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To Enter By Mail: Make checks payable to **BMDCA 2024** and mail fee with Entry Form and weight certificate (if required) to: Gina Craig, Draft Test Secretary, 30231 23rd Avenue SW, Federal Way, WA 98023-2368. If sending by overnight, registered or certified mail envelopes must be released without a signature. Signature required entries MAY NOT be accepted.

Premium List

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.
(Member of the American Kennel Club)

FOUR BMDCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY DRAFT TESTS

Entries limited to Bernese Mountain Dogs only



BMDCA National Specialty 2024

Purina Farms

500 William Danforth Way
Gray Summit, Missouri 63039

DRAFT TEST JUDGES

Test 100 - Monday, April 1, 2024

Beth Dennehy
Patti Davieau

Steamboat Springs, CO
Black Forest, CO

Test 200 - Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Jasen Duncan
Valerie Horney

McKinney, TX
Aurora, CO

Test 300 - Thursday, April 4, 2024

Bob Schmidt
Steve Likevich

Chuglak, AK
North Royalton, OH

Test 400 - Friday, April 5, 2024

Bob Schmidt
Barry Solomon

Chuglak, AK
Morrison, CO

**BERNER GARDE DOG ID NUMBER REQUIRED
AKC DNA PROFILE NUMBER REQUIRED**

BMDCA Officers and Directors

President: Marjorie Geiger
Vice President: Mireille Bischel
Treasurer: Pam Weir
Recording Secretary: Kelly Van Arsdale
Directors: Cindy Beckman, Val Horney, Sara Karl, Ruth Nielsen & Hunter Calvelage
Corresponding Secretary: Karen Petersen: 26619 137th Ave SE: Kent, WA 98042

Draft Test(s) Committee

Draft Test Chairs: Dawn Gibbs dawng1019@aol.com
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Jenny Zabloutny newfdock@gmail.com

Draft Secretary: Gina Craig ginadraftsecretary@gmail.com
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Committee Members: Karla Blackmer
Deb Henning
Kelly Smelgelski
Sherrie Start
Deena Tanel
Jan Tiderington
Nancy Torstenson
Laura Wagner

Test Site Location

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Working Dog and Flying Disc Field
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Gray Summit, MO 63039

<https://www.purina.com/about-purina/purina-farms>

Schedule

Test hours 7am-5pm
Check-in time will be determined at the close of entries.

Weather

All judging will be outdoors.
The weather can vary from cool rainy days to warm sunshine.
Participants are encouraged to bring their own pop-ups/shelter

Veterinarian(s)

- **Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Service:** 1021 Howard George Drive, Manchester, MO **636-227-9400**
 - 24/7 Daily
- **Fox Creek Veterinary Hospital:** 18962 MO 100, Wildwood MO **636-458-6569**
 - Daily 8AM-8PM (24-hour on call)
- **Franklin County Veterinary Hospital:** 921 West 14th Street, Washington, MO **636-390-9280**
 - Monday-Saturday (Closed Sunday)
- **Pacific Animal Hospital:** 450 Flier Drive, Pacific, MO **636-257-2100**
 - Monday-Saturday (Closed Sunday)

Regulations

Draft Test Regulations: Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (revised as of January 2023) and being familiar with them.

Misconduct Disciplinary Procedure

The BMDCA and the DWC take dog aggression very seriously and have zero tolerance for inappropriate behavior on the part of dogs/owners and/or handlers. By participating in or attending this test, you understand and agree to the terms of the Misconduct Disciplinary Procedure. This procedure is a clarification of the Discipline Section of the BMDCA Draft Regulations.

Waiver of Rights

Animals in Distress: The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. 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 clubs 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.

Bernese Mountain Dog Club Of America Draft Test Purpose

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Tests are a series of exercises designed to develop and demonstrate the natural abilities of purebred Bernese Mountain Dogs in a working capacity involving hauling. The Bernese Mountain Dog has historically functioned as a draft dog in various capacities, and performance of these exercises is intended to demonstrate skills resulting from both inherent ability and training which are applicable to realistic work situations. Efficiency in accomplishment of tasks is essential. It is also desirable that the dog evidence willingness and enjoyment of his work in a combination of controlled teamwork with his handler and natural independence.

Spectators

We welcome spectators! Un-entered dogs may also be present but must be leashed or crated and under control at all times. Please show courtesy to the working dogs by keeping all dogs at a reasonable distance from the ring, and do not allow them to foul the freight haul. Remember to always pick up after your dogs.

Awards

- Participants will receive a ring favor.
- Qualifier: Rosette and a Glitter Bucket with Logo.
- Advanced Titles Qualifiers: Side Tab Addition for Qualifying Rosette and a Cutting Board with Logo.
- Oldest Qualifying Berner at each draft test: Glitter Tumbler with Logo
- All trophies, ribbons, ring favors, and veteran acknowledgements must be claimed the day of the trial: none will be mailed. The BMDCA reserves the right to substitute prizes of equal or greater value should a prize become unavailable.

Lunches

- Lunches will be available for purchase through the BMDCA store.
- https://www.bmdca-store.com/Box-Lunches_c_123.html

Class Entry Details

- There will be a limit of 24 (twenty-four) entries per test.
- The following classes will be offered: Novice, Novice Brace, Open and Open Brace.
- Entry fees via PayPal: \$46.50 for each single team and \$56.50 for each brace team.
 - (\$1.50 PayPal service fee per entry non-refundable)
- Entry fees via Check: \$45.00 for each single team and \$55.00 for each brace team.
- A separate entry form must be filled out for each dog of a brace team and then submitted together. Even though two entry forms are required for each brace team, each brace team will be counted as one entry in the Draft Test entry limit.
- **Team**—Means either a single dog entry or a brace entry.
- **“Titled”** means titled in the entered class.
- If more than the test entry limit is received, they will be prioritized per the following order:
 - Untitled BMDs
 - Titled BMDs without Advanced/Master Titles in the entered class
 - Titled BMDs with Advanced/Master Titles in the entered class
- Brace teams, the dog with the lowest level title in the entered class determines the team's priority.
- Running Order: A separate random draw to determine the running order for each class for each test.
- Entrants must notify the Draft Test Secretary if a dog has earned a title in the entered class, including if the title is earned after the entry has been submitted.
- Berner-Garde Dog ID number required.
- AKC DNA number required.
- Move-ups will be allowed.
- Single equipment check-in for each test.

In addition to the rules above, the following multiple entry rules apply

- **First Entry**—A team's first entry in a specific class.
- **Second Entry**—A team's second entry in the same class. A team may enter a specific class only once per test.
- **Multiple Team Entries**—Teams may enter more than once; one team/multiple classes; or one team/multiple entries in the same class competing in multiple tests. Once a dog is drawn, that dog will not be considered for any additional entries until every reasonable and fair effort has been made for each dog to get into a test.
- **Entry Preference**—Subject to the above limitations for this Specialty test, untitled teams (in the class entered) have preference over titled teams. Titled teams have preference over advanced titled teams.
- If the tests are not filled and after the completion of the initial round of draws, a second round of draws will be used to place any remaining entries.

****IMPORTANT****

Our goal is to fill each test, while accommodating as many teams as possible. Every reasonable and fair effort will be made to ensure each dog has one chance to compete before second or additional entries will be allowed for that dog. NO guarantees that preferences will be met.

Attention Exhibitors

- Handlers must provide their own rigs, harnesses, and tie downs or other means of securing a load on their particular draft rig.
- Handlers must bring their own weights.
- Weight will be verified via scale at the test site.
- Entered dogs must be 24 months old or older on the day of the Draft Test.
- Bitches in season are not permitted to compete.
- Refunds will be given for bitches in season or injured dogs with a vet certificate required at the discretion of the club.
- The two dogs of a brace team need not be owned by the same person or by the handler.
- Unentered dogs may be present but, like entered dogs who are not in the ring, must be leashed or crated and under control at all times.
- Please remember to be responsible dog owners and pick up after your dog(s).
- Extreme weather conditions, such as, but not limited to lightning, extreme heat or extreme cold, must be considered for the health and safety of the dogs, exhibitors, and spectators. The well-being of the dogs, exhibitors, and spectators is of paramount importance and, in the event, it is necessary to cancel or stop the tests(s) before completion, no refund of entry fees will be made. The person entering and/or competing with the dog is responsible for the safety and well-being of their dog.
- Withdrawing an entry
 - Contact draft secretary via email ginadraftsecretary@gmail.com by 7:30 PM night before the draft test.
 - Refund will be issued if an alternate is available to be moved into the test.
 - No refund if notified **after** 7:30 PM night before the test.
- Alternates
 - 9:00 PM night before the draft test an updated entrant list will be sent out via email.
 - Alternates will be refunded if you are not assigned a spot in the test.
 - If an alternate entry is moved up into the test and the team is not present to participate no refund will be given.

Weight Certificates

Each Open or Open Brace entry shall include the DWC weight certificate or a certificate that includes the same information that is contained in the DWC WC (available on the BMDCA website) and be signed and dated within 60 days prior to each Draft Test date. The handler is solely responsible for having a valid Weight Certificate. An incorrect Weight Certificate may result in the loss of any qualifying runs.

AKC DNA PROFILE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY

- The BMDCA requires each entrant to provide the 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.
- Obtain barcoded pre-paid AKC DNA test kit(s) from the AKC Store at <https://shop.akc.org/>

IMPORTANT UPDATE AKC DNA

- Instead of sending your information and DNA sample directly to the AKC, you will now enter your information into the DNA Online Portal and mail your DNA sample directly to AKC's service provider. FAILURE TO COMPLETE THIS STEP WILL DELAY PROCESSING. If you do not have access to the internet to activate your kit, please contact AKC DNA at 919-816-3508 for further instructions on how to submit your sample. DON'T DELAY! KIT DELIVERY CAN TAKE UP TO 2-3 WEEKS; RESULTS CAN TAKE 7-8 WEEKS AFTER RECEIPT.

Entries and Payment

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 - Each online entry includes a \$1.50 non-refundable PayPal fee
 - Single Dog Team \$46.50
 - Brace Dog Team \$56.50
 - Memo Line include Dog Name
2. Download this premium to your desktop
 - Rename the downloaded file with dog call name and class entered
 - Type entry form marking each day entered for one dog per class
 - Brace teams: Each dog will need a separate entry form.
 - Save renamed file(s).
 - It is **OK** to send back the entire premium file
 - **DO NOT** Send Pictures of the Entry Form or Weight Certificate taken with a phone.
 - Entrants will be asked to resend as PDF or Word Files
3. Email Completed Entry Form(s) to: ginadraftsecretary@gmail.com
4. Email scanned Weight Certificate if required to: ginadraftsecretary@gmail.com

Entries By Mail:

1. Make checks payable to **BMDCA 2024**
 - a. Single Dog Team \$45.00
 - b. Brace Dog Team \$55.00
 2. Complete Entry Form for each dog/class entered.
 - Please type entry form
 - (Multiple days for **one** class can be marked on one entry form)
 3. Weight Certificate if applicable for class entered
 4. Mail Completed Entry Forms & Fees to:
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- Entrants will receive confirmation by via e-mail.
- One form per dog/class entered. Multiple days for the same class can all be marked on one entry form.
- **Entries will not be processed until all forms and payment are submitted.**

Breed: BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG				Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Class:	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice	<input type="checkbox"/> Brace Novice:	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Dog 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Open	<input type="checkbox"/> Brace Open: <input type="checkbox"/> Dog 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Dog 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Open Weight Certificate Enclosed		In Entered Class Dog Is: <input type="checkbox"/> Titled <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Titled		In Entered Class: <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Could Earn Advanced Title	
Check Each Day Entered In the Class Marked Above:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Test 100 Monday 4-1-24 <input type="checkbox"/> Test 200 Tuesday 4-2-24 <input type="checkbox"/> Test 300 Thursday 4-4-24 <input type="checkbox"/> Test 400 Friday 4-5-24					
Registered Name (please include titles)					
Call Name			Berner-Garde # (required)		
Date of Birth			DNA # (required)		
Registration #			<input type="checkbox"/> American Kennel Club <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Kennel Club		
Breeder					
Sire					
Dam					
Actual Owner(s)					
Owners Address					
City				State	Zip
Telephone			E-mail		
Name of Participant					
I have read, understand, and agree to the Entry Agreement. Check Box:					Date

USE ONE FORM PER DOG PER CLASS ENTERED

10-15-23

SUBMITTING THIS FORM CONSTITUTES YOUR AGREEMENT TO THE TERMS OF THE ENTRY AGREEMENT

ENTRY AGREEMENT

I understand that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry. I agree that I am solely responsible for the actions of myself and the dog ("the dog") that accompanies me in relationship to this entry.

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry and the opportunity to participate in this event, I agree to **HOLD HARMLESS and INDEMNIFY** the following listed parties from any claim for loss, damage or injury alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly by my actions or by the actions of the dog in relationship to this event : the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America (BMDCA) and the event-giving club, their members, officers, and agents; the owner and/or leaser of the premises; any provider of services at this event; any employees or volunteers of the parties listed here, and any BMDCA Draft Judge judging at this event. I personally assume **all responsibility and liability** for any such claim. I agree to be responsible for any loss and expense (including legal fees) incurred by any of the listed parties based on claims related in any way to my participation or the actions of the dog in relationship to this event, whether the claims are made by third parties or by myself.

Additionally, I agree to assume the sole responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury (including death) to myself or to the dog in relationship to this event. I agree to **RELEASE, INDEMNIFY and promise not to sue** the parties listed above for any such loss, damage or injury to myself or the dog, regardless of the cause, and whether or not the loss, damage or injury may have been caused by the negligence of the listed parties.

I AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE BMDCA BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE BMDCA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I agree to abide by rules and regulations of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America (BMDCA) in effect at the time of this BMDCA Draft Test and by any additional rules appearing in the premium list for this event. I certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. **I also certify that all the information I provide with this entry is true and correct.** This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I agree to conduct myself in accordance with all such Rules and Regulations (including all provisions applying to discipline) and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them.

Revised January 21, 2013

BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA
DRAFT TEST WEIGHT CERTIFICATE
2024 Specialty

NAME OF VET CLINIC: _____

OWNER/HANDLER NAME: _____

DOG'S CALL NAME: _____

VET CLINIC TO FILL IN BY HAND:

I verify on _____ : _____ : Weighed _____ lbs.
(date) *(dog's call name)* *(insert weight)*

(Signature of Vet Clinic employee witnessing weight of dog)

(Position of Vet Clinician)

(Print name of Vet employee signing this form)

(Clinic Phone #)

Please provide **Vet Clinic Stamp** below, **with name and address of the Clinic**, OR have the information above printed/provided on the Vet Clinic's letterhead.

VET STAMP HERE:

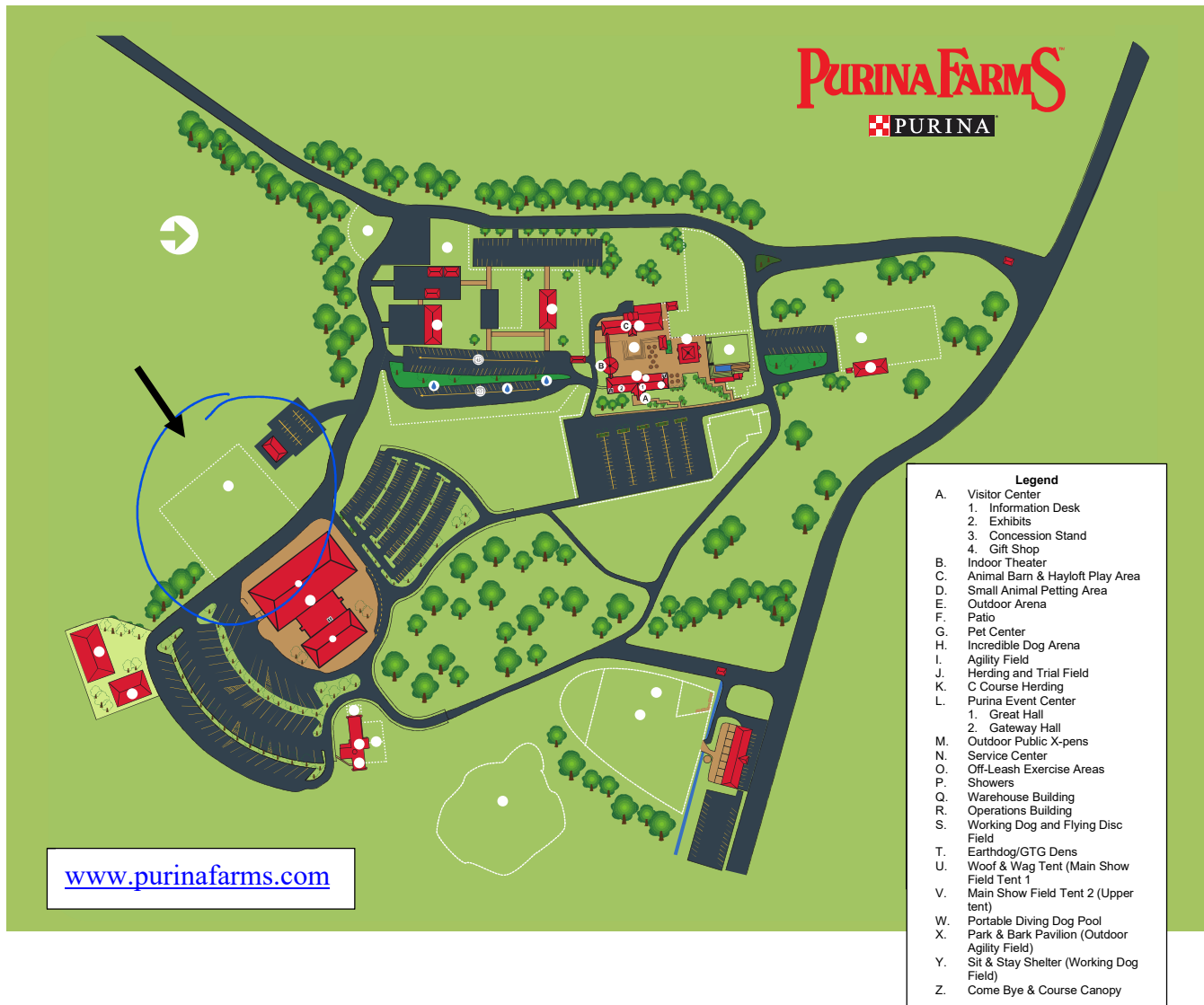
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Working Dog and Flying Disk Field

The **Draft Test(s)** will be held west of the Purina Event Center in the Working Dog and Flying Disc Field a large open area, with rolling hills.



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