
ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED

ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 8:00 am EST at the Trial Secretary's address. All entries received before this date will be returned. Overnight or certified mail must be sent with the "No Signature Required" waiver signed.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 6:00 pm EDT, after which time, entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. Envelopes/transactions containing entries for more than the ten (10) dog maximum and/or entries received prior to the opening date shall be treated as an invalid entry and shall be returned to the sender.

PREMIUM LIST



BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Member of the American Kennel Club

Open to Bernese Mountain Dogs only



EISENHOWER HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

2634 Emmittsburg Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Friday, 5/2/2025, Event #2025183408

Containers, Interior, and Exterior – Novice, Advanced, & Excellent

ENTRY LIMITS

Friday, 5/2/2025 – 125 entries

TRIAL HOURS

7:30 am to 5:00 pm

Trial To Be Held Indoors/Outside - Limited Indoor Crating Available



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB

CERTIFICATION - Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.
- Gina DiNardo, Secretary

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EVENT COMMITTEE

Susan Nowak, Jeff Nowak, Lynn Jones, Lloyd Jones, Cheryl Brickach, Lori Simidian,
and Members of Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America

JUDGE

Lori Kobayashi - #102728
Gaithersburg, MD

CLASSES OFFERED

Friday, 5/2/25, Trial 1
Container: Novice, Advanced, Excellent
Interior: Novice, Advanced, Excellent
Exterior: Novice, Advanced, Excellent

Check-in at 7:30 am, briefing at 8:00 am, first dog to follow.

Class order will be determined once all entries have been received and the trials have closed and is subject to change, pending weather.

EMERGENCY VET / VETERINARIAN ON CALL

CARE Animal Hospital – Frederick – 24/7 Emergency care (29.9 miles/33 minutes)

1080 W. Frederick St., Frederick, MD 21703

301-662-2273

Partner Veterinary Emergency – Frederick - 24/7 Emergency care (33 miles/37 minutes)

7300 Guilford Dr., Frederick, MD 21704

301-200-8185

NON-EMERGENCIES

Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital (7 miles/11 minutes)

8436 B Waynesboro Pike, Emmitsburg, MD 21727

301-447-6237

Confederate Woods Veterinary Hospital (6.1 miles/13 minutes)

10 Confederate Dr., Gettysburg, PA 17325

717-334-1179

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire/Ambulance/Police

Emergency: Dial 911

WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital

147 Gettys Street

Gettysburg, PA 17325

717-334-2121

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **Now accepting online entries via Secreterrier.** Don't worry, you can still mail in entries too. But if you go to [Secreterrier](#) and create an account and add all of your dogs, it will ensure the accuracy even with mailed-in entries because it will save me from manually entering everything! There are nonrefundable fees for this.
- Hand deliveries will not be accepted for this trial.
- Express mail entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary's address.
- **Illegible entries** will not be processed. Please **PRINT** clearly!
- Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry and the Trial Secretary will add a \$35.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.
- If you have not received confirmation of your entry within 14 days of mailing, please email the trial secretary. You should receive confirmation within 48 hours of receipt.
- Any move-ups due to titles earned prior to the trial date and after closing must be received in writing by **Monday, 4/28/25 at 6:00 pm. No exceptions.**
- Checks will be destroyed for those entries that do not make it into the trial.

DOGS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER

This trial is open to all dogs SIX (6) months of age or older that are registered with the American Kennel Club or that have AKC Limited Registration, Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP), an AKC Canine Partners listing number or approved Foundation Stock Service (FSS) breeds are eligible to participate. Dogs with a Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP) or an AKC Canine Partners listing number must be spayed or neutered in order to compete.

Condition of the Dog – Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to participate provided that, in the opinion of the judge, they display no signs of physical discomfort and can safely complete the search. Dogs with bandages, sutures, or visible wounds are not eligible. Deaf dogs and blind dogs are allowed to enter. Dogs that are both deaf and blind are able to participate so long as the handler is in control of the dog at all times, the dog can complete the requirements of the class, and the dog does not appear to be under undue stress in the opinion of the judge.

An AKC DNA profile number is required for all entrants.

The BMDCA requires each entrant to provide a valid AKC DNA Profile Number for the dog entered on the Official Entry Form at time of entry. Failure to meet these requirements will render the dog ineligible to enter the event. This may result in the loss of all awards earned at the event, as well as subject the entrant to possible disciplinary action by the AKC and/or BMDCA, including but not limited to suspension from club privileges and entry of club events. All DNA numbers will be verified by the BMDCA within 30 days after the National Specialty. DNA kits can be obtained from the AKC Online Store at www.akc.org. **DON'T DELAY!** STANDARD PROCESSING TIME IS 6-8 WEEKS AFTER RECEIPT! If it has been more than 8 weeks since the DNA sample was submitted to AKC and you have not received a DNA profile number AND need it for your BMDCA Specialty entry, call AKC DNA Operations at 919-816-3508 to obtain a preliminary DNA number (accepted in extenuating circumstances only). Please allow sufficient time for the AKC to receive your sample and call NO LATER THAN one week prior to close of entries. Be sure to mention "BMDCA National Specialty" to expedite your request.

ENTRY FEES

An entry is defined as a single run by a single dog in a single class.
Entry fees include a \$3.50 per run AKC recording fee.

Each Entry.....\$35.00

Make checks payable to: BMDCA 2025
Or enter online at secreterrier.com

Mail entry forms w/ fees to: Chrisy Morgan
BMDCA
24070 Carrlyn Dr.
Ridgely, MD 21660

~ Please put BMDCA on envelope ~

WAIT LIST INFORMATION

A maximum of **20 entries per day** will be placed and/or added to the wait list. All entries, including wait listed entries, must be received by the Trial Secretary prior to the closing date of April 2, 2025, at 6:00 pm. No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after closing on April 2, 2025.

If a withdrawn entry is replaced by a wait listed entry, a refund will be issued for the withdrawn entry. Payment/checks received for a wait listed entry that do not move off the waitlist and into the trial will be shredded/destroyed by the trial secretary.

STAGING AREA, HANDLERS' BRIEFING, AND WARM-UP INFORMATION

Staging Area(s) - Will be out of view of search areas. Staging area(s) could include warm-up boxes, waiting area, check-in table/board for posting of running orders and results.

Handlers' Briefing - Will take place in view of the search area prior to the start of each class or level, after the hide(s) have been set and the Demo Dog has run. In the Handlers' Briefing, the judge will explain if there's an off-leash option, number of hides, max. height of hides and max. time for the search. No dogs are allowed at the briefing. However, if the handler is unable to attend the group briefing, the judge will provide an individual briefing at the start line.

Warm-Up Area - One labeled container per target odor being used in the trial on that day will be placed in the warm-up area. This will allow handler-dog teams to prepare themselves for the search prior to their run. Each team should limit their warm-up to two minutes or less so others may be able to use the warm-up area as well. Clubs may also place blank containers. The warm-up area is not for training or relieving the dog!

SEARCH AREA AND RING CONDITIONS

Search Areas - May be of any shape and of the size specified in the regulations for each class. Search area conditions may be indoors, on matted, carpeted, tiled, or concrete, or outdoors on grass, gravel, earth, concrete, or asphalt surfaces.

ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

Trial Site - It is not appropriate to scout the trial location prior to the trial date. Many search locations are real-life environments and such visits may risk the host losing the opportunity to use the location in the future.

Possession of Odors and Training - Chapter 5. Section 35 of the Scent Work Regulations state "No person other than those engaged in the administration of the trial shall be in possession of any target odor when on the trial grounds. There shall be no training on the grounds of the AKC Scent Work trial, other than the designated warm-up area".

Spectator Area - Spectators are on a case-by-case basis. Any person not handling a dog in the current class, or any person who has already completed their run in the class may be allowed to watch the search from the spectator area (unless the search area prohibits such). Handlers may not watch other exhibitors from their class prior to their run. No one outside the search area may assist the handler or disclose the location of the hide.

Exhibitors are Responsible for Cleaning up after their Dog(s) - Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the Event Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement. Cleaning supplies and disposal sites will be available at various locations around the show grounds.

RIBBONS

Placement rosettes will be awarded in each class as follows:

<i>First Place</i>	<i>Blue</i>
<i>Second Place</i>	<i>Red</i>
<i>Third Place</i>	<i>Yellow</i>
<i>Fourth Place</i>	<i>White</i>
<i>Qualifying Search</i>	<i>Dark Green</i>

A new title rosette will be awarded to all dog/handler teams finishing a title.

PRIZES

<i>BMD HIT Novice</i>	<i>Cooler with Logo</i>
<i>BMD HIT Advanced</i>	<i>Director's Chair with Logo</i>
<i>BMD HIT Excellent</i>	<i>Director's Chair with Logo</i>
<i>Containers 1st through 4th for all levels</i>	<i>Lunch Bag with Logo</i>
<i>Exteriors 1st through 4th for all levels</i>	<i>Tumbler with Logo</i>
<i>Interiors 1st through 4th for all levels</i>	<i>Logo Embroidered Towel</i>
<i>Oldest Qualifying BMD</i>	<i>Vermont Made Serving Board</i>

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

Safety, Behavior & Liability - The safety of the dog is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all searches safely. It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the trial committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America (BMDCA) and its agents, employees, etc., will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children. BMDCA reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against BMDCA or any official thereof.

Collars, Leashes and Harnesses - During searches, dogs must wear a properly fitted collar or harness approved by the judge. A wearable camera such as a Go Pro may be mounted to the dog's harness, if desired. Leashes may be of any length and/or retractable(only while in the search area). The leash should be made of plain, pliable material.

All dogs must be on leash at all times while on the trial grounds! - Retractable leashes may not be used when on trial grounds (except during judged searches). Dogs must enter and exit the search area with the leash attached to the collar or harness, including when waiting in the search area before and after the search. An off-leash option may be offered at the discretion of the judge, only if the area is completely enclosed.

REFUNDS

No Entry Fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee. No entry fee will be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by the action of the Trial Committee. Dogs pulled after closing due to an injury or other medical condition are not eligible for a refund.

Bitches in Season are not permitted to compete. A full refund will be issued for the bitch in season entry. Notification in writing, that includes a veterinarian's verification, must be given to the trial secretary no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the first class of the day of the trial (sooner is always appreciated!)

RINGSIDE

Judges are not required to wait for dogs - The Owner of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at the search area when it is to be judged. The club has no responsibility to provide service through a public address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.

Exhibitor Check-In - At check-in you will receive your armband number. Once the time and location for check-in is determined, all exhibitors will be notified by email. Exhibitors MUST check-in for EACH trial they are entered. Claims will be arbitrated as set forth on the Official AKC Entry Form for this event.

EXHIBITORS SHOULD FOLLOW THEIR VETERINARIAN'S RECOMMENDATION TO ASSURE THEIR DOGS ARE FREE OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PARASITES, ANY COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, AND HAVE APPROPRIATE VACCINATIONS.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOVICE A OR B

Novice A Classes are open to dogs who have not completed any title for that particular element, who have not completed a comparable title with another organization, and whose handlers are neither Scent Work judges, nor have ever worked as professional detection dog handlers. Novice B Classes are open to all dogs.

RULES & REGULATIONS

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club's website at: www.akc.org

All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the regulations for scent work. Download them at: <http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RSW001.pdf>

HOTEL INFORMATION

Please be sure to ask about their pet policy and restrictions prior to booking!

Eisenhower & Aspire Hotels – 2634 Emmitsburg Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325 (717) 334-8121

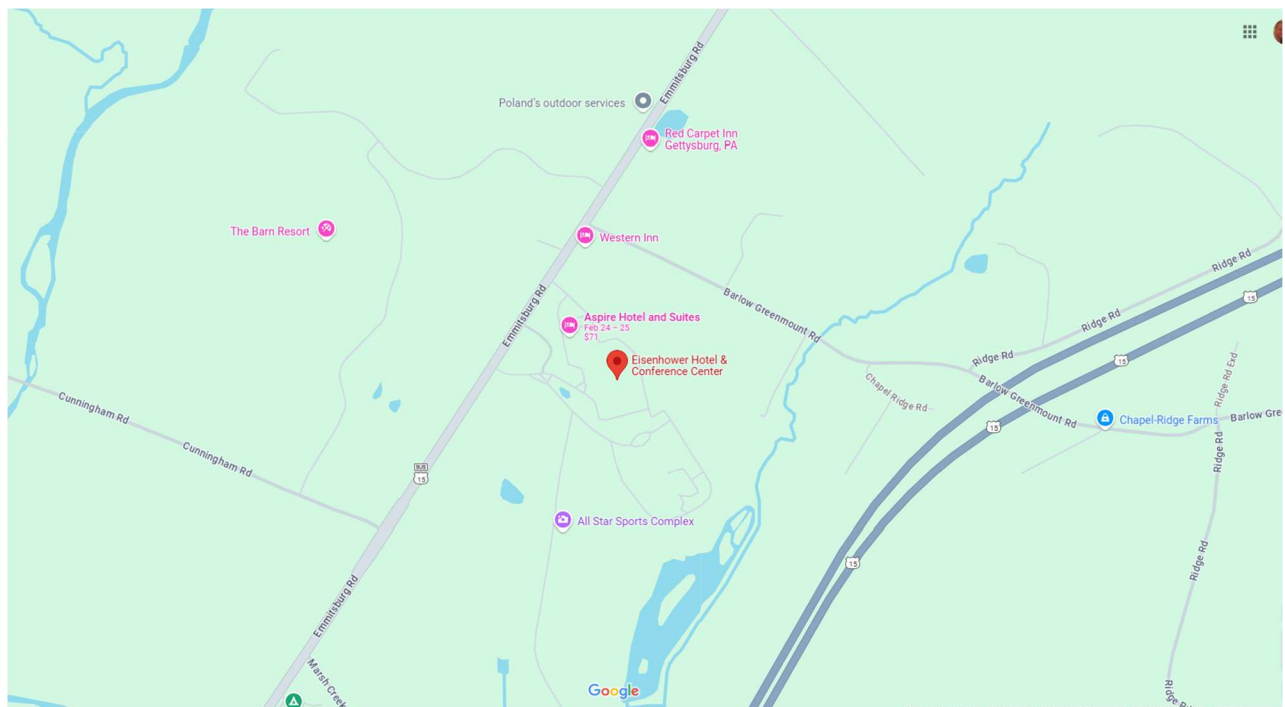
Note the Aspire does not all dogs

DIRECTIONS TO THE TRIAL SITE

EISENHOWER HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

2634 Emmitsburg Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325

The Eisenhower Hotel is off Business Rt. 15 in Gettysburg, PA. The Aspire and Eisenhower Hotels are on the same property. Park on the Eisenhower Hotel side of the property.





AKC Official Entry Form

Send to: Chrisy Morgan
BMDCA
24070 Carrlyn Dr.
Ridgely, MD 21660

	Container	Interior	Exterior
Fri 5/2/2025	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent

Make check payable to: BMDCA 2025

of Classes ____ X \$35 = ____ Total Due

AKC Registered Name <i>(No need to include titles)</i>		Registration Number <input type="checkbox"/> AKC/PAL/ILP/CP <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign	
Call name	Date of birth	Sex	
Breed		DNA #	
Breeder			
Sire			
Dam			
Owner			
Owner's Address			
City	State	Zip	
Telephone	Email		
Handler name (if different from owner):	Junior Handler # (if applicable):		

Fields marked in blue are REQUIRED.

Fields marked in gray must be completed if the information is known.

Be sure to read the Agreement and sign on the reverse. No form will be processed without your signature!

AGREEMENT

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim of loss, injury or damage to this dog.

Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. I (we) agree that the determination of whether the injury is serious shall be made by the event veterinarian and is binding on me (us). I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

SIGNATURE of owner or her/his agent duly authorized to make this entry.

SIGN HERE X: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

In case of Emergency – Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____