form is provided in this Premium List
- b. On the Vet Clinic's Letterhead w/name, address, phone number**

All weight certificates must contain the following:

- Dog's name (call name)
- Owner/handler name
- Date dog was weighed
- Name/job title/signature of vet employee witnessing weight
- Date form was signed



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<b>Royal Arabians Breeding Division, 1660 N. Lindsay, Mesa, Arizona 85213</b>									
<b>January 23<sup>RD</sup> &amp; 24<sup>TH</sup> 2021</b>									
<b>Entry Fees: \$ 35.00 per single-dog entry and \$ 40.00 per brace entry</b>  Entries close at Test Secretary's address at 6PM Arizona Time on Jan 13th, 2021, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test Regulations.  Mail Entries & Fees to <span style="float: right;">Meryl Bergstein 3863 E Linda Court Gilbert, AZ 85234</span>  <b>Make checks payable to Grand Canyon State Bernese Mountain Dog Club.</b>  <b>Please type or print clearly. Use one form per dog per class entered.</b>									
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"/>	Dog is titled in entered class.			<input type="checkbox"/>	Open Weight Certificate Enclosed				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Test #1 (Saturday)								
<input type="checkbox"/>	Test #2 (Sunday)								
REGISTERED NAME: <i>(please include titles)</i>									
CALL NAME:				BERNER-GARDE # <i>(BMDs only)</i>					
REGISTRATION #					DNA PROFILE # <i>(Nationals only)</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	AKC								
DATE OF BIRTH:				PLACE OF BIRTH:					
				<input type="checkbox"/>	USA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Canada	<input type="checkbox"/>	Foreign
BREEDER:									
SIRE:									
DAM:									
ACTUAL OWNER(S):									
OWNERS ADDRESS:									
CITY:				STATE:		ZIP:			
TELEPHONE:				EMAIL:					
HANDLER/AGENT:									

**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.

NAME OF PARTICIPANT: <i>(please print)</i>	
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: \_\_\_\_\_

I verify on \_\_\_\_\_ (*insert date*) \_\_\_\_\_ (*insert dog's call name*)

Weighed \_\_\_\_\_ (*insert weight*).

\_\_\_\_\_

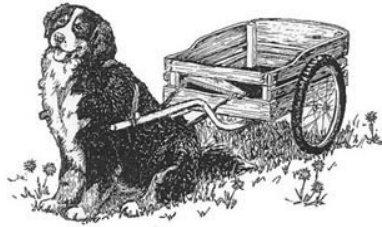
Signature of vet employee witnessing weight

\_\_\_\_\_

Employee Name and Title

**Please use vet clinic stamp below (with name, address, and phone of clinic)  
or have the above information printed/provided on clinic letterhead.**

**MEAL RESERVATION  
DRAFT TEST  
January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2020**



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

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**Name and phone number**

Lunch reservations to:

**Meryl Bergstein  
3863 E. Linda Court  
Gilbert, Arizona 85234**

## **DWC COVID Protocols for Draft Tests General Practices:**

1. Clubs, officials, and participants are required to follow state, local and facility guidelines that apply to the area and site where the event is held.
2. Practice social distancing consistent with guidelines in effect at the time of the event. Avoid congregating to the extent possible.
3. Masks must be worn when in close proximity (6-8 feet) to others. Clubs should provide masks for officials, judges and volunteers as needed.
4. Wash hands as frequently as possible. Have disinfecting spray/wipes at bathroom facilities for people to spray/wipe door handles (or anything else they touch).
5. Provide disposable gloves. Gloves may be used as determined necessary by the individual.
6. Avoid shaking hands, hugging, or other physical contact.
6. Avoid touching dogs that are not your responsibility.
7. Avoid common use pens/pencils/clipboards – bring your own.
8. Sanitize surfaces in common use areas as often as possible (tables, chairs, doorknobs, etc.).
9. Participants should consider bringing their own lunch/drinks. The club will be offering boxed lunches delivered to the site at lunchtime for a fee.
10. Parking – Park with sufficient distance between vehicles if possible.

## **Handlers/Volunteers:**

Participants are expected to follow state, local government, facility, and event guidelines. Clubs should be prepared to enforce the guidelines that apply to their event.

- Must wear masks at all times when within 6 feet of others.
- Handlers will need to be available when their equipment is being checked in.
- If weight(s) for the freight haul needs to be weighed, the handler will be responsible for carrying the item(s) to the scale and back to the staging area.
- Judges will not handle any harnesses or any part of the cart other than what is needed to measure the cart.
- Handlers may go without a mask while maneuvering.
- Handlers must put a mask on before the Load and Unload steward approaches.
- Gate steward will need to use appropriate wipes, gloves, etc. when bringing the carts into the ring.

## **Other**

- The guidelines should be followed in the ring and test area, to include the draft ring, secretaries' table, equipment area, hospitality area (if there is one) and the Freight Haul activity, not the entire site.
- Each participant is responsible for disinfecting the toilet(s) before/after they use it. The club will provide a spray bottle of 70% Isopropyl Alcohol and tissues, (wipes, paper towels) or other cleaning supplies for the restroom

Take charge of yourself and if you need to take extra precautions for your comfort level, please do so.  
Stay Safe! Have FUN!!

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## Covid19 Waiver for BMDCA Draft Tests

### COVID-19 Acknowledgement of Risk

I am signing this Statement in anticipation of attending a BMDCA Draft Test (the event).

I understand that COVID-19 is a highly contagious disease that can spread from person to person and can lead to serious illness or death. I agree that if I have any symptoms associated with Covid-19 or if I believe I have been exposed in the previous 14 days to someone who has Covid-19 I will not attend this event. If I develop any symptoms within 14 days after the tests, I will notify the Test Secretary and/or Test Chair.

If I do attend this event I understand and agree I am voluntarily assuming all the risks associated with Covid-19. I agree to follow all protocols that are in effect for the state and county where the event is being held. I also agree to follow all protocols established by the BMDCA and the sponsoring club, to maintain safe social distancing, and to be responsible for sanitizing and disinfecting my own equipment as appropriate.

I understand and agree that any protocols in place at this event cannot guarantee my health or safety. If I feel at any time that my health or safety has been compromised or if I am unable or unwilling to follow established protocols then I agree that I will leave the event immediately.

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Signature Date