

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Greater Seattle

Draft/Carting Clinic – ALL BREEDS WELCOME

Saturday – March 18th, 2023

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Greater Seattle is sponsoring an all-breed draft clinic. We have 3 instructors this year. Meredith Gilbert will be teaching the beginner teams who have not pulled a cart previously. Meredith has been drafting for over 20 years and has earned draft titles on her own dogs in the US and Canada. She has taught dogs of varied stubbornness and attitudes to enjoy drafting with their people at clinics and classes. Phil Chagnon and Lea Doane will be teaching the teams already pulling carts to advance their skills and problem-solve issues (could include but not limited to equipment adjustments/use, handling, pulling skills, roadblocks, test readiness, etc). Phil & Lea have been involved with drafting since the 90's. As well as earning draft titles on their own dogs, they have judged tests, written on the sport, taught clinics, and love to help people discover the amazing bond that is created through true teamwork.

Many breeds and mixed breeds of all different sizes and shapes can learn to pull a cart. Once you learn to draft with your dog then you and your canine partner can share the fun of carting, hauling all sorts of stuff, participating in parades, and even draft tests.

Harnesses; carts and training equipment will be available to use the day of the clinic. Along with your dog ***each person is highly encouraged to bring a helper*** to assist them as they go through the training process. Your helper will assist you in the actual training exercises. The clinic will focus on a lecture going over the carting basics and hands on training/ practice session with the dogs. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A HELPER available you may not be able to complete some of the hands-on training and practice but can still participate in the lecture and demonstration.

Please fill out the entry form and send to **Karen Petersen, 26619 137th Ave SE, Kent, WA 98042**

Questions? Karen Petersen - rocketkaren@earthlink.net

The clinic has a limited amount of room and will fill fast, so don't delay!

Cost is \$40 per entry for BMDCGS members and \$45 for non-members.

Entered teams can participate in the volunteer lunch for \$15.

Make checks payable to BMDCGS, mail with entry to Karen Petersen at address above.

NOTE: We need experienced volunteers. Please let Karen Petersen know if you can help.
rocketkaren@earthlink.net **As a thank you, lunch will be provided free for volunteers.**

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**Morning session:** Check in 9:30 am. Training 10:00am to Noon.

**Afternoon session:** Check in 12:30pm. Training 1:00 pm to 3:00pm

### Items to bring:

- Doggy needs -leash, bowl, ex-pen, crate, poop bags etc.
  - With draft harness on, leash will be attached to dog's collar. Please no pinch collars, e-collars, or halti's. While these can be useful training aids, they tend to confuse the dog when learning to draft.
- Chairs to sit in.
- ***Favorite training treats and lots of them.***
- **Your helper**
- Beginners: A one gallon plastic milk/drink carton full of water for dragging
- Teams already pulling carts: Harness and cart if you have them

**Directions:**  
**Paula Segale's Farm**  
27908 28<sup>th</sup> Ave NW  
Stanwood, WA 98292

From I5 take Camano Island/Stanwood exit (#212 from I5N) and head West on WA 532 towards Stanwood/Camano Island for 1.4 mi. Turn right onto 28<sup>th</sup> Ave NW. The property is 0.9 mi on the left. White house, barn, lots of white vinyl fence. Pass the main gate at house, left into field north of the barn and park in the field. Training will begin in the barn.

**~ DRAFT CLINIC SCHEDULE ~ Saturday March 18th, 2023**

Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your session to get settled and check in.

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| 9:30 – 10:00 am | Check in for MORNING session   |
| 10:00 am – Noon | MORNING Session                |
| 12-1 pm         | Lunch                          |
| 12:30 – 1:00 pm | Check in for AFTERNOON session |
| 1:00 – 3:00 pm  | AFTERNOON Session              |

**ENTRY FORM (please print legibly, 1 form per dog)**

Your Name & Phone:

Email address:

Dog's Call Name, Age, & Breed:

Circle which session you would like to attend:

Morning                      Afternoon                      No Preference

Participate in prepared soup/chili lunch (\$15 for entrants)? Circle Yes / No

Circle your dog's level of experience:

1. Beginner (no pulling experience)
2. Already pulling a cart (please write what skills or issues you would like help with)

Will you be bringing a cart or other draft equipment (please write in what you will bring)?