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To Enter By Mail: Make checks payable to **BRBMDC** and mail fee with Entry Form and weight certificate (if required) to: Laura Hartsoe, Draft Test Secretary, 516 Olde Charter Circle, Jefferson, NC 28640. If sending overnight, registered or certified mail envelopes must be released without a signature. Signature required entries **MAY NOT** be accepted.

Premium List

Bernese Mountain Club of America, Draft Test



Hosted by
Blue Ridge Bernese Mountain Dog Club

Hurdle Mills, NC

**Run Throughs with Judges Friday, March 21st
Back to Back Draft Tests March 22nd and 23rd, 2025**

Judges

Saturday - Mary Dowski & Lori Kennedy

Sunday - Lori Kennedy & James Maxwell

This Is An All Eligible Dogs Draft Test

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

Officers of the Blue Ridge Bernese Mountain Dog Club

President – John McCune
Vice-President – Dan Lynn
Secretary – Tracey Coleman
Treasurer – Lauren Evans

Draft Test(s) Committee

Draft Test Chair:

Name: John McCune
Email: John@SleepingDogsPottery.com

Secretary:

Secretary: Laura Hartsoe
Address: 516 Olde Charter Circle, Jefferson, NC 28640
Phone: 919-637-2698
Secretary's Email: BRBMDCDraft@GMail.com

Committee Members:

Lauren Evans & Dorene McCune

Location

2703 Hawkins Road
Hurdle Mills, NC 27541

Site Information:

GPS directions are accurate, look for signage at end of drive. Park on either side of the drive leading up to the farm gate. The site is private land composed of mowed fields and woods, porta-potties will be available. The ring and surrounding fields are fenced. Equipment may be stored on-site starting 10:00 am Friday and may be left overnight. It is typically windy in the spring and heavy-duty tent stakes are recommended for canopies.

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 will begin as soon as possible after the walkthrough.
- Lunch break at judges' discretion.
- Awards will be presented at the conclusion of each test.

Weather

March is typically perfect Berner weather with highs in the upper 50's and overnight lows in the upper 30's, but could be anything from freezing with snow 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.

Veterinarian

Triangle Veterinary Referral Hospitals
919-489-0615
608 Morreene Road
Durham, NC 27705

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

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

Refreshments & Lunch

Morning hospitality (coffee, bottled water, breakfast snacks) will be available both days, with donations gratefully accepted. Lunches, including a water will be available to order at a cost of \$15 each per day. Please send a separate Zelle payment or mail a separate check made payable to BRBMDC with your entry form(s).

Hotel Information

Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham: 919-245-3102
120 Old Dogwood Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278

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

You may also want to check Bring Fido, AirBnB, or VRBO for rentals.

Please confirm the current pet policy before making a reservation.

Camping

Onsite RV dry camping and tent camping is available. Contact John McCune for details.
(john@sleepingdogspotttery.com)

Class Entry Details

- There will be a limit of 24 entries per test.
- Entry fees \$ 40 for each single dog team and \$ 50 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 in 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 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 veterinary certificate
- 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

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- The entry form is a FILLABLE PDF. If at all possible, complete the form on a computer, and then print it out or e-mail per the directions below.

To Enter Online:

- Pay Entry fee using Zelle (there are no banking fees with Zelle) to blueridgebmdclub@gmail.com, please put "Draft" in memo line
- Please pay for each entry form (page) on a single transaction. (including any lunches ordered).
- ZELLE ENTRIES MUST BE REQUESTED 24 HOURS BEFORE CLOSING TO ENSURE THE PAYMENT IS PROCESSED PRIOR TO CLOSING
- Single Dog Team \$40.00
- Brace Dog Team \$50.00
- E-mail completed Entry Form (s) and scan or photo of Weight Certificate to secretary Laura Hartsoe at BRBMDCDraft@GMail.com

Entries By Mail:

1. Make checks payable to **BRBMDC**
 - a. Single Dog Team \$40.00
 - b. Brace Dog Team \$50.00
 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, weight certificates & fees to:
 - Laura Hartsoe, Draft Test Secretary
516 Olde Charter Circle
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.

BRBMDC DRAFT TEST 2025 ENTRY FORM

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- Entrants will receive confirmation by 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: <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:		In Entered Class:	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Titled <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Titled		<input type="checkbox"/> Dog Could Earn Advanced Title	
<input type="checkbox"/> Test 100 Sat, March-22 nd -2025		<input type="checkbox"/> Test 200 Sun, March-23 rd -2025			
Registered Name (please include titles)					
Call Name			Berner-Garde # (required)		
Date of Birth			DNA # (Nationals Only)		
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:				<input style="width: 30px; height: 30px; border: 2px solid blue;" type="checkbox"/>	Date
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.

**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)

(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: