AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB RULES & REGULATIONS GOVERN THESE EVENTS
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ENTRIES CLOSE at Superintendent's Office at 12:00 Noon PDT, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017 after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Ch. 11, Sec. 6 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows, or Ch. 1, Sec. 16 of the Obedience Regulations.

PREMIUM LIST

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America

42nd Annual National Specialty Show, w/NOHS, Obedience, Rally & Tracking Trials

2017 National Specialty Show

Agility, Conformation w/NOHS, Draft, Futurity, Generations Showcase, Herding, Junior Showmanship, Obedience, Parades, Rally Obedience, Sweepstakes, Top 20 Gala, Tracking, Versatility Showcase, Veteran Sweepstakes, and Veterans
(Unbenched – Member of the American Kennel Club)

Monday, April 24, 2017
through **Saturday, April 29, 2017**

Holiday Inn Portland Airport & Conference Center
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Proudly Hosted by:
The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.,
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Greater Seattle,
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Oregon,
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Alaska, and
Inland Northwest Bernese Mountain Dog Club

All Events Indoors at Host Hotel and Conference Center, unless otherwise noted
Show and Trial Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Each Day
VISIT OUR WEB PAGE: www.bmdca.org/specialty/2017

An AKC DNA profile number is required for all entrants (see details, page 3)
Effective January 1, 2010: All dogs must be either individually registered with either the AKC or a foreign registry organization whose pedigrees are acceptable for AKC registration in order to participate in any AKC Conformation, Performance, or Companion event. See details and FAQs here: *http://www.akc.org/rules/exhibit_rule_change.cfm*

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Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.
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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events will be held at the host hotel and conference center unless otherwise noted. Schedule is subject to change based on entry numbers.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

- BMDCA Board Meeting
- Vendor Move-In
- Registration in Hotel Lobby
- Move-in Night Ruff'n It Bar & Grill at host hotel
- Grooming Area Opens

MONDAY, APRIL 24

- Registration in Hotel Lobby
- Catalog Sales Open
- Draft Test #1 at Delta Park East
- Herding Tests #1 & #2 at Brigand's Hide Out
- Tracking Tests at Frenchman's Bar Park
- Vendors Open for Business
- Berner University
- Photo Contest
- Rescue Gallery
- Move-in Night Ruff'n It Bar & Grill
- Breeders Symposium Lecture

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

- Registration in Hotel Lobby/Conference Center
- Catalog Sales
- Sweepstakes
- Agility Trial at Delta Park East
- Draft Test #2 at Delta Park East
- Photo Contest
- Rescue Gallery
- Raffle Opens
- Berner-Garde
- Berner University (including Junior Class)
- Welcome Reception

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

- Registration & Catalog Sales in Conference Center
- Futurity
- Versatility Showcase
- Veteran Sweepstakes
- Obedience Trial including Team Obedience
- Top Twenty Judging
- International Reception
- Health Clinics
- Berner-Garde
- Juniors' Activity—Field Trip
- Photo Contest
- Rescue Gallery
- Raffle
- Top Twenty Gala

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

- Registration & Catalog Sales in Conference Center
- Regular Conformation Dog Classes
- Veterans Parade at Lunch Break
- Veteran Dog Classes
- Non-Regular Classes (Stud Dog)
- Generations Showcase
- Rally Trial
- Berner-Garde
- Berner-Garde Repository
- Regional Club Council
- Judges' Education – ringside mentoring
- Photo Contest
- Rescue Gallery
- Raffle
- Junior Handling Clinic/Pizza Party
- Health Auction

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

- Registration & Catalog Sales in Conference Center
- Regular Conformation Bitch Classes
- Titleholders Parade at Lunch break
- Veteran Bitch Classes
- Non-Regular Classes (Brood Bitch, Brace, Team)
- Draft Test #3 at Delta Park East
- Judges' Education—seminar & ringside mentoring
- Juniors' Activity
- Photo Contest
- Rescue Gallery
- Raffle Closes
- Berner-Garde
- BMDCA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet at host hotel

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

- Registration & Catalog Sales in Conference Center
- Junior Showmanship
- Best of Breed (followed by NOHS, Best Puppy, Best Bred By Exhibitor, Best Veteran)
- Judges' Education—ringside mentoring
- Judges' Dinner at host hotel

KNOW THE RULES BEFORE YOU COMPETE: All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows and other event regulations by contacting the American Kennel Club, 5580 Centerview Dr., Raleigh, NC 27606-3390, by phone at (919) 233-9767, by email at info@akc.org, or by downloading from their website at www.akc.org.

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Please note: Live streaming from a handheld device, video recording from a tripod-mounted camera or any video recording of large segments of the show by an individual is NOT permitted.

SHOW VETERINARIAN

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ATTENTION EXHIBITORS! – AKC DNA PROFILE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY

The BMDCA requires each entrant to provide a valid AKC DNA Profile Number for the dog entered on the Official Entry Form at time of entry. AKC DNA numbers are not required for Special Attractions such as parades. Failure to meet these requirements will render the dog ineligible to enter the event. This may result in the loss of all awards earned at the event, as well as subject the entrant to possible disciplinary action by the AKC and/or BMDCA, including but not limited to suspension from club privileges and entry of club events. All DNA numbers will be verified by the BMDCA within 30 days after the national Specialty. DNA kits can be obtained from the AKC Online Store at www.akc.org.

DON'T DELAY! STANDARD PROCESSING TIME IS 6-8 WEEKS AFTER RECEIPT! If it has been more than 8 weeks since the DNA sample was submitted to AKC and you have not received a DNA profile number AND need it for your 2017 Specialty entry, call AKC DNA Operations at (919) 816-3508 to obtain a preliminary DNA number (accepted in extenuating circumstances only).

Please allow sufficient time for the AKC to receive your sample and call NO LATER THAN one week prior to close of entries. Be sure to mention "BMDCA National Specialty" to expedite your request.

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RESERVED GROOMING – NOTE: GROOMING AND CRATING IS ALLOWED IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY.

Due to LIMITED GROOMING SPACES, sharing of grooming spaces is encouraged. Exhibitors may reserve a 10' x 10' grooming space for $100.00, which includes one electrical plug with 20 amps of power, for the entire show period. All paid reserved spaces will be inside the grooming tent and are available on a first come, first served basis through master registration until capacity is reached. When using PAID spaces, exhibitors are encouraged to bring floor mats and a UL-listed heavy duty exterior extension cord properly rated for their equipment's amperage. No generators of any kind permitted on hotel grounds. All extension cords and dryers are subject to inspection, and non-compliant equipment may be removed by show personnel.

There will be a limited number of unpaid, non-reserved grooming/day crating spaces available for "day-of use" on a first come, first served basis. Electricity will not be available for these spaces. Setup and take down is required each day.

All set-ups will be supervised by the Grounds Committee as representatives of the BMDCA. The Club reserves the right to restrict the number of grooming tables and to rearrange grooming areas and set-ups as required by circumstances for the safety and convenience of all. This includes moving crates, tables, and other equipment. Exhibitors are expected to comply with all Club rules as laid out by the BMDCA.

ADDITIONAL GROOMING, CRATING, AND SITE INFORMATION FOR EXHIBITORS AND ATTENDEES

- **MOVE-IN: BEGINS SUNDAY, APRIL 23rd AT 6:00pm**
- **GROOMING SPACES MUST BE VACATED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COMPLETION OF ALL CONFORMATION EVENTS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 29th.**
- The grooming area will be open daily from 6:00 am (except for move-in at 6:00 pm on 4/23) until 10:00 pm, except for Saturday, April 29th. The tent will be closed from 10:00 pm until 6:00 am and will be patrolled. **DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO STAY OVERNIGHT IN THE GROOMING AREA.**
- The BMDCA and the show committee will not be responsible for theft or damage of items left in the grooming area. Participants are encouraged to use good judgment when leaving dogs, personal items, or equipment unattended.
- Parties wishing to set up together should submit forms under the same **Group Name**. No additional crating inside the building may be reserved or saved.
- At time of move-in, exhibitors will be required to supply contact information, including hotel, room number, and cell phone number.
- An area outside of the grooming area near the hotel will be provided with three bathing stations.
- Exhibitors and handlers will be held responsible for clean conditions in and around their assigned grooming space.
- Absolutely no x-pens will be allowed in the grooming area except inside designated grooming space. This means no grooming in parking spaces.
- Bathing/Grooming is STRICTLY PROHIBITED in any hotel room.
- Participants and visitors must abide by the posted signs on the show grounds; failure to do so will result in a warning and possible ejection from the show site and/or event.
- **Smoking is strictly prohibited** inside the grooming tent.
- Ringside chairs are NOT to be taken to the grooming area.
- For questions or reserve a grooming space, contact Debby Jones, Grooming Chair, at lazyjbernese@msn.com or (503) 931-2710.

ENTRY FEES

Conformation & Obedience

(Each First Entry Fee includes $3.00 AKC Event Service Fee & $.50 AKC Recording Fee.
Each recordable Second Entry Fee includes $3.00 AKC Event Service Fee.)

First Entry of a Dog Unless Otherwise Specified	$35.00
Each Additional Entry of the Same Dog Unless Otherwise Specified	$25.00
Versatility and Generations (per Unit)	$35.00
Junior Showmanship Only	$25.00
Junior Showmanship as an Additional Class	NO FEE
Stud Dog and Brood Bitch Classes per unit	$25.00
Brace and Team Classes per unit as an Additional Class	$25.00
Sweepstakes Class & Veteran Sweepstakes Class	$25.00
Futurity	$25.00

Rally (Entries must include dog's jump height)

(Each First Entry Fee includes $3.50 AKC Recording Fee, and $3.00 for each additional entry)

Each Entry of a Dog	$35.00
Additional Entry of the Same Dog	$25.00

RIBBON PRIZES

Regular Classes

First Prize	Blue Rosette	Second Prize	Red Rosette
Third Prize	Yellow Rosette	Fourth Prize	White Rosette
Winners	Purple Rosette	Reserve Winners	Purple & White Rosette
Best of Breed	Purple & Gold Rosette	Best of Winners	Blue & White Rosette
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed			Red & White Rosette
Select Dog & Bitch	Light Blue & White Rosette	Awards of Merit	Dark Green Rosette
Best Puppy	Dark Green Rosette	Best Bred by Exhibitor	Dark Green Rosette
Best Veteran	Dark Green Rosette	NOHS Best of Breed	Maroon Rosette
Best Junior Handler	Rose & Green Rosette	Reserve Junior Handler	Rose & Gray Rosette

Obedience & Rally Classes

First Prize	Blue Rosette	Second Prize	Red Rosette
Third Prize	Yellow Rosette	Fourth Prize	White Rosette
Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Obedience Classes			Blue & Gold Rosette
Highest Combined Score in Open B & Utility Classes			Blue & Green Rosette
Highest Combined Score in Advanced B and Excellent B Classes			Blue & Green Rosette
Qualifying Score in Obedience or Rally			Dark Green Rosette

Non-Regular Classes

First Prize	Rose Rosette	Second Prize	Brown Rosette
Third Prize	Light Green Rosette	Fourth Prize	Gray Rosette

BREED CLASSIFICATION

REGULAR CLASSES – Bernese Mountain Dogs

Puppy Dogs (6 mos. & under 9 mos.)	Puppy Bitches (6 mos. & under 9 mos.)
Puppy Dogs (9 mos. & under 12 mos.)	Puppy Bitches (9 mos. & under 12 mos.)
Dogs, 12 mos. & under 15 mos.	Bitches, 12 mos. & under 15 mos.
Dogs, 15 mos. & under 18 mos.	Bitches, 15 mos. & under 18 mos.
Novice Dogs	Novice Bitches
Amateur-Owner-Handler Dogs	Amateur-Owner-Handler Bitches
Bred by Exhibitor Dogs	Bred by Exhibitor Bitches
American Bred Dogs	American Bred Bitches
Open Dogs	Open Bitches
WINNERS DOG	WINNERS BITCH

BEST OF BREED COMPETITION

Reserve Winners Dog and Reserve Winners Bitch will be awarded a three-point major, provided the criteria set forth in Chapter 16, Section 1 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows is met.

Bred by Exhibitor *(BBE) Class Eligibility (revised 09/02)

- All dogs entered in the Bred by Exhibitor Class must be individually registered with the AKC.
- The person handling the dog must be a breeder of record and an owner of record of the dog.
- To exhibit in this class, family members must be a breeder and owner of record.

NON REGULAR CLASSES INVOLVING SINGLE ENTRIES

The winners of each of the following single-dog non-regular classes will go on to compete for Best of Breed.

Veteran Classes 7-9 - Class for Dogs and Class for Bitches **7 years & under 9 years**.

Veteran Classes 9-11 - Class for Dogs and Class for Bitches **9 years & under 11 years**.

Veteran Classes 11+ - Class for Dogs and Class for Bitches **11 years & older**.

Altered Veterans CAN enter the Veteran Conformation Classes at this Specialty.

BEST OF BREED COMPETITION

The following categories of dogs may be entered & shown in the Best of Breed Competition: Dogs that are Champions of Record. Dogs, which according to their owner's records have completed the requirements for a championship but whose championships, are unconfirmed. The entry & showing of dogs whose championships are unconfirmed is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of show where a dog completed the requirements for a championship according to the owner's records. If at the end of the 90-day period, the American Kennel Club has not confirmed the championship of a dog, no further entries of the dog for Best of Breed Competition are to be made until the AKC has confirmed its championship.

NON-REGULAR CLASSES, INVOLVING MULTIPLE ENTRIES

Note: As the judge's decision in these classes will be based on the merits of more than one dog, no one of the dogs making up the entry judged first in the class will be eligible to compete for Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed by virtue of having won the class.

Stud Dog Class and Brood Bitch Class: Each entry is allowed two get unless otherwise specified. The merits of the Stud Dog or Brood Bitch are not considered in the placement of the entry. It is the quality of the get that forms the basis for the judge's decision. All get must be examined and gaited. The Stud Dog or Brood Bitch must also be examined to determine if there is a condition that would require disqualification or excusal under the Rules, AKC policy or the breed standard. All get must be entered in a regular class in order to be eligible to compete in the Stud Dog or Brood Bitch Class. Handlers of the Stud Dog or Brood Bitch, and all get being exhibited, must wear armbands. Ch. 11, Sec. 8 of the "Rules Applying to Dog Shows" provides that "a castrated male may be entered as a Stud Dog in the Stud Dog Class and a spayed bitch may be entered as a Brood Bitch in the Brood Bitch Class."

Brace Class: Two Dogs, performing in unison, and presented by a maximum of two handlers. Both dogs competing in the brace class must have at least one common owner. Both dogs must be entered in a Regular Class or Best of Breed Competition. Dogs comprising a Brace Class must be named at the time of entry, and full particulars must be given for each dog on individual entry forms. An entry form for a dog entered in another class and entered as part of a Brace must be marked accordingly in the space provided for additional classes as "Brace Class." Entry Fee $25.00 as a Unit.

Team Class: Four Dogs, performing in unison, and presented by a maximum of four handlers. All dogs competing in the team class must have at least one common owner. All dogs must be entered in a Regular Class or Best of Breed Competition. Dogs comprising a Team Class must be named at the time of entry, and full particulars must be given for each dog on individual entry forms. An entry form for a dog entered in another class and entered as part of a Team must be marked accordingly in the space provided for additional classes as "Team Class." Entry fee is $25.00 for the Unit.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

Awards of Merit Immediately following the Best of Breed Competition, Awards of Merit may be awarded to those dogs or bitches not winning Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, Select Dog, or Select Bitch, but of such outstanding quality as to deserve honorable mention. Recipients will be selected at the judge's discretion and awards given immediately following award of Best of Breed, Best of Winners , Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog, and Select Bitch. The maximum number of such awards shall be limited to 10% of the total entry of Specials in Best of Breed inclusive of dogs awarded Select Dog and Select Bitch.

AKC National Owner-Handled Series *The purpose of the AKC National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) is to recognize and showcase the quality dogs being exhibited by owner/handlers and to provide a venue for the owner/handlers to compete against their peers. The determination of the awards in the AKC National Owner-Handled Series is based solely on the quality of the entry. The owner/handler's handling ability is not of consideration.*

• Dog must be marked as eligible to compete in the AKC NOHS prior to the closing of entries. There is no additional fee to enter this competition.

• Dogs must be handled by an eligible owner/handler for the AKC NOHS throughout the breed level (all classes, Winners, and Best of Breed) competition. Additionally, dogs must be handled by an eligible owner/handler for all AKC National Owner-Handled Series competition.

• Exhibitors must declare their dog AKC National Owner-Handled Series eligible at the time of entry using the check box on the entry form. The handler must be an owner of record according to the AKC's records as of the date of the show. Dogs declared eligible will be identified by an asterisk or other representative mark in the judge's book, steward's book, and the show catalog.

• Professional handlers*, household members and current assistants to professional handlers may not exhibit.

• The Owner-Handled Best of Breed will be selected from the eligible dogs that competed in the Best of Breed/Variety competition. This includes Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, and the undefeated winners of the non-regular classes. This excludes all dogs defeated during class and winners competition.

**Professional handler is defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay within the last five years. Eligibility restrictions apply to all members of the same household. Household members and current assistants to professional handlers in conformation are not eligible to exhibit in this competition. A current assistant is defined as anyone employed by a professional handler on a full-time basis, or assisting a professional handler at the show or any show during the cluster/weekend. Eligibility restrictions apply to all members of the same household.*

Best in Puppy Classes will be selected following the completion of selection of Best of Breed and any Awards of Merits. Eligible for competition will be the first place winners from the 6-9 month and 9-12 month Dog and Bitch Puppy Classes.

Best in Bred by Exhibitor Classes will be selected following the completion of Best in Puppy Classes. Eligible for competition will be the first place winners from the Bred by Exhibitor Dog and Bitch Classes. If one of these should be awarded Best of Winners, there would not be further competition and the award would go to the Best of Winners.

Best in Veteran Classes will be selected following the completion of selection of Best in Bred By Exhibitor Classes. Eligible for competition will be the first place winners from all Dog and Bitch Veteran Classes. If one of these should win an award in Best of Breed competition, there would not be further competition and the veteran winning the highest award in Breed competition would also win Best in Veteran Classes.

All prizes listed in this Premium List are offered by the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. through the generosity of its members & friends whose names will be listed in the catalog unless otherwise specified.

TROPHIES MUST BE CLAIMED THE DAYS OF THE EVENTS. NONE WILL BE MAILED. BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SUBSTITUTE PRIZES OF EQUAL OR GREATER VALUE SHOULD A PRIZE BECOME UNAVAILABLE.

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BREED PRIZES

Best of Breed: Rosette, Custom Raku Plaque & 4 piece set of matching grooming/supplies totes
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed: Rosette & 3 piece set of matching grooming/supplies totes
Best Of Winners: Rosette & 2 piece set of matching grooming/supplies totes
Winners Dog / Winners Bitch: Rosette & Ringside tote
Select Dog/Bitch: Rosette & 2 piece set of matching grooming/ringside totes
Awards of Merit: Rosette & Collar/Leash Case
Reserve Winners Dog / Reserve Winners Bitch: Rosette & Collar/Leash Case
Best Puppy from the Regular Puppy Classes: Rosette & Molly Mutt Duvet covered Dog Bed with Matching Poop Bag Holder for Leash
Best Bred By Exhibitor: Rosette & Molly Mutt Duvet covered Dog Bed
Best Veteran: Rosette & Molly Mutt Duvet covered Dog Bed
Best Owner Handler: Rosette and Molly Mutt Duvet covered Dog bed
First through Fourth Prize, Each Regular & Veteran Class, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Brace, Team Class: Rosette & Silk Screened Crate Cover

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP – SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

Judge: Mr. David Krogh

NOVICE CLASS: For boys and girls who are at least 9 years old and under 18 years old on the day of the show and who at the time entries close have not won three (3) first place awards, with competition present, in a Novice Class. A first place in Novice without competition leading to a Best Junior award with competition would count as one win towards moving to Open at a licensed or member show.

OPEN CLASS: For boys and girls who are at least 9 years old and under 18 years old on the day of the show, and who have won three first place awards in a Novice Class or if a win in Novice leads to a Best Junior with competition present it will count as one win towards moving to Open in a licensed or member show. Juniors which according to their records have completed the requirements to compete in the Open class but whose status is unconfirmed by the American Kennel Club are limited to competing in the Open Class for a period of 90 days from the date of the show where the Junior completed the requirements according to their records.

MASTER CLASS: This class will be for boys and girls who are at least 9 years old and under 18 years on the day of the show, and who have 10 Best Junior wins with competition. The calendar for this class will be consistent with the eligibility dates for the AKC National Championship. All Juniors meeting the criteria for this class are required to enter the Master Class and may change their entry the day of the show if entries have already closed. Once the eligibility time frame for that year has passed all participants return to the Open Class to compete for the following year.

NOVICE AND OPEN CLASS DIVIDED: **Junior**-9 years old and under 12 years old on the day of the show; **Intermediate**-12 years old and under 15 years old on the day of the show; **Senior**-15 years old and under 18 years old on the day of the show.

After the judge has awarded the Best Junior Handler, the second place winner from the class that the Junior was awarded Best Junior Handler is to return to the ring to compete for Reserve Best Junior Handler.

NOTICE: Junior Handlers must include their AKC JUNIOR HANDLER NUMBER on each entry. You may obtain your junior ID number by calling the Judges Education Department, 919-233-9767. BE SURE ALL INFORMATION for Junior Showmanship Classes is entered on front and back of entry form.

SUBSTITUTION OF DOG IN JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP AT THE SHOW(S): An Administration Fee of $5.00 ischarged for any substitution of dog in Junior Showmanship. In addition, if the dog originally entered in Jr. Showmanship was an additional entry, and the dog being substituted is not otherwise entered in the show, the Junior Showmanship Only fee applies.

Junior Showmanship Prizes

Best Junior Handler: Rosette, $100 Macy's Gift Card & Show Leash.
Reserved Best Junior Handler: Rosette & Show Leash.
First through Fourth Prize, Each Junior Showmanship Class: Rosette & Lighted Bernese Mountain Dog on Wooden Stand.

FUTURITY – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017

Judge: Ms. Sindi Leo

The purpose of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. (BMDCA) Futurity is to encourage the breeding of the best possible Bernese Mountain Dogs and to reward the breeders for their efforts. Correct and timely nominations of both the litter and individual puppies are required for stake eligibility. The 2017 Futurity includes litters whelped from October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016.

The Futurity shall be open to all litters bred by BMDCA members in good standing. All participants must comply with the Futurity rules. **The litter must be nominated** by the breeder by submitting the litter nomination form to the Futurity Chairperson along with the fee established in the rules ($15.00 payable to the BMDCA) **prior to whelping**. The breeder of the litter must be a BMDCA member in good standing at the time of breeding as well as at the time of nomination. If there is more than one breeder of the litter, only one need be a BMDCA member.

Individual puppy nominations must then be submitted to the Futurity Chairperson with the fee established in the rules ($15.00 payable to the BMDCA) by either the owner(s) or breeder(s) **before the puppy reaches four (4) months of age**. Puppy owners need not be members of the BMDCA.

The nominated puppies must be entered in one of the Regular Classes *in either Conformation or Obedience* at the BMDCA National Specialty Show and Obedience Trial**.** Fee for this entry must be paid. Futurity entry must be indicated on the entry form as an Additional Class. There will be an additional fee of **$25.00** for the entry apart from the previous nomination fees. **The Futurity Class entered will be based on the age of the puppy on March 31, 2017, and not on the age on the date of the shows**. All dogs will be eligible for only one Futurity.

Classification

Puppy Dogs, 6 months & under 9 months ..... Dogs, 12 months & under 15 months
Puppy Dogs, 9 months & under 12 months ..... Dogs, 15 months & under 18 months

(Same Classes for Bitches)

Best in Futurity

PRIZE MONEY

All nomination money shall be pooled. The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. shall retain 25% for administrative and judge's expenses. Any unused expense money will be rolled over into the next year's prize money. The remaining 75% shall be divided as follows:

Best in Futurity 10%
Breeder of Best in Futurity 20%
Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity 5%
Breeder of Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity 5%

60% Allocated to Classes - Prize money for each class shall be determined by dividing money by the total entries and then multiplying by the number of entries in the class. Class money to be distributed as follows:

One entry 100%
Two entries..... First - 60%, Second - 40%
Three entries ..... First - 50%, Second - 30%, Third - 20%
Four or more entries .....First - 40%, Second - 30%, Third - 20%, Fourth - 10%

FUTURITY PRIZES

Best in Futurity: Rosette & Embroidered Chair.
Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity: Rosette & Embroidered Chair
First through Fourth in Each Futurity Class: Rosette & Lighted Bernese Mountain Dog on Wooden Stand.

A**KC DNA PROFILES ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTRANTS AT ALL JUDGED EVENTS**.
Space has been provided at the top of each entry form for your dog's
AKC DNA Profile Number and will be published in the show catalog.
YOU MUST ACT NOW if you have NOT yet obtained
an AKC DNA profile number for your entry.
See Page 3 for more details.

SWEEPSTAKES – TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017

Judge: Ms. Sandy Dunaway

Sweepstakes is open to all Bernese Mountain Dogs 6 months of age and under 18 months of age on the day of the show. All entries in Sweepstakes must be entered in one of the regular classes at the regular class entry fee. Sweepstakes class and age division must be indicated on the entry form under Additional Classes. Entry fee is $25.00.

CLASSIFICATION

Puppy Dogs, 6 months & under 9 months .....Junior Dogs, 12 months & under 15 months
Puppy Dogs, 9 months & under 12 months .....Junior Dogs, 15 months & under 18 months
(Same Classes for Bitches)
Best Puppy in Sweepstakes … Best Junior Dog in Sweepstakes … Best in Sweepstakes

PRIZE MONEY

The Club will retain 35% of the entry fee for expenses.
The remaining 65% will be divided as follows (rounded to the nearest dollar amount):
Best Puppy in Sweepstakes 5%
Best Junior in Sweepstakes 5%
55% Allocated to Classes - Prize money for each class shall be determined by dividing money by the total entries and then multiplying by the number of entries in the class. Class money to be distributed as follows:
One entry 100%
Two entries .....First - 60%, Second - 40%
Three entries ..... First - 50%, Second - 30%, Third - 20%
Four or more entries. ..... First - 40%, Second - 30%, Third - 20%, Fourth - 10%

SWEEPSTAKES PRIZES

Best in Sweepstakes: Rosette & Garment Bag.
Best Puppy in Sweepstakes: Rosette & Travel Bag.
Best Junior Dog in Sweepstakes: Rosette & Travel Bag.
First through Fourth in Each Sweepstakes Class: Rosette & Laser Engraved Brush.

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017

Judge: Ms. Sandy Dunaway

Veteran Sweepstakes judging will take place following Sweepstakes judging and is open to all Bernese Mountain Dogs who are 7 years old & over on the day of the show. Altered Dogs and Bitches are eligible. Dogs shown in Veteran Sweepstakes need not be entered in one of the regular classes. To enter as 2nd entry, indicate Veteran Sweepstakes class with the age division in the space provided for "Additional Classes." Entry fee is $25.00.

CLASSIFICATION

Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs, 7 years & under 9 years
Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs, 9 years & under 11 years
Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs, 11 years & over
(Same Classes for Bitches)

PRIZE MONEY

The Club will retain 35% of the entry fee for expenses.
The remaining 65% will be divided as follows (rounded to the nearest dollar amount):
Best in Veteran Sweepstakes 5%
Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes..... 5%
55% Allocated to Classes - Prize money for each class shall be determined by dividing money by the total entries and then multiplying by the number of entries in the class. Class money to be distributed as follows: One entry 100%
Two entries .....First - 60%, Second - 40%
Three entries ..... First - 50%, Second - 30%, Third - 20%
Four or more entries. ..... First - 40%, Second - 30%, Third - 20%, Fourth - 10%

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES PRIZES

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes: Rosette & Embroidered Chair.
Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes: Rosette & Embroidered Chair
First through Fourth in Each Veteran Sweepstakes Class: Rosette & Lighted Bernese Mountain Dog on Wooden Stand.

VERSATILITY SHOWCASE – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017

Judge: Ms. Susan Henderson

The Versatility Showcase is a stand alone Conformation exhibition to showcase dogs and bitches that have earned the BMDCA Versatility Award[1] or the BMDCA Versatility Excellent Award[2]. Final judging of Versatility Showcase class winners to award the Best In Versatility and Best of Opposite Sex in Versatility will take place Wednesday evening during the Top Twenty Gala intermission in the main conformation ring. We will feature our conformation versatility Berners during this formal evening event.

To be eligible for entry, dogs must have earned all required titles for the BMDCA Versatility/Versatility Excellent Award, AND the Award must be verified by Gary Galunas, BMDCA Records Chair prior to closing on March 29, 2017. Dogs must be 7 years of age by the first day of regular class judging (April 26, 2017) in order to compete in the dog or bitch class 7 years and older.

Classes

Versatility Dog under 7 years Versatility Dog 7 Years and older
Versatility Excellent Dog under 7 years Versatility Excellent Dog 7 Years and older
(Same classes for Bitches)
Best in Versatility, Best of Opposite Sex

Prizes – Best in Versatility & Best of Opposite Sex in Versatility: Rosette & Custom Raku Plaque. First through Fourth in each Class: Rosette & Stainless Water Bucket with supplies.

The BMDCA Versatility Award was created to recognize those Bernese Mountain Dogs who show great breadth of achievement. One of the primary goals of this award is to encourage all Bernese breeders and owners to preserve the Berner as an "all around" dog with a long tradition as a multi-use farm dog as well as a beautiful show dog.

VERSATILITY SHOWCASE ENTRY FORM

THIS IS A SHOWCASE ONLY. DOGS AND BITCHES JUDGED FIRST IN THESE CLASSES WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR BEST OF BREED by virtue of having won these classes.
To be eligible for Best of Breed, entrants MUST enter Best of Breed or a Non-Regular Veterans class on the Official AKC Entry Form. Versatility Showcase entries must be made on the below form. Make additional copies as necessary. **ENTRY FEE: $35.00**
Make Checks or Money Orders payable in US funds to: BaRay Event Services, Inc.
ENTER ONLINE: www.BaRayEvents.com $3.00 fee per event.
FAX ENTRIES to 360-755-2248. $4.00 fee per event.
MAIL ENTRIES WITH FEES TO: PO Box 508, Burlington, WA 98233.

DOG ENTRY	**AKC DNA #**		
Full Name of Dog:			
Showcase Class: ☐ Versatility Dog under 7 years ☐ Versatility Dog 7 Years and older		☐ Versatility Excellent Dog under 7 years ☐ Versatility Excellent Dog 7 Years & older	
AKC Reg. #	**SEX**	☐ Male ☐ Female	**Date of Birth**
Breeder:			
Sire:			
Dam:			
Owner:			
Owners Address:			

[1]**The Requirements for the BMDCA Versatility Award are as follows:**
• The Berner's owner must be a BMDCA member. • The Berner must have earned an AKC Champion title.
• The Berner must have earned a BMDCA Novice Draft Dog title.
• The Berner must have earned one of the following working titles:
AKC Companion Dog, AKC Tracking Dog, AKC Novice Agility Dog, AKC Novice Agility Jumper, AKC Novice Agility Preferred, AKC Novice Jumper Preferred, AKC Herding Pre-Trial Test, American Herding Breed Association Junior Herding Dog

[2]**The Requirements for the BMDCA Versatility Excellent Award are as follows:**
• The Berner's owner must be a BMDCA member. • The dog must have earned an AKC Grand Champion title.
• The Berner must have earned a BMDCA Draft Dog title.
• The Berner must have earned one of the following working titles: AKC Companion Dog Excellent, AKC Tracking Dog Excellent, AKC Variable Surface Tracker, AKC Open Agility Dog, AKC Open Agility Jumper, AKC Open Agility Dog Preferred, AKC Open Agility Jumper Preferred, AHBA Herding Trial Dog I, II, or III, Herding Ranch Dog I, II, III, Herding Trial Arena Dog I, II, III, Ranch Large Flock I, II, III, AKC Herding Started, AKC Herding Intermediate, AKC Herding Advanced

GENERATIONS SHOWCASE – THURSDAY APRIL 27, 2017

Judge: Ms. Joanne Prellberg

We are pleased to offer the Generations Showcase – a class featuring three generations of direct lineage. It encourages an eye for the long view: what traits endure from generation to generation. The three-dog entry must make up a three-generation pedigree. For example: Dog #1, a parent (either father or mother) of Dog #2; Dog #2 a son or daughter of Dog #1 and a parent to Dog #3; Dog #3, a son or daughter of Dog #2 as well as a grandson or granddaughter of Dog #1. Each dog does not have to be owned by the same person or have the same breeder of record. The youngest entrant must be 6 months old on the day they are judged.

To enter, two of the three dogs entered per family must be entered in another AKC class. Entries may be neutered or spayed. Entries are judged much like the Stud Dog or Brood Bitch Classes, EXCEPT that the positive traits that endure through all three generations are considered. In other words, the judge will consider the degree to which strengths in Dog #1 consistently repeat in Dogs #2 and #3. The class will be divided into grandsires and granddams. Each entry will have three Berners. The grandsires with their two generations will be judged and 1st through 4th will be awarded with the 1st place grandsire receiving Best Grandsire in Generations. This will be repeated with the granddams (1st receiving Best Granddam in Generations). Generations Showcase entries will be submitted through BaRay, our Show Superintendent.

Generations Showcase Prizes

Best Grandsire in Generations: Rosette & Embroidered Chair
Best Granddam in Generations: Rosette & Embroidered Chair
Second through Fourth in class: Rosette & Stainless Water Bucket with supplies

GENERATIONS ENTRY FORM

(Please return this form with the AKC Entry Forms)

THIS FORM COMPRISES ONE UNIT. ENTRY FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM. Please list the three dogs from a 3-generation pedigree, oldest to youngest. Official AKC Entry Form MUST be included for each dog in the group. Two of the three dogs must also be entered in Regular or Non-Regular conformation class.

Name of Dog #1
(oldest)

AKC #

Owner of Dog #1

Name of Dog #2
(son or daughter of Dog #1)

AKC #

Owner of Dog #2

Name of Dog #3
(son or daughter of Dog #2)

AKC #

Owner of Dog #3

OBEDIENCE TRIAL – WEDNESDAY APRIL 26, 2017

Qualifying Score Required For All Prizes in Regular Classes. "Dog" means either sex.
Transfers will be allowed at this Trial per AKC Regulations.

PLEASE NOTE: Refund of entries for bitches that come into season after the closing date of this show may be obtained by sending a veterinarian's certificate to the Show Superintendent. This certificate must be postmarked or given to the Show Superintendent on or before the start of judging on Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

A Dark Green Qualifying Score Rosette will be given to each dog receiving a qualifying score.

Rings will be fully matted. Due to space limitations in the Ballroom, there will be no crating inside the Ballroom. Crating will be available in the hotel Atrium, which is just outside the Ballroom doors. No x-pens will be allowed. For questions, contact Stephanie Biksacky, Obedience Chair, at dogwoman67@q.com.

Judges:

Mr. Michael A. Calhoun .....Novice A; Open A; Utility A; Beginner Novice A/B; Veterans; Team
Mr. D Bruce Fraser .....Novice B; Open B; Utility B; Preferred Open; Preferred Utility; Team

CLASSIFICATION

Regular Classes .....Novice A • Novice B • Open A • Open B • Utility A • Utility B
Preferred Classes.....Preferred Open • Preferred Utility
Non-Regular Classes ..... Veterans • Team

PRIZES

Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes: Rosette, Custom Raku Plaque, 4-piece matching set of grooming/supplies totes.

Highest Combined Score in Open B & Utility B Classes: Rosette, 3-piece matching set of grooming/supplies totes.

First through Fourth Prize, each Class: Rosette & Silk Screened Crate Covers.

First through Fourth Prize, Novice A Class: Armband Holder.

Highest Scoring Team in Obedience: Rosette & Training Treat Pouches.

The Jay Jay Award – Highest Combined Score in Open B & Utility with a BMDCA Draft Dog Title: Handmade Wooden Berner with Cart.

Highest Qualifying Dog with ILP/PAL in the Regular Classes: Fluted Glass Bowl.

Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes with a Senior Handler (55+): Large Blanket.

Oldest Qualifying BMD in the Regular Classes: Stained Glass Quilt Square featuring Bernese Mountain Dog.

Highest Scoring Champion of Record in the Regular Classes: Large Blanket.

Highest Scoring Grand Master Draft Dog in the Regular Classes or Veterans: Berner design embroidered pillow.

HEIDI'S LEGACY CHALLENGE TROPHY – This trophy is to be awarded annually to the Bernese Mountain Dog and handler team that receives the highest qualifying score in a regular obedience class at the Official National Specialty Trial on Wednesday, April 26th. To retire the trophy, the same person must win the Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes (HIT) three times, not necessarily with the same dog nor at consecutive Nationals, with one win from the Open Class and one win from the Utility class.

Originally crafted and donated by Russell & Peg Forte for the first BMDCA National Specialty in 1976, this large wood plaque features gorgeous hand-tooled and painted leather work depicting five images of working Bernese Mountain Dogs. The bottom of the plaque lists the name of each dog and handler team that has earned HIT at the official BMDCA National Specialty Obedience Trial since inception.

The trophy is named in memory of April Rifenberg's Heidi (Bernfield's Astrea v CarMar TD, UD) who retired the trophy in 1986 after winning HIT at the 1980, 1983 & 1986 National Specialties. Vilma Kistner Briggs was the next individual to retire the trophy in 2008, by winning HIT in 1999 with "Java" U-UD Mocha Java Slurp, UDX, HCT (Open), in 2003 with "Charm" Thirdtym's A Charm, UD, RE, NA, NAJ, NDD (Novice), and in 2008 with "Latte" Ch. Brighteye Whole Latte Love, UDX, RE, NA, NAJ, HCT, NDD (Utility), Vilma donated the trophy back to the BMDCA in 2009 with a "challenge" that any future individuals, who retire the trophy, donate it back to BMDCA so the plaque will forever remain a part of our club's history and breed heritage.

RALLY TRIAL – THURSDAY APRIL 27, 2017

Qualifying Score Required For All Prizes
"Dog" means either sex
Transfers will be allowed at this Trial per AKC Regulations.
Rally entries must include dog's jump height

PLEASE NOTE: Refund of entries for bitches that come into season after the closing date of this show may be obtained by sending a veterinarian's certificate to the Show Superintendent. This certificate must be postmarked or given to the Show Superintendent on or before the start of judging on Thursday, April 27, 2017.

A Dark Green Qualifying Score Rosette will be given to each dog receiving a qualifying score.

JUDGES

Mr. Michael Calhoun ..... Novice A & B
Ms. Theresa Temple ..... Advanced A & B, Excellent A & B

CLASSIFICATION

Regular Classes ..... Novice A & B, Advanced A & B, Excellent A & B

RALLY TRIAL PRIZES

High Combined Excellent B & Advanced B: Rosette, Dog Travel Bed & Armband Holder.
First through Fourth Prize, Each Class: Rosette & Wooden Etched Picture Frame
Oldest Qualifying Dog in any Class: Rosette & Crate Pad.

TRACKING TESTS (TD & TDX) – MONDAY APRIL 24, 2017

Judges: Mr. Roy Fair and Ms. Judy Stromquist

Where: Frenchman's Bar Park, Vancouver, WA

Download premium list at http://www.bmdca.org/specialty/2017 or contact Tracking Chair/Secretary Dino Candelaria at blackcoral@cableone.net to request a hard copy. The premium list is also available on the BaRay Superintendent website. For questions, contact Tracking Chair/Secretary Dino Candelaria at blackcoral@cableone.net.

***Tracking Prizes* – Qualifiers:** Rosette, Glove from Test, & Training Apron

AHBA HERDING TESTS & TRIALS – MONDAY APRIL 24, 2017

Judges: Ms. Mary Peaslee and Mr. Ron Fischer

Where: Brigand's Hide Out, Battle Ground, WA

Two American Herding Breeds Association (AHBA) All-Breed Tests & Trials featuring Herding Trial Arena Dog Levels I, II, III (HTAD), Jr. Herding Dog (JHD) and Herding Capability Tests (HCT)

Pre-entries and day-of-show entries accepted. Open to all breeds with preference given to Bernese Mountain Dogs. Download premium list at http://www.bmdca.org/specialty/2017 or by contacting Herding Test Secretary Mary Dowski at madowski@aol.com to request a hard copy. The premium list is also available on the BaRay Superintendent website.

For questions, contact Herding Chair Deb Bammel at dgbammel@gmail.com or Mary Dowski at madowski@aol.com.

***Herding Prizes* – Qualifiers:** Rosette

- **High in Combined (any breed):** Rosette & Shepherd's Crook
- **Reserve High in Combined (any breed):** Rosette & Shepherd's Crook
- **High in Combined (Bernese Mountain Dog):** Rosette & Breed Canvas Tote Bag
- **Oldest Qualifying Bernese Mountain Dog:** Rosette & Breed Grocery Tote Bag
- **Youngest Qualifying Bernese Mountain Dog:** Rosette & Breed Grocery Tote Bag
- **Qualifying AKC or CKC Champion of Record Bernese Mountain Dog:** Choice of BMD Herding Pin, Laser Engraved BMD Leather Bookmark, or BMD Wood Keychain
- **Bernese Mountain Dog completing an AHBA Title:** Choice of BMD Herding Pin, Laser Engraved BMD Leather Bookmark or BMD Wood Keychain

AGILITY TRIAL – TUESDAY APRIL 25, 2017

Judge: Ms. Paula Ratoza

Where: East Delta Park Sports Complex, Portland, OR

Download premium list at http://www.bmdca.org/specialty/2017 or by contacting Agility Trial Secretary Lori Sage at lksage@aol.com for a hard copy. The premium list is also available on the BaRay Superintendent website.

For questions, contact Agility Co-Chairs Christie Leone at agilitybmd@gmail.com and Lisa Kaufman at lkkaufman@outlook.com.

Agility Prizes:
- **High in Trial:** Rosette & Vinyl Jump
- **High in Trial Preferred:** Rosette & Vinyl Jump
- **High in Combined:** Rosette & Vinyl Jump
- **High in Combined Preferred:** Rosette & Vinyl Jump
- **QQQ:** Charm/pin
- **Placements in respective heights and classes:** Rosette & Large Stainless Water Bucket with hook
- **Oldest Qualifying Dog in Any Class:** Keepsake Box

THREE DRAFT TESTS – MONDAY APRIL 24, 2017, TUESDAY APRIL 25, 2017 & FRIDAY APRIL 28, 2017

Draft Test 1: Monday Judges: Mr. Jim Maxwell and Mr. Phil Chagnon

Draft Test 2: Tuesday Judges: Mr. Larry Bohlig and Mr. Jim Maxwell

Draft Test 3: Friday Judges: Ms. Barb Gibson and Mr. Phil Chagnon

Where: East Delta Park Sports Complex, Portland, OR

Classes: Novice, Open, Brace Novice and Brace Open

Each test will have 24 teams per test limit. Untitled teams will be given priority over titled teams. Download premium list at http://www.bmdca.org/specialty/2017 or by contacting Draft Test Chair Ruth Nielsen at RNielsen@Nielsenlaw.com or Draft Tests Secretary Gina Craig at GinaDraftSecretary@gmail.com. The premium list is also available on the BaRay Superintendent website.

For questions, contact Draft Test Chair Ruth Nielsen at RNielsen@Nielsenlaw.com.

Draft Prizes:
- **Qualifier:** Rosette & Soft-side Dog Food Bag
- **Oldest Qualifying Dog (one for each test):** Silk Screened Crate Cover

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE AWARD – THE TRIATHLETE CHALLENGE

Entry forms due April 16, 2017

Are you and your dog a multi-tasking team? Set your sights on the Specialty Triathlete Challenge! The Specialty Triathlete Award is given at the Awards Banquet to EACH Berner/handler team which earns a qualifying leg or passing score in three or more different working venues. Yes, you can do it all!

The eligible events are tracking (all classes), herding (JHD or higher), rally (regular classes only), obedience (regular classes only—novice, open, utility), agility (all classes), and draft (all classes). Only one score or performance in each venue will count towards this award.

If your dog can pull, heel, sniff, run, and jump—just pick your venues and go for the gold! The Specialty Triathlete Awards will be something to treasure.

Award offered by Ruth Nielsen—Mazama Mountain Dogs.

To be eligible, download and complete the Triathlete Challenge form on http://www.bmdca.org/specialty/2017 and email to RNielsen@Nielsenlaw.com no later than April 16, 2017.

For questions, email Ruth at RNielsen@Nielsenlaw.com. Mailed entries also accepted, send to 3909 Interlake Ave N, Seattle WA 98103.

TOP TWENTY GALA – WEDNESDAY APRIL 26, 2017

The BMDCA Top Twenty Committee welcomes attendees to the "ENCHANTED FOREST!" Join us for a Magical Night in a Fairy Garden of beautiful dogs at the BMDCA's fifth annual Top Twenty Gala, which will be held the evening of Wednesday, April 26th in the conformation ring at the Holiday Inn Portland Airport Conference Center. This event will showcase the top conformation dogs from 2016. Entry is by invitation only and is sent to the top 20 Bernese Mountain Dogs in breed and all-breed points, as determined by AKC statistics from January 1 through December 31, 2016. Dogs will be prejudged by a three-judge panel the afternoon prior to the gala event. Each judge will evaluate the dogs on a predetermined point system, enumerating the criteria of our breed standard. The emphasis for judging is on the individual qualities of the dog and how closely he/she conforms to the breed standard. Points will be tabulated once the prejudging is completed, and the winner will be announced at the conclusion of the event. In addition, attendees will also have the opportunity to vote for the People's Choice Award.

The Top Twenty competition will culminate Wednesday evening in the main conformation ring at the host hotel. The event is open to the general public to view the final showcase of the Top Twenty dogs and presentation of awards to the top winners. This event will be both entertaining and exciting as the handlers present their dogs to music chosen by them to represent the unique personalities of their dogs. During intermission, you will delighted with the final judging for Veterans Sweepstakes and the Versatility Showcase.

The theme this year is "Enchanted Forest", so evening wear is encouraged for participants and formal and/or fairy attire for the audience. Honor the beloved dog(s) at your feet, or commemorate the dogs who will forever be in your heart by purchasing a "Heart Light" to celebrate each of them. This 4-inch birch bark candle with an attached wooden heart bearing your dog's call name is available through the BMDCA online store at http://www.bmdca-store.com. Your personalized Heart Light(s) will be available for pick up at the Top Twenty ring.

Top Twenty Gala donations are also very welcome
and may be made through the master registration form.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

By Car: *From the North & South:* From Interstate 5 follow signs to Interstate 205. Off Interstate 205, take Exit 23B. Follow NE Killingsworth St and NE Columbia Pkwy N Blvd to NE Columbia Blvd. Hotel is on the north side of street.
By Air: *Suggested Airports:* Portland (PDX) - 2 miles, approximately 4 minute drive to host hotel Seattle (SEA) - 164 miles, approximately 2 hours and 40 minute drive to host hotel. All suggested airports have rental car facilities.

HOTEL SHUTTLE SERVICE

Hotel shuttle service will be available to and from the PDX airport to the host hotel. If you wish to coordinate shuttle service, contact the Host Hotel at Holiday Inn Portland Airport, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd, Portland, OR 97220 (503) 256-5000

HOST HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

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The host hotel is currently full; however, a wait list is being maintained. If you would like to put your name on the wait list, please access http://www.bmdca.org/specialty/2017 to download and complete the official hotel reservation form and submit it directly to the hotel. Our host hotel, the Holiday Inn Portland Airport, is located only 2 miles from the airport and only 10 miles from downtown Portland. All meeting and banquet spaces, as well as the conference center have been booked exclusively for our event. There is a non-refundable pet fee of $30 regardless of the length of stay and a maximum of 4 dogs allowed per room. All animals must be crated when owners leave the room. For more information on the host hotel, deposits/refunds, or host hotel policies access http://www.bmdca.org/specialty/2017.

ALTERNATIVE & OVERFLOW HOTELS

For alternative and overflow hotel information after March 1st, please contact Nancy Van Horne, Hotel Liaison, at nancy.vanhorne@gmail.com or by phone at (425) 444-0362.

RV PARKING & CAMPING INFORMATION

The following RV parks are located near the host hotel.

Portland Fairview RV Park, 21401 NE Sandy Blvd, Fairview OR 97024, portlandfairviewrv.com, phone (877) 777-1049, 8.5 miles east of host hotel, and about 15 minute drive. The park will accept BMDs and has a limit of two dogs per camper, unless otherwise negotiated directly with park management.

Jantzen Beach RV Park, 1503 N Hayden Island Dr, Portland OR 97217, jantzenbeachrv.com, phone (800) 443-7248, 7.4 miles west of host hotel, and about 15 minute drive. The park normally has a two dog limit per camper, but the committee has confirmed that the park will waive that limit for our event.

Columbia River RV Park, 10649 NE 13th Ave, Portland OR 97211, columbiariverrv.com, phone (888) 366-7725, 5.7 miles west of the host hotel, and about 10 minute drive. The park typically accepts only small dogs, unless otherwise negotiated directly with park management.

Direct questions to Grounds/RV chair Larry Nielsen at nielsenlh1@gmail.com.

GENERAL ADDITIONAL RULES

- Dogs must not be tied to bushes, shrubs, trees or other permanent fixtures. The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc., the Host Hotel and Show Superintendent will not be responsible for the loss or damage to any dog exhibited or possession of any exhibitor, whether the result of an accident or any other cause. It is distinctly understood that every dog at these events is in the care and custody of his owner or handler during the entire time the dog is in the show buildings or the grounds. The welfare of an exhibitor's child is assumed to be the responsibility of the exhibitor. It is distinctly understood that exhibitors will exercise control and restraint over their children on the days of the events.
- All persons attending this Specialty Show's events hereby waive any claim for damages against the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. or its members in the event that a motor vehicle must be entered to rescue a dog from overheating or suffocation due to improper ventilation. Identification labels will be available from the Superintendent's office. Each crate must be labeled for identification in case of emergencies.
- The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. or the Host Hotel will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items left at the show site.
- The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. may decline entries for cause and may refuse to receive or may remove any dog on account of disease, viciousness or any other cause, in accordance with AKC rules and regulations. No one shall have any claim or recourse against the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. or any official thereof.
- No dogs shall be left unattended in an x-pen.
- No generators of any kind permitted on hotel grounds.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS – ANIMALS IN DISTRESS

The BMDCA 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 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.

ENTRY SUBMISSIONS, CANCELLATIONS, CHANGES, TRANSFERS

MAIL ENTRIES WITH FEES to PO Box 508, Burlington, WA 98233.

CANADIANS make all entry fees payable in U.S. funds.

FAX ENTRIES: Fax number: 360-755-2248. $4.00 per dog per show added for FAX-Credit Card entries. Both sides of entry form must be transmitted. Entries must be accompanied by a cover sheet stating the number of pages, what shows and how many dogs per show. Visa, MasterCard, and American Express are accepted for Fax entries. Credit card information (Credit Card number, expiration date, and cardholder name) must be on cover sheet. Note: Visa and MasterCard users – You must include the 3-digit security code that appears above your signature on the back of the card. Proof of fax transmission is not proof of receipt of a legible or complete transmission (under AKC Rule Ch. 11, Sec. 4). A Fax-Friendly entry blank PDF is available for download at www.BarayEvents.com.

ONLINE ENTRIES: Web site is **BaRayEvents.com** Follow instructions on Web site. $3.00 charge per dog per show.

FEDEX, UPS, AIRBORNE or HAND-DELIVERED: Do NOT require signature. 113 E. Fairhaven Ave., Burlington, WA 98233.

PHONE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

CANCELLATIONS, CHANGES AND TRANSFERS will be accepted according to AKC Rules. Any refunds will be made within three weeks after the show. An administration fee may apply. (01/2016)

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS – ALL EVENTS

The American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations will govern this Show and Exhibitors must make themselves familiar with the agreement of the American Kennel Club, referred to on the reverse side of the entry blanks that accompany this Show Premium List.

- The American Kennel Club will collect: a $3.00 Event Service Fee and $.50 Recording Fee where applicable for the first entry of a dog, plus a $3.00 service fee for each additional entry of the same dog in the regular and non-regular recordable single-entry classes, in all AKC licensed and member club events. At every licensed or member club rally trial, a recording fee of $3.50 is required for the first entry of each dog and a recording fee of $3.00 is required for each additional entry of the same dog. The event-giving club shall assume the responsibility of collecting all Event Service Fees for The American Kennel Club. These event service and recording fees shall be forwarded to The American Kennel Club along with all other required event results within seven (7) days of the close of the event.
- No Entry will be accepted which specifies any condition as to its acceptance. Telegraph, e-mail and unsigned entries cannot be accepted and will be returned. Entries not on Official AKC Entry Forms and Photocopies of Entry Forms without Agreement and Rules on reverse side are NOT ACCEPTABLE. The Club and/or Baray Events assumes no responsibility for wrong or incomplete information given on the entry blank by the owner or the owner's agent. RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLETENESS OF ENTRY RESTS SOLELY WITH ENTRANT.
- RETURNED CHECKS DO NOT CONSTITUTE A VALID ENTRY FEE. BaRay Events will add a $30.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check. We will not re-process checks. The exhibitor will be contacted & required to send a money order for the original amount PLUS the $30.00 NSF fee. Subsequent returned checks from same person may result in their being put on a CASH ONLY BASIS.
- REFUNDS for cancellations due to judge change or cancellations made prior to entries closing will be mailed by the Club to said Exhibitor or Agent AFTER THE SHOW. An administrative fee of $5.00 will be withheld from all refunds for entries cancelled prior to the closing of entries.
- Females in season are not permitted to compete in Obedience or Rally Trials. If a female is withdrawn from competition because it came into season and the Superintendent is notified no later than one half hour prior to the start of the first class in the trial, the club is required to refund the entry fee. The club may retain a processing fee and must publish this information in the premium. Clubs may determine the documentation, if any that is required to confirm the female is in season. This shall be stated in the premium. Note: No fee is paid to the AKC for females in season who are withdrawn.
- FAX ENTRIES – Fax entries will be accepted up to closing time. Fee is $4.00 per dog per show. If the credit card charge is denied for any reason, an additional service charge of $20.00 will be added. FAX NUMBER: (360) 755-2248. This is for Fax Machine ONLY. Incomplete or illegible Fax entries are not acceptable as a valid entry in a show. Proof of transmission is not proof of receipt of a legible or complete transmission (under AKC Rule Ch. 11, Sec. 4). A Fax-Friendly entry blank PDF is available for download at www.BarayEvents.com
- Entries will be acknowledged after entries close with entry acknowledgment and judging program to address on entry. Should Exhibitor NOT receive an acknowledgment within a reasonable time, PLEASE notify BaRay Events at (360) 755-7086 or email dogshows@barayevents.com.
- Entry fees shall NOT be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, sick, lame, excused by the Judge or Veterinarian, or barred from competition by action of the Show Committee, or because it has been entered incorrectly. There is no refund for DUPLICATE ENTRIES or OVERPAYMENTS. If, because of riots, civil disturbances or other acts beyond the control of the management it is impossible to open, or to complete the Show NO REFUND will be made. To find out about any AKC event cancellations call the AKC Event Cancellation Hotline 877-252-3229.
- Please note: Any hotel or motel listed in the premium list is subject to Event Committee Rules. We expect our exhibitors to be responsible guests. A report that an exhibitor at this show has abused hotel or motel property during this weekend may result in disciplinary action. Clubs reserve the right to decline future entries from the offending party in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 11, Section 15 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows.
- Dogs need be present only for scheduled judging and will be released if not needed for further judging. Dogs must be ready for judging. Neither the club nor its Superintendent/Show Secretary will be responsible or obligated to furnish any service for notifying exhibitors or their agents of Breed or Class Judging. Judges need not wait for any dog holding up a class. Owners or agents alone are responsible for the presence of their dogs in the judging rings.
- Only dogs eligible for these shows will be admitted into the show area. There is no provision for unentered dogs.
- LOSS OR DAMAGE – The Show Committee will use due care and diligence for the welfare of dogs and exhibitors, but will not be responsible for, or assume any liability in the event of any accident or misfortune, to either dogs or exhibitors participating in these Shows. The welfare of an Exhibitor's child is assumed to be the responsibility of the Exhibitor. It is distinctly understood that Exhibitors will exercise control and restraint over their children.
- Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.
- ALL RIGHTS TO TELEVISE, VIDEOTAPE, ADVERTISE, PHOTOGRAPH, PROMOTE or otherwise exploit this event are vested in the Club, or in persons to whom assignments of such rights have been made in writing by the Club. All persons and animals on the Show Grounds at any time while the show is in progress, do by attending this show or participating therein, grant to the Club the right to photograph, televise, videotape, audiotape or otherwise use their likeness and voice in any manner without further release or consent. The Club is not responsible for the actions or products of the commercial vendors at this show.

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