

Premium List
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Tests

****Premium Amended as of 3/11/2021**



Stanley Park Ball Field, 300 Community Drive, Estes Park, CO 80517

Monday, May 10	Draft #1	Judges - Steve Likevich and Christine Mann Secretary - Brooks Bernard
Tuesday, May 11	Draft #2	Judges - Jennifer Brightbill and Jasen Duncan Secretary - Toby Erlichman
Tuesday, May 11	Draft #3	Judges - Steve Likevich and Barry Solomon Secretary - Holly Foster
Friday, May 14	Draft #4	Judges - Jennifer Brightbill and Eden Jonas Secretary - Jan Nelson

CLOSE OF ENTRIES

Entries close Wednesday, April 14th, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. MDT, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test Regulations. **Make checks payable to BMDCA 2021 and mail fee with entry form(s) to: Vicky Hall, Draft Test Secretary, 1910 S 1700 E, Salt Lake City, UT 84108-3133.** If sending by overnight, registered or certified mail envelopes must be released without a signature. Signature required entries MAY NOT be accepted. These tests are open only to Bernese Mountain Dogs. Check the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations, July 2011 Edition, for eligibility. Berner Garde dog ID number and AKC DNA Profile number are required.

COVID Protocols and Precautions for Draft

MASKS ARE TO BE WORN AT ALL TIMES AT THE TEST SITE.

Certain disinfecting and cleaning supplies will be provided but entrants need to bring their own PPE—masks, hand sanitizer, gloves, and other items as they deem necessary for the safety of themselves and others. Please bring your own chairs.

--We ask that people avoid gathering in groups. The areas around the secretary's table and ring gates must remain clear and uncongested.

--The ring will have separate entry and exit gates.

--Self check-in and check-out will be used.

--Changes in test procedures

*Recall—handler will take the leash, not hand it to the judge

*Load/unload will be contact-free except that the steward will ask to pat your dog on the head at the unload. Greeting for the load will be verbal only. The steward will not handle the load, instead the handler will pick it up and return it to a small table.

For the DWC COVID protocols go to <http://bmdca.org/Draft/index.php> . Note that the COVID protocols in the next section supersede the DWC protocols.

--A COVID waiver must be signed by all exhibitors and members of their party. Please see the link in the next section to sign electronically.

IMPORTANT COVID-19 INFORMATION TO ALL ENTRANTS AND ATTENDEES FOR THE 2021 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Guidelines and Requirements

The following plan is prepared according to the state and local rules in force at the time of the event and is subject to change. The requirements/guidelines will be posted at the venue as well as on the BMDCA 2021 National Specialty website. Failure to comply could subject the individual to being removed from the grounds and/or disciplinary action in accordance with AKC's Dealing with Misconduct rules.

- All attendees (judges, exhibitors, stewards, workers, spectators, etc.) must follow state, local, and facility requirements/guidelines in effect at the time of this event.
- Mandatory temperature checks will be administered daily for each first entry to all indoor events.
- IF YOU ARE ILL, FEEL UNWELL, COUGHING, SNEEZING, RUNNING A TEMPERATURE, OR BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN EXPOSED (OR MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED) TO ANYONE WITH COVID-19 WITHIN THE LAST TWO WEEKS, PLEASE STAY HOME.
- Masks are MANDATORY - in the ring, upon entering the show grounds, and at all scheduled events. This includes the outdoor events – Draft, Tracking, Herding, and Scent Work. Nose and mouth must be covered. It is recommended for all other times. A face shield is NOT acceptable. The ONLY exceptions to this requirement will be for eating or drinking or for children aged 10 and younger.
- All attendees are expected to adhere to social distancing guidelines, even when wearing a mask.
- Ring access will be limited to exhibitors, please arrive at the ring no earlier than 15 minutes before your specified judging time and leave 15 minutes after. Rings will have a separate entrance and exit. Please use accordingly.
- Follow Judge's, Ring Steward's, and Show Committee's direction for showing and keeping distances.
- Social distancing will be required in all Grooming areas, please use crates and supplies as distance barriers. Forced air dryers and fans may be restricted in the grooming building. This will be determined based on the State defined published risk level at the time.
- The AKC, BaRay, Inc., all show giving clubs, volunteers, Estes Park Events Center, workers, or judges, are in no way liable for any present or future damage, loss, or illness (including, but not limited to COVID-19), Attendees understand that they are attending these shows entirely at their own risk and take full responsibility for their own health and safety. Attendees will be required to follow all State, County, AKC and club requirements, procedures, protocols, and guidelines to reduce any exposure and possibility of contracting or spreading a virus. All attendees MUST SIGN the COVID AGREEMENT/WAIVER OF LIABILITY prior to entrance to the event. If you are going through Master Registration, you will complete the waiver at that time. If not, go to this link to complete waiver <http://bmdca.org/specialty/2021/index.php>

Individuals unable or unwilling to follow the terms of the COVID Agreement/Waiver of Liability are not allowed to attend the Specialty Events. Individuals who fail to comply with the requirements/guidelines may be asked to leave the Specialty Events and, if asked to leave, must do so promptly.

Officers of the BMDCA

President – Georgeann Reeve

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Corresponding Secretary – Ann Ghiorso

Treasurer – Pam Weir

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Draft Test Committee

Master Draft Test Chair – Patti Davieau

Home phone 719-494-0148; Cell phone 719-244-8627

Draft Test Co-Chairs – Nancy Fuselier, Mark Henning

Draft Test Chair Test #4 (Friday) ONLY – Mark Henning, 480-893-1124

Master Draft Secretary – Vicky Hall, 1910 S 1700 E, Salt Lake City, UT 84108-3133

801-503-5894 ravhall@aol.com

Committee Members – Katerina Cviklova, Elisabeth Dennehy, Lori Kennedy, and Ron Abbott

Awards

Qualifying teams will be awarded a green rosette and the following prizes:

Test #1 RTIC Travel Mug with Logo

Oldest Qualifier: Custom Iron Leash Rack

Test #2 Bedcover with Logo

Oldest Qualifier: RTIC Lunchbox with Logo

Test #3 Dog Food Travel Bag with Logo

Oldest Qualifier: Metal Art by Ramworks

Test #4 Multifunction Tool with Logo Medallion

Oldest Qualifier: Custom Ironworks Bell

All exhibitors will get a ring favor. Advanced title ribbons will be offered.

Please notify the master secretary if there is a chance you might earn an advanced title at these tests. There is a place to indicate this on the entry form.

Refreshments & Lunch

We hope to offer some type of morning hospitality, most likely coffee, water and pre-packaged snacks. You may bring your own food to the draft test site or box lunches will be available by pre-order through the BMDCA store: https://www.bmdca-store.com/2021-National_c_71.html. Options include: Chipotle Ranch Chicken Wrap, Chipotle Ranch Avocado Wrap, Cranberry Pecan Chicken Salad Croissant, Asian Chicken Salad, Deli Turkey Sandwich and Veggie Sandwich with avocado. All lunches will be \$15. **Please wait to order lunch(es) until you have received a catalog number in a specific test so you will order for the correct day(s). Order deadline: May 1st.**

Weather

Weather can be unpredictable in the spring. Average temperatures in early May range from a low of about 30 deg. F to a high of about 60 deg. F. Please dress appropriately and come prepared for weather that can vary from sun to rain or snow. Elevation is approx. 7,500 feet and altitude sickness may be a concern for some individuals.

UV INDEX: The average daily maximum UV index in Estes Park is 9. A UV Index value of 8 to 10 symbolizes a very high health risk from the exposure to the Sun's UV radiation for ordinary individuals. **Note:** In May, the average maximum UV index of 9 translate into the following recommendations:

Take special precautions, as unprotected eyes and skin can be burned and damaged quickly. The Sun's UV radiation is most powerful between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. To the extent possible, limit exposure to the direct sun during these hours. Sun-protective clothing, a long-sleeved shirt and pants, a wide-brimmed hat, and UVA and UVB-blocking sunglasses are particularly helpful in blocking UV radiation's harmful effects.

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

Spectators may be present at the draft site but must follow all applicable COVID regulations and guidelines. Un-entered dogs may be present but must be leashed or crated and under control at all times. Please show courtesy to the working dogs by keeping dogs at a reasonable distance from the ring, and please do not allow them to foul the freight haul. Please remember to pick up after your dogs.

Tentative Schedule

The area where the tests are held is open from sunrise to sunset.

Check In – self check-in begins at 7 a.m.

Equipment check - To follow Check-in; no later than 7:30 a.m. All handlers must be with their rigs during equipment check. Equipment check includes the dog's collar and leash.

Judging begins as soon as possible after the equipment check.

Lunch will be at the judges' discretion.

Class Entry Details

******* PLEASE FILL OUT A SEPARATE ENTRY FORM FOR EACH ENTRY OF THE DOG.**

- There will be a limit of **24** entries for each Draft Test.
- Entry fees - **\$45** for each single dog team **\$50** for a brace team
- A separate entry form must be filled out for each dog of a brace team and then stapled/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 **24** entries are received for a test, they will be prioritized per the following order:
 1. Untitled BMD's
 2. Titled BMD's - Note that "titled" means titled in the entered class.
- A random draw will be held for each group in the list including and following the one that causes a total entry in excess of the Test limit.
- Teams entered in a class in which they have already earned the advanced level title will be drawn after teams without the advanced level title in that class.
- 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.
- A weight certificate form is included in this premium and at <http://www.bmdcr.org/DraftTests.html>.

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 and only once per day (cannot enter same dog/same class in both Tuesday tests).
- **Test Preference**—Entrants need to specify their choice of Test# for each entry, e.g. 1st choice Test #3, 2nd choice Test #1, etc. Please also rank your preferences for day of test. There are no guarantees that preferences will be accommodated.
- **Multiple 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 Placement**—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.

Our goal is to fill each test, while accommodating as many teams as possible. Every effort will be made to ensure each team has one chance to compete before second or additional entries will be allowed. MOVE-UPS WILL BE ALLOWED. PLEASE NOTIFY THE DRAFT TEST SECRETARY IF YOU WANT TO MOVE UP FOR A SUBSEQUENT TEST THAT YOU ARE IN.

Entries close on April 14, 2021, at 5 p.m. MDT at the Master Secretary's address, 1910 S 1700 E, Salt Lake City, UT 84108, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test regulations.

Regulations

Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (revised as of 2011) and being familiar with them. Draft Test Regulations may be downloaded from the Draft page www.BMDCA.org at no charge.

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. For a copy of the Misconduct Disciplinary Procedure, go to the Draft page of www.bmdca.org.

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 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.

Attention Exhibitors

- The following classes will be offered: Novice and Open, Brace Novice 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 a scale at the test site.
- Entered dogs must be 24 months old or older on the day of the Draft Test.
- Open and Open Brace entries must include a veterinary certificate stating the dog's name and weight. This certificate must be dated within 60 days of the date of the test.
- Bitches in season are not permitted to compete. Entry fees will be refunded upon receipt of a veterinary certificate stating an entered bitch is in season at the time of the Draft Test. The Test Secretary must be notified of a bitch in season no later than 7:30 a.m. on the day of the test.
- 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 who are not in the ring, must be leashed or crated and under control at all times.

Veterinarians Day of Draft Tests

Animal Medical Center of Estes Park
1260 Manford Ave. 80517
970-586-6898

Directions from the draft test site: Head south on Community Drive toward Manford Avenue. Turn right onto Manford Avenue; destination will be on the right. (0.3 miles, 1 minute)

Test Site

The draft test site is located near scenic Lake Estes just a short distance from the Estes Park Events Center. The terrain is relatively flat with some mild slopes as well as change of ground cover. There is limited shade. Pop-ups and shade tents may be set up ONLY in the area designated for this purpose. Staking is permitted in this area. This is public space so do not leave tents or equipment overnight. There are bathrooms in this area and weather permitting there may be a porta-potty closer to the test setup. Potable water available via a drinking fountain. Please bring water for your dogs as you may not be able to fill a container at the fountain.

Directions to site:

From the Ridgeline Hotel: (2 minutes) Head North on Stanley Avenue, which runs behind the hotel. Turn Right onto N St. Vrain/US 36 and go 0.6 miles. Turn Right onto Community Drive; destination will be on the left.

Weight Certificates

The only acceptable weight certificates are:

a. On the BMDCA Draft Test Certificate Form (with clinic stamp showing clinic name, address and phone number). This form is provided in this Premium List and at <http://www.bmdcr.org/DraftTests.html>.

b. On the Vet Clinic's Letterhead w/name, address, phone number

All weight certificates must contain the following:

- Dog's name (call name)
- Owner/handler name
- Date dog was weighed
- Name/job title/signature of vet employee witnessing weight
- Date form was signed

BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA – DRAFT TEST WEIGHT CERTIFICATE

NAME OF VET CLINIC: _____

OWNER/HANDLER NAME: _____

I verify on _____ (*insert date*) _____ (*insert dog's call name*)

Weighed _____ (*insert weight*).

Signature of vet employee witnessing weight

Employee Name and Title

**Please use vet clinic stamp below (with name, address, and phone of clinic)
or have the above information printed/provided on clinic letterhead.**



Happy Drafting!

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America
 300 Community Drive, Estes Park, CO 85017
 4 Draft Tests—May 10, 11 & 14, 2021

Entry Fees: \$45 per single-dog entry and \$50 per brace entry Fee enclosed: \$ _____
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To enter by mail: Type on Entry Form and Entry Agreement and print them --or-- print blank forms and fill them out by writing clearly and legibly. Mail completed forms with enclosed check payable to BMDCA 2021 to:
Vicky Hall, 1910 S 1700 E, Salt Lake City, UT 84108-3133
Please type or print clearly. Use one form per dog per class entered.

BREED: BMD		SEX:	Male	
			Female	
CLASS:	Novice	Brace Novice	Open	Brace Open
Dog is titled in entered class		Adv. title in entered class		Open Weight Certificate Enclosed
First entry in this class OR		Second entry in the same class (cannot be on the same day)		
Test Preference (number your first 3 choices in order of preference) & Day Preference (number in order)				
Test #1 (Monday, May 10)			Monday	
Test #2 (Tuesday, May 11)			Tuesday	
Test #3 (Tuesday, May 11)				
Test #4 (Friday, May 14)			Friday	
REGISTERED NAME: <i>(please include AKC AND BMDCA titles)</i>				
CALL NAME:		BERNER-GARDE # <i>(BMDs only)</i>		
REGISTRATION #		DNA PROFILE # <i>(Nationals only)</i>		
AKC	CKC			
DATE OF BIRTH:		PLACE OF BIRTH:		
		USA	Canada	Foreign
BREEDER:				
SIRE:				
DAM:				
ACTUAL OWNER(S):				
OWNERS ADDRESS:				
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:	
TELEPHONE:		EMAIL:		
HANDLER/AGENT:				
IF YOU MIGHT EARN AN ADVANCED TITLE AT ONE OF THESE TESTS, PLEASE LIST THE TITLE(S):				

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.

NAME OF PARTICIPANT: <i>(please print)</i>	
SIGNATURE:	DATE:

Submitting this form constitutes your agreement to the terms of the Entry Agreement

Both the entry form and the Entry Agreement must be submitted with your entry