

**ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED**

**Entries Open: Tuesday February 7, 2024 at 8 AM CT**

**Entries Close: Wednesday March 6, 2024 at 12 PM CT**

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. A maximum of 5 entry forms per envelope allowed. Envelopes with more than 5 entry forms and/or entries received prior to the opening date will be returned. No hand delivered entries will be accepted in the first 24 hours. Overnight or certified mail must be sent with the "No Signature Required" waiver signed.

**PREMIUM LIST**



**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.**

Licensed by the American Kennel Club

**Open to Bernese Mountain Dogs Only**

**Novice and Advanced Levels in Exteriors, Interiors, Containers  
and Handler Discrimination**

**Excellent and Master Levels in Containers**

**Tuesday April 2, 2024**

**Trial 1 Event #2024183408**

**Purina Farms, 500 William Danforth Way, Gray Summit, MO 63039**

**All elements will take place at the RV Service Center**

**ENTRY LIMITS**

**125 Runs**

**To be held indoors/outdoors**

**CRATING IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TRIAL**

**Trial Hours:**

**Tuesday - 7:30am to 5:00pm**

**Check in from 7:30- 8:00 am, first dog to follow**

**Judge**

**Natalie McManus, #102735, Troy, MO**

**Directions to the Trial Site**

From Interstate I-44, East or West: take Exit 253, Gray Summit. Take Highway 100 E. Follow for 0.4 mile to Highway MM. Turn Left on to MM. Follow ~2 miles; Purina Farms, Checkerboard Drive will be on the left.

[www.purina.com/purina-farms](http://www.purina.com/purina-farms)

A detailed map of the site can be found [www.purina.com/purina-farms/visit/directions-hours](http://www.purina.com/purina-farms/visit/directions-hours)

**Ribbons, Awards and Prizes**

Placement ribbons will be awarded in each class as follows:

First Place.....Blue Rosette and 10 foot training lead  
Second Place.....Red Rosette and Treat Pouch  
Third Place.....Yellow Rosette and Treat Pouch  
Fourth Place.....White Rosette and Treat Pouch  
Qualifying Score.....Dark Green Rosette

A **New Title rosette** will be awarded to all dog and handler teams finishing a title.

The following ribbons will also be awarded:

Novice High In Trial.....Rosette and Doggone Good Treat Bag  
Novice High Combined.....Rosette and Doggone Good Treat Bag  
Advanced High In Trial.....Rosette and Doggone Good Treat Bag  
Advanced High Combined.....Rosette and Doggone Good Treat Bag  
Oldest Qualifying BMD Entered.....Windchime

All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the Regulations for Scent Work Trials by downloading them from the American Kennel Club website.

**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](http://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.



**AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB**

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

**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.**

President .....Marjorie Geiger  
Vice President.....Mireille Bischel  
Recording Secretary..... Kelley Van Arsdale  
Treasurer.....Pam Weir

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**Event Committee**

Denise McClure, Renee Jacquier, Sue Balsiger, Liz Ralston and Julie Bacon

**CLASSES OFFERED AND JUDGING SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday**  
**All Levels in Containers**  
**Novice and Advanced Levels in Exteriors, Interiors, and Handler**  
**Discrimination**

**Judging begins following briefing**  
**Elements will run concurrently**

**Veterinarian on Call**

VFox Creek Veterinary Hospital Pacific Animal Hospital  
18962 Highway 100, Wildwood, MO 450 West Flier Drive, Pacific, MO 63069  
63069 – (636) 458-6569 (636) 257-2100 (24 hr. emergency care)

**Hotel Information**

Holiday Inn St. Louis Six Flags The Wildwood Hotel  
4901 Six Flags Rd. 2801 Fountain Place  
Eureka, MO 63025 Wildwood, MO 63040  
636-938-6661 636-733-9100

**Entry Fees Per Trial**

An entry is defined as a single run by a single dog, in a single class.  
**Each element 35.00 per trial** (entry fee includes a \$3.50 AKC recording fee)

Mail entry forms and fees to:

Jollette Wojdyla  
9014 Pine Avenue  
Brentwood, MO 63144

Please make checks payable to **BMDCA 2024**.

No entries will be accepted by phone, email. Express mail entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the trial secretary’s address. Inquiries may be directed to Jollette Wojdyla at [mcacmail2@gmail.com](mailto:mcacmail2@gmail.com). No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance. **Illegible entries** will not be processed and will be shredded. 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.

**Wait List Information**

We are offering a wait list to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the trial’s closing date/time. A maximum of **10 entries per day** will be placed on the club’s wait list. All entries, including wait listed entries, must be received by the Trial Secretary prior to **March 6, 2024**. No entries may be withdrawn with a refund and the wait list will close on **March 6, 2024**. Any wait listed entry that does not move off the wait list into the trial will receive a full refund. All entries not given space in the trial will be shredded, if you wish to have your check returned please send a SASE with your entry.

**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. Wherever the word “dog” is used in these regulations it includes both sexes. Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to participate provided that, in the opinion of the judge, the dog displays no sign of physical discomfort and can safely complete the search. Deaf and blind dogs are allowed to enter. Females in season may not participate, aggressive dogs, or dogs suffering from an injury, or illness which may affect the dog’s physical or mental performance may not participate. No dog shall compete if it is sutured, bandaged, or has any visible wounds.

### Handler Discrimination Division

Handler Discrimination classes are titling classes in which the targeted scent is that of the handler themselves. Handlers are required to provide their own scented articles in a plastic bag, for the Novice class (one cotton glove or cotton sock), for Advanced (cotton balls or cotton swabs).

### Staging Area, Handler's Briefing and Warm-up Information

Staging Area will be out of view of search area(s). Staging area will include crating, warm-up and waiting area, as well as the secretary table for check-ins and posting of running order and results.

The Handler's Briefing will take place in view of the search area prior to the start of each class, after the hide(s) have been set and after the Demo Dog has run. In the Handler's Briefing the judge will explain if there's an off-leash option, number of hides, maximum height of hides and maximum time for the search. NO DOGS are to be present during the Handler's Briefing.

A warm-up area will be available consisting of ONE container of consisting of one of each odor being tested at the trial and may also consist of blank containers. Exhibitors should limit their warm-up to (2) two minutes or less. The warm-up area is to be used exclusively for warming up the handler-dog team prior their run. The warm-up area is not for training or relieving of 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. Searches may be indoors, on matted, carpeted, packed dirt or tiled surfaces, or outdoors on grass, gravel, earth, concrete, packed dirt or asphalt surfaces. There may be stairs, longer walks and uneven surface.

### 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 26 of the Scent Work Regulations state "No person other than those engaged in the administration of a 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".

**Crating space** will not be available. Covid Guidelines may change spectator opportunities.

**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. There is a designated potty area for the dogs.

### Notice to Exhibitors

#### SAFETY, BEHAVIOR and 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. St. Louis Scent Work Club 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. St. Louis Scent Work Club 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 St. Louis Scent Work Club 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. The leash should be made of plain, pliable material. All dogs must be on leash at all times, and 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 because of injury or other medical condition are not eligible for a refund. Bitches in season will be refunded the full entry fee. Notification in writing must be given to the trial secretary with a letter from their veterinarian on letterhead no later than one half hour prior to the start of the first class of the day of the trial.

#### 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 EACH day they are entered.

**Claims will be arbitrated as set forth on the Official AKC Entry Form for this event.**



**AKC Official Entry Form**  
 Send to:  
 Jolette Wojdyla  
 9014 Pine Avenue  
 Brentwood, MO 63144  
 Checks made to BMDCA 2024  
 \$35 per element.

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Website, [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

**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.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

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. • Higher classes are only open to dogs who have achieved a title for the previous element level

**SIGNATURE** of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry.  
 SIGN HERE

X: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of Emergency – Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE A OR B for Novice - Automatically entered in B if No Choice Circled**

Trial 1 - 4/2/2024			
Interior	Exterior	H.D.	Containers
<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A/B	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A/B	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A/B	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A/B
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
			<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent
			<input type="checkbox"/> Master
*AKC Registered Name		*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 with an asterisk (\*) are required! Be sure to read the Agreement and sign below it. No form will be processed without your signature!