

Entries close at 6:00 PM (EST) on February 21st, 2024, 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 Blue Ridge Bernese Mountain Dog Club and mail fee with entry form to: Laura Hartsoe, Draft Test Secretary, 516 Olde Charter Cir., Jefferson, NC 28640. If sending by overnight, registered or certified mail envelopes must be released without a signature. Signature required entries MAY NOT be accepted.

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

## **Premium List**

### **Bernese Mountain Club of America, Draft Test**



**Hosted by Blue Ridge Bernese Mountain Dog Club**

Sleeping Dogs Run  
2705 Hawkins Rd, Hurdle Mills, NC 27541

**Run Throughs with Judges Friday, March 1st, 2024**

**Back to Back Draft Tests**

**Saturday March 2nd & Sunday, March 3rd, 2024**

### **Judges**

Saturday - Phil Atkinson & Karyn Beyer  
Sunday - Karyn Beyer & Ruth Nielsen

**This Is An All Eligible Dogs Draft Test**

## **Blue Ridge Bernese Mountain Dog Club Officers**

President – John McCune  
Vice-President – Tracey Coleman  
Secretary – Laura Hartsoe  
Treasurer – Lauren Evans

### **Draft Tests Committee**

Draft Test Chair: John McCune  
Secretary: Laura Hartsoe  
Secretary's Email: laura.reynolds@att.net  
Committee Members: Tracey Coleman, Tom Coleman, Lauren Evans, Sam Hartsoe, Dan Lynn,  
Dorene McCune

### **Draft Test Judges**

Saturday - Phil Atkinson & Karyn Beyer  
Sunday - Karyn Beyer & Ruth Nielsen

### **Veterinarian – Emergency 24 Hour Vet**

Triangle Veterinary Referral Hospitals  
(919) 489-0615  
608 Morreene Rd  
Durham, NC 27705 919-489-0615

## **Schedule**

### **Friday Run Throughs**

Run throughs in a practice draft ring will be offered starting at 1:00pm on Friday for a fee of \$10/run.

### **Friday Cookout**

All participants and volunteers are invited to a cookout on site after the Friday Run Throughs.

### **Judge's dinner**

Plans for a Judge's dinner on Saturday will be communicated to participants at a later date.

### **Saturday & Sunday**

- We will be utilizing a "self-check-in" process each morning of the test. Please look for your team's name and park your cart in the designated cart parking area. Your numbers, catalog, and other materials will be in this space.
- **Check in and equipment check times to be determined after the close of entries.** You will be notified via email.
- Course walk-through to follow equipment check.
- Judging to begin as soon as possible after the walkthrough.
- Lunch break at judges' discretion.
- Awards will be presented at the conclusion of each test.

### **Awards**

Qualifying teams will receive a rosette and a trophy.  
Brace teams will receive two rosettes and trophies.

### **Spectators**

Spectators are welcome. Un-entered dogs may be present but must be leashed or crated and under control at all times. Please remember to pick up after your dog(s).

## **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.

### **Class Entry Details**

- There will be a limit of 24 entries per test.
- Entry fees \$ 35 for each single dog team and \$ 45 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 24 entries are received, they will be prioritized per the following order:
  1. Untitled BMD's
  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
  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 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.

### **Regulations**

**Draft Test Regulations 2023 Edition:** Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (revised as of Jan 2023) and being familiar with them.  
<https://www.bmdca.org/draft> (listed under "Draft Regulations & General Resources") (listed under "Draft Regulations & General Resources")

## **Refreshments & Lunch**

Lunches, including a beverage will be available to order at a cost of \$15 each per day. Please mail a separate check made payable to BRBMDC with your entry form(s).

## **Weather**

March is typically perfect Berner weather with highs in the upper 50's and overnight lows in the lower 30's, but could be anything from freezing to the 70's. All events are outdoors, please check the forecast and plan accordingly. It is frequently windy. Be prepared to secure all tents with appropriate stakes.

## **Hotel Information**

**LaQuinta Inn and Suites Durham Chapel Hill:** 919-401-9660  
4414 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd., Durham, NC 27707

**LaQuinta Inn and Suites Durham Research Triangle Park:** 919-484-1422 1910 Westpark Dr.,  
Durham, NC 27713

Bring Fido [https://www.bringfido.com/lodging/rentals/city/hillsborough\\_nc\\_us/](https://www.bringfido.com/lodging/rentals/city/hillsborough_nc_us/)

Please confirm the current pet policy before making reservation.

## **Camping**

Onsite RV dry camping and tent camping is available. Contact John McCune for details.  
([john@sleepingdogspottery.com](mailto:john@sleepingdogspottery.com))

## **Test Site**

Sleeping Dogs Run  
2705 Hawkins Rd Hurdle Mills, NC 27541

Private land – owned by John & Dorene McCune

The test site is composed of mowed fields and woods. The ring and surrounding fields are fenced. Ample parking is available outside of the fenced area. Equipment may be staged on-site starting 10:00 am Friday and may be left overnight.

## **Driving Directions**

*(Most GPS systems used are accurate in finding this address.)*

### **From I-40 W:**

Follow I-40 exit 261, to Old Chapel Hill Hillsborough Rd/Old NC 86 in Hillsborough.  
Turn right, to follow Old NC 86 continuing on NC-86N/US-70 BUS W. Turn right onto NC-57 N. Turn left onto Mary Hall Rd.  
Turn left onto Little River Church Rd. Turn right onto Hawkins Rd. Destination will be on the left.

### **From I-40 E:**

Follow I-40 E to I-85 Connector N. Take exit 161 from I-40 E/ I 85 N to US-70 E. Sharp left onto NC-86 N Turn right onto NC-57 N.  
Turn left onto Mary Hall Rd.  
Turn left onto Little River Church Rd. Turn right onto Hawkins Rd. Destination will be on the left.

### **From I-85 South:**

Follow I-85 S exit 170 for US-70 W, toward N Carolina 86 N. Turn right onto NC-86N.  
Turn right onto NC-57 N. Turn left onto Mary Hall Rd.  
Turn left onto Little River Church Rd. Turn right onto Hawkins Rd. Destination will be on the left.

# BMDCA DRAFT TEST ENTRY FORM

Blue Ridge Bernese Mountain Dog Club  
Sleeping Dogs Run, 2703 Hawkins Rd, Hurdle Mills, NC 27541  
Saturday March 2nd and Sunday March 3rd 2024

**ENTRY FEE:** \$35 per single dog entry, \$45 per brace team entry

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Entrants will receive confirmation of entry receipt via e-mail.

*This form can be filled out on your computer and saved to print.*

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY. USE ONE FORM PER DOG AND PER CLASS ENTERED.**

<b>BREED</b>		<b>SEX:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
<b>CLASS:</b> (check one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice	<b>Brace Novice:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Dog 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Dog 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Open	<b>Brace Open:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Dog 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Dog 2
<b>Check Box</b> <i>If any apply:</i>	<b>Weight Certificate enclosed for</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Open Class <input type="checkbox"/> Move-Up	<b>Dog is</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Titled <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Titled <u>in the Entered Class</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog could earn Advanced Title <u>in the Entered Class</u>	
<b>ENTRY FOR:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, March 2nd	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, March 3rd	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>REGISTERED NAME</b> (please include titles)				
<b>CALL NAME</b>		<b>BERNER-GARDE #</b> (BMDs only - required)		
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>				
<b>REGISTRATION #</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> American Kennel Club <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Kennel Club		
<b>BREEDER</b>				
<b>SIRE</b>				
<b>DAM</b>				
<b>ACTUAL OWNER(S)</b>				
<b>OWNER'S ADDRESS</b>				
<b>CITY</b>		<b>STATE</b>	<b>ZIP</b>	
<b>TELEPHONE</b>		<b>E-MAIL</b>		

**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 Blue Ridge Bernese Mountain Dog Club (BRBMDC), their members, officers, and agents; the owner and/or lessor 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 Draft 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 Entry 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:**

(Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Both pages of the Entry Form must be submitted together for a valid entry.  
If mailing, double-sided printing is appreciated!**

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

**BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA  
DRAFT TEST WEIGHT CERTIFICATE**

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)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Printed Name** of Vet Clinic 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: