

Premium List

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test

Hosted by the
Buckeye Bernese Mountain Dog Club



Saturday, October 31 & Sunday, November 1, 2020

**At the residence of Signe Strawser
8738 Zane Trail Road
Circleville, Ohio 43113**

**Judges: (both days)
Eden Jonas and Ruth Nielsen**

Entries close at the Test Secretary's address on
Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 12:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time
Please follow instructions on the entry form

These are All Eligible Dog tests

Officers of the Buckeye Bernese Mountain Dog Club

President	Nicole Stonitsch
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### Draft Test Committee

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Circleville, Ohio 43113  
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***Committee Members:***

Anne Creek  
Elizabeth Fletcher  
Erica Hartt  
Patty Gartmann

## **Awards**

Each passing team (each day) will receive a beautiful rosette and a hand painted Berner item. Ring favors will be given to each participating team.

## **Refreshments & Lunch**

IMPORTANT: Due to COVID-19 restrictions and procedures, morning breakfast/hospitality will be limited to pre-packaged breakfast bars (granola, NutriGrain, etc.) and fruit like bananas and oranges. Coffee will be available (with individual creamer and sugar packets).

A box lunch will be available for purchase both days of the testing weekend. Please see the Meal Order Form included in this Premium List for menu and ordering instructions.

Coolers with bottled water, soda, and tea will be available. Disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer will be located next to the coolers for proper cleaning after retrieving an item.

## **Weather & Cover**

Please consult your favorite weather report or app for the most accurate weather information close to the time of the tests. Weather can be unpredictable, so please come prepared for weather than can vary from sun to rain to snow.

There is an enclosed shelter house on the testing grounds that is 40' x 64' in size. Adequate crating space for all participants should be available in this shelter house while still maintaining appropriate social distancing. However, portable cover/canopies can be set up on the testing grounds if desired.

## **Check-In & Set-Up**

We will be utilizing a "self check-in" process each morning of the test. Please look for your team's name and park your cart in the designated cart parking area. Your numbers, catalog, and other materials will be in this space. Any move-ups MUST be communicated to the secretary at least 30 minutes before equipment check-in begins.

Between the hours of 3PM and 7PM on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, you may set up crates and chairs in the shelter house, set up portable cover/canopies, and bring your cart to the test site. The site is private property, but you assume all risk for any belongings left at the site.

## **Raffles**

Individual raffles will be held both days of the draft test weekend, featuring multiple baskets filled with fantastic prizes. Drawings will be held towards the end of each test day. 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, October 31, at the Watt Street Tavern in Circleville. 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.

## **Spectators**

Due to COVID-19 procedures, we will be limiting spectators and un-entered people and dogs. Naturally, people traveling with a test participant are welcome and must adhere to additional precautions as well as sign a COVID-19 Waiver for BMDCA Draft Tests form which appears later in this Premium List.

## **Bernese 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 his work in a combination of controlled teamwork with his handler and natural independence.

## **Judges**

**Eden Jonas and Ruth Nielsen**

### **Tentative Schedule (Both Days)**

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Grounds Open                     | 6:30 AM |
| Self-Check In                    | 7:30 AM |
| Equipment Check and Walk Through | 8:00 AM |

Judging will begin at the conclusion of the Walk Through

A final schedule will be posted and distributed to all participants  
(including those on the waitlist) after close of entries

Lunch break will be at the judges' discretion each day

Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the test each day

## Class Entry Details

- There will be a limit of **24** entries for each of the two Draft Tests.
- Entry fees: **\$35** 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 stapled/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 per the following order:
  1. Untitled BMD's
  2. Titled BMD's
  3. Untitled other dogs
  4. Titled other dogs(Note that "titled" means titled in the entered class.)
- A random draw will be held for each group in the list including and following the one that causes a total entry in excess of the test limit.
- Teams entered in a class in which they have already earned the advanced level title will be drawn after teams without the advanced level title in that class.
- 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.
- A weight certificate form can be found at the end of this Premium list as well as on-line at the [bmdca.org](http://bmdca.org) website under the Draft home page.

## Close of Entries

**Entries close at 12:00 PM EDT on October 21, 2020, at the Draft Test Secretary's address, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test regulations.**



## Regulations

Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (revised as of 2011) and being familiar with them. Draft Test Regulations may be downloaded from <http://www.BMDCA.org>.

The BMDCA and the DWC take dog aggression very seriously and have zero tolerance for inappropriate behavior on the part of dogs/owners and/or handlers. For a copy of the Misconduct Disciplinary Procedure, go to the Draft page of [www.bmdca.org](http://www.bmdca.org).

By participating in or attending this test, you understand and agree to the terms of the Misconduct Disciplinary Procedure. This procedure is a clarification of the Discipline Section of the BMDCA Draft Regulations.

### Waiver of Rights – Animals in Distress

The Buckeye Bernese Mountain Dog Club reserves the right to remove any animal in distress from a parked vehicle or crate, and all persons attending these dog events hereby waive any claim for damages against the club for such removal. The Club regards the health, safety, and life of any dog on the test grounds to be paramount to other property or privacy rights. We will attempt to reach the responsible party but cannot guarantee contact will be made before action is taken.

### Attention Exhibitors

- The following classes will be offered: Novice, Open, Brace Novice, 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.
- Open and Open Brace entries must include a veterinary certificate stating the dog's name and weight. This certificate must be dated within 60 days of the date of the test.
- Bitches in season are not permitted to compete.
- 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 who are not in the ring, must be leashed or crated and under control at all times.



## COVID-19 Specific Test Guidelines – IMPORTANT

- The test **may** be divided into two sessions, one morning and one afternoon, to limit the number of people on site at any one time. If the club feels the need to divide the test, the following may occur:
  - There will be a draw to determine which session teams are in.
  - Sibling groups (dogs belonging to the same owner) will be in the same session whenever possible.
  - NO REQUESTS for which session your team(s) are placed in will be considered.
  - Awards will be done after each session
  - Handlers will need to vacate the test site before check-in for the next group of teams.

### SUMMARY OF EXERCISE CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19 CONCERNS:

- **Recall** – Handler keeps the leash with them and doesn't give it to the judge.
- **Harness and Hitch** – Judges won't touch the dog or harness. If the judge needs to see any part of the harness or hitch, the handler will make that possible
- **Load & Unload** – a chair, small table or similar object will be provided on which to place the load. The steward will approach once the handler has his/her mask on and stands near the load. The greeting will be verbal only (no handshake). During the unload, the steward will pat the dog (two pats is perfect). The handler can choose to wipe the dog's head if they wish. The club will provide a cleanable, impervious object (e.g., plastic coffee can, Rubbermaid container, etc.) for the load that can be picked up with one hand and easily wiped down between teams. Please plan appropriately for securing this type of load object.
- **Group Stay & Freight Haul** – Keep a distance of at least 6 feet from other handlers. Masks must be worn by handlers. Please be sure to train for this change with your dog(s).

### AWARDS AND SCORESHEETS

Ribbons/Trophies/Awards will be made available for handlers to retrieve themselves. Scoresheets will be put into the same plastic bag that was originally used for check-in. The bag will be wiped down and returned to the original ringside cart location.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All persons at the test site must wear a mask at all times when within 6 feet of others.
- Handlers will need to be available when their equipment is being checked in:
  - i. If weight(s) for the freight haul need to be weighed, the handler will be responsible for carrying the item(s) to the scale and back to the staging area.
  - ii. Judges will not handle any harnesses or any part of the cart other than what is needed to measure the cart. If these items require inspection, the handler will need to be available to show the items.
- Handlers may go without a mask while maneuvering.
- Handlers must put a mask on before the Load and Unload steward approaches.
- Gate stewards will use appropriate wipes, gloves, etc. when bringing a cart into the ring.
- The movable object will be cleaned/disinfected/sanitized between teams. This will be further clarified in the briefing.
- A COVID-19 Waiver has been provided in this Premium List. The waiver will need to be signed and returned with the entry agreement in order to complete the entry.
- All individuals in attendance will be required to sign the COVID-19 Waiver form. Additional forms will be available at the test site.

## **Veterinarian**

**Days of Draft Tests:**           **Diley Hill Animal Emergency Center**  
9595 Basil Western Road  
Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110  
614-829-6444

**Emergency:**                   **Diley Hill Animal Emergency Center**  
They are open 24 hours a day.  
If possible, please call prior to arriving.  
614-829-6444

## **Test Site**

Private site located behind the residence of Signe Strawser  
8738 Zane Trail Road  
Circleville, Ohio 43113

This site is a beautiful private ground located on the banks of Scippo Creek. It consists of 10 acres with an enclosed building – perfect site for a wonderful fall draft test!

### **Directions to site:**

From Columbus, go south on US-23 to Circleville.  
Take the US-22/OH-56 ramp to Circleville/Washington C H.  
Turn left onto OH-56E/US-22 E.  
Travel 6.5 miles then turn right onto Zane Trail Road.  
Draft test site is approximately 0.9 miles on the left-hand side of the road  
(follow signs beginning on Zane Trail Road.)

### **Accommodations – All addresses in Circleville, OH 43113**

Please ask about pet policy.

- Quality Inn, 24517 US Rt 23, 740-477-6116 (not dog friendly)
- Holiday Inn Express, 23911 US Rt 23, 740-420-7711 (\$30 extra pet fee)
- Rodeway Inn, 23897 US Rt 23, 740-474-6006 (\$10 extra pet fee)

There is a new Hampton Inn under construction in Circleville, due to open in September 2020.

An extremely limited number of camping sites are available on the property for a self-contained RV for a cost of \$35 per night. Contact the Trial Secretary for availability.



## Weight Certificates

The only acceptable weight certificates are:

- On the BMDCA Draft Test Weight Certificate Form (with clinic stamp showing clinic name, address, and phone number). This form is provided at the end of this Premium List and at <http://www.bmdca.org/Draft/index.php>,

-OR-

- On the Vet Clinic's letterhead with name, address, and phone number.

All weight certificates must contain the following:

- Dog's name (call name)
- Owner/handler name
- Date dog was weighed
- Name/job title/signature of vet employee witnessing weight
- Date form was signed



**Buckeye Bernese Mountain Dog Club  
Signe Strawser Residence  
October 31 & November 1, 2020**

**Entry fee: \$35 per entry for single dog, \$45 per entry for brace team.**

Entries close at Test Secretary's address at 12:00 PM on October 21, 2020, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test Regulations.

**Instructions:** Complete **BOTH** this **Entry Form** and the **Entry Agreement** (next page) – they are both fillable PDF forms. Also complete the COVID-19 Waiver for BMDCA Draft Tests form. Optionally complete the Weight Certificate (if required) and the Meal Order Form. **PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY IF A FORM IS NOT COMPLETED WITH TYPED RESPONSES!**

Print all completed forms and mail with enclosed check payable to "Buckeye Bernese Mountain Dog Club" to:

**Signe Strawser, 8738 Zane Trail Rd, Circleville, OH 43113**

**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"/> Test #1 (Saturday)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Test #2 (Sunday) |                                                           |                                 |
| Registered Name<br>(please include titles)              |                                           |                                                           |                                 |
| Call Name                                               |                                           | Berner-Garde #<br>(BMDs only)                             |                                 |
| Date of Birth                                           |                                           | DNA Profile #<br>(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                                    |                                                           |                                 |
| Handler/Agent                                           |                                           |                                                           |                                 |

**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 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:<br><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: \_\_\_\_\_

I verify on \_\_\_\_\_ (*insert date*) \_\_\_\_\_ (*insert dog's call name*)

weighed \_\_\_\_\_ (*insert weight*).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of vet employee witnessing weight

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Employee Name and Title

**Please use vet clinic stamp below (with name, address, and phone of clinic) or  
have the above information printed/provided on clinic letterhead.**

## **Covid-19 Waiver for BMDCA Draft Tests**

### COVID-19 Acknowledgement of Risk

I am signing this Statement in anticipation of attending a BMDCA Draft Test (the event).

I understand that COVID-19 is a highly contagious disease that can spread from person to person and can lead to serious illness or death. I agree that if I have any symptoms associated with Covid-19 or if I believe I have been exposed in the previous 14 days to someone who has Covid-19 I will not attend this event.

If I develop any symptoms within 14 days after the tests, I will notify the Test Secretary and/or Test Chair.

If I do attend this event I understand and agree I am voluntarily assuming all the risks associated with Covid-19. I agree to follow all protocols that are in effect for the state and county where the event is being held. I also agree to follow all protocols established by the BMDCA and the sponsoring club, to maintain safe social distancing, and to be responsible for sanitizing and disinfecting my own equipment as appropriate.

I understand and agree that any protocols in place at this event cannot guarantee my health or safety. If I feel at any time that my health or safety has been compromised or if I am unable or unwilling to follow established protocols then I agree that I will leave the event immediately.

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Signature

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Date

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Printed Name

## MEAL ORDER FORM

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to your sandwich or pizza choice, an assortment of individually sized bags of potato chips and other snack items will be available each day for lunch. Coolers with water/soda/tea will be available as well.

**LUNCH – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 - \$10.00 each** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your choice of sub from Richie’s New York Corner Deli (each served on a French baguette)

- Brooklyn Classic – genoa salami, pepperoni, fresh mozzarella, roasted peppers, deli dressing
- All American – ham, turkey, roast beef, yellow American, lettuce, tomato
- “Say Cheese” (vegetarian) – yellow American, Swiss, Muenster, lettuce, tomato
- Chicken Salad – chicken salad, Cream Havarti cheese, lettuce, tomato

**LUNCH – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - \$7.00 each** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Individual sized 7” pizza from Donato’s Pizza

- Serious Cheese – smoked Provolone, Romano
- The Works – pepperoni, sausage, green peppers, onions, mushrooms
- Founder’s Favorite – pepperoni, sausage, shaved ham, banana peppers
- Classic Trio – pepperoni, mushrooms, sausage
- Hawaiian – shaved ham, pineapple, sliced almonds, cinnamon
- Pepperoni
- Pepperoni & Mushroom

**TOTAL DUE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please include cost of meals with your entry fee.