

Premium List

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test

Hosted by the



**April 14-15, 2018
Blue Ribbon Acres
Lovettsville, Virginia**

**Judges
Valerie Horney, Colorado
Jim Maxwell, California**

Oh, the fun we will have!

Entries close at the Test Secretary's address **Wednesday, April 4th, 2018 at 5:00 pm, eastern time**. Please make checks payable to **BMDCHR** and mail fee with entry form to the Test Secretaries:

**Julie Bacon & Jennifer Donnelly-Schoffstall
14230 Rehobeth Church Rd., Lovettsville, VA 20180**

This is an All Eligible Dogs draft test.

Draft Test Committee - Saturday

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Officers of BMDCHR

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Wendy Keene

321 Oriana Rd

Yorktown, Virginia 23693



Awards

Each passing team will receive a rosette and a trophy/award. Each participating team will also receive a ring favor.

Refreshments & Lunch

We will be providing "lite" morning fare of baked goods and hot beverages. Lunch will be offered for a nominal cost. Lunch "reservations" are requested at time of entries (see form).

Check-In & Set-Up

We will be utilizing the "self check-in" process each morning of the test. Please look for your team's name along the fence line and park your cart in the marked space. Your numbers, catalog and other materials will be in this space. Any move-ups MUST be communicated to the secretary at least 30 minutes before equipment check. You may set up your portable cover and/or bring carts to the site on Friday, April 15 after 1pm. The site is private property but you assume the risk for all belongings.

Weather & Cover

Spring in Virginia can pose a wide range of possibilities! Check your favorite weather report or app for best info. The site does not offer any cover, so please bring your own pop-up tent or other structure. The site is private property so you may leave structures up overnight. You may also set up on Friday after 1pm.

Judges' Gathering

We will be hosting a gathering next door at Jennifer Donnelly-Schoffstall's home following the test on Saturday. Exact fare will depend on number of entries and our finishing time. Please bring your favorite adult beverage and plan on staying! Everyone is invited!

We Welcome Spectators

Un-entered dogs may be present but must be leashed or crated and under control at all times as well as maintain a generous distance from the competition areas.

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.

Please remember to pick up after your dog(s).

Judges

Jim Maxwell

3444 Broderick St
San Francisco, CA 94123
draftndogs@gmail.com

Valerie Horney

12632 E Bates Circle
Aurora, CO 80012
valhorney@comcast.net

Schedule

Check in and Equipment check times to be determined at close of entries once the number of entrants is determined.

Check-in time not before 7:30 AM each day.

Equipment check: To follow Check-in

Judging begins: As soon as possible after the equipment check.

Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the test.

Lunch break will be at the judges' discretion.

Class Entry Details

- There will be a limit of 24 entries for this Draft Test.
- Entry fees - \$40 for each single dog team \$40 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
 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.

Close of Entries

Entries close at 5:00 pm, eastern time, Wednesday, April 4th, 2018 at the Draft Test Secretary's address, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test regulations.

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 www.BMDCA.org at no charge or ordered from the BMDCA Ways and Means (fee applies).

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 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.

Veterinarian

Day of Draft Test & Emergency - Stephen Stang, DVM, Loudoun Veterinarian Service, 540-338-7118. If possible, call ahead.

Test Site

Blue Ribbon Acres
14190 Rehobeth Church Road
Lovettsville, VA 20180

Directions to site:

From Route 7 - Take the Lovettsville/Purcellville Exit Rt 287/Berlin Turnpike. Head north approximately 7 miles, then turn Right onto Rickard Rd. The first Right is Rehobeth Church Road. Continue approx 1/4 mile to Blue Ribbon Acres on your right. Signs posted.
From Route 15 – Take Lovettsville Road (just after the Potomac River on the Virginia side) approximately 6 miles into the town of Lovettsville (Lovettsville Rd turns into Broad Way). Turn Left onto 287/Berlin Turnpike (just after the 7-11). Less than 3 miles to Rickard Rd, Turn Left. The first Right is Rehobeth Church Road. Continue approx 1/4 mile to Blue Ribbon Acres on your right. Signs posted.

Accommodations

Please ask about pet policy.

Leesburg and Frederick are similar distances from the test site. Let us know if you find an alternative or feel that one of these hotels should be removed from our list – We appreciate the feedback!

Best Western | 726 East Market Street, Leesburg, VA 20176
703 777-9400

Days Inn | 721 East Market Street, Leesburg, VA 20176
703-777-6622

Country Inn & Suites | 5579 Spectrum Dr., Frederick, MD 21703
301-695-2881

Motel 6 | 999 W Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21702
301-662-5141

Comfort Inn | 7300 Executive Way, Frederick, MD 21704
301-668-7272

Camping & RVs

Because we have a generous amount of space on our private property, we are opening the space to people who may want to camp or bring their RV. PLEASE NOTE: *There are no hook-ups for RVs and there are no facilities for campers other than the restroom.*

If this is something you want to do, please contact test chair, Jennifer Donnelly-Schoffstall, to make arrangements. 703-405-2276, Jennifer@blueribbondog.com. NO RVs or CAMPING WILL BE ALLOWED WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL.

Please also be aware that in case of inclement weather, it may not be possible to drive on grassy areas of the property.

Draft Run-Throughs

Beginning Friday, April 13, 2018 at 1:00 pm we will open the ring for **\$5 Run-Throughs** and allow teams to hone their skills before the test. The ring will close at 4:00 pm to allow judges time to set the course and decorate the ring. Ring equipment will be “practice” markers such as cones and will not necessarily be the same as test day.

Judges' Gathering

Plan to stay after the test concludes on Saturday for food, beverages and fun courtesy of our host, Jennifer Donnelly-Schoffstall, her family and Blue Ribbon Acres! More details as we learn the number of entrants.

Meals & Run-Throughs

Please let us know if you will be joining us!
You can of course pay day of, but it's just so easy to take care of things now :)

Friday Run-Through _____ teams x \$5/team = \$ _____
Saturday Lunch _____ persons x \$10/person = \$ _____
Judges' Gathering _____ persons = \$ FREE
Sunday Lunch _____ persons x \$10/person = \$ _____
Breakfast Donation (\$3 suggested per person) = \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

**** PLEASE include this form with your entries and payment ****

BMDCA Draft Misconduct Disciplinary Procedure

The DWC adopts the following procedures in response to incidents at Draft Tests involving dog aggression or other inappropriate behavior by dogs and/or handlers/owners. Any incident involving dog aggression or inappropriate behavior must be reported and will be reviewed and investigated by the DWC. Incidents outside the ring can be reported by anyone involved or who witnessed the incident. Reports can be made to any one of the following: Draft Secretary, Draft Chair, member(s) of the draft committee, judge(s) or the DWC Chair. Incidents in the ring, or on a freight haul, will be reported by the judge(s) directly to the DWC Chair. Reports should be made as soon as possible, preferably the day of the incident or the last day of the test weekend.

Since each incident is unique based on the circumstances involved (including past history of similar behavior/other problem behavior or possible mitigating circumstances) the DWC's response will vary based on the individual circumstances. Responses/Penalties that may be imposed include the following:

1. Letter from the DWC to handler/owner advising of inappropriate behavior and asking handler/owner to avoid future similar behavior.
2. Ban dog (and/or owner/handler) from BMDCA Draft test competition for a specified period of time taking into consideration the Draft test calendar.
3. Permanently ban dog (and/or owner/handler) from all future BMDCA Draft test competition.
4. If a dog and/or owner/handler is banned from BMDCA Draft test competition for a specified period of time, the DWC reserves the right to also require a reinstatement process depending on the specific circumstances. Whether or not a reinstatement process is required and the process itself will be determined on a case-by-case basis since each set of circumstances will vary.

5. The DWC reserves the right to permanently ban a dog and/or owner/handler from BMDCA draft test competition for repeat offenses depending on the nature and severity of the behavior.
6. The owner/handler of a dog will be informed as soon as possible of the DWC's decision regarding any penalty. The owner/handler of a dog, or the owner/handler, subject to loss of privileges to compete in BMDCA draft tests may ask the DWC to reconsider the recommended penalty by submitting a written request to the DWC within 10 days of being notified of the recommended penalty outlining specific reasons why the penalty should be reconsidered or changed. The DWC will review any request for reconsideration and notify the owner/handler whether any changes will be made. After the DWC has reviewed any request for reconsideration or if no request for reconsideration is made, the DWC's recommendation will be forwarded to the BMDCA Board for approval.
7. Subject to review and approval by the BMDCA Board the decisions of the DWC will be final



Weight Certificate for BMDCA Draft Test

Name of Vet Clinic:

Date: _____ **Dogs Call Name:** _____

Weight of Dog: _____ **Dogs BG#:** _____

Owner or Handler's Name:

I verify that on this date: _____ (date) **that Dog** _____
(Dog's name) **weighed** _____ (dog's weight).

Signature of Vet Clinic employee witnessing weight of dog:

Please print name & position of Vet Clinic employee signing form:

Please use Vet Clinic Stamp, below, with Name, Address & Phone Number of the Clinic or have this information provided on the Vet Clinic's letterhead.

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Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Hampton Roads

Blue Ribbon Acres, Lovettsville, Virginia
April 14-15, 2018

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

Breed	Sex	Male	Female
Class	Novice	Brace Novice	Open
			Brace Open
Dog is titled in entered class		Open Weight Certificate Enclosed	
April 14 Test:	April 15 Test:		
Registered Name <small>(please include titles)</small>			
Call Name		Berner-Garde # <small>(BMDs only)</small>	
Date of Birth		DNA Profile # <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		
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

(please print)

Signature

Date:

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Call Name		Berner-Garde # <small>(BMDs only)</small>	
Date of Birth		DNA Profile # <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		
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