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Premium List

Bernese Mountain Club of America, Draft Test
Hosted by the
Sierra West Bernese Mountain Dog Club
The 30th Independent Draft Test



Howarth Park
630 Summerfield Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Judges
Christine Mann and Lori Kennedy

This is an ALL-Eligible Dogs Draft Test

Officers of the Sierra West Bernese Mountain Dog Club

President	Annette deBoer
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Draft Test Committee

Draft Test Co-Chairs	Karen Heitkamp 2044 Carol Avenue Mountain View, CA 94040 karenannheitkamp@gmail.com (650) 464-0144
Draft Test Secretary	Ann Ghiorso 815 Sea Spray Lane, #216 Foster City, CA 94404 aghiorso@comcast.net (650) 393-0750
Committee Members	Annette deBoer, Nick Hengeveld, and Bill Poulos

Draft Test Judges Christine Mann and Lori Kennedy

On-Call Veterinarian – Emergency Animal Hospital
1946 Santa Rosa Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95404
(707) 544-1647

Tentative Schedule

- We will be utilizing a “self-check-in” the 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.
- Check-in and equipment check times to be determined after the close of entries. You will be notified via email.
- Course walk-through to follow equipment check.
- Judging to begin as soon as possible after the walkthrough.
- Lunch break at judges’ discretion.
- Afternoon Check-In for Novice classes only
- Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the Draft Test.

Awards

The following prizes are offered by Sierra West Bernese Mountain Dog Club unless otherwise noted: Each passing team will receive a selected award and rosette. All entrants will receive ring favors. There will be special recognition for the oldest qualifying Bernese Mountain Dog and the oldest qualifying dog of all other breeds.

We Welcome Spectators

Unentered 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).

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.

Class Entry Details

- There will be a limit of **24** entries per test.
- Entry fees **\$35** for each single dog team and **\$50** 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 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Afternoon Check-In: As a courtesy to those handlers who are showing at the Del Valle show in Santa Rosa on the same day as this Draft Test, handlers may request an afternoon check-in in the Novice class only by checking the appropriate box on the entry form and must receive a written confirmation from the Draft Test Secretary that this request has been received as space for the afternoon check-in is limited. There will be no Judges' Prelim. Discussion and Course Walk Thru

for the afternoon check-in. If the handler misses the afternoon equipment check-in, no refund will be given.

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.
- 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 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).

Additional Rules or Notices from the City of Santa Rosa

- No glass bottles and/or containers.
- Tents can be secured with stakes no longer than 6 inches. Weights are preferred.
- Smoking is prohibited.
- Do not put anything down the storm drains. Water may be poured on adjacent landscaping.
- It is not uncommon in October to have smoke from fires. The City will close the parks when smoke reaches a certain level:
 - If the City cancels our event due to hazardous levels of smoke, your entry fee will be refunded

Weight Certificates

Weight certificate(s): must be dated within 60 days of the date of the test.

The only acceptable weight certificates are:

- On the BMDCA Draft Test Weight Certificate Form (with clinic stamp showing clinic name, address and phone number)
- On the Vet Clinic's Letterhead w/name, address, phone number

<http://www.bmdca.org/Draft/index.php>

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

Regulations

Draft Test Regulations: Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (revised as of 2011) and being familiar with them.

http://www.bmdca.org/Draft/pdf/DraftRegs2011_SideBySide.pdf

Misconduct Disciplinary Procedure: 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. 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

http://bmdca.org/Draft/BMDCA_Draft_Discipline.php

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1. Enter by hand or by mail with checks payable to SWBMDC to:
Ann Ghiorso, 815 Sea Spray Lane, #216, Foster City, CA 94404
2. Enter electronically by:
 - a. Paying with PayPal thru www.sierrawestbmdc.org/2022drafttest.html AND
 - b. E-mailing entry form, weight certificate (if applicable), and PayPal confirmation to aghiorso@comcast.net

Weather

Weather in the the Fall can range from an average high of 72 to an average low of 51. And, as it is the Fall, there is a slight chance of rain (but we welcome rain in California). It's best to dress in layers.

Hotel Information

Please ask about pet policy

Best Western Santa Rosa	(833) 449-1286	The Sandman, Santa Rosa	(707) 293-2100
Extended Stay, Santa Rosa	(844) 202-2147	Motel 6 – South, Santa Rosa	(707) 546-1500
Best Western, Rohnert Park	(707) 584-7435	Cambria Hotel, Rohnert Park	(707) 206-7514
Rodeway Inn, Rohnert Park	(707) 584-1600	Hampton Inn, Rohnert Park	(707) 586-8700
Motel 6, Rohnert Park	(707) 585-8888	Fairfield Inn, Rohnert Park	(707) 796-7500

Driving Directions

Howarth Park
630 Summerfield Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

<https://goo.gl/maps/U7yPJsCsZ12bGFP6>

Parking is free at the park. Enter the parking area near the gazebo picnic area. If parking is not available in the closest lot, you may drop off equipment and park in the next available lot.

Refreshments & Lunch

Complimentary assorted muffins, danishes, bananas and oranges. Coffee and juice will be available.

Lunch will be catered by La Texanita Restaurant - \$15 per person, which includes one of the options below [served with chips and salsa, rice and beans], drink and dessert. Lunch orders must be received by **Friday, October 14, 2022**.

Option #1- 2 tacos (handmade tortillas): 1) roasted pork al pastor; or 2) grilled chicken carnitas

Option #2 - Veggie burrito- rice, beans, cheese, pico salsa, sour cream, and guacamole



<u>Name:</u>	<u>Option 1 – Tacos</u> (Roasted pork al pastor <u>or</u> Grilled chicken carnitas)	<u>Option 2- Veggie Burrito Only</u>

Name(s): _____

_____ X \$15.00 (each) = \$ _____

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SIERRA WEST BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB

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- Entrants will receive confirmation of entry via e-mail.

To enter online: Type on Entry Form and Entry Agreement (fillable PDF files), save to your computer, and email both as attachments and, if applicable, weight certificate to Ann Ghiorso at aghiorso@comcast.net. Pay via PayPal at www.sierrawestbmdc.org/2022drafttest.html

To enter by mail: Mail completed Entry Form and Entry Agreement (2 pages) and Fees to:
Ann Ghiorso, 815 Sea Spray Lane, #216, Foster City, CA 94404
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"/> Afternoon Check-In Requested for Novice Class(es)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog is titled in entered class	<input type="checkbox"/> Open Weight Certificate Enclosed	
<input type="checkbox"/> Test 100 – Sun., October 23, 2022		
Registered Name (please include titles)		
Call Name	Berner-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 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
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**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: