

Premium List

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test

Hosted by the

Blue Ridge Bernese Mountain Dog Club



Run Throughs with Judges Friday, March 17th, 2023

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Saturday March 18th & Sunday, March 19th, 2023

Judges

Saturday March 18th, 2023: Barry Solomon & Larry Bohlig, Apprentice judge Jan Bergan

Sunday, March 19th, 2023: Larry Bohlig & Nancy Van Horne, Apprentice judge Jan Bergan

Test Site

Sleeping Dogs Run 2705 Hawkins Rd Hurdle Mills, NC 27541

These are ALL-Eligible Dogs Draft Tests

All Judging Will Be Outdoors.

Blue Ridge Bernese Mountain Dog Club

Officers

President	David Nelson
Vice President	Tracey Coleman
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Draft Test Committee

Draft Test Chair: John McCune (919-623-6963) John@SleepingDogsPottery.com
2705 Hawkins Rd Hurdle Mills, NC 27541

Draft Test Secretary: Laura Hartsoe Laura.Reynolds@att.net
516 Olde Charter Cir., Jefferson, NC 28640

Committee Members: Laura Hartsoe, Dan Lynn, Dorene McCune, John McCune & Dewey Nguyen

Awards

Qualifying teams will receive a rosette and brace teams will receive two rosettes.

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.

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).

Friday Cookout

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

Judges' Dinner

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

Test Site

Sleeping Dogs Run

2705 Hawkins Rd Hurdle Mills, NC 27541
(Located outside of Durham, NC)

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

Weather

Mid-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.

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.

Veterinarian

Veterinarian

Brian Lapham, DVM
Southpoint Animal Hospital
5601 Fayetteville Road
Durham, NC 27713
(919) 323-7629

Emergency Veterinarian

Triangle Veterinary Referral
Hospital 608 Morreene Rd
Durham, NC 27705
(919) 489-0615
(26 min/ 20.2 miles from site)

Emergency Veterinarian

BluePearl Pet Hospital
7015 NC-751
Durham, NC 27707
(919)-600-6600
(34 min/ 27 miles from site)

Accommodations

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

LaQuinta Inn and Suites Durham Chapel Hill: 919-401-9660
4414 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd., Durham, NC 27707 – Check for details before making a reservation at this hotel.

LaQuinta Inn and Suites Durham Research Triangle Park: 919-484-1422 1910 Westpark Dr., Durham, NC 27713 – Check for details before making a reservation at this hotel.

Please confirm terms before making reservations

Directions to site

(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.

Spectators

Spectators are welcome at the trial! Unentered dogs may be present. All dogs must be leashed or crated and under control at all times. Please show courtesy to the working dogs by keeping dogs back from the ring and not fouling or blocking the freight haul area.

Tentative Schedule

- 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.

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
 3. Untitled other dogs
 4. Titled other dogs
- *Note that “titled” means titled in the entered class.*
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 can be found on the last page of this premium.

Regulations

Draft Test Regulations: Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (revised as of 2011) and being familiar with them. http://www.bmdca.org/Draft/pdf/DraftRegs2011_SideBySide.pdf

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.

http://bmdca.org/Draft/BMDCA_Draft_Discipline.php

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.
- 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).

Waiver of Rights – Animals in Distress

The Blue Ridge Bernese Mountain Dog Club 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.

Bitches in Season and Medical Withdrawals

Bitches in season are not permitted to compete. A handler may withdraw a dog from a Draft Test for medical reasons. Entry fees shall be refunded upon receipt of a signed veterinary certificate stating the reason for the withdrawal. Refund of entry fees for bitches who come in season after the closing date of the Test may be obtained by 1) notifying the Test Secretary before the start of the Test, and 2) by sending a veterinarian's certificate to the Test Secretary no later than three days after the last Test.

However, it is requested that the Test Secretary also be notified by telephone or e-mail.

Weight Certificates

- Weight certificate(s): must be dated within 60 days of the date of the test.
- The only acceptable weight certificates are:
- On the BMDCA Draft Test Weight Certificate Form (with clinic stamp showing clinic name and address) – see form after the entry application in this Premium or <http://www.bmdca.org/Draft/index.php>
- 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

Close of Entries

- Entries close at the Test Secretary's address at **6:00 PM EST on March 8th, 2023**, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test regulations.
- Please make checks payable to **BRBMDC** and mail fee with entry form (2 pages) to the Test Secretary.
- If sending by overnight, registered or certified mail envelopes must be released without a signature. Signature required entries **MAY NOT** be accepted.
- Entrants will receive confirmation of entry via e-mail.

Mail Completed Entries (2 pages) & Fees to: Laura Hartsoe

516 Olde Charter Cir., Jefferson, NC 28640

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 Sleeping Dogs Run, 2705 Hawkins Road, Hurdle Mills, NC 27541
 Saturday, March 18th and Sunday, March 19th, 2023

Please type or print clearly. Use one form per dog per class entered.

Breed		Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Class <input type="checkbox"/> Novice <input type="checkbox"/> Brace Novice <input type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Brace Open			
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog is titled in entered class		<input type="checkbox"/> Open Weight Certificate Enclosed	
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, March 18 th		<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, March 19 th	
Registered Name (please include titles)			
Call Name		Berner-Garde # (BMDs only)	
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	

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
Please Print _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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)**

(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:

Draft Test Catalog

- There will be one Catalog for all draft tests.
- It will include a Sponsor's Page and Advertising. All copy must be received by the Draft Secretary no later than **March 8, 2023** in an electronic publication ready format.

Sponsor's Page

- If you wish to support the Draft Test in your name, or that of your kennel, or in honor or memory of a special dog or person, we invite your participation.
- Each insertion is \$5.00.
- Please submit your information to the Draft Secretary no later than **March 8, 2023**.

Advertising

- Half-Page advertisements are available for \$10.00.
- Full-Page advertisements are available for \$20.00.
- If using photos, please send original photos or high-resolution JPG files.
- Please submit advertising materials in electronic publication ready format no later than **March 8, 2023** to the Draft Secretary.
- Please send the advertising fee by PayPal to BlueRidgeBMDC@gmail.com (please include note that it is for draft catalog advertising) or make your check payable to BRBMDC and mail to the Draft Secretary.

