

PREMIUM LIST

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.

49th Annual National Specialty Show



Saturday, March 30, 2024 - Saturday, April 6, 2024



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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Events will be held at Purina Farms unless specifically noted; all Conformation and Obedience in Great Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Herding at Herding & Trial Field

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

BMDCA Board Meeting at Great Hall Conference Rm
Farm Dog at Herding & Trial Field

MONDAY, APRIL 1

Agility at Great Hall
Registration at Great Hall Lobby
Bernese U at Service Center
Set Up for Great Hall
Vendor Move-In at Great Hall 10:00AM
Grooming Area Opens at Great Hall 3:00PM
Draft #1 at Working Dog Field
Breeders Symposium at Founders Room 7:00PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Registration & Catalog Sales at Ringside
Bernese U at Founders Room & Conference Room
Draft #2 at Working Dog Field
Scent Work at Service Center
Sweepstakes
Welcome Reception with Studs & Suds at Great Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

Registration & Catalog Sales at Ringside
Health Clinics at Service Center
International Guest Breakfast at Founders Room
Futurity
Obedience
Versatility Showcase
Veterans Sweepstakes
Health Auction at Holiday Inn

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Registration & Catalog Sales at Ringside
Health Clinics at Service Center
Rally Obedience
Team Obedience
4-6 Month Puppy
Draft #3 at Working Dog Field
Regular Conformation Dog Classes
Veteran Dog Classes
Non-Regular Classes (Stud Dog & Brace)
Top Twenty Prejudging
Veterans Parade during lunch break
Top 20 Gala
Junior Showmanship during Top 20 Intermission

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Registration & Catalog Sales at Ringside
Judges' Education—seminar, ringside mentoring & hands-on workshop
Regular Conformation Bitch Classes
Veteran Bitch Classes
Non-Regular Classes (Brood Bitch)
Pee Wee & Itty Bitty Special Attraction at Lunch Break
Draft #4 at Working Dog Field
BMDCA Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet at Founders Room

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Registration & Catalog Sales at Ringside
Judges' Education—ringside mentoring
Best of Breed followed by NOHS Best of Breed, Best Puppy, Best Veteran & Best Bred-by-Exhibitor
Judges' Dinner at Holiday Inn

ACTIVITIES HELD THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Raffle Ringside. Tickets pulled on Friday at noon
Photo Contest Winners' Gallery in the Events Center
Rescue Gallery in the Events Center
Titleholders Gallery (online)
Bernese-Garde Ringside



BMDCA National Specialty 2024



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB RULES & REGULATIONS GOVERN THESE EVENTS

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ENTRIES CLOSE at Superintendent's Office at 12:00 Noon PST, **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024** after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Ch. 11, Sec. 6 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows, or Ch. 1, Sec. 16 of the Obedience Regulations.



The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.

49th Annual National Specialty Show

Conformation w/NOHS • Futurity • Jr. Showmanship
Pee Wee Special Attraction • Obedience • Rally
Sweepstakes • Veteran Sweepstakes • 4-6 Month Puppy

Top 20 • Versatility Showcase

(Unbenched – Member of the American Kennel Club)

Saturday, March 30, 2024 - Saturday, April 6, 2024

Purina Farms Events Center

500 William Danforth Way, Gray Summit, Missouri 63069

Proudly Hosted by:

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.,

The Bernese Mountain Dog Clubs of Buckeye, Grand Canyon State, Greater Twin Cities, Heart of Michigan, Heartland, Lonestar, North Coast of Ohio, Northeastern Illinois, Rockies, and Southeastern Wisconsin

All Events Indoors at the Purina Farms Events Complex, unless otherwise noted

Show and Trial Hours: 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Each Day

VISIT OUR WEB PAGE: <https://www.bmdca.org/2024-specialty>

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. AKC DNA numbers are not required for Special Attractions such as parades. 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.

Effective January 1, 2010: All dogs must be either individually registered with either the AKC or a foreign registry organization whose pedigrees are acceptable for AKC registration in order to participate in any AKC Conformation, Performance, or Companion event. See details and FAQs here: <https://images.AKC.org/pdf/rulebooks/RREGS3.pdf>



CERTIFICATION Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under the American Kennel Club rules and regulations.



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The professional video services and live streaming at this show are governed by an exclusive video contract with the Club. No other commercial video recording, video recording from a tripod, monopod or other supported camera/device, or any video recording or streaming of large parts or whole classes shall be permitted. The contract terms permit individuals to record small bits of video of their own dogs only, and using handheld devices only (e.g. phone, tablet or small camcorder). Individuals may post recorded videos of their own dogs to social media (Facebook, YouTube, etc). However, during show hours LIVE Broadcast Streaming to social media (e.g., Facebook Live) is not permitted. Submission of an entry form and/or physical presence on the show grounds shall constitute both implied and real consent for both the handler and the dog to be professionally video recorded and streamed live only by the professional video services as contracted by the Club for this show. All rights to video record and live stream or otherwise exploit this event and/or the persons or animals participating in it, including the names, likenesses and biographical matter of dogs, owners, handlers, breeders and kennels participating in the event shall belong solely to the show giving Club and/or the American Kennel Club, Inc. No spectator, participant, owner, handler, breeder, or kennel shall make commercial use of any video recordings of any person or animal participating in this event without prior written approval from the Club. This event may not be broadcast to social media (e.g. Facebook Live, etc) without prior written approval from the Club. Violation of these show video policies may result in an Event or Bench Committee hearing. ShowDogVideoPros permits, and encourages, local/national news media coverage. The Video Company will allow professional news media coverage (tripod mounted cameras, professional film crews, news reporters).

SHOW VETERINARIAN - ON CALL

Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Services - 636-227-9400 or 636-227-6100
1021 Howard George Drive, Manchester, MO
24/7 Emergency Care
24.5 miles from Purina Farms (28 minutes)

Fox Creek Veterinary Hospital - 636-458-6569
18962 MO 100, Wildwood, MO
7 days a week 8:00AM-8:00PM with 24-hour on-call medical team,
8.3 miles from Purina Farms (13 minutes)

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Mr. Jan Herngren [35087]..... KRISTIANSTAD, SWE

Regular Bitch & Non-Regular Bitch Classes:

Ms. Christine Mann [92234].....BOULDER, CO

Junior Showmanship, 4-6 Month Puppy & Versatility Showcase Classes:

Mr. William Matlock [95829].....SURRY, ME

2024 Futurity:

Mr. Dalmiro Sirabo BUENOS AIRES, ARG

Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes:

Ms. Susan Henderson YORBA LINDA, CA

PeeWee Special Attraction:

Mrs. Marjorie Geiger [103767]..... KALAMA, WA

OBEDIENCE TRIAL

Mr. Fred Buroff [5277].....CONOVER, OH

Mr. James Comunale [27181].....BALLWIN, MO

RALLY TRIAL

Mr. Fred Buroff [5277].....CONOVER, OH

Mr. James Comunale [27181].....BALLWIN, MO

See pages 19-22 of this Premium List for information about Agility, Draft, Herding, Farm Dog, Scentwork, Triathlete Award & Fan Award. Top 20 Gala is on page 14. Premium Lists for these events can be downloaded at <https://www.bmdca.org/2024-specialty>

RESERVED GROOMING

NOTE: GROOMING AND CRATING IS ALLOWED IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY.

Due to LIMITED GROOMING SPACES, sharing of grooming spaces is encouraged.

Remember, we're Bringing Friends Together!

LIMIT OF 2 GROOMING SPACES PER PERSON

Exhibitors may reserve a 10' x 10' grooming space through Central Registration for \$150, which includes one electrical plug with 20 amps of power, for the entire show period. Paid reserved spaces will be indoors, either on a concrete floor in the Gateway Hall, or rubberized flooring with plastic sheeting provided in the Great Hall, and are available on a first come, first served basis through Master Registration until capacity is reached. Exhibitors will not be allowed to select which location, Gateway Hall or Great Hall, when reserving space. Locations will be assigned at random based on availability.

Day crating will be available for Obedience and Rally exhibitors, and will not have access to electric. All set-ups will be supervised by the Grooming Committee as representatives of the BMDCA. The Club reserves the right to restrict the number of grooming tables and to rearrange grooming areas and set-ups as required by circumstances for the safety and convenience of all. This includes moving crates, tables, and other equipment. Exhibitors are expected to comply with all Club rules as laid out by the BMDCA.

The Columbia MO Kennel Club is allowing select BMD Regional Clubs to host Supported Entries in conjunction with their All Breed shows on Saturday, March 30, 2024 & Sunday, March 31, 2024. Please consider entering as this will be a great opportunity to warm up for the National!

Any exhibitors wishing to enter these shows MUST note their breed on the Columbia MO KC Grooming reservation. They will be putting all Bernese entrants' grooming spaces in one area of the Gateway Hall. Per Purina Farms Event Center, dogs and exhibitors MUST be out of the building by 6 p.m. Sunday March 31st, no exceptions. Your equipment MAY stay in the building, but in order to allow Purina Farms employees to properly clean the building, make sure you clean up around your equipment as best as possible. **FOR THE BMDCA NATIONAL, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO MOVE YOUR BELONGINGS TO YOUR NEWLY ASSIGNED SPACES ON MONDAY, APRIL 1ST AT 3:00 P.M. YOU WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED THE SAME SPACE YOU HAD FOR THE COLUMBIA MO KC SHOWS, AND YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED INTO THE GROOMING AREA EARLIER THAN 3 P.M. ON MONDAY. NO EXCEPTIONS! YOU MUST MAKE SEPARATE GROOMING RESERVATIONS FOR THE BMDCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY, EVEN IF YOU HAVE PURCHASED A SPACE THROUGH COLUMBIA MO KC!**

MOVE-IN FOR BMDCA NATIONAL EXHIBITORS: Begins Monday, April 1, 2024, at 3:00PM

- At time of move-in, exhibitors will be required to supply contact information, including hotel, room number, and cell phone number.
- Generators and electric heaters are prohibited. All extension cords and dryers are subject to inspection, and non-compliant equipment may be removed by show personnel.
- The grooming area will be open daily from 6:00AM (except for move-in day as indicated above) until 9:00PM.
- **DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO STAY OVERNIGHT IN GROOMING/CRATING AREA.**
- Parties wishing to set up together should submit forms under the same Group Name. All reasonable effort will be made to honor requests but not guaranteed.
- **GROOMING SPACES MUST BE VACATED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COMPLETION OF ALL CONFORMATION EVENTS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024.**
- There are 6 stainless elevated bathing tubs in the bathing room in the hallway of the Gateway Hall. Hot and cold water are provided. Please adhere to all bathing and cleanup rules posted in bathing room. Additional bathing tubs are accessible in the Service Center near the RV lots.
- Bathing/Grooming is not allowed in any hotel room.
- Absolutely no x-pens will be allowed in the grooming area except within the assigned grooming space.

- Ringside chairs are NOT to be taken to the grooming area.
- Exhibitors and handlers will be held responsible for clean conditions in/around their assigned space. Grooming and crating spaces will be monitored and must be cleaned each day. Failure to follow instructions given by a show committee member can result in forfeiture of space.
- Participants and visitors must abide by the posted signs on the show grounds; failure to do so will result in a warning and possible ejection from the show site and/or event.
- **SMOKING IS PROHIBITED** inside any building and within 20 feet of doorways.
- The BMDCA and the show committee will not be responsible for theft or damage of items left in the grooming area. Participants are encouraged to use good judgment when leaving dogs, personal items, or equipment unattended.

AKC SANCTIONED 4-6 MONTHS PUPPY COMPETITION

Entries Close at the Superintendent's office on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 12:00PM PDT

JUDGE: MR. WILLIAM MATLOCK

One combined class will be offered for BMDs that are four months of age and over but under six months on the day of the event.

Entry and Eligibility

Entry and eligibility requirements include:

- AKC registration number or an AKC litter number will be required for entries of an AKC recognized breed as listed in Chapter 3, Section 1 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows.
- A foreign born dog may enter this class if it is registered in the country of origin.
- All entrants are to be vaccinated (including rabies) in accordance with their veterinarian's protocol.
- Dogs that are owned or co-owned by a professional handler may compete in this class, but must be handled by a non-professional handler. Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay within the last five years. Dogs may not be exhibited by current assistants or household members of a professional handler. A current assistant is defined as anyone employed by a professional handler on a full-time basis, or, assisting a professional handler at the show or any show during the cluster/weekend. Minors (under 18) with amateur status who reside with professional handlers and current assistants to professional handlers that are eligible to compete in Junior Showmanship (meet age and amateur status requirements) may personally exhibit dogs in the Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition.

NO PUPPIES UNDER THE AGE OF SIX (6) MONTHS, EXCEPT THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE 4-6 MONTH PUPPY COMPETITION, MAY BE ON THE GROUNDS.

CLASSIFICATION - CLASSES COMBINED

Puppy, 4 months & Under 6 months

PRIZES

4-6 Beginner Puppy, Best of Breed: Rosette and Rolling Duffel Bag with Logo

4-6 Beginner Puppy, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed:
Rosette and Rolling Duffel Bag with Logo

Each Entrant: Dog Toy

**DON'T FORGET TO
VOLUNTEER**

**Meet lots of people.
Make lifelong friends.
Julie Latterell jlatterell2@gmail.com**



BMDCA 2024

ENTRY FEES

Conformation & Obedience

(Includes AKC Event Service Fee and AKC Recording Fee where applicable)

First Entry of a Dog Unless Otherwise Specified.....	\$40.00
Each Additional Entry of the Same Dog Unless Otherwise Specified	\$35.00
Versatility Showcase.....	\$35.00
Junior Showmanship Only.....	\$10.00
Junior Showmanship as an Additional Class	NO FEE
Pee Wee Class Special Attraction (day of event entry only)	NO FEE
Stud Dog and Brood Bitch Classes per Unit.....	\$35.00
Conformation Brace Class per Dog (must be entered in another class).....	\$20.00
Sweepstakes Class (Must be entered in another class)	\$35.00
Veteran Sweepstakes Class (Need not be entered in another class)	\$35.00
Futurity (Must be entered in another class)	\$35.00
4-6 Month Beginner Puppy.....	\$10.00
Obedience Brace Class per Dog (First or Additional Entry)	\$20.00
Obedience Team Class per Dog (First or Additional Entry)	\$10.00

Rally

(Each First Entry Fee includes \$3.50 AKC Recording Fee, and \$3.00 for each additional entry)

First Entry of a Dog.....	\$40.00
Additional Entry of the Same Dog.....	\$35.00

MAIL ENTRIES WITH FEES to BaRay Event Services, PO Box 508, Burlington, WA 98233

See *Entry Submission Guidelines*, Page 26.

RIBBON PRIZES

Regular Classes

First Prize.....	Blue Rosette	Second Prize.....	Red Rosette
Third Prize.....	Yellow Rosette	Fourth Prize.....	White Rosette
Winners.....	Purple Rosette	Reserve Winners	Purple & White Rosette
Best of Breed	Purple & Gold Rosette	Best of Winners.....	Blue & White Rosette
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed			Red & White Rosette
Select Dog & Bitch..	Light Blue & White Rosette	Awards of Merit.....	Dark Green Rosette
Best Puppy	Dark Green Rosette	Best Bred by Exhibitor.....	Dark Green Rosette
Best Veteran	Dark Green Rosette	NOHS Best of Breed.....	Maroon Rosette

Obedience & Rally Classes

First Prize.....	Blue Rosette	Second Prize.....	Red Rosette
Third Prize	Yellow Rosette	Fourth Prize.....	White Rosette
Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Obedience Classes.....	Blue & Gold Rosette		
Highest Combined Score in Open B & Utility Classes	Blue & Green Rosette		
Highest Combined Score in Advanced B and Excellent B Classes	Blue & Green Rosette		
Highest Triple Q Score in Advanced B, Excellent B, Master Classes.....	Blue & Red Rosette		
Qualifying Score in Obedience or Rally.....	Dark Green Rosette		

Non-Regular Classes

First Prize.....	Rose Rosette	Second Prize.....	Brown Rosette
Third Prize	Light Green Rosette	Fourth Prize.....	Gray Rosette
Best Junior Handler.....	Rose & Green Rosette	Reserve Junior Handler	Rose & Gray Rosette

Pee Wee Special Attraction ribbons are listed on page 14; Futurity ribbons are listed on Page 15; Sweepstakes and Veteran Sweepstakes ribbons are listed on Page 16; and Versatility ribbons are listed on page 17.

4-6 Month Beginner Puppy

Best of Breed.....	Orange Rosette	Best of Opposite Sex.....	Lavender Rosette
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New Title Ribbons

New title ribbons will be awarded for entries completing a Championship, Grand Championship, Obedience or Rally title.

Special Rosette Awards

One rosette only will be awarded to the Breeder(s) of the winners listed below. These will be presented in the ring following the judging of each event. If the breeders are not in attendance, the rosettes will be mailed within 30 days of the show. Additional rosettes can be purchased.

- Breeder of Best of Breed
- Breeder of Best in Veterans Sweepstakes
- Breeder of Best in Sweepstakes
- Breeder of Best in Futurity

BREED CLASSIFICATION - BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOGS

REGULAR CLASSES

The Novice conformation classes are not offered.

Puppy Dogs (6 mos. & under 9 mos.)	Puppy Bitches (6 mos. & under 9 mos.)
Puppy Dogs (9 mos. & under 12 mos.)	Puppy Bitches (9 mos. & under 12 mos.)
Dogs, 12 mos. & under 15 mos.	Bitches, 12 mos. & under 15 mos.
Dogs, 15 mos. & under 18 mos.	Bitches, 15 mos. & under 18 mos.
Amateur-Owner-Handler Dogs	Amateur-Owner-Handler Bitches
Bred by Exhibitor Puppy Dogs, 6-12 mos.	Bred by Exhibitor Puppy Bitches, 6-12 mos.
Bred by Exhibitor Adult Dogs, 12+ mos.	Bred by Exhibitor Adult Bitches, 12+ mos.
American Bred Dogs	American Bred Bitches
Open Dogs	Open Bitches
WINNERS DOG	WINNERS BITCH
BEST OF BREED COMPETITION	

Reserve Winners Dog and Reserve Winners Bitch will be awarded a three-point major, provided the criteria set forth in Chapter 16, Section 1 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows is met.

Bred by Exhibitor *(BBE) Class Eligibility

- All dogs entered in the Bred by Exhibitor Class must be individually registered with the AKC.
- The person handling the dog must be a breeder of record and an owner of record of the dog.
- To exhibit in this class, family members must be a breeder and owner of record.

NON REGULAR CLASSES INVOLVING SINGLE ENTRIES

Winners of each of the following classes will go on to compete for Best of Breed.

Veteran Classes 7-9 - Class for Dogs and Class for Bitches **7 years & under 9 years.**

Veteran Classes 9-11 - Class for Dogs and Class for Bitches **9 years & under 11 years.**

Veteran Classes 11+ - Class for Dogs and Class for Bitches **11 years & older.**

Altered Veterans CAN enter the Veteran Conformation Classes at this Specialty.

BEST OF BREED COMPETITION

The following categories of dogs may be entered & shown in the Best of Breed Competition: Dogs that are Champions of Record. Dogs, which according to their owner's records have completed the requirements for a championship but whose championships, are unconfirmed. The entry & showing of dogs whose championships are unconfirmed is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of show where a dog completed the requirements for a championship according to the owner's records. If at the end of the 90-day period, the American Kennel Club has not confirmed the championship of a dog, no further entries of the dog for Best of Breed Competition are to be made until the AKC has confirmed its championship.

NON REGULAR CLASSES INVOLVING MULTIPLE DOG ENTRIES

Note: As the judge's decision in these classes will be based on the merits of more than one dog, no one of the dogs making up the entry judged first in the class will be eligible to compete for Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed by virtue of having won the class.

Stud Dog Class and Brood Bitch Class: Each entry is allowed two get unless otherwise specified. The merits of the Stud Dog or Brood Bitch are not considered in the placement of the entry. It is the quality of the get that forms the basis for the judge's decision. All get must be examined and gaited. The Stud Dog or Brood Bitch must also be examined to determine if there is a condition that would require disqualification or excusal under the Rules, AKC policy or the breed standard. All get must be entered in another class in order to be eligible to compete in the Stud Dog or Brood Bitch Class. Handlers of the Stud Dog or Brood Bitch, and all get being exhibited, must wear armbands. Ch. 11, Sec. 8 of the "Rules Applying to Dog Shows" provides that "a castrated male may be entered as a Stud Dog in the Stud Dog Class and a spayed bitch may be entered as a Brood Bitch in the Brood Bitch Class."

Brace Class: Two Dogs, performing in unison, and presented by a maximum of two handlers. Both dogs competing in the brace class must have at least one common owner. Both dogs must be entered in a Regular Class or Best of Breed Competition. Dogs comprising a Brace Class must be named at the time of entry, and full particulars must be given for each dog on individual entry forms. An entry form for a dog entered in another class and entered as part of a Brace must be marked accordingly in the space provided for additional classes as "Brace Class." Entry Fee \$20.00 per dog.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Awards of Merit: Up to 10% of dogs entered for Best of Breed may, at the judge's discretion, receive an Award of Merit, excluding the Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, Select Dog, Select Bitch, Best of Winners, that by virtue of their placements, have already been recognized.

AKC National Owner-Handled Series: The Owner-Handled Best of Breed will be selected from the eligible dogs that competed in the Best of Breed/Variety competition. This includes Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, and the undefeated winners of the Non-Regular Classes. This excludes all dogs defeated during Regular Class and Winners competition.

For information regarding Regulations, Entry and Eligibility for the AKC National Owner-Handled Series Please See www.AKC.org. (Remember to check the box near the bottom of the entry form)

Best from the Puppy Classes* will be selected following the completion of selection of Best of Breed. Eligible for competition will be the first place winners from the 6-9 month, 9-12 month and Bred-By Exhibitor Dog and Bitch Puppy Classes.

Best from the Bred by Exhibitor Classes* will be selected following the completion of Best in Puppy Classes. Eligible for competition will be the first place winners from the Bred by Exhibitor Dog and Bitch Classes (Puppy and Adult). If one of these should be awarded Best of Winners, there would not be further competition and the award would go to the Best of Winners.

Best in Veteran Classes* will be selected following the completion of selection of Best in Bred By Exhibitor Classes. Eligible for competition will be the first place winners from all Dog and Bitch Veteran Classes. If one of these should win an award in Best of Breed competition, there would not be further competition and the veteran winning the highest award in Breed competition would also win Best in Veteran Classes.

Trophies must be claimed the days of the events. None will be mailed.
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. reserves the right to substitute prizes of equal or greater value should a prize become unavailable.

**For information regarding Regulations, Entry and Eligibility
for the AKC National Owner-Handled Series
Please See www.AKC.org
(Remember to check the box near the bottom of the entry form)**



BREED PRIZES

Best of Breed: Rosette, Director Chair with Logo, Show Lead, Large Ryobi Fan and BMDCA Specialty Medallion Plaque.

Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed: Rosette, Director Chair with Logo, Show Lead and Ryobi Fan

Best of Winners: Rosette, Director Chair with Logo and BMDCA Specialty Medallion Plaque

Winners Dog/Winners Bitch: Rosette, Show Lead and Ryobi Fan

Select Dog/Bitch: Rosette, Show Lead and Ryobi Fan

Awards of Merit: Rosette and Ryobi Fan

Reserve Winners Dog/Bitch: Rosette and Ryobi Fan

Best Puppy from the Regular Puppy Classes: Rosette and Rolling Duffle Bag with Logo

Best Bred By Exhibitor: Rosette and Rolling Duffle Bag with Logo

Best Veteran: Rosette and Rolling Duffle Bag with Logo

NOHS Best of Breed: Rosette, Show Lead and Cooler

First - Fourth Place, Each Regular & Non-Regular Class: Rosette and Glitter Tumbler with Logo

All prizes listed in this Premium List are offered by the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. through the generosity of its members & friends whose names will be listed in the catalog unless otherwise specified.

2024 Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America National Specialty



The Following Awards Have Been Generously Donated by Purina Pro Plan:

Best of Breed

-Purina Pro Plan Yeti Bucket offered by Purina

Best of Opposite

-Purina Pro Plan Shade Cloth offered by Purina

Select Dog & Select Bitch

-Purina Pro Plan Non-Slip Mats offered by Purina

Winners Dog & Winners Bitch

-Purina Pro Plan Umbrella offered by Purina

Best Veteran Dog in Sweepstakes

-Purina Pro Plan Rolling Bag offered by Purina

Best Veteran Bitch in Sweepstakes

-Purina Pro Plan Rolling Bag offered by Purina

Best in Futurity

-Purina Pro Plan Non-Slip Mat offered by Purina

Best 4-6 Month Puppy

-Purina Pro Plan Apron & Grooming Towel offered by Purina

NOHS Best of Breed (Saturday)

-Purina Pro Plan Chair offered by Purina

Best Puppy (Saturday)

-Purina Pro Plan Large Thermal Tote & Grooming Towel offered by Purina

Best Veteran (Saturday)

-Purina Pro Plan Non-Slip Mat offered by Purina

Best Bred By (Saturday)

-Purina Pro Plan Ex Pen Cover offered by Purina

High in Trial (Herding- to be awarded at Herding Field)

-Purina Pro Plan Umbrella offered by Purina

Draft Qualifiers (x4 to be awarded at Working Dog Field)

-Purina Pro Plan Slobber Towel

High in Trial (Agility)

-Purina Pro Plan Duffle Bag offered by Purina

High Combined in Open B & Utility (Obedience)

-Purina Pro Plan Barrel Bag & Grooming Towel offered by Purina

Triple High Combined (Rally)

-Purina Pro Plan Rolling Bag offered by Purina

Best Junior Handler

-Purina Pro Plan Grooming Caddy & Apron offered by Purina

ALL PRIZES, IF NOT AWARDED IN THE RING, MUST BE PICKED UP DURING THE EVENT AT THE PURINA PRO PLAN BOOTH. PRESENTATION OF THE WINNING RIBBON IS REQUIRED. PURINA PRO PLAN RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE PRIZE SUBSTITUTIONS OF EQUAL OR GREATER VALUE IN THE EVENT A SPECIFIC LISTED PRIZE IS NOT AVAILABLE.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP - THURSDAY EVENING DURING THE TOP TWENTY EVENT

JUDGE: MR. WILLIAM MATLOCK

NOVICE CLASS: This shall be for boys and girls who are at least 9 years old and under 18 years old on the day of the show and who at the time entries close have not won three (3) first place awards, with competition present, in a Novice Class. A first place in Novice without competition leading to a Best Junior award with competition would count as one win towards moving to Open at a licensed or member show. Junior Handlers who win a third Novice Class with competition, if a win in Novice leads to a Best Junior with competition present it will count as one win towards moving to Open, after the closing of entries for a show are required to transfer their entry from the Novice Class to the Open Class by notifying the Superintendent or Show Secretary prior to the judging of the class at the show.

OPEN CLASS: For boys and girls who are at least 9 years old and under 18 years old on the day of the show, and who have won three first place awards in a Novice Class or if a win in Novice leads to a Best Junior with competition present it will count as one win towards moving to Open in a licensed or member show. Juniors which according to their records have completed the requirements to compete in the Open class but whose status is unconfirmed by the American Kennel Club are limited to competing in the Open Class for a period of 90 days from the date of the show where the Junior completed the requirements according to their records.

MASTER CLASS: This class will be for boys and girls who are at least 9 years old and under 18 years on the day of the show, and who have 10 Best Junior wins with competition. The calendar for this class will be consistent with the eligibility dates for the AKC National Championship. All Juniors meeting the criteria for this class are required to enter the Master Class and may change their entry the day of the show if entries have already closed. Once the eligibility time frame for that year has passed all participants return to the Open Class to compete for the following year.

NOVICE AND OPEN CLASS DIVIDED: **Junior**-9 years old and under 12 years old on the day of the show; **Intermediate**-12 years old and under 15 years old on the day of the show; **Senior**-15 years old and under 18 years old on the day of the show.

After the judge has awarded the Best Junior Handler, the second place winner from the class that the Junior was awarded Best Junior Handler is to return to the ring to compete for Reserve Best Junior Handler.

NOTICE: Junior Handlers must include their AKC JUNIOR HANDLER NUMBER on each entry. You may obtain your junior identification number by calling the AKC, Judges Education Department, 919-233-9767. BE SURE ALL INFORMATION for Junior Showmanship Classes is entered on front and back of entry form.

NOTE: SUBSTITUTION OF DOG IN JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP AT THE SHOW(S): There will be an Administration Fee of \$5.00 charged for any substitution of dog in Junior Showmanship at each show. In addition, if the dog originally entered in Jr. Showmanship was an additional entry, and the dog being substituted is not otherwise entered in the show, the Junior Showmanship Only fee applies.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP PRIZES

Best Junior Handler: Rosette and Ringside Bag with supplies

Reserve Best Junior Handler: Rosette and Ringside Bag with supplies

First - Fourth Place, Each Junior Showmanship Class: Rosette and Backpack with Logo

PEE WEE SPECIAL ATTRACTION - FRIDAY

JUDGE: MRS. MARJORIE GEIGER

The Pee Wee class is geared toward children 5-9 years of age. Safety is a primary concern.

Each Pee Wee unit consists of the child, his/her parent/guardian/responsible adult, and the dog. Only one Pee Wee unit is in the ring at a time. This is not a competitive class, but rather a fun, learning experience for the child and the adult.

- A dog must be at least four months of age to enter the Pee Wee class.
- Bitches in season will not be allowed to participate. If pre-entered, a dog may be substituted that meets the eligibility requirements as specified by the club.
- All dogs entered must have the proper lead and collar.
- A responsible adult must be present with the child both inside and outside the ring. The adult is to maintain control of the dog outside of the ring.

The safety of both the dogs and Juniors inside and outside the ring is a primary concern. Outside of the ring, the dog is to be controlled by the adult accompanying the child. An additional lead, provided by the Club, will be at the Judge's table. At the Judge's discretion based upon the size of the child and the dog, for safety purposes the adult may be asked to attach a second lead to the dog so both child and adult will walk the dog together.

REGISTRATION WILL BE TAKEN AT THE CLUB TABLE THURSDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS STARTING AT 9:00AM. EACH ENTRANT WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT AN ENTRY FORM. IN ADDITION TO AN ENTRY, A RELEASE MUST BE SIGNED BY THE CHILD'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN. JUDGING WILL BE HELD DURING THE LUNCH BREAK.

PEE WEE SPECIAL ATTRACTION PRIZES

Each Participant: Rosette & Gift Bag

TOP TWENTY GALA - THURSDAY

The BMDCA Top Twenty Committee welcomes attendees to the "Formal Affair" Celebration! Join us for an evening of beautiful dogs at the BMDCA's eleventh annual Top Twenty Gala, which will be held the evening of Thursday April 4 in the Conformation ring at the Purina Farms Event Center. This event will showcase the top Conformation dogs from 2023. Entry is by invitation only and is sent to the top 20 Bernese Mountain Dogs in breed and all-breed points, as determined by AKC statistics from January 1 through December 31, 2023. Dogs will be prejudged by a three-judge panel the afternoon prior to the gala event. Each judge will evaluate the dogs on a predetermined point system, enumerating the criteria of our breed standard. The emphasis for judging is on the individual qualities of the dog and how closely he/she conforms to the breed standard. Points will be tabulated once the prejudging is completed, and the winner will be announced at the conclusion of the event. In addition, attendees will also have the opportunity to vote for the People's Choice Award.

The Top Twenty competition will culminate Thursday evening in the main Conformation ring at the Events Complex. The event is open to the general public to view the final showcase of the Top Twenty dogs and presentation of awards to the top winners. This event will be both entertaining and exciting as the handlers present their dogs to music chosen by them to represent the unique personalities of their dogs.

The theme this year is A Formal Affair, formal evening wear is encouraged for the teams entered in the Top Twenty. This year in honor of the theme, attendees are encouraged to wear their finest formal outfits

*Top Twenty Gala donations are also very welcome
and may be made through the Master Registration form.*

2024 FUTURITY - WEDNESDAY

JUDGE: MR. DALMIRO SIRABO

The purpose of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. (BMDCA) Futurity is to encourage the breeding of the best possible Bernese Mountain Dogs and to reward the breeders for their efforts. Correct and timely nominations of both the litter and individual puppies are required for stake eligibility. The Futurity includes litters whelped from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.

The Futurity shall be open to all litters bred by BMDCA members in good standing. All participants must comply with the Futurity rules. **The litter must be nominated** by the breeder by submitting the litter nomination form to the Futurity Chairperson along with the fee established in the rules (\$15.00 payable to the BMDCA) **prior to whelping**. The breeder of the litter must be a BMDCA member in good standing at the time of breeding as well as at the time of nomination. If there is more than one breeder of the litter, only one need be a BMDCA member.

Individual puppy nominations must then be submitted to the Futurity Chairperson with the fee established in the rules (\$15.00 payable to the BMDCA) by either the owner(s) or breeder(s) **before the puppy reaches four (4) months of age**. Puppy owners need not be members of the BMDCA. **The nominated puppies must be entered in one of the Regular Classes in either Conformation or Obedience** at the BMDCA National Specialty Show and Obedience Trial. Fee for this entry must be paid. Futurity entry must be indicated on the entry form as an Additional Class. There will be an additional fee for the entry apart from the previous nomination fees. **The Futurity Class entered will be based on the age of the puppy on April 1, 2024, and not on the age on the date of the shows**. All dogs will be eligible for only one Futurity.

CLASSIFICATION

**EXHIBITORS - DO NOT SELECT YOUR FUTURITY AGE DIVISION. THIS WILL BE DONE FOR YOU. SIMPLY FILL OUT YOUR ENTRY BLANK COMPLETELY.
FOR CLASS, ENTER DOGS, OR BITCHES.**

Puppy Dogs, 6 months & under 9 months..... Dogs, 12 months & under 15 months
Puppy Dogs, 9 months & under 12 months..... Dogs, 15 months & under 18 months
(Same Classes for Bitches)
Best in Futurity

PRIZE MONEY

All nomination money shall be pooled. The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. shall retain 25% for administrative and judge's expenses. Any unused expense money will be rolled over into the next year's prize money. The remaining 75% shall be divided as follows:

Best in Futurity10%
Breeder of Best in Futurity.....20%
Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity.....5%
Breeder of Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity.....5%
60% Allocated to Classes - Prize money for each class shall be determined by dividing money by the total entries and then multiplying by the number of entries in the class. Class money to be distributed as follows:
One entry100%
Two entries..... First - 60%, Second - 40%
Three entries..... First - 50%, Second - 30%, Third - 20%
Four or more entries..... First - 40%, Second - 30%, Third - 20%, Fourth - 10%

FUTURITY PRIZES

Best in Futurity: Rosette & Director Chair with Logo
Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity: Rosette & Cooler
First - Fourth Place, Each Futurity Class: Rosette & Lead

AKC DNA PROFILES ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTRANTS AT ALL JUDGED EVENTS.

Space has been provided on each entry form for your dog's AKC DNA Profile Number and will be published in the show catalog. YOU MUST ACT NOW if you have NOT yet obtained an AKC DNA profile number for your entry.

See Page 3 for more details

SWEEPSTAKES - TUESDAY

JUDGE: MRS. SUSAN HENDERSON

Sweepstakes is open to all Bernese Mountain Dogs 6 months of age and under 18 months of age. **The age of the Sweepstakes Class entered will be based on the age of the dog on April 4, 2024**, which is the first day of Regular Class judging. All entries in Sweepstakes must be entered in one of the Regular Classes at the Regular Class entry fee. Sweepstakes class and age division must be indicated on the entry form under Additional Classes.

CLASSIFICATION

Puppy Dogs, 6 months & under 9 months Junior Dogs, 12 months & under 15 months
Puppy Dogs, 9 months & under 12 months Junior Dogs, 15 months & under 18 months
(Same Classes for Bitches)

Best Puppy in Sweepstakes ... Best Junior Dog in Sweepstakes ... Best in Sweepstakes

PRIZE MONEY

The Club will retain 35% of the entry fee for expenses.

The remaining 65% will be divided as follows (rounded to the nearest dollar amount):

Best Puppy in Sweepstakes5%
Best Junior in Sweepstakes..... 5%
55% Allocated to Classes - Prize money for each class shall be determined by dividing money by the total entries and then multiplying by the number of entries in the class. Class money to be distributed as follows:
One entry 100%
Two entries First - 60%, Second - 40%
Three entries First - 50%, Second - 30%, Third - 20%
Four or more entries..... First - 40%, Second - 30%, Third - 20%, Fourth - 10%

SWEEPSTAKES PRIZES

Best in Sweepstakes: Rosette & Director Chair with Logo
Best Puppy in Sweepstakes: Rosette & Cooler
Best Junior Dog in Sweepstakes: Rosette & Cooler
First - Fourth Place, Each Sweepstakes Class: Rosette & Logo Embroidered Towel

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES - WEDNESDAY

JUDGE: MRS. SUSAN HENDERSON

Veteran Sweepstakes judging will take place following Sweepstakes judging and is open to all Bernese Mountain Dogs who are 7 years old & over. **The age of the Veterans Sweepstakes Class entered will be based on the age of the dog on April 4, 2024, which is the first day of Regular Class judging.** Veterans need not be entered in another class. To enter as 2nd entry, indicate Veteran Sweepstakes class with the age division in the space provided for "Additional Classes."

CLASSIFICATION

Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs, 7 years & under 9 years
Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs, 9 years & under 11 years
Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs, 11 years & over
(Same Classes for Bitches)

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

PRIZE MONEY

The Club will retain 35% of the entry fee for expenses.

The remaining 65% will be divided as follows (rounded to the nearest dollar amount):

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes5%
Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes..... 5%
55% Allocated to Classes - Prize money for each class shall be determined by dividing money by the total entries and then multiplying by the number of entries in the class. Class money to be distributed as follows:
One entry 100%
Two entries First - 60%, Second - 40%
Three entries First - 50%, Second - 30%, Third - 20%
Four or more entries..... First - 40%, Second - 30%, Third - 20%, Fourth - 10%

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES PRIZES

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes: Rosette & Director Chair with Logo
Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweeps: Rosette & Cooler
First - Fourth Place, Each Veteran Sweeps Class: Rosette & Logo Embroidered Towel

VERSATILITY SHOWCASE - WEDNESDAY

JUDGE: MR. WILLIAM MATLOCK

The Versatility Showcase is a stand-alone Conformation exhibition to showcase dogs and bitches that have earned the BMDCA Versatility Award¹ or the BMDCA Versatility Excellent Award². To be eligible for entry, dogs must have earned all required titles for the BMDCA Versatility/Versatility Excellent Award (as confirmed in Berner-Garde), AND the Award must be listed in Berner-Garde. If not, contact Valerie Horney, BMDCA Records committee. **The age of the Versatility Showcase Class entered will be based on the age of the dog on April 4, 2024 which is the first day of Regular Class judging.**

Classes

Versatility Dog under 7 years Versatility Dog 7 Years and older
Versatility Excellent Dog under 7 years Versatility Excellent Dog 7 Years and older
(Same classes for Bitches)

Best in Versatility, Best of Opposite Sex

Prizes: Best in Versatility & Best of Opposite Sex: Rosette & Custom Nancy Giusti Raku Plaque.
First - Fourth in each Class: Rosette & Glitter Tumbler with Logo

ENTRIES CLOSE 12:00PM PST, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

VERSATILITY SHOWCASE ENTRY FORM

THIS IS A SHOWCASE ONLY. DOGS AND BITCHES JUDGED FIRST IN THESE CLASSES WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR BEST OF BREED BY VIRTUE OF HAVING WON THESE CLASSES.

To be eligible for Best of Breed, entrants MUST enter Best of Breed or a Non-Regular Veterans class on the Official AKC Entry Form. Versatility Showcase entries must be made on the below form or via the the Baray Website. Make additional copies as necessary.

ENTRY FEE: \$35.00

Make Checks or Money Orders payable in US funds to: BaRay Event Services, Inc.

ENTER ONLINE: www.BaRayEvents.com \$3.00 fee per event.

MAIL ENTRIES WITH FEES TO: PO Box 508, Burlington, WA 98233.

FAX ENTRIES NOT ACCEPTED

DOG ENTRY	AKC DNA #		
Full Name of Dog:			
Showcase Class:	<input type="checkbox"/> Versatility Dog under 7 years <input type="checkbox"/> Versatility Dog 7 Years and older		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Versatility Excellent Dog under 7 years <input type="checkbox"/> Versatility Excellent Dog 7 Years & older		
AKC Reg. #	SEX	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth
Breeder:			
Sire:			
Dam:			
Owner:			
Owners Address:			

¹The Requirements for the BMDCA Versatility Award are as follows:

- The Berner's owner must be a BMDCA member. • The Berner must have earned an AKC Champion title.
- The Berner must have earned a BMDCA Novice Draft Dog title.
- The Berner must have earned one of the following working titles:

AKC Companion Dog, AKC Tracking Dog, AKC Novice Agility Dog, AKC Novice Agility Jumper, AKC Novice Agility Preferred, AKC Novice Jumper Preferred, AKC Herding Pre-Trial Test, American Herding Breed Association Junior Herding Dog, AKC Tracking Dog Urban

²The Requirements for the BMDCA Versatility Excellent Award are as follows:

- The Berner's owner must be a BMDCA member. • The dog must have earned an AKC Grand Champion title.
- The Berner must have earned a BMDCA Draft Dog title.
- The Berner must have earned one of the following working titles: AKC Companion Dog Excellent, AKC Tracking Dog Excellent, AKC Variable Surface Tracker, AKC Open Agility Dog, AKC Open Agility Jumper, AKC Open Agility Dog Preferred, AKC Open Agility Jumper Preferred, AHBA Herding Trial Dog I, II, or III, Herding Ranch Dog I, II or III, Herding Trial Arena Dog I, II or III, Ranch Large Flock I, II or III, AKC Herding Started, AKC Herding Intermediate, AKC Herding Advanced

OBEDIENCE TRIAL - WEDNESDAY

JUDGES

Mr. Fred Buroff Novice A; Novice B; Utility A; Utility B; Team 1
Mr. James Comunale..... Beg Novice A; Beg Novice B; Open A; Open B; Veterans; Brace; Team 2

Qualifying Score Required For All Prizes in Regular Classes. "Dog" means either sex.
Transfers will be allowed at this Trial per AKC Regulations.

PLEASE NOTE: Refund of entries for bitches that come into season after the closing date of this show may be obtained by sending a veterinarian's certificate to the Show Superintendent. This certificate must be postmarked or given to the Show Superintendent at least 30 minutes before the start of Obedience judging on Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

A Dark Green Qualifying Score Rosette will be given to each dog receiving a qualifying score.

A new title ribbon will be awarded for any dog completing a title.

Rings will be on custom-textured sport flooring that is padded for optimal comfort and safety.

Crating will be available in the building. No x-pens will be allowed. For questions, contact Vicky Hall, Obedience Chair, at ravhall@aol.com

CLASSIFICATION

Regular Classes Novice A • Novice B • Open A • Open B • Utility A • Utility B

Optional Titling Classes.....Beginner Novice A • Beginner Novice B

Non-Regular Classes.....Veterans • Brace • Team

OBEDIENCE TRIAL PRIZES

Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes: Rosette, Director Chair with Logo, Prairie Dog Totem and BMDCA Medallion Plaque

Highest Combined Score in Open B & Utility Classes: Rosette, Back Pack with Logo and Prairie Dog Totem

First-Fourth Place, Each Regular, Optional Titling & Veteran Class: Rosette & Large Cutting board with Logo

First-Fourth Place, Each Non-Regular Brace & Team Class: Rosette & Small cutting board with Logo

The Jay Jay Award – Highest Combined Score in Open B & Utility with a BMDCA Draft Dog Title: Handmade Wood Bernese Mountain Dog and Cart

Highest Qualifying Dog with ILP/PAL in the Regular Classes: Glass Serving Bowl

Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Classes with a BMDCA Versatility Excellent Award: Windchime

Oldest Qualifying BMD in the Regular Classes: Windchime

HEIDI'S LEGACY CHALLENGE TROPHY – This trophy is to be awarded annually to the Bernese Mountain Dog and handler team that receives the highest qualifying score in a Regular Obedience class at the Official National Specialty Trial on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. To retire the trophy, the same person must win the Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes (HIT) three times, not necessarily with the same dog nor at consecutive Nationals, with one win from the Open Class and one win from the Utility class.

Originally crafted and donated by Russell & Peg Forte for the first BMDCA National Specialty in 1976, this large wood plaque features gorgeous hand-tooled and painted leather work depicting five images of working Bernese Mountain Dogs. The bottom of the plaque lists the name of each dog and handler team that has earned HIT at the official BMDCA National Specialty Obedience Trial since inception.

The trophy is named in memory of April Rifenberg's Heidi (Bernfield's Astrea v CarMar TD UD) who retired the trophy in 1986 after winning HIT at the 1980, 1983 & 1986 National Specialties. Vilma Kistner Briggs was the next individual to retire the trophy in 2008, by winning HIT in 1999 with "Java" U-UD Mocha Java Slurp UDX HCT (Open), in 2003 with "Charm" Thirtdym's A Charm UD RE NA NAJ NDD (Novice), and in 2008 with "Latte" Ch. Brighteye Whole Latte Love UDX RE NA NAJ HCT NDD (Utility), Vilma donated the trophy back to the BMDCA in 2009 with a "challenge" that any future individual, who retires the trophy, donate it back to BMDCA so the plaque will forever remain a part of our club's history and breed heritage.

RALLY TRIAL - THURSDAY

JUDGES

Mr. James Comunale..... Novice A & B; Intermediate; Choice
Mr. Fred Buroff Advanced A & B; Excellent A & B; Master

Qualifying Score Required for All Prizes "Dog" means either sex.
Transfers will be allowed at this Trial per AKC Regulations.
Rally entries must include dog's jump height.

PLEASE NOTE: Refund of entries for bitches that come into season after the closing date of this show may be obtained by sending a veterinarian's certificate to the Show Superintendent. This certificate must be postmarked or given to the Show Superintendent at least 30 minutes before the start of Rally judging on Wednesday, April 4, 2024.
A Dark Green Qualifying Score Rosette will be given to each dog receiving a qualifying score.
A new title ribbon will be awarded for any dog completing a title.

RALLY RING SIZE

40x60

CLASSIFICATION

Regular Classes.....Novice A & B, Intermediate, Advanced A & B, Excellent A & B, Master, Choice

RALLY TRIAL PRIZES

New title ribbons will be awarded for entries completing a Rally Title.

Highest Combined Score in Excellent B, Advanced B: Rosette, Director Chair & Cooler
Highest Combined Triple Score: Rosette & Director Chair with Logo
First - Fourth Place, Each Class: Rosette & Flat Sheet with Logo
Oldest Qualifying Dog in any Class: Back Pack with Logo

AGILITY TRIAL - MONDAY

JUDGE: MR. CRAIG JOSLING

WHERE: PURINA FARMS EVENT CENTER-GREAT HALL

Download premium list at <https://www.bmdca.org/2024-specialty> or by contacting Agility Trial Secretary Kris Osojnicki, machberner@gmail.com. The premium list is also available on the BaRay Superintendent website and the specialty website <https://www.bmdca.org/2024-specialty>

For questions, contact Agility Chair Renee Meriaux, meriaux1@earthlink.net

AGILITY TRIAL PRIZES

High in Trial (Standard Class): Rosette and Director Chair with Logo
High Combined: Rosette and Director Chair with Logo
Qualifying Score, Each Class: Rosette and Custom Dicky Bag
Highest Scoring Veteran in the Standard Classes: Backpack with Logo
Oldest Qualifying Dog in Any Class: Backpack with Logo
A new title ribbon will be awarded for any dog completing an Agility title.

AKC HERDING TESTS & TRIALS - SATURDAY

JUDGES: MS. CAROLINE SPARKS AND MS. DEBBIE GEORGE
WHERE: PURINA FARMS HERDING AND TRIAL FIELDS

Two AKC All-Breed Tests & Trials featuring Herding Test (HT), Pre-Trial Tested (PT), and Course A Herding Started, Herding Intermediate and Herding Advanced.

Pre-entries and day-of-show entries accepted. Open to all breeds with preference given to Bernese Mountain Dogs. Download premium list at www.gameonk9events.com or by contacting Herding Test Secretary Theresa Corcoran. The premium list is also available on the BaRay Superintendent website and at the specialty website www.bmdca.org/2024-specialty.

A new title ribbon will be awarded for any dog completing a title

For questions, contact Herding Chair Sara Karl at karl3106@comcast.net

HERDING PRIZES

High Combined in Trials #1 & #2: Rosette & Director Chair with Logo

High Combined BMD in Trials #1 & #2: Rosette & Director Chair with Logo

Trial #1

High in Trial: Rosette & Duffle Bag with Logo

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Highest Scoring BMD: Rosette & Biothane Long Line

Second Highest Scoring BMD: Rosette & Backpack with Logo

Qualifiers: Rosette

Oldest Qualifying BMD in Trial: Glitter Tumbler with Logo

Youngest Qualifying BMD in Trial: Cutting Board with Logo

Trial #2

High in Trial: Rosette & Biothane Long Line

Reserve High in Trial: Rosette & Backpack with Logo

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Qualifiers: Rosette

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AKC FARM DOG TESTS - SUNDAY

JUDGES: MS. CAROLINE SPARKS AND MS. RENEE MERIAUX
WHERE: PURINA FARMS HERDING AND TRIAL FIELDS

Two tests in one day. Pre-entries and day-of-show entries accepted. Open to all breeds with preference given to Bernese Mountain Dogs. Download premium list at www.gameonk9events.com or by contacting Farm Dog Test Secretary Theresa Corcoran. The premium list is also available on the BaRay Superintendent website and at the specialty website www.bmdca.org/2024-specialty.

FARM DOG PRIZES

TRIAL #1

New Farm Dog Title: Rosette and Water Bucket with Logo

Qualifier: Rosette

TRIAL #2

New Farm Dog Title: Rosette and Custom Buckle Collar

Qualifier: Rosette

For questions, contact Farm Dog Chair Julia Smith, orchidj5@yahoo.com

AKC SCENT WORK TRIAL - TUESDAY

JUDGE: NATALIE MCMANUS
WHERE: PURINA FARMS SERVICE CENTER

Classes Offered: Interior, Exterior, and Handler Discrimination - Novice and Advanced, and Containers - Novice through Master.

A new title ribbon will be awarded for any dog completing an SWN or SWNE or SWA or SWAE title.

Open to Bernese Mountain Dogs only. Download premium list at <https://www.bmdca.org/2024-specialty> or by contacting Secretary Jolette Wojdyla at mcacmail2@gmail.com to request a hard copy. The premium list is also available at: akc.org: the BaRay Superintendent website: and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AKCScentWork>

For questions, contact Trial Secretary Jolette Wojdyla at mcacmail2@gmail.com

SCENT WORK PRIZES

Qualifiers: Rosette

First Place, Each Class: Rosette and Water Bucket with Logo

Second - Fourth Place, Each Class: Rosette and Treat Pouch

HIT Novice: Rosette and Doggone Good Treat Bag

HIT Advanced: Rosette and Doggone Good Treat Bag

High Combined Novice: Rosette and Doggone Good Treat Bag

High Combined Advanced: Rosette and Doggone Good Treat Bag

Oldest Qualifying BMD in Scentwork: Windchime

FOUR DRAFT TESTS - MONDAY APRIL 1, 2024, TUESDAY APRIL 2, 2024 THURSDAY APRIL 4, 2024 & FRIDAY APRIL 5, 2024

DRAFT TEST 1 - MONDAY

JUDGES: MS. BETH DENNEHY AND MS. PATTI DAVIEAU

DRAFT TEST 2 - TUESDAY

JUDGES: MS. VALERIE HORNEY AND MR. JASEN DUNCAN

DRAFT TEST 3 - THURSDAY

JUDGES: MR. STEVE LIKEVICH AND MR. BOB SCHMIDT

DRAFT TEST 4 - FRIDAY

JUDGES: MR. BOB SCHMIDT AND MR. BARRY SOLOMON

WHERE: PURINA FARMS WORKING DOG FIELD

Classes: Novice, Open, Brace Novice and Brace Open

Each test will have 24 teams per test limit. Untitled teams will be given priority over titled teams. Download premium list at <https://www.bmdca.org/2024-specialty> or by contacting Draft Test Chair Dawn Gibbs at dawng1019@aol.com or Draft Tests Secretary Gina Craig at ginadrafttestsecretary@gmail.com. The premium list is also available on the BaRay Superintendent website.

Advanced title ribbons will be offered to any team completing an Advanced title. For questions, contact Draft Test Chair Dawn Gibbs, dawng1019@aol.com

DRAFT PRIZES - ALL TESTS

Qualifier: Rosette and Glitter Bucket with Logo

Oldest Qualifier at each test: Glitter Tumbler with Logo

Advanced Title Qualifiers: Side Tab addition for Qualifying Rosette and Cutting Board with Logo

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE AWARD - THE TRIATHLETE CHALLENGE

ENTRY FORMS DUE MARCH 20, 2024

Are you and your dog a multi-tasking team? Set your sights on the Specialty Triathlete Challenge! The Specialty Triathlete Award is given to each Berner/Handler team which earns a qualifying leg or passing score in three or more different working venues. Yes, you can do it all!

The eligible events are Tracking (all classes), Herding (PT or higher), Rally (Regular Classes only), Obedience (Regular Classes only—novice, open, utility), Agility (all classes), and Draft (all classes).

Only one score or performance in each venue will count towards this award. The performance must be at the regular titling level, although the dog/handler team may have already earned the relevant title.

Just pick your venues and go for the gold! The Specialty Triathlete Awards will be something to treasure.

Award offered by Ruth Nielsen—Mazama Mountain Dogs.

To be eligible, download and complete the Triathlete Challenge form on <https://www.bmdca.org/2024-specialty> and email to RNielsen@Nielsenlaw.com no later than March 20, 2024

For questions, email Ruth at RNielsen@Nielsenlaw.com. Mailed entries also accepted, send to 55 Quaking Aspen Road, Winthrop WA 98862.

SPECIAL VETERANS AWARD - THE FAN AWARD

The Fan Award will be awarded to the oldest male and female dog exhibited at the Specialty, including the veterans parade. The award is offered by Friends of the Fan Award in loving memory of "Fan" Camelot's Fantasy and Meg Auger, who sponsored the award from 2003-2015.

IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America has planned these trials and shows in accordance with public health requirements in place as of the publication of the planning booklet. The health and welfare of our exhibitors, judges, club members, and all those who work to make the shows a success is paramount. At the time of publication of the planning booklet, no public health requirements are in effect for the show site and the size of our events. Any changes to requirements will be included with the judging program and posted on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2386490074859751> Any changes will be based on local and state requirements, as well as the AKC Suggested Best Practices for the Well-Being of Dog Sport Participants (available at AKC.org).

EVENT ATTENDEES VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS RELATED TO EXPOSURE TO COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.



TRAVEL INFORMATION

If you plan to travel by plane, the most accessible airport to Gray Summit is Lambert—St. Louis International Airport. Directions to Purina Farms:

Go West on Departing Flights toward Natural Bridge Rd. Turn left onto Natural Bridge Rd. Merge onto I-70 West. Merge onto I-270 South via Exit 232 toward Memphis. Merge onto I-44 West/US 50 via Exit 5B toward Tulsa. Go approximately 23 miles. Take the MO-100 Exit toward Gray Summit. Turn right onto MO-100. Go approximately 0.4 miles to MO-MM. Turn left. Go 1.1 miles to Purina Farms (on left). Estimated travel time from airport is 40-45 minutes.

DIRECTIONS TO THE SHOW GROUNDS FROM THE HOLIDAY INN

Located just ten (10) minutes west of the Holiday Inn. Take Highway 44 to the Gray Summit exit #253 and head North on Highway 100 for ½ miles. Take a left and head West on MM for approximately one (1) mile until you reach the Purina Farms entrance on the left-hand side of the road.

DIRECTIONS TO THE SHOW GROUNDS FROM THE WILDWOOD HOTEL

Located approximately 15 minutes from the Wildwood Hotel. Turn left onto MO-100 W/Old Rte 66 W. At 10 miles turn right onto Hwy Mm and travel about one mile until you reach the Purina Farms entrance on the left-side of the road.

HOST HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Holiday Inn Six Flags
4901 Six Flags Road
Eureka, MO 63025
636-938-6661

Wildwood Hotel
2801 Fountain Place
Wildwood, MO 63040
636-733-9100

We have contracted for room blocks with discounted rates at two hotels in close proximity of Purina Farms, The Holiday Inn Six Flags (10-15 minutes from Purina Farms) and the Wildwood Hotel (20 minutes from Purina Farms). You may view information on reservation details for both properties at <https://www.bmdca.org/2024-specialty>.

RV PARKING & CAMPING INFORMATION

RV parking spots are available through the Purina Farms RV Park, which is conveniently located adjacent to the show building and show site. The park features two areas: (1) the main lot has full hookup, with 30-amp/50-amp electrical service and sewer at each site, or (2) the show field lot, with electric only. Due to the possibility of freezing, water will not be available at each site, but is available to fill your RV when you arrive, and water refill service is available mid-week through the BMDCA store. If you wish to rent an RV, there are several companies familiar with working with Purina Farms. Additional information can be found at the website below under RV Information. All sites are back-in, and includes 24-hour security, restrooms, showers, and fenced dog exercise areas as well as expansive grounds for exercising. For reservations, complete the form under RV Information at the website above and email it to rvparking@purina.nestle.com. You can view additional information on the Specialty website <https://www.bmdca.org/2024-specialty>.

If you have questions or need additional information contact:

RV chairs - Chan or Tracey Keith,
chan.keith@earthlink.net or wyndriftbmd@earthlink.net

PURINA FARMS PARKING

Complimentary exhibitor and visitor parking will be located on blacktop parking lots in front of the Purina Event Center. Vehicles are limited to one parking space. No Ex-Pens or Crates allowed on blacktop but are allowed on grass areas. No cones allowed in parking areas. No parking in roadways or next to building.

GENERAL ADDITIONAL RULES

- Dogs must not be tied to bushes, shrubs, trees or other permanent fixtures. The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc., the host hotels, Purina Farms, and Show Superintendent will not be responsible for the loss or damage to any dog exhibited or possession of any exhibitor, whether the result of an accident or any other cause. It is distinctly understood that every dog at these events is in the care and custody of his owner or handler during the entire time the dog is in the show buildings or the grounds.
- The welfare of an exhibitor's child is assumed to be the responsibility of the exhibitor. It is distinctly understood that exhibitors will exercise control and restraint over their children on the days of the events.
- All persons attending this Specialty Show's events hereby waive any claim for damages against the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. or its members in the event that a motor vehicle or crate must be entered to rescue a dog from overheating or suffocation due to improper ventilation.
- Identification labels will be available from the Superintendent's office. Each crate must be labeled for identification in case of emergencies.
- The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc., the Host Hotels and the Purina Farms, will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items left at the show site.
- The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. may decline entries for cause and may refuse to receive or may remove any dog on account of disease, viciousness or any other cause, in accordance with AKC rules and regulations. No one shall have any claim or recourse against the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. or any official thereof.
- No dogs shall be left unattended in an x-pen.
- No generators of any kind permitted on hotel grounds.



BMDCA National Specialty 2024

AKC Code of Sportsmanship

PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS - ANIMALS IN DISTRESS

The BMDCA 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 club 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.

ENTRY SUBMISSIONS, CANCELLATIONS, CHANGES, TRANSFERS

MAIL ENTRIES WITH FEES to PO Box 508, Burlington, WA 98233.

CANADIANS make all entry fees payable in U.S. funds.

FAX ENTRIES NOT ACCEPTED. An interactive entry blank PDF that can be filled out and mailed in is available for download at www.BarayEvents.com.

ONLINE ENTRIES: Web site is **BaRayEvents.com** Follow instructions on Web site. \$3.00 charge per dog per show.

FEDEX, UPS, AIRBORNE or HAND-DELIVERED: Do NOT require signature. 113 E. Fairhaven Ave., Burlington, WA 98233.

PHONE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

CANCELLATIONS, CHANGES AND TRANSFERS will be accepted according to AKC Rules. Any refunds will be made within three weeks after the show. An administration fee may apply. (07/22)

ENTRIES CLOSE 12:00PM PST, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. NATIONAL SPECIALTY

AKC DNA PROFILE # _____

Saturday, March 30, 2024 - Saturday, April 6, 2024

Purina Farms Events Center - 500 William Danforth Way, Gray Summit, MO 63069

ENTRY FEES (includes AKC Fees where applicable)

\$40.00	• First Entry of a Dog in Conformation or Obedience • First Entry of a Dog in Rally
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Numbers in the
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MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: BaRay Event Services, Inc.

Canadians, make fees payable in US Funds.

ENTER ONLINE: www.BaRayEvents.com \$3.00 fee per event.

MAIL ENTRIES WITH FEES TO: P.O. Box 508, Burlington, WA 98233.

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Junior Recognition Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>

BREED ⁵ _____	VARIETY ¹ _____	SEX _____
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DOG ^{2,3} SHOW CLASS _____	CLASS ³ DIVISION Weight, color, etc. _____
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ADDITIONAL CLASSES _____	OBEDIENCE CLASS (Jump Height) _____	RALLY CLASS (Jump Height) _____	JR. SHOWMANSHIP CLASS _____
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NAME OF (See Back) JUNIOR HANDLER (if any) _____	JR. HANDLER NUMBER _____
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FULL NAME
OF DOG _____

<input type="checkbox"/> AKC® NO. <input type="checkbox"/> PAL/ILP NO. <input type="checkbox"/> FOREIGN REG NO. & COUNTRY _____	Enter number here _____	DATE OF BIRTH _____
		PLACE OF BIRTH (list country) Do not print the above in catalog. _____

BREEDER _____

SIRE _____

DAM _____

ACTUAL OWNER(S) ⁴ (Please Print) _____
OWNER'S ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

NAME OF OWNER'S AGENT
(IF ANY) AT THE SHOW _____

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 above. 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 by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event, and further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed on the reverse side of this entry form. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) 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.

SIGNATURE of owner or his/her agent
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TELEPHONE # _____ E-MAIL Address _____

Are you a new exhibitor? Yes No Owner/Handled Eligible? Yes No

E-MAIL Address (An acknowledgement or receipt of entry may be sent to this e-mail address):

Emergency contact: _____ Telephone _____

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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 persons. **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 ITS 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.**

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- The following categories of dogs may be entered and shown in Best of Breed competition: Dogs that are Champions of Record and dogs which, according to their owners' records, have completed the requirements for a championship, but whose championships are unconfirmed. The showing of unconfirmed Champions in Best of Breed competition is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of the show where the dog completed the requirements for a championship.
- (Event Class) Consult the classification in this premium list. If the event class in which you are entering your dog is divided, then, in addition to designating the class, specify the particular division of the class in which you are entering your dog, i.e. age division, color division, weight division.
- A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for an event closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner it must be entered in the name of its new owner in any event for which entries closed after the date of acquirement, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his/her name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been mailed to the AKC. (For complete rules, refer to Chapter 11, Section 3.)
- Mixed Breed dogs entering classes for Agility, Obedience, and Rally trials should mark Breed as "All-American Dog/Mixed Breed." Sire and Dam information shall remain blank for mixed breed entrants.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

If this entry is for Junior Showmanship, please give the following information:

AKC JR HANDLER NUMBER _____ JR'S DATE OF BIRTH _____

The above number **MUST** be included. Should you not have your Junior Handler number, this may be obtained from the American Kennel Club. Phone: (919) 233-9767.

By signing the entry form I (we) certify that the Junior Showman does not now, and will not at any time, act as an agent/handler for pay while continuing to compete in Junior Showmanship.

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

VISA MASTERCARD AMERICAN EXPRESS (check one)

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VISA & MASTERCARD CARDHOLDERS: Provide the last 3 digits in the Signature panel on the reverse side of your card. This is required for security processing _____

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NOTE: \$3.00 per dog per event added for Credit Card entries. Customers whose charges are declined by the Bank Card Authorization department will be assessed a service charge of \$20.00 for each transaction declined. Charges will show on your statement as BaRay Event Services.

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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 persons. **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 ITS 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.**

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- The following categories of dogs may be entered and shown in Best of Breed competition: Dogs that are Champions of Record and dogs which, according to their owners' records, have completed the requirements for a championship, but whose championships are unconfirmed. The showing of unconfirmed Champions in Best of Breed competition is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of the show where the dog completed the requirements for a championship.
- (Event Class) Consult the classification in this premium list. If the event class in which you are entering your dog is divided, then, in addition to designating the class, specify the particular division of the class in which you are entering your dog, i.e. age division, color division, weight division.
- A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for an event closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner it must be entered in the name of its new owner in any event for which entries closed after the date of acquirement, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his/her name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been mailed to the AKC. (For complete rules, refer to Chapter 11, Section 3.)
- Mixed Breed dogs entering classes for Agility, Obedience, and Rally trials should mark Breed as "All-American Dog/Mixed Breed." Sire and Dam information shall remain blank for mixed breed entrants.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

If this entry is for Junior Showmanship, please give the following information:

AKC JR HANDLER NUMBER _____ JR'S DATE OF BIRTH _____

The above number **MUST** be included. Should you not have your Junior Handler number, this may be obtained from the American Kennel Club. Phone: (919) 233-9767.

By signing the entry form I (we) certify that the Junior Showman does not now, and will not at any time, act as an agent/handler for pay while continuing to compete in Junior Showmanship.

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NOTE: \$3.00 per dog per event added for Credit Card entries. Customers whose charges are declined by the Bank Card Authorization department will be assessed a service charge of \$20.00 for each transaction declined. Charges will show on your statement as BaRay Event Services.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS – ALL EVENTS



The American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations will govern this Show and Exhibitors must make themselves familiar with the agreement of the American Kennel Club, referred to on the reverse side of the entry blanks that accompany this Show Premium List.

The American Kennel Club will collect: a \$3.00 Event Service Fee and \$50 Recording Fee where applicable for the first entry of a dog, plus a \$3.00 service fee for each additional entry of the same dog in the regular and non-regular recordable single-entry classes, in all AKC licensed and member club events. At every licensed or member club agility or rally trial, a recording fee of \$3.50 is required for the entry of each dog.

- No Entry will be accepted which specifies any condition as to its acceptance. Telegraph, e-mail and unsigned entries cannot be accepted and will be returned. Entries not on Official AKC Entry Forms and Photocopies of Entry Forms without Agreement and Rules on reverse side are NOT ACCEPTABLE. The Club and/or Baray Events assumes no responsibility for wrong or incomplete information given on the entry blank by the owner or the owner's agent. RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLETENESS OF ENTRY RESTS SOLELY WITH ENTRANT.
- RETURNED CHECKS DO NOT CONSTITUTE A VALID ENTRY FEE. BaRay Events will add a \$30.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check. We will not re-process checks. The exhibitor will be contacted & required to send a money order for the original amount PLUS the \$30.00 NSF fee. Subsequent returned checks from same person may result in their being put on a CASH ONLY BASIS.
- REFUNDS for cancellations due to judge change or cancellations made prior to entries closing will be mailed by the Club to said Exhibitor or Agent AFTER THE SHOW. An administrative fee of \$5.00 will be withheld from all refunds for entries cancelled prior to the closing of entries.
- Females in season are not permitted to compete in Obedience or Rally Trials. If a female is withdrawn from competition because it came into season and the Superintendent is notified no later than one half hour prior to the start of the first class in the trial, the Clubs is required to refund the entry fee. The Clubs may retain a processing fee and must publish this information in the premium. Clubs may determine the documentation, if any that is required to confirm the female is in season. This shall be stated in the premium. Note: No fee is paid to the AKC for females in season who are withdrawn.
- FAX ENTRIES – Fax entries will not be accepted.
- Entry fees shall NOT be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, sick, lame, excused by the Judge or Veterinarian, or barred from competition by action of the Show Committee, or because it has been entered incorrectly. There is no refund for DUPLICATE ENTRIES or OVERPAYMENTS. If, because of riots, civil disturbances or other acts beyond the control of the management it is impossible to open, or to complete the Show NO REFUND will be made. To find out about any AKC event cancellations call the AKC Event Cancellation Hotline 877-252-3229.
- Please note: Any hotel or motel listed in the premium list is subject to Event Committee Rules. We expect our exhibitors to be responsible guests. A report that an exhibitor at this show has abused hotel or motel property during this weekend may result in disciplinary action. Clubs reserve the right to decline future entries from the offending party in accordance with the provisions of Ch. 11, Sec. 15 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows.
- Dogs need be present only for scheduled judging and will be released if not needed for further judging. Dogs must be ready for judging. Neither the club nor its Superintendent will be responsible or obligated to furnish any service for notifying exhibitors or their agents of Breed or Class Judging. Judges need not wait for any dog holding up a class. Owners or agents alone are responsible for the presence of their dogs in the rings.
- Only dogs eligible for these shows will be admitted into show area. There is no provision for unentered dogs.
- LOSS OR DAMAGE – The Show Committee will use due care and diligence for the welfare of dogs and exhibitors, but will not be responsible for, or assume any liability in the event of any accident or misfortune, to either dogs or exhibitors participating in these Shows. The welfare of an Exhibitor's child is assumed to be the responsibility of the Exhibitor. It is distinctly understood that Exhibitors will exercise control and restraint over their children.
- 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. Additionally, clubs should include any specific local health requirements; for example proof of rabies vaccination.
- PUBLICATION RIGHTS – By entering this show, all owners, handlers, breeders and kennels agree that all rights to televise, videotape, photograph, advertise, promote and publicize or otherwise exploit this show, or the persons or animals participating in it or the results of the competition before, during or after the event, shall belong solely to The American Kennel Club and their respective assigns, including the use of the names, likenesses or biographical matter of all dogs, owners, handlers, breeders and kennels participating in the show and no such owner, handler, breeder or kennel shall allow any other party to make commercial use of any videotape or photograph of any person or animal participating in this competition.

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