

HEALTH CLINICS

Wednesday, April 30, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.- Lobby Office, All Star Expo Hall Pre-registration required: https://www.bmdca-store.com/Health-Clinics-DNA-Tests_c_194.html

Deadline: April 16th, 2025.

Please indicate whether you prefer AM or PM appointments.

Questions? Samantha Judge, Health Clinic Chair, at samantha_judge@hotmail.com.

- **Cardiac Clinic:** Fee \$75 auscultation only; \$350 echocardiogram with auscultation
Ryan Peiffer, DVM, ACVIM – Cardiology will perform cardiac evaluations using auscultation (a non-invasive procedure) or echocardiogram with auscultation. OFA requires that dogs be at least one year of age when examined to receive cardiac clearance.
- **Eye Clinic:** Fee \$65 per exam
Nancy Bromberg, VMD, MS, DACVO will perform OFA Eye Certification examinations. OFA Companion Animal Eye Registry (CAER) provides breeders with information regarding canine eye diseases so that they may make informed breeding decisions in an effort to produce healthier dogs. Annual examination is recommended for all dogs that are involved in a breeding program. **NOTE: Arrive 10-15 minutes prior to the exam to dilate the dog's pupils.** It is recommended that the examination be performed after your dog has completed judging for the day. The effect of the eye drops lasts approximately 3 hours.
- **OFA Thyroid Testing:** Fee \$175 per thyroid exam
Dr. Samantha Judge (BMDCA breeder/club member). Samples will be submitted to Michigan State University and tested for fT4, cTSH and TgAA. Services are offered on a walk-in basis. Completed OFA thyroid forms and the additional fee need to be submitted when you bring your dog for thyroid testing. The \$175.00 does NOT include the OFA submission fee.

Health Clinic Reminders

1. Forms and your appointment time(s) will be included in your registration packet. Every effort will be made to accommodate rescheduling requests due to event conflicts, but this can't be guaranteed.
2. Please be on time for your appointment(s) and remember to bring your dog's AKC registration number, date of birth, and tattoo/ microchip/DNA information. A microchip scanner will be on hand as well.
3. Fees cover evaluations and forms only; submission of results to OFA requires additional fees payable directly to OFA, with the exception of the Thyroid Test.
4. Breeders and owners are encouraged to complete health and genetic testing available through many sources, and to record that information in the Berner-Garde database at <https://www.bernergarde.org/DB/Default>. Berner-Garde will be available ringside to enter data with proper documentation. Additional information and resources are available at <https://bmdca.org/health/index.php>

BMDCA Subsidized Antagene Histiocytic Sarcoma Risk Test

Wednesday, April 30, 9:00am-1:00pm, All Star Lobby Office

Fee: \$50 per dog for BMDCA members and \$60 per dog for non-members

*Significantly subsidized by BMDCA; the normal fee per dog is 115 Euros = ~\$120 USD + shipping to France (included for samples received during clinic window)

Offered for purebred Bernese Mountain Dogs. Blood samples will be drawn at the clinic.

You can also hand deliver your blood samples from dogs at home, direct to the clinic.

Mailed samples cannot be accepted. Samples delivered to the clinic, from your dogs at home, should be kept cool (not frozen) in transit to the Specialty. Samples from this clinic will be shipped to Antagene at BMDCA expense.

The Antagene test for Histiocytic Sarcoma gives results expressed as a genetic index, which is based on the statistical analysis of nine genetic markers identified from the scientific research on the Bernese Mountain Dog. It is a selection tool and does not constitute a predictive test for the development of this cancer. It is a genetic tool to assist breeders in the management of their kennels and decisions on matings, using the Histiocytic Sarcoma Index Mate Selection tool (HSIMS), to enable them to reduce the incidence of Histiocytic Sarcoma in the population of Bernese Mountain Dogs. The test is not an endpoint but a continuation of the research on Histiocytic Sarcoma. The test will be optimized and refined with advanced research. For this, your participation is essential. Dogs participating in this clinic will be marked as "tested" in the Berner-Garde database, but the index score will not be included. NOTE: By participating in this clinic, you acknowledge that DNA extracted from your dog's sample may be used for genetic research.

New this year — Liquid biopsy for DNA from Dogs 6 Years & Older, needed for study on early cancer screening for Histiocytic Sarcoma.

Same time/place as the Histiocytic Risk Test. This research is led by Dr. Benoit Hedan, Dog Genetics Team, IGDR, University of Rennes, France. Dogs 6 years or older, and cancer free are needed. Let's get our veterans, that are attending, to participate!

This blood draw, supported by the BMDCA at no charge to participants, will occur at the National in conjunction with the Histiocytic Sarcoma Risk Test Clinic on Wednesday, April 30 from 9:00am - 1:00pm in the All Star Lobby Office. (Unfortunately, participation is limited to dogs in attendance.) For information on the research, go to this link: [Cani-DNA OncoDiagnostic | Institute Genetics & Development of Rennes](#).

If you're not planning to have a blood draw for a Histiocytic Risk Test, you can still have your veteran participate. Register via Online Store. NOTE: An online teleconference with Dr. Hedan will be announced in early March, to provide most up to date information on this important research.

Contact Julie Jackson at rbernese@gmail.com if you have questions about the early cancer screening test or the Risk Test clinic, cell (206) 930-3290.