

**ENTRIES CLOSE 5:00 P.M. (EST) Wednesday, October 11, 2017** at the Test Secretary's address, after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted.

Mail all entries with fees to:

Katherine Skerl, PO Box 785, 153 Burnt Wharf Rd, Lancaster, VA 22503  
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## **PREMIUM LIST**

### **Back to Back All Breed Draft Tests Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America**

*Hosted by the*

**POTOMAC VALLEY BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB**

[www.pybmdc.org](http://www.pybmdc.org)



*Drafting in the Catoctin Mountains of Maryland!*

## **October 21 and 22, 2017**

*Judges – Jennifer Brightbill and Christine Mann*

**Hearts Delight Farm  
4050 Garfield Road  
Smithsburg, Maryland 21783**

This test is open to all eligible dogs



## Draft Test Prizes

Prizes are offered by the Potomac Valley Bernese Mountain Dog Club: Each dog with a passing performance will receive a Prize item and Qualifier's Ribbon. All entrants will receive a ring favor.

## Tentative Schedule

(Finalized following close of entries)

8:00 am: Check-in begins each morning. get arm bands, bring equipment to ringside. Equipment check, walk-through of maneuvering course and freight haul path to follow.

Judging begins as soon as possible after check-in and walk-through.

Lunch break time is at Judges' discretion.

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

## Class Entry Details

- There will be a limit of 24 entries for this Draft Test.
- Entry fees - \$35.00 for each single dog team. \$45.00 for a brace team
- A separate entry form must be filled out for each dog of a brace team and then stapled 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 (*"Untitled" means untitled in the entered class*)
  2. Titled BMD's (*"titled" means titled in the entered class*)
  3. Untitled other dogs
  4. Titled other dogs

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.

- A random draw will be held within 48 hours of the closing date for each group that exceeds the entry limit.
- All entrants will be notified by email of their status. Alternates will also be drawn and may compete given the absence of regular entrants.
- 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.

## Optional Lunch Order – SATURDAY and SUNDAY

Lunches may be pre-ordered for \$8.00 each person each day. PREPAY with a separate check to PVBMDC and include with entry form or mail payment separately to Jack Crifasi, Draft Test Chair. Lunches include variety of sandwiches, drinks, chips & dessert. Orders must be in by October 20, 2017.

## 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.

## We welcome spectators, friends and family at this event!

**Unentered dogs may be present but must be crated or leashed and under owner's control at all times. Please remember to be responsible dog owners and pick up after your dog(s).**

**Volunteers are needed to help as stewards in the ring!  
Learn drafting rules by Stewarding!**

## TEST SITE

Hearts Delight Farm  
4050 Garfield Rd  
Smithsburg, MD 21783

The PVBMD C Draft Test location will be at Hearts Delight Farm both days. This site is located in the Catoctin Mountains approximately 25 miles north of Frederick, MD. This beautiful mountain forest conservation farm is private property with ample parking, shade trees, port-a-pot restroom, and covered space for leaving equipment over night. Groomed cross-country ski and nature trails are used for the freight haul. Please bring your own chairs.

Contact Jack Crifasi at [jack4berners@gmail.com](mailto:jack4berners@gmail.com) for site details.

### Accommodations

#### Camping

There are several RV campgrounds close by:

**Cunningham Falls State Park** near Thurmont MD, which allows dogs after Labor Day, with 30 amp hookups.

**Round Top Campground** near Gettysburg (20 miles); E/W/S hookups

**Drummer Boy Camping Resort**, near Gettysburg (20 miles); E/W/S

#### Motels

There are many motels in the area that have accepted dogs in the past. Please contact them to verify current pet policy.

**Motel 6**, 999 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21702 (AKC Discount rate - CP542764)

**Main Stay Suites**, 7310 Executive Way, Frederick, MD 21704

**Extended Stay America**, 5240 Westview Dr, Frederick MD 21703

**Comfort Inn & Suites**, 920 Dual Hwy, Hagerstown, MD 21740

**Clarion Inn**, 5400 Holiday Dr, Frederick, MD 21703

**Please remember to be responsible dogs owners and pick up after your dogs!!**

## Directions to Site

### **Directions from Hagerstown, MD or western MD via I-70:**

- \* Take I-70 to exit 35, turn north on Route MD-66 / Smithsburg.
- \* Follow 5 mi to stoplight at MD-64, turn right.
- \* Proceed 1 mi to next stoplight at MD-77, turn right, then 300 yds to next right onto MD-17.
- \* Drive 2 mi, turn left on Garfield Rd, then 2 mi to 4050 entrance on left.

### **Directions from Frederick via I-270/MD-15:**

- \* Take MD-15 north from Frederick to MD-77/ Thurmont exit.
- \* Go west 5 mi on MD-77 (past Catoctin Nat'l Park), left on Stottlemeyer Rd.
- \* Go 3 miles; right on Garfield Rd; ½ mi to 4050 entrance on right.

### **Directions from Pennsylvania via MD-15:**

- \* Take MD-15 south to MD-77/ Thurmont exit.
- \* Go west 5 mi on MD-77 (past Catoctin Nat'l Park), left on Stottlemeyer Rd.
- \* Go 3 miles; right on Garfield Rd; ½ mi to 4050 entrance on right.

## **WORKSHOPS PROGRAM**

PVBMD C again offers our popular workshop on Sunday, September 24, 2017 at the same site, with drafting instruction for beginning dog teams, novice and advanced ring work and trail haul practice, as well as dry runs for novice and open draft test practice with judging provided by an instructor. Limited draft equipment provided, or bring your own. These workshops are excellent opportunities for preparing your team for the October Draft Tests.

Check the PVBMD C website [www.pvbmdc.org](http://www.pvbmdc.org) calendar for more information registration forms! Contact [jack4berners@gmail.com](mailto:jack4berners@gmail.com) for questions.

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May the Berner Gnome be with you!



THE BERNER GNOMES

Potomac Valley Bernese Mountain Dog Club DRAFT TESTS  
 Hearts Delight Farm, 4050 Garfield Rd, Smithsburg, MD 21783  
 Saturday October 21, 2017 and Sunday October 22, 2017

**Entry fee: \$35.00 per entry, \$45.00 brace**

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**Mail Entries & Fees to:** Katherine Skerl  
 P.O. Box 785, 153 Burnt Wharf Rd.  
 Lancaster, VA 22503

**Make checks payable to: PVBMDC. Please write a separate check for each team entered. Do not send cash!**

**Please type or print clearly. Use one form per dog per class entered.**

<b>Breed</b>		<b>Sex</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
<b>Class</b> <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		<b>Freight Weight</b> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Open Weight Certificate Enclosed
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Oct 21		<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Oct 22
<b>Registered Name</b> <small>(please include titles)</small>		
<b>Call Name</b>		<b>Berner-Garde #</b> <small>(BMDs only)</small>
<b>Date of Birth</b>		<b>DNA Profile #</b> <small>(Nationals only)</small>
<b>Registration #</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> American Kennel Club <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Kennel Club
<b>Breeder</b>		
<b>Sire</b>		
<b>Dam</b>		
<b>Actual Owner(s)</b>		
<b>Owners Address</b>		
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>
<b>Telephone</b>		<b>E-mail</b>
<b>Handler</b>		

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**  
(please print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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