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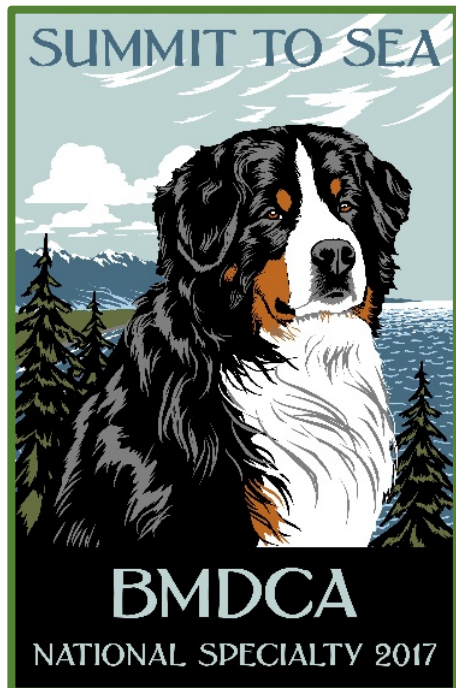
## Premium List

**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.**  
(Member of the American Kennel Club)

### THREE DRAFT TESTS

*Entries limited to Bernese Mountain Dogs only*

**East Delta Park Sports Complex  
10737 North Union Court  
Portland, Oregon 97217**



**Monday, April 24, 2017 (Test 1)**

**Judges: Phil Chagnon and Jim Maxwell**

**Tuesday, April 25, 2017 (Test 2)**

**Judges: Larry Bohlig and Jim Maxwell**

**Friday, April 28, 2017 (Test 3)**

**Judges: Phil Chagnon and Barb Gibson**

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**AN AKC DNA PROFILE NUMBER IS REQUIRED FOR ALL ENTRANTS.**

All judging will be outdoors.  
Test hours: 7am-5pm

## **Officers of the BMDCA**

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Vice President	GeorgeAnn Reeve
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## **Draft Test(s) Committee**

<b>Draft Test Chair:</b>	<b>Ruth Nielsen</b> <a href="mailto:rnielsen@nielsenlaw.com">rnielsen@nielsenlaw.com</a> 3909 Interlake Ave N Seattle, WA 98103 (206) 972-0993
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<b>Committee:</b>	Jennifer Brightbill, Rick Jacquier, Glenda Pierce, Greg Pierce & Ruth Nielsen

## **DRAFT TEST JUDGES**

Larry Bohlig 5355 Timberland Drive PO Box 463 Foresthill, CA 95631	Barbara Gibson 429 Mill Road Edgecomb, ME 04556	Phil Chagnon 5411 Maple Road Richmond, BC V7E 1G2	Jim Maxwell 3444 Broderick Street San Francisco, CA 94123
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## **Test Site Location**

**East Delta Park Sports Complex  
10737 North Union Court  
Portland, Oregon 97217**

### **Driving Directions Holiday Inn to East Delta Park:**

Head West on NE Columbia Blvd. Turn right onto NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. Take the exit toward Delta Park/Marine Drive East. Turn right onto North Marine Way. Continue onto North Union Courts. East Delta Park Sports Complex is 6.2 miles from the Host Hotel. The draft ring is near the baseball fields and will be marked with signs.

## **Weather**

Northwestern Oregon weather in April can range from the 40's to the low 60's. Be prepared for anything from sunshine to cool rainy days. Participants are encouraged to bring their own pop-ups/shelter.

## **Schedule**

**Check-In:** To be determined at close of entries.

## Awards

All participants will receive a ring favor. All passing teams will receive an award.

## Food

Lunch can be pre-purchased through Master Registration. Wristband is required for lunch pickup.

- **NOTE:** No food vendors at the East Delta Park Sports Complex.

## Veterinarian

**VCA Southeast Portland Animal Hospital (Open 24/7)**

13830 SE Stark Street

Portland, OR 97233

503-255-8139

[www.vcahospitals.com](http://www.vcahospitals.com)

### **Directions East Delta Park Sports Complex to Veterinarian:**

Head North on North Union Court. Continue onto North Marine Way. Turn right onto NE 148<sup>th</sup> Ave. Turn right onto SE Stark Street. VCA Clinic on the left (24 minutes – 12.6 miles)

## 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](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](http://bmdca.org/Draft/BMDCA_Draft_Discipline.php)

## Waiver of Rights

*Animals in Distress:* The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. 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 clubs for such removal. The Club regards the health, safety and life of any dog on the show 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.

## **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.

## Entry Details

- There will be a limit of 24 entries per test.
- Entry fees \$45 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 the test entry limit is received, they will be prioritized per the following order:
  - Untitled BMDs
  - Titled BMDs
  - Titled teams (in the class entered) have preference over
  - Advanced Titled teams
- 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.
- Please indicate the Handler's name on the Entry Form.
- Entries will be refunded if you are not assigned a spot in the test

## Draft Test Entry Details

The BMDCA National Specialty is the once a year showcase event in which Bernese Mountain Dogs come from all over the country and even from outside the country to participate in Draft. The goal is to have all teams wishing to compete the opportunity to get into a test.

- **TEAM – A SINGLE DOG/BRACE ENTRY**
- 1<sup>st</sup> entry – A team's initial entry in each specific class
- 2<sup>nd</sup> entry – A team's repeat entry in the same class on a different day.
- The goal is to fill all spots in all three tests, trying to accommodate as many teams as possible.

### Teams only wishing to compete in one test (single entry/one class/one test)

- Only one entry form is needed
- Teams may choose which day is their 1<sup>st</sup> preference on the entry form
- Teams will be assigned a test during the draw
- NO guarantees that preferences will be met

### Teams wishing to compete more than once

- Multiple entries – one team/multiple classes (ie., Novice and Open)
- One team/multiple entries in the same class competing different days (i.e., Open on Monday/Open on Friday)
  - A team may enter the same class on multiple days.

- A separate entry form is to be completed for each ENTRY. For example, if a dog enters Novice and Open that requires 2 ENTRY FORMS. If a dog enters Novice on two different days that requires 2 ENTRY FORMS.
- Indicate on the Entry Form if the dog is entered in the same class in more than one test. For example, dog enters Novice on Monday and Novice on Friday. This is a repeat entry in a class. Repeat entries in the same class will handled as follows.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> entry will be the primary day the team wants to compete.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> entry will be the secondary choice the team wants to compete.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> entry will be the third choice of tests the team wants to compete.

**In addition to the rules above, the following multiple entry rules apply**

- If the tests are not filled and after the completion of the initial round of draws, a second round of draws will be used to place any remaining entries.
- **Subject to the above limitations for this Specialty's Draft Tests:**
  - Untitled teams (in the class entered) have preference over Titled Teams.
  - Titled teams (in the class entered) have preference over Advanced Titled teams.

**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 weights. 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(s).
- Open and Open Brace entries must include a veterinary certificate stating the dog's name and weight. This certificate must be dated showing the dog's weight within 60 days of the date of the test.
- Bitches in season are not permitted to compete. Entry fees will be refunded upon a receipt of a veterinary certificate stating an entered bitch is in season at the time of the Draft Test. The Test Secretary must be notified of a bitch in season no later than 7:30 a.m. on the day of the test. Refunds will be mailed.
- 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.
- Extreme weather conditions, such as, but not limited to lightning, extreme heat or extreme cold, must be considered for the health and safety of the dogs, exhibitors, and spectators. The well-being of the dogs, exhibitors, and spectators is of paramount importance and, in the event it is necessary to cancel or stop the tests(s) before completion, no refund of entry fee will be made. The person entering and/or competing with the dog is responsible for the safety and well-being of the dog.

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**East Delta Park Sports Complex**  
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**Three Draft Tests – April 2017**  
**Monday April 24, Tuesday April 25, Friday April 28**

**Entry fees:**

\$45 per team  
 \$50 per brace team

**Close of Entries**

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- If sending by overnight, registered or certified mail envelopes must be released without a signature.
- Entrants will receive confirmation of entry via e-mail.

**Mail Completed Entries (2 pages) & Fees to:**

Gina Craig, BMDCA Draft Test Secretary  
 30231 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave SW  
 Federal Way, WA 98023-2368

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

Breed <b>Bernese Mountain Dog</b>		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"/> <b>1<sup>st</sup>/initial</b> <b>Entry in a class</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>2nd/repeat</b> <b>Entry in a class</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>3rd/repeat</b> <b>Entry in a class</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Test 1</b> <b>Monday April 24</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Test 2</b> <b>Tuesday April 25</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Test 3</b> <b>Friday April 28</b>
Registered Name <small>(please include titles)</small>		
Call Name	Berner-Garde #	
Date of Birth	DNA Profile # <small>(Nationals only)</small>	
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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*Revised January 21, 2013*