

Entries close at 9pm (PST) on August 30th, 2023, 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 BMDCGS and mail fee with entry form to: Jennifer Niemeyer, Draft Test Secretary, 417 E Pine St, #204, Seattle, WA 98122. If sending by overnight, registered or certified mail envelopes must be released without a signature. Signature required entries MAY NOT be accepted

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 the
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Greater Seattle

Confluence Park
595 Rainier Blvd N, Issaquah, WA 98027

Saturday, September 9th, 2023
Judges: Jim Maxwell & Beth Dennehy

Sunday, September 10th, 2023
Judges: Ruth Nielsen & Beth Dennehy

This is an ALL-Eligible Dogs Draft Test(s)

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Draft Test Judges

Beth Dennehy – Steamboat Springs, CO
Jim Maxwell – San Francisco, CA
Ruth Nielsen – Mazama, WA

Schedule

Check-in time will be determined at the close of entries.

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 the work in a combination of controlled teamwork with the handler and natural independence.

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Silent Auction Saturday

Silent auction Saturday on site. Please bring auction items (new or like new items only) to the test site Saturday morning. Auction will close by the conclusion of the Saturday draft test. Winners must be present or make arrangements for pickup in advance.

50-50 Raffle Sunday

Raffle ticket sales will be split with 50% to offset costs of the draft test and 50% going to the winner of the raffle. Raffle will close prior to conclusion of the Sunday draft test. If the winner is not present, the club will contact him/her and arrange to deliver the proceeds.

Volunteers

No experience necessary. If you are willing to help at any time during the draft test, please contact Michele Guerrini guerrini@aol.com

Local Veterinarian

Arrow Animal Urgent Care - 425-270-2991
3241 Sunset Blvd NE, Renton, WA 98056
Hours: Saturday and Sunday 8am-8pm

Blue Pearl Pet Hospital – 425-296-1000
4208 Lind Ave SW, Renton, WA 98057
Hours: 24/7

Awards

- Passing entries will receive a BMDCGS club medallion and a rosette.
- Oldest qualifying Bernese Mountain Dog on Saturday will receive a special award sponsored by Nancy and Bob Van Horne.
- Oldest qualifying Bernese Mountain Dog on Sunday will receive a special award sponsored by Susan and David Thompson.
- All veteran entrants will receive an additional ring favor sponsored by Karen Petersen.
- Special teamwork/sportsman award will go to the team exhibiting outstanding teamwork and sportsmanship in and out of the ring Saturday. Sponsored and awarded by Mona Hommel.

Lunch

Pre-ordered lunches available for purchase. Order form and payment information at the end of this premium. Please send payment to: Meredith Gilbert at 4208 Samish Way, Bellingham, WA 98229.

Judge's Dinner

Following completion of Saturday's draft test there will be a judge's dinner. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please let Draft Test Chair, Marjorie Walter, know during the day on Saturday if you are coming to dinner.

WildFin American Grill – Issaquah
835 NW Gilman Blvd, Issaquah, WA 98027
<https://www.wildfinamericangrill.com/issaquah/>

Onsite Set-ups

No overnight set-ups allowed. All items must be packed and taken away each night.

Weather

Northwestern Washington weather in September is unpredictable. Be prepared for anything from warm/hot sunshine to cool rainy days to possible smokey air.

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Hotel options

Spring Hill Suites – Seattle Issaquah
1185 NW Maple St, Issaquah, WA 98027
425.427.6000

Hilton Garden Inn – Seattle Issaquah
1800 NW Gilman Blvd, Issaquah, WA 98027
425.837.3600

RV Options

Issaquah Village RV Park
650 1st Ave NE, Issaquah, WA 98027
425.392.9233

Blue Sky RV Park
9002 302nd Ave SE, Issaquah, WA 98027
425.222.7910

Test Site Location

Confluence Park
595 Rainier Blvd N
Issaquah, WA 98027

Driving Directions

From North:

Take 405 S
Exit onto 90E towards Issaquah
Exit 17 – Front Street N, Issaquah
Drive 0.2 miles on Front St N
Turn RIGHT onto NW Holly St

From South:

Take 405 N
Exit onto 90E towards Issaquah
Exit 17 – Front Street N, Issaquah
Drive 0.2 miles on Front St N
Turn RIGHT onto NW Holly St

From East:

Take I-90 W
Exit 17 for E Lk Sammamish/Parkway SE toward Front St
Keep LEFT at fork, follow signs for Front Street/City Center
Turn LEFT onto Front Street N
Turn RIGHT onto NW Holly St

From West:

Take I-90 E
Exit 17 – Front St N, Issaquah
Drive 0.2 miles on Front St N
Turn RIGHT on NW Holly St

We Welcome Spectators

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).

What to include with your entry:

- Entry form
- One signed entry agreement
- Weight certificate for open entries
- Payment for entries – check made out to BMDCGS

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Class Entry Details

- There will be a limit of 24 entries per test.
 - Entry fees \$40 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 in 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 (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.

Regulations

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Entry fees:

\$40 per team / \$45 per brace team

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Close of Entries

- Entries close at the Test Secretary's address **Wednesday August 30th, 2023 at Time 9:00PM PST**, 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 **BMDCGS** 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:

Jennifer Niemeyer: 417 E Pine St, #204, Seattle, WA 98122

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"/> Dog has advanced title in entered class			
<input type="checkbox"/> Test 100 Saturday, September 9 th 2023		<input type="checkbox"/> Test 200 Sunday, September 10 th , 2023	
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
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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:

**BMDCGS Draft Tests September 9th & 10th, 2023
Meal Order Form – Due August 30th, 2023**

Name: _____

Contact #: _____

Saturday Lunch – \$15 each

(sandwich tray selection, fruit tray, veggie tray, cheese tray. Also dessert and soda/water)

Please choose sandwich filling

Turkey Sandwich _____ (count)

Ham Sandwich _____ (count)

Veggie Sandwich _____ (count)

Sunday Lunch – \$17 each

(includes sandwich, chips, dessert, and soda or water)

Grilled chicken and cheddar Sandwich _____ (count)

Turkey, ham beef, salami, and swiss Sandwich _____ (count)

Veggie melt Sandwich (avocado, swiss, provolone, cheddar, and veggies) _____ (count)

Apple walnut salad with chicken breast, blue cheese, and cranberries _____ (count)

Total included: \$ _____

Mail meal form & check (payable to BMDCGS) to: **Meredith Gilbert**
4208 Samish Way
Bellingham, WA 98229

Please contact Meredith with any questions: 360.201.7088 or lamer@comcast.net

Please provide separate check from draft test entries, using U.S. Funds Only.

Lunch orders must be canceled by September 5th, 2023 for a refund/check shredded.