

Entries close at **6:00PM, Wednesday, September 20th** 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 **Buckeye BMDC** and mail fee with entry form to: **Becky Caesar Draft Test Secretary, 10711 Rolling Acres Drive, Georgetown, OH 45121**. 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 Dog Club of America, Draft Tests



Hosted by
Buckeye Bernese Mountain Dog Club

Tests will be held on the grounds of the
Columbus All-Breed Training Club
2164 Williams Road
Columbus, Ohio 43207

Saturday, September 30th & Sunday, October 1st

Judges (both days): Phil Atkinson and Julie Bacon

These are All-Eligible Dog Draft Tests

Officers of the Buckeye Bernese Mountain Dog Club

President: Nicole Stonitsch
Vice President: Signe Strawser
Treasurer: Anne Creek
Secretary: Patty Gartmann

Draft Test Committee (both days)

Draft Test Chair: Tim Thompson, 6576 Rocky Den Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068
(614) 499-6250 cncjdad@gmail.com

Draft Test Secretary: Becky Caesar, 10711 Rolling Acres Drive, Georgetown, Ohio 45121
(740) 590-1742 buckeyedraftsec@gmail.com

Committee Members: Patty Gartmann, Signe Strawser

Draft Test Judges (both days)

Phil Atkinson
Julie Bacon

Veterinarian – Emergency 24 Hour Vet

MedVet Diley Hill
9695 Basil Western Road
Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110
(614) 829-6444
10 miles from draft test site – 15-minute drive
If possible, please call prior to arriving

Check-In and Schedule

- We will be utilizing a “self-check-in” process the morning of each test. Please look for your team’s number and park your cart in the designated spot. Your number, catalog, and other materials will be in this space.
- Any move-ups MUST be communicated to the secretary at least 30 minutes before the equipment check begins.
- Check-in and equipment check times will be determined after the close of entries. All teams (including alternates) will be contacted via email with these details. Test site will open at least 30 minutes prior to check-in time.
- Course walk-through will take place following equipment check.
- Judging to begin as soon as possible after the walk-through.
- Lunch break will be taken at the judges’ discretion.
- Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the test each day.

Awards

Each passing team at each test will receive a Berner-themed award and a rosette. Teams earning new titles will receive an additional rosette with a “tag ribbon” to indicate the title earned. A ring favor will be given to each participating team as they exit the draft ring (before the group stay and freight haul exercises).

We Welcome Spectators

We encourage individuals not entered in the tests to attend, observe and ask questions! Spectators may bring un-entered dog(s) with them, but they must be leashed or crated and under control at all times. Please show courtesy to the working teams by keeping dogs at a reasonable distance away from the ring, and please do not allow them to foul the freight haul course. Please remember to pick up after your dog(s).

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test Purpose

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America (BMDCA) 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. 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.

Class Entry Details

- There will be a limit of **24** entries for each of the two Draft Tests.
 - Entry Fees: **\$40** for each single dog team ; **\$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 entries exceed the Test limit, entry priority shall be given in the following order:
 1. Untitled BMDs
 2. Titled BMDs 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 team 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 in 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 veterinary certificate required at the discretion of the club. It is requested that the Draft Test Secretary be notified by telephone and/or e-mail if a withdrawal from the test(s) is necessary for any reason.
- The two dogs of a brace team need not be owned by the same person or by the handler.
- Unentered dogs may be present but, like entered dogs who 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(s) or a certificate that includes the same information that is contained in the DWC Weight Certificate (included at the end of this Premium List and also 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

Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (revised as of January, 2023) and being familiar with them.

NOTE: *The BMDCA website is currently being rebuilt, and the latest version of the Draft Test Regulations may not be available there. If a copy is needed, please request it from the Draft Test Chair via email. A PDF version of these regulations will be sent in reply, including a bullet point list of changes from the previous version.*

About The Test Site

Ample parking on asphalt is available. The test site includes access to a climate-controlled building which includes a kitchen area and restrooms. Adequate crating space for all participants' dogs is available in this building. A protective tarp (or similar) is required to be placed under all crates set up in this building.

The building is not immediately adjacent to the test ring – the entrance is approximately 200 yards from the test ring site. Shade is limited, so, if desired, portable cover/canopies can be set up on the grounds closer to the test ring site for use instead of (or in addition to) the building.

Sign(s) will be posted on Williams Road to indicate the entrance to the club. Please use your preferred map application for directions to the test site.

Pre-Test Setup

Between the hours of 3PM and 6PM on Friday, September 29th, you may set up crates and chairs in the building, set up portable cover/canopies, and bring your cart to the test site. Carts may be stored in the building overnight (provided wheels are free of mud). The site is private property, and the entrance gate will be locked each evening, but you assume all risk for any belongings left at the site.

Refreshments & Lunch

Morning hospitality (coffee, bottled water, breakfast snacks) will be available both days, with donations gratefully accepted. A box lunch will be available for purchase both days of the testing weekend. Orders and payment will be taken the morning of each test.

Weather

Please consult your favorite weather report or app for the most accurate weather information close to the dates of the tests. The weather can be unpredictable, so please come prepared.

Silent Auction

A silent auction will take place during the draft test weekend, featuring multiple baskets filled with fantastic prizes. A larger item or two (i.e. a draft cart) may be included as one of the prizes. The silent auction will end at a pre-announced time on Sunday afternoon. Winners need to be present in order to receive their prize, or plan for a friend to claim and deliver the prize to you.

Judges' Dinner

A judges' dinner will be held on Saturday evening, September 30th, at a local dining establishment close to the test site. Everyone is invited to attend this event to honor our judges. Orders will be taken from the menu with attendees responsible for their individual food and drink cost.

Nearby Accommodations

This is not an exhaustive list – please use your favorite hotel booking app for more options.

Please call to check for specific rates and pet policies.

Always clean up after your dog(s) when staying at these (or any) hotels.

Drury Inn and Suites Columbus South, 4104 Parkway Center Drive, Grove City, Ohio 43123, 614-875-7000

Quality Inn & Suites, 4850 Frusta Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43207, 614-497-9600

Red Roof Inn, 4055 Jackpot Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123, 614-871-9617

Entry Information

- Please use one entry form Per Dog and Class each day.
- Please be sure to complete BOTH PAGES of the entry form.
- Please be sure to include a Weight Certificate if entering the Open or Brace Open class.
- The entry form is a FILLABLE PDF. If at all possible, complete the form on a computer, and then print it out. Completing the form this way avoids issues with deciphering handwriting.
- An acknowledgment of the receipt of an entry form will be sent to the email address provided on the form. This acknowledgement is not a guarantee of entry into the test(s).

Buckeye Bernese Mountain Dog Club
Columbus All-Breed Training Club, 2164 Williams Road, Columbus, Ohio 43207
September 30 & October 1, 2023

Entry Fees: \$40.00 per single-dog entry and \$45.00 per brace entry Entries close at the Test Secretary's address at 6:00pm EDT on September 20, 2023, after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test Regulations.

To enter : Type on Entry Form and Entry Agreement, print them –or- print blank forms and fill them out by writing clearly. Mail completed forms (2 pages) with enclosed check payable to "Buckeye BMDC" to:

Becky Caesar, Draft Test Secretary, 10711 Rolling Acres Drive, Georgetown, Ohio 45121

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

This is a PDF-fillable form. If possible, please complete this form on a computer and then print it out.

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"/> Dog has Advanced/Master title in entered class	
<input type="checkbox"/> Test 100 (Saturday, September 29, 2023)		<input type="checkbox"/> Test 200 (Sunday, October 1, 2023)	<input type="checkbox"/> Weight Certificate Enclosed
Registered Name (please include titles)			
Call Name		Bernier-Garde # (BMDs only)	
Date of Birth			
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 lessor 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 Draft 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 Entry 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: <i>(please print)</i>	
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: