

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Greater Seattle
All-Breed Draft Match / Coaching

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Frontier Park, Shelter 3 – 21800 Meridian Ave E, Graham, WA 98338

Ever wondered what goes on at a draft test or preparing for an upcoming draft test or just want help with some draft skills? Join us on May 5 at Frontier Park Shelter 3 in Graham.

The Leonberger Club of the Northwest is hosting a LCA Draft Test judged by our very own Jennifer Brightbill and Ruth Nielsen. All are encouraged to enter the LCA draft test, details can be found here: <https://leonbergerclubnw.com/Leonberger-Events/LCA-Draft-Test.html>

BMDCGS is partnering with the Leonberger club to offer match runs and/or coaching sessions after the LCA Draft Test. And you can do both – test and match/coaching!

BMDCA Judges Nancy Van Horne, Karen Petersen, Ruth Nielsen, and Jennifer Brightbill (if weather and timing allow) will be available to coach teams and match runs. Since the match/coaching will follow the completion of the LCA draft test, there may be a limit on the number of match entries that can be accommodated. If match/coaching entries must be limited due to time constraints the entries will be accommodated based on date received.

Entered teams can choose between individual coaching sessions and/or a maneuvering course practice run-through of the Leonberger test course. LCA and BMDCA draft regs are very similar and the coaches can help you with any questions you have. Training, training treats, and toys are encouraged in the ring and in coaching sessions. 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 or get help with tough draft skills. The judges and volunteers can and will help you through the whole process as requested. Copies of the actual BMDCA judge's worksheets 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, just let the judges know. To enter the match, your dog(s) should already be comfortable pulling a cart and may be of any age capable of safely pulling their cart.

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

- ❖ **Match/Coaching Entries to be received by April 27. (Note: LCA Draft Test Entries are due sooner – check the link above)**
- ❖ Shelter 3 (turn right after entry into the park and the shelter is on your left at the next turn).

Questions? Karen Petersen: bernerdraftkaren@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! No experience necessary — message Karen 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
- ❖ Draft equipment, Leash and collar, water & dish, lots of small treats/toys your dog really loves, ex-pen/crate, etc. for your dog

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Schedule and Registration Form

(If you will be entering multiple runs/dogs please fill out a separate form for each)

Start time and schedule to be determined after close of entries (April 19) for the LCA Draft Test. All coaching sessions and match runs will occur after the LCA Draft Test concludes (most likely mid-afternoon).

Your Name _____ Phone _____

Dog's Name _____ Dog's age _____

Breed of Dog _____ (all breeds welcome!)

Email address _____

Address _____

Please indicate what you wish to work on:

_____ Maneuvering Course Run at **Novice** level (single or brace)

_____ Maneuvering Course Run at **Open** level (single or brace)

_____ Coaching Session

Indicate skills you wish to work on: _____

Match Cost: \$15 per run for BMDCGS and LCNW members; \$20 for non-members.

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

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

Questions: bernerdraftkaren@gmail.com

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

Please be considerate of the teams running in the draft test as you arrive for the match/coaching.