

Entries close at 6:00pm EST on Saturday, November 1, 2025 after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test Regulations.

Enter By Mail ONLY: Make checks payable to Jennifer Donnelly and mail fee with Entry Form and weight certificate (if required) to: Jennifer Donnelly, Draft Test Chair 14230 Rehobeth Church Rd, Lovettsville, VA 20180. If sending by overnight, registered or certified mail envelopes must be released without a signature. Signature required entries WILL NOT be accepted.

**Premium List
Bernese Mountain Club of America, Draft Test**



Presents:

The Nightmare Before Christmas



**Hosted by
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Hampton Roads**

Donnelly-Schoffstall Estate, Lovettsville, Virginia

Saturday, Nov 8 & Sunday, Nov 9, 2025

Saturday Judges:

Eden Jonas & Val Horney

Sunday Judges:

Val Horney & Jan Burgan

**This Is An All Eligible Dogs Draft Test
LIMITED ENTRY 18 each DAY**

These tests are held in accordance with the January 2023 BMDCA Draft Test Regulations

Officers of the BMDCHR
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Draft Test(s) Committee

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Committee Members:

Kim Perry
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Location

14230 Rehobeth Church Rd
Lovettsville, VA 20180

Driving Directions/Parking:

From Rt 7 - Take the Lovettsville/Purcellville Exit Rt 287/Berlin Turnpike. Head north approximately 7 miles, then turn right onto Rickard Rd. The first right is Rehobeth Church Rd, continue approx 1/4 mile to the Donnelly-Schoffstall estate on your right. Signs posted.

From Rt 15 - Take Lovettsville Rd (just after the Potomac River on the Virginia side) approx 6 miles into the town of Lovettsville (Lovettsville Rd turns into Broad Way). Turn left onto 287/Berlin Turnpike (just after 7-11). Less than 3 miles to Rickard Rd, turn left. The first right is Rehobeth Church Rd, continue approx 1/4 mile to the Donnelly-Schoffstall Estate on your right. Signs posted.

Schedule

Check In - TBD at close of entries, **BOTH DAYS LIMITED TO 18 ENTRIES.** We will be utilizing the "self check-in" process both mornings of the test. Please look for your team's name/number along the fence lined park your cart in that space.

Check-in time not before 8am

Equipment check - To follow check-in.

Judging begins as soon as possible after the equipment check.

Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the test.

Lunch is provided and time will be at the judges' discretion.

Weather

Fall in VA can pose a wide range of possibilities! Check your weather app for best info. The site does not offer any cover, so please bring your own pop-up tent. The site is on private property so you may leave your structures set up overnight. You may also set up on Friday after 4pm.

Veterinarian

Stephen Stang, DVM, Loudon Veterinarian Service, 540-338-7118. If possible, please call ahead.

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.

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.

Regulations

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

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.

Awards

Each passing team will receive a rosette and a trophy/award. Each participating team will also receive a ring favor.

Refreshments & Lunch

We will be providing a light morning fare and lunch each day. Judges dinner and cocktails will be provided Saturday after conclusion of awards.

Hotel Information

Please ask about pet policy.

Leesburg and Frederick are similar distances to the test site.

Best Western | 726 East Market St, Leesburg, VA 20176

703-779-9400

Days Inn | 721 East Market St, Leesburg, VA 20176

703-777-6622

Country Inn & Suites | 5579 Spectrum Dr, Frederick, MD 21703

301-695-2881

Motel 6 | 999 West Patrick St, Frederick, MD 21704

301-662-5141

Comfort Inn | 7300 Executive Way, Frederick, MD 21704

301-668-7272

Camping

There is space on this private property to people who want to bring their RV, PLEASE NOTE: There are NO HOOK UPS and there are NO FACILITIES other than the restroom for campers.

If this is something you want to do, please contact Jennifer Donnelly to discuss arrangements, 703-405-2276 or jennifer@blueribbondog.com. **NO RVs or CAMPING WILL BE ALLOWED WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL.**

Please be aware that in the case of inclement weather, it may not be possible to park on grassy areas of the property.



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Class Entry Details

- There will be a limit of **18** entries per test.
- Entry fees **\$50** for each single dog team and **\$60** for a 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.
- If more than **18** entries are received, they will be prioritized per the following order:
 1. Untitled BMD's in the entered class
 2. Titled BMD's without Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
 3. Titled BMDs with Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
 4. Untitled other dogs in the entered class
 5. Titled other dogs without Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
 6. Titled other dogs with Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
- *Note: For brace teams, the dog with the lowest level title in the entered class determines the team's priority. If a brace has a BMD and a non-BMD, it is considered a "BMD team" for the above.*
- *Note that "titled" means titled in the entered class.*
- 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.

Attention Exhibitors

- The following classes will be offered: Novice, Brace Novice, Open and Brace Open.
- 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 weight. 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 cert 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.
- Un-entered dogs may be present but, like entered dogs that 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).

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.

Entries and Payment

Entries close at 6:00pm EST, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025

- After which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test regulations.
- **USPS MAIL entries ONLY**

Entries By Mail:

1. Make checks payable to **JENNIFER DONNELLY**
 - a. Single Dog Team \$50.00
 - b. Brace Dog Team \$60.00
2. Complete Entry Form for each dog/class entered.
 - Please type entry form
 - (Multiple dogs 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:
 - **JENNIFER DONNELLY, Draft Test Chair**
14230 REHOBETH CHURCH ROAD
LOVETTSVILLE, VA 20180

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BMDCHR DRAFT TEST 2025 ENTRY FORM

Close of Entries

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- Entrants will receive confirmation by via e-mail.
- One form per dog/class entered. Multiple dogs 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:				Sex: Male Female	
Class:	Novice	Brace Novice:	Dog 1 Dog 2	Open	Brace Open: Dog 1 Dog 2
Open Weight Certificate Enclosed		In Entered Class Dog Is: Titled Advanced Titled		In Entered Class: Dog Could Earn Advanced Title	
Test 100 Saturday, Nov 8, 2025		Test 200 Sunday, Nov 9, 2025			
Registered Name (please include titles)					
Call Name				Berner-Garde # (required)	
Date of Birth				DNA # (Nationals Only)	
Registration #				American Kennel Club 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. <i>Check Box:</i>					Date
SUBMITTING THIS FORM CONSTITUTES YOUR AGREEMENT TO THE TERMS OF THE ENTRY AG					

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.

NAME OF VET CLINIC: _____

DOG'S CALL NAME: _____

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

(Position of Vet Clinician)

(Clinic Phone #)

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