**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Greater Seattle**

**All–Breed Draft Match**

**Sunday, August 29, 2021**

Frontier Park, Shelter 1 – 21800 Meridian Ave E, Graham, WA 98338

Ever wondered what goes on at a draft test or are you preparing for an upcoming draft test? Join us on Aug 29 at Frontier Park Shelter 1 in Graham. Judging our match and answering questions we have BMDCA mentor judge Ruth Nielsen and BMDCA apprentice judge Karen Petersen.

The match will be set up as a practice BMDCA draft test. Training, training treats, and toys will be allowed in the ring and on the freight hauls. It will provide great practice for those of you who are preparing for entering draft tests and can provide a lot of information for those of you learning/wanting to see what it’s like and practice draft skills. The judges and volunteers can and will help you through the whole process as requested. Karen will be practicing judging with copies of the actual BMDCA judges’ worksheets that will be provided to you to keep as a souvenir. You get to choose what you do in the maneuvering ring, full course as laid out for a test or practice specific things as you desire, just let the judges know.

To enter the match, your dog(s) should already be comfortable pulling a cart.

BMDCA draft regulations: <https://www.bmdca.org/Draft/index.php>

* **Entries to be received by August 25**
* Shelter 1 (enter park and curve left between the bathrooms and playground - shelter 1 on right behind the bathrooms)
* *Nordkyn Outfitters will be present about 10 AM to 12 PM. They will be happy to answer questions and measure dogs. Some harnesses will be available to try on or purchase.*

**Questions?** Call Karen at 818-425-9774, or email: [rocketkaren@earthlink.net](mailto:rocketkaren@earthlink.net)

This is a practice match, all questions are welcome!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We need volunteers (no experience necessary) — please let Karen know if you can help.

**ITEMS TO BRING:**

* Whatever you and your dog need to be comfortable—the match will be held rain or shine
* Food & drink & chair for the human team members
* Leash and collar, water & dish, lots of small treats/toys your dog really loves, ex-pen/crate, etc. for your dog
* Draft equipment & freight haul weight

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**Schedule and Registration Form**

*(If you will be entering multiple runs and/or days, please fill out a separate form for each)*

8:00-8:30 a.m. Check-in (trying to beat the afternoon heat)

8:30 a.m. Equipment check (draft equipment on the rope line ready to be inspected, handlers present)

9:00 am. Judge’s briefing with maneuvering runs to follow.

For those who may be at a dog show in the vicinity on the same day, contact Karen to arrange timing adjustment.

Open level teams will run maneuvering and group exercises first. Novice level teams to follow.

**Your Name**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Dog’s Name**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Dog’s age**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Breed of Dog** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (all breeds welcome!)

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the level at which you wish to work:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Novice \_\_\_\_\_\_ Brace Novice \_\_\_\_\_\_ Open \_\_\_\_\_ Brace Open

Note: BMDCA regulations for freight hauls weights are not mandatory for this match, but are listed here for information in case you wish to practice at the test level, please bring your own freight haul weights:

Novice teams pull 20 lbs

Brace Novice teams pull 40 lbs

Open teams pull the dog’s weight rounded down to the nearest 10 lb increment, minimum 60 lbs (ex. 97 lb dog pulls 90 lbs).

Brace Open teams pull the combination of each dog’s Open level weight, minimum 120 lbs

Please make sure your dog athlete(s) is/are trained to pull the weight you select for the match.

**Match Cost:** $10 per run for BMDCGS members; $15 for non-members.

Make checks payable to **BMDCGS**; mail entry form(s) and check to:

Karen Petersen, 26619 137th Ave SE, Kent, WA 98042

**Please plan to arrive early to get checked in and get your equipment set up!**