The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America
46th Annual National Specialty Show

2021 National Specialty Show
Agility, Conformation w/NOHS, Draft, Futurity, Herding, Junior Showmanship, Obedience, Rally Obedience, Scent Work, Sweepstakes, Top 20 Gala, Tracking, Versatility Showcase, Veteran Sweepstakes, and Veterans (Unbenched)

HOSTED BY
The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. and the Bernese Mountain Dog Clubs of the Rockies, Grand Canyon, Heartland, and Lone Star

Sunday, May 9th to Saturday, May 15th

HOST HOTEL
The Ridgeline Hotel
101 South Saint Vrain Avenue
Estes Park CO 80517
(970) 586-2332

EVENTS TO TAKE PLACE INDOORS AT
Estes Park Events Complex
1125 Rooftop Way
Estes Park CO 80517
unless otherwise noted

www.bmdca.org/specialty/2021
Welcome

On behalf of the Specialty Show Committee welcome to “Berner Base Camp”, the site of our 2021 BMDCA National Specialty in Estes Park, Colorado, gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park. Our Basecamp is hosted by the consortium of clubs consisting of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies, Grand Canyon Bernese Mountain Dog Club, Heartland Bernese Mountain Dog Club and Lone Star Bernese Mountain Dog Club.

The 2021 National Specialty will offer exciting and fun events for all your Berner interests. You can participate in or watch Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Draft, Tracking, Agility and Herding. New this year — the first AKC Herding Trials at a Berner National AND the first AKC Scent Work Trial! Learn something new at Berner U or take advantage of our Health Clinics, and Berner-Garde booth. Please take time to enter and/or enjoy the Photo Contest, Rescue Gallery, Parade of Veterans and Titleholders Gallery. Don’t forget to shop at all of our wonderful vendors and participate in the Raffle.

All events will be held on the Grounds of the Events Complex with the exception of Agility, Tracking and Draft. Draft is just across the street! Agility will be held at Progressive School for Dogs, an 11,000 sq ft state of the art agility facility approximately 1 hour east of Estes Park. Tracking will be held at Boyd Lake State Park, approximately 50 minutes east of Estes Park.

Estes Park is a charming mountain town on the edge of Rocky Mountain National Park. You couldn’t ask for a more appropriate setting for our Berners to show off their stuff! As a small town, it did not have a single hotel that could accommodate everyone’s rooming requirements. So, your committee turned this into a positive by searching out a variety of wonderful lodging offerings. We invite everyone to “Choose Your Experience” and pick a lodging that offers you the perfect stay whether that’s a hotel room in the thick of things, a riverside room, vacation home or a cute mountain cabin!

Kick off your week with an event that everyone will be talking about for days — Our Tuesday Welcome Reception where we all “Gather Round the Campfire”, hosted by the International Brotherhood of MaleBernese Mountain Dog Owners — better known as “The Brotherhood”. We aren’t sure what hijinks these fellows will be up to, but it’s guaranteed to be a hoot!

Alice Clark
BMDCA 2021 National Specialty Chair

Distinguished Panel of Judges

Conformation
Best of Breed (Intersex): Mrs. Mary Alice Eschweiler
Regular & Non-Regular Dog Classes, Stud Dog,
Beginner Puppy, and Junior Showmanship: Mrs. Deborah Wilkins
Regular & Non-Regular Bitch Classes, Brood Bitch, and Brace: Ms. Kimberly Anne Meredith
2020 Futurity: Mrs. Sarah Tennessen
2021 Futurity: Ms. Joanne Prellberg
Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes: Mrs. Alise Burbridge
Versatility Showcase: Ms. Patricia Healy

Performance
Agility: Ms. Beth Godwin
Draft Test #1: Ms. Christine Mann & Mr. Steve Likevich
Draft Test #2: Ms. Jennifer Brightbill & Mr. Jasen Duncan
Draft Test #3: Mr. Steve Likevich & Mr. Barry Solomon
Draft Test #4: Ms. Eden Jonas & Ms. Jennifer Brightbill
Herding: Mr. Cappy Pruett & Ms. Anita Ramsey
Obedience Trial: Mr. Fred Burhoff & Mr. Randy Capsel
Rally Obedience Trial: Mr. Fred Burhoff & Mr. Randy Capsel
Scent Work: Ms. RuthAnn Stricker & Ms. Denise McClure
Tracking: Ms. Jane A. Jonas & Mr. Dave A. Freddy
**Travel Information**

A note on mountain driving: It is not unusual to encounter winter driving conditions in the Colorado mountains in May. Winter rated tires with adequate tread depth are strongly recommended. These directions are the most direct and are best for motorhomes. There are more scenic routes, but they are longer, twisty, and require more climbing.

**From I-80 East or Westbound:** Take I-80 to I-25 South 53 miles to exit 257, Hwy 34 West. Take Hwy 34 West 29 miles to Estes Park.

**From I-70 Westbound (Toll Road, fastest route):** Take I-70 to E-470, exit 289 (toll road). Then E-470 26 miles to I-25 North. Then I-25 North 41 miles to exit 257 Hwy 34 West. Take Hwy 34 West 29 miles to Estes Park. ~OR~ **From I-70 Westbound:** Take I-70 to I-25 North. Then I-25 North to exit 257 Hwy 34 West. Take Hwy 34 West 29 miles to Estes Park.

**From I-70 Eastbound:** Take I-70 to I-76 (note exit is on the left). Then I-76 7.5 miles to I-25 north. Take I-25 North 41 miles to exit 257, Hwy 34 West. Take Hwy 34 West 29 miles to Estes Park.

**From Denver International Airport (DIA):** Take Pena Blvd to E-470 north/FortCollins, then I-25 North 41 miles to Hwy 34 West. Take Hwy 34 west 29 miles to Estes Park.

**Transportation from Denver International Airport (DIA):** Shuttle van service to Estes Park from DIA is operated by Estes Park Shuttle. They can be reached at (970)586-5151, or estesparkshuttle@aol.com. Be sure to tell them you have a large dog(s). The alternatives would be rental vehicles or a ride hailing service (Uber/Lyft). Uber/Lyft would be expensive; well over $100. All major rental agencies are available at DIA.

If you wish to coordinate travel plans to the show site with others, check out the 2021 BMDCA Specialty Trailhead on Facebook at [https://www.facebook.com/groups/1204488766560748/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1204488766560748/).

**Accommodations**

Estes Park is a small village, with no single hotel large enough to accommodate all of our attendees, so we have designed a menu of lodging options so you can "choose your experience". Choose the Ridgeline Hotel for a budget friendly option, or a Murphy's property for a little something special — gel fireplace, suites, or a balcony overlooking the river. Another option is one of our cabin properties to get a "mountain community feel" at a semi-private Berner enclave. Barbecues, drinks on the deck, and hot tubs anyone?


Information regarding the rooms, cancellation policies, dog requirements, and other hotel information is available on the BMDCA website at [http://www.bmdca.org/specialty/2021/hotel.php](http://www.bmdca.org/specialty/2021/hotel.php). Each guest will be required to read and sign a Pet Agreement accepting responsibility for the dogs staying in their care/room. We encourage hotel guests to preview the agreement.

If you are staying in one of the lodging choices below and are driving an RV or towing a trailer, please contact the lodging front desk to make arrangements for parking. Estes Park ordinance prohibits people from staying overnight in RVs parked in these areas.

**HOST HOTEL**

**The Ridgeline Hotel**, 101 South Saint Vrain Avenue, Estes Park CO 80517, Phone (970) 586-2332

The Ridgeline Hotel will be the site for all of our banquets, the Health Auction, and Berner U. The Ridgeline is located 1/4 mile from the show site. Decorated in a modern mountain casual style, it has all the amenities you would expect, including outdoor firepits to relax around at the end of the day. We will have the entire run of the house for the week of the National.

**ALTERNATE HOTELS**

**Rocky Mountain Resorts**, Sunnyside Knoll, 2760 Fall River Road, Estes Park CO 80517

Rocky Mountain Resorts has offered us several cabin communities located around Estes Park. The Sunnyside Knoll cabins include 18 units that are all dog friendly and reserved for the BMDCA. This is a wonderful place to create a special enclave of Berner friends. If additional space is required, they will open up a second property to us. Sunnyside Knoll is approximately a 5 minute drive from the show site.
McGregor Mountain Lodge & Castle Mountain Lodge, 1520 & 2815 Fall River Road, Estes Park CO 80517
These two properties (under the same management) are offering rooms and cabins that are dog friendly and non-dog friendly. These cabins are slightly larger than the ones Rocky Mountain Resort's cabins. Some are just steps from the river. They are approximately a 5-7 minute drive from the show site.

Murphy's Resort and Murphy's River Lodge, 1650 Big Thompson Avenue & 481 West Elkhorn Avenue, Estes Park CO 80517
Murphy's Resort is a five-minute drive from the show site. It’s a single level motel with very easy access to dog walking areas. It offers a variety of generously sized rooms. Don’t be fooled by a modest looking exterior — these are very nice rooms! NOTE! More than one vehicle per room will need approval when you book.

Murphy's River Lodge is a smaller property a seven-minute drive from the show site. But they are within walking distance of downtown restaurants. Again, there are a variety of room types including upper and lower condo units that connect. Many have balconies fronting the river. Be sure to check out the drone tour on the website. More than one vehicle per room will need approval when you book.

RV PARKING
There will be 42 RV spots available at the show site, 1125 Rooftop Way, Estes Park CO 80517, for $60 per night from Saturday, May 8 through Saturday, May 15, which can be reserved via the form and directions on the website until capacity is reached. Reserved spaces will be paid for through Master Registration and payment in full must be submitted before Master Registration closes. For additional information, or to be put on the wait list, contact RV Chairs Sharon & Mark Johnson at pfireberners@aol.com.

Alternate RV offsite park nearby — Estes Park KOA (4 minutes from show site), 2051 Big Thompson Avenue, Estes Park CO 80517, Phone: (970) 586-2888, https://koa.com/campgrounds/estes-park/
- Each reserved RV space will have water (weather allowing) and 30/50 Amp electricity available. There are showers at the site and there is an onsite dump location.
- The RV spaces are approximately 1,000 feet from the show site. Golf cart rental will be available, please contact the RV chair for information if interested.
- In Master Registration, you will be asked to indicate the date of arrival and pay for the associated number of nights for your reservation, as well as the size of your RV, including any slideouts. Spaces will be assigned based on this information.
- The RV chairman will contact those holding reservations to confirm information after registration closes. If possible, we will have an RV dump company to come in mid-week to dump RV’s at their RV sites. This would be paid directly to the dumping Company as they service your RV. More details will be available closer to the show date.
- RV parking is only allowed in a designated area as assigned. Absolutely NO RV parking outside of designated area.
- Quiet time will be from 11:00pm-6:00am, however, generators will be permitted to run during this time.
- RVs must have an exhaust stack.
- No black/grey water dumping.
- No use of sawdust or shaving. This is a self-cleaning show.
- Reserved grooming van/box truck parking spaces are not accessible with an RV Parking Space pass.
- Application for an RV Parking Space implies acknowledgment and agreement to adhere to all RV restrictions and rules.
- The RV Parking Pass is not a bailment. The BMDCA, BMDCR, GCSBMDC, HBMDC, and LSBMDC, their respective executive boards, officers, members, agents, superintendents, and the Estes Park Event Center will not be responsible for damages, loss, or injury which may be sustained on the grounds of the complex, including the disappearance, loss, or theft of any dogs.
- No overnight parking of RVs allowed in the Events Center parking lot.
**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, MAY 9**
BMDCA Board Meeting 8:30am
Registration opens at Ridgeline Hotel 1:00-7:00pm
Herding at Estes Park Events Complex
Tracking Test at Boyd Lake State Park, Loveland

**MONDAY, MAY 10**
Registration at Ridgeline Hotel 8:00am-7:00pm
Bernr University at Ridgeline Hotel
Grooming Area Opens 3:00pm
Rescue Gallery at Ridgeline Hotel
Vendor Move-In 12:00-5:00pm
Agility at Progressive School for Dogs, Greeley
Draft Test #1 at Stanley Park Ball Field, Estes Park
Breeders Symposium 7:00pm (see pg 16)

**TUESDAY, MAY 11**
Registration at Catalog Sales 9:00am
Bernr-Garde
Bernr University at Ridgeline Hotel
Catalog Sales Open
Juniors’ Handling Clinic & Grooming Mentorship
Photo Contest
Raffle
Rescue Gallery at Ridgeline Hotel
Titleholders Gallery at Events Center
Vendors Open
Draft Test #2 & #3 at Stanley Park Ball Field, Estes Park
2020 Futurity
Sweepstakes
Welcome Reception at Ridgeline Hotel 5:30pm

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 12**
International Reception 7:30am
Registration at Catalog Sales
Bernr-Garde
Health Clinics
Juniors’ Field Trip & Volunteering at Top 20
Photo Contest
Raffle
Rescue/Titleholders Galleries
Obedience
2021 Futurity
Veterans Sweepstakes
Versatility Showcase Classes
Top Twenty Judging
Top Twenty Gala

**THURSDAY, MAY 13**
Registration at Catalog Sales
Bernr-Garde
Judges’ Education—seminar, ringside mentoring, and hands-on workshop
Juniors’ Obedience Clinic & Pizza Party
Photo Contest
Raffle
Rescue/Titleholders Galleries
Rally Obedience
Team Obedience
Beginner Puppy
Regular Conformation Dog Classes
Veterans Parade at Lunch Break
Veteran Dog Classes
Non-Regular Classes (Stud Dog)
Health Auction (Slider Bar 6:00pm, Silent Auction 6:00pm; Live Auction 7:30pm)

**FRIDAY, MAY 14**
Registration at Catalog Sales
Bernr-Garde
Judges’ Education—ringside mentoring
Photo Contest Closes at Noon
Raffle Closes at 2:00pm
Rescue/Titleholders Galleries Close at 1:30pm
Draft Test #4 At Stanley Park Ball Field, Estes Park
Scent Work Trial, Estes Park Events Complex
Regular Conformation Bitch Classes
Veteran Bitch Classes
Non-Regular Classes (Brood Bitch and Brace)
BMDCA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet, Doors Open 6:30pm

**SATURDAY, MAY 15**
Registration at Catalog Sales
Judges’ Education—ringside mentoring
Junior Showmanship
Best of Breed followed by NOHS Best of Breed, Best Puppy, Best Veteran, Best Bred-by-Exhibitor
Judges’ Dinner, Doors Open 6:30pm
Deadline for Ad Submission is March 24

Celebrate your BMD by placing an advertisement in the 2021 BMDCA National Specialty Catalog. Do you have a fit and fabulous veteran, a rising new star, or a rescue extraordinaire? Regional Club event schedules are always important information. Advertising in the National Specialty Catalog is a fine way to reach other Berner enthusiasts in the USA and abroad. Feature your breeding program or stud dog, brag about your performance achievements, or inform us of your BMD products or services. And who doesn’t love a page wishing all your friends fun times at the Specialty?

The deadline for ad submissions (both camera-ready and ads requiring design assistance) is March 24th to insure there is adequate time to get your approval and to incorporate your ad in the overall catalog design layout. If you need assistance, a graphic designer is available for basic ad production at an established fee of $40, payable to the designer.

Ad Sizes & Rates (all include photos)
- Two Full-Page Spread $130
- Full-Page $85
- Half-Page $50

Ad Specifications
- Berner-Garde numbers and names are required for specific dogs featured in ads.
- Full page ad size is 4½" wide x 7½” tall (this also applies for each page of a two full-page spread).
- Half page ad size is 4½" wide x 3 5/8” tall.
- All ads will be printed in black and white/grayscale format and must be submitted as “Camera Ready”.
- Acceptable submission formats: pdf or jpg (minimum 200 dpi). If you submit in pdf format and the fonts that you use in your ad in are not available to the Superintendent, the fonts will be changed to the closest match available.

Ads must be paid in full by the March 24th deadline. Ads not paid in full by the deadline will not appear in the catalog. There will be NO REFUNDS.

Ad Submission—Two Ways to Submit
- **Online:** Pay by credit card at the BMDCA online store at www.bmdca-store.com, and email your camera ready ad to Catalog Advertising Chair Beth Dennehy at bmdcacatalogads@gmail.com with “2021 Catalog Ad” in the subject line.
- **By Mail (USPS/FedEx/UPS):** Send your camera ready ad on a flash drive or CD (with a printed copy of the ad) and payment in full (in US Funds, payable to BMDCA 2021) to: 2021 Catalog Advertising Chair, Beth Dennehy, 276 River Rd, Steamboat Springs CO 80487.

Please provide contact phone numbers (daytime & evening), email address, and home address.

For questions or layout requirements, please contact Beth Dennehy, Catalog Advertising Chair, at bmdcacatalogads@gmail.com.

Catalog Sales

Catalogs can be pre-ordered on the Master Registration form for $22 or purchased onsite for $25.

Catalogs mailed after the show with a copy of all placements can also be ordered on the Master Registration form for $35.

Dog Food and Supplies

There is only one store in Estes Park - Estes Park Pet Supply, phone (970) 586-8442, which is located less than 1 mile from the Ridgeline Hotel —about a 3 minute drive or 15 minute walking distance. They carry dry kibble, canned food, and raw food. The best plan is to call ahead and order what you like. Contact chair Katka Cviklova at katka.cviklova@outlook.com if you have additional questions.
RAFFLE

Opens Tuesday, May 11, and concludes on Friday, May 14, at 2:00pm
Please help us have a raffle as big as the Rockies! Regional baskets are always popular items as well as baskets with dog toys, treats or grooming items. Other popular items are draft, obedience, agility, and herding related equipment. And anything SWISS! Did you do a COVID closet clean? Have items from previous specialties, dog show needs (crates, dollies, ring bags, grooming items). We would love them.

We also appreciate monetary donations—these can be included on the Master Registration or sent separately, made payable to BMDCA 2021. Contributions of all sizes are greatly appreciated! If you are donating an item or have questions, please contact Barb LeTourneau at barb1625@yahoo.com or Joanna Hughes at jmughes56@gmail.com, and mail/ship items by April 17th to Joanna Hughes, 8972 Piney Creek Rd, Parker CO 80138.

The raffle will be in the Events Center near the conformation ring. Please stop by and see us! Don’t forget your address labels.

CAMPFIRE CLUB

As you are preparing for your expedition to our Berner Basecamp, please consider joining our Campfire Club! Once you are provisioned up and ready to go, you will receive a “Specialty” token of our appreciation!

There will be many other perks to the Campfire Club, choose any combination of the following totaling at least $150:

- Donate to the general specialty fund.
- Place an ad in the specialty catalog (see pg 7).
- Sponsor a trophy or donate to the general trophy fund.
- Donate to the raffle fund.

Along with the special gift and perks, Campfire Club members will be acknowledged in the show catalog, specialty newsletter, and at the Annual Awards Banquet. Please follow the established deadlines for trophies and catalog ads. Qualifying donations will be determined via Master Registration. Contact Alice Clark at alicean8@hotmail.com if you have questions.

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Master Registration will be completed only ONLINE in 2021

Mailed in registrations will NOT be accepted. If you are not able to complete your Master Registration online, please contact Mona and Gene Williams, BMDCA Specialty Registration, at bmdca.reg@gmail.com or by phone at (810) 240-6709.
IMPORTANT COVID-19 & HEALTH INFORMATION TO ALL ENTRANTS AND ATTENDEES

Guidelines and Requirements

The following plan is prepared according to the state and local rules in force at the time of the event and is subject to change. The requirements/guidelines will be posted at the venue as well as on the BMDCA 2021 National Specialty website. Failure to comply could subject the individual to being removed from the grounds and/or disciplinary action in accordance with AKC’s Dealing with Misconduct rules.

- All attendees (judges, exhibitors, stewards, workers, spectators, etc.) must follow state, local, and facility requirements/guidelines in effect at the time of this event.
- Mandatory temperature checks will be administered daily for each first entry to all indoor events.
- IF YOU ARE ILL, FEEL UNWELL, COUGHING, SNEEZING, RUNNING A TEMPERATURE, OR BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN EXPOSED (OR MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED) TO ANYONE WITH COVID-19 WITHIN THE LAST TWO WEEKS, PLEASE STAY HOME.
- Masks are MANDATORY - in the ring, upon entering the show grounds, and at all scheduled events. This includes the outdoor events — Draft, Tracking, Herding, and Scent Work. Nose and mouth must be covered. It is recommended for all other times. A face shield is NOT acceptable. The ONLY exceptions to this requirement will be for eating or drinking or for children aged 10 and younger.
- All attendees are expected to adhere to social distancing guidelines, even when wearing a mask.
- Ring access will be limited to exhibitors, please arrive at the ring no earlier than 15 minutes before your specified judging time and leave 15 minutes after. Rings will have a separate entrance and exit. Please use accordingly.
- Follow Judge’s, Ring Steward’s, and Show Committee’s direction for showing and keeping distances.
- Social distancing will be required in all Grooming areas, please use crates and supplies as distance barriers. Forced air dryers and fans may be restricted in the grooming building. This will be determined based on the State defined published risk level at the time.
- The AKC, BaRay, Inc., all show giving clubs, volunteers, Estes Park Events Center, workers, or judges, are in no way liable for any present or future damage, loss, or illness (including, but not limited to COVID-19), Attendees understand that they are attending these shows entirely at their own risk and take full responsibility for their own health and safety. Attendees will be required to follow all State, County, AKC and club requirements, procedures, protocols, and guidelines to reduce any exposure and possibility of contracting or spreading a virus. All attendees MUST SIGN the COVID AGREEMENT/WAIVER OF LIABILITY prior to entrance to the event. If you are going through Master Registration, you will complete the waiver at that time.

Individuals unable or unwilling to follow the terms of the COVID Agreement/Waiver of Liability are not allowed to attend the Specialty Events. Individuals who fail to comply with the requirements/guidelines may be asked to leave the Specialty Events and, if asked to leave, must do so promptly.
BMDCA BUSINESS MEETINGS

Sunday, May 9, 2021, 8:30am ~ The In Person Meeting of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. (BMDCA) Board of Directors will be held in the Trail Ridge/Estes Lake Rooms of the Ridgeline Hotel, 101 South St Vrain Ave, Estes Park, Colorado 80517. BMDCA members are invited to attend.

Friday, May 14, 2021, 8:00pm ~ The Annual Meeting of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. (BMDCA) will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Ridgeline Hotel. Seats will be provided for those not attending the banquet beforehand. NOTE: COVID restrictions may limit attendees to those who have purchased dinners. There will be an option to livestream the meeting should this be necessary.

Items for inclusion on the agenda for either the In-Person Board Meeting or the Annual Meeting must be received in writing by Monday, April 5, 2021. Please send your written request and all materials to the Recording Secretary, Adele Swenson, via e-mail at aswensonbmdca@gmail.com. Please CC Georgeann Reeve on all email requests at georgeannbmdca@gmail.com.

The Regional Club Council (RCC) Meeting will not be held in 2021

VENDORS

We offer premium booth spaces to commercial vendors on the floor of the Estes Park Event Center. Commercial booth spaces are 10’ x 10’. Tables may not be shared, and space between booths cannot be occupied. All booths require a 4-day minimum stay, starting Tuesday, May 11, and running through Saturday, May 15, 2021. Preference will be given to longer reservations if space becomes limited. No refund will be made for “no shows” or for fewer days. Set-up can begin on Monday, May 10, at noon. All vendor spaces must be vacated by 5:00pm on Saturday, May 15. Contact Teresa Dominguez at t_doming@msn.com for questions. A vendor space request form is available upon request.

TROPHIES, RING FAVORS, AND ROSETTES

Please donate for the trophies, ring favors, and rosettes for the 2021 National Specialty. Show your support through a sponsorship in your name or your kennel name, or donate in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special dog. Visit the BMDCA online store www.bmdca-store.com to sponsor a trophy or make a donation to the general trophy fund. You can also make a general trophy fund donation through Master Registration. All paid donations must be received by March 31, 2021 to be recognized in the show catalog. Contact Nancy Stewart at arizonabmd@gmail.com for questions.

RECEPTIONS, BANQUETS, AND CONCESSIONS

Breakfast options at the Ridgeline include dine-in or to-go boxed breakfasts starting at 6:30am. Room service is NOT available. There is also a grab-and-go store in the front lobby. Murphy’s properties will have a complimentary grab-and-go breakfast, details TBD.

Lunches Options at Events Complex
Food trucks will be onsite Tuesday through Saturday.

Lunches for Draft, Tracking, Herding, and Agility
Preordered lunches will be available and delivered to the site for each of these events. Information and deadlines for preordering will be included in premium lists.

Gather Round the Campfire with the Brotherhood—Tuesday, May 11, Aspen Courtyard and Front Foyer, Lounge, and Corridor Outside Grand Ballroom of Ridgeline Hotel
Happy hour 5:30-7:30pm, with appetizers served throughout the evening
Come meet with new and old friends to kick off the week at our Berner Basecamp. It will be an indoor/outdoor event, with actual campfires to gather around, so bring your jackets AND your dogs! Two photo booths will be available to capture a special memory from the 2021 National.
The International Brotherhood of Male Bernese Mountain Dog Owners (IBMBMDO) will be offering to Specialty Attendees an Exclusive Whiskey Tasting Experience featuring local Colorado craft distilleries during the Welcome Reception. This private tasting will feature some of Colorado’s craft distilled whiskeys offered in small group sessions, complete with tasting notes and detailed information on the distillers. Your $10 donation, through selection in Master Registration, will secure a coveted spot for an intimate and convivial experience with proceeds going to support Berner-Garde. Brother Jim Maxwell, jim@architects2sf.com, is available for any questions regarding this exclusive opportunity. This is certain to be one of those “remember when…” evenings, so don’t miss out! Cash bar available and lots of room to roam around to visit. Wristband required for reception $22, or reception/whiskey tasting $32.

International Reception—Wednesday, May 12, Ballroom F, Ridgeline Hotel, 7:30am (see pg 12) Sign up for this event through Master Registration. $12 for USA BMDCA members; No FEE for International attendees

Health Auction Slider Bar—Thursday, May 13, Grand Ballroom, Ridgeline Hotel, 6:00-7:00pm (see pg 12) With restaurants at limited capacity, ensure you get a dinner AND don’t miss any of the action at the auction! A Colorado themed Slider Bar, featuring bison sliders with a choice of Monterey Jack & green chiles or Colorado cherry jam, prosciutto, and brie cheese, or an arugula vegan slider. Served with a garden salad with apple cider vinaigrette, dessert, and iced tea. Doors open at 6:00pm, serving immediately, and terminating before the beginning of the live auction. Cash bar. Sign up for this event through Master Registration. Wristband required for slider bar. $30

Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet - Friday, May 14, Grand Ballroom, Ridgeline Hotel Cocktails/Doors Open 6:30pm; Dinner 7:00pm
We’ve almost reached the summit, and now it’s time for all the Happy Campers to come together to hear from BMDCA leadership and celebrate our accomplishments in 2020. Join us for a Basecamp buffet dinner of tri-colored tortilla chips and bean and bacon dip, slow braised BBQ brisket, chipotle roasted pork loin, mixed green salad, farm fresh vegetable blend, roasted Yukon potatoes with garlic, honey corn bread, and warm peach cobbler; OR substitute grilled Portabella mushrooms for the meat entree. Beverages will include coffee and water. Cash bar.

The BMDCA Annual Meeting will begin at 8:00pm, and includes presentation of awards. Additional seating will be available for BMDCA members and others wishing to attend only the Annual Meeting and/or Awards Presentation following the dinner. Wristband required for admittance to dinner. $48

SPECIAL NOTE: COVID restrictions may limit the number of people who can be present in the Grand Ballroom. Those purchasing a dinner COULD be split between a main ballroom and a secondary ballroom, with events in the main ballroom live streamed to the secondary ballroom. These same restrictions may also prevent us from having attendees who have not purchased a dinner from attending the in-person meeting. In that case, live streaming of the meeting and awards portion of the evening will be available.

Judges’ Dinner - Saturday, May 15, Grand Ballroom, Ridgeline Hotel Cocktails/Doors Open 6:30pm; Dinner 7:00pm
Now it’s time to honor our “Camp Counselors” - our esteemed judges. Join us one more time as we celebrate our wins and accomplishments in the camaraderie of our Berner Basecamp. Plated dinners include: Rocky Mountain Trout with sweet chile rub and lemon butter, garlic mashed potatoes, and seasonal vegetable blend with dessert; Chicken Parmesan, lightly breaded and baked to a golden brown topped with three cheeses and marinara over pasta, with broccoli and dessert; or Three Cheese Lasagna with Italian vegetables, garlic bread, and Tiramisu. Beverages will include coffee and water. Cash bar.

Judges’ comments begin at 8:00pm, followed by closing moments. No charge to join the event for judges’ comments portion of the evening. Wristband required for admittance to dinner. $48

Limited Reserved Dinner Tables
A limited number of reserved tables (seating 8) will be available at the Judges’ Dinner for $100 on a first-come, first-served basis through online Master Registration.

Reserved tables may become an available option at a later date for the Awards Banquet depending on COVID restrictions.

SPECIAL NOTE: Master Registration limits for receptions and banquets, including reserved dinner tables, are subject to adjustment due to COVID capacity restrictions.
Greetings to all foreign guests! The BMDCA will host an informal breakfast with international attendees in Ballroom F at the Ridgeline Hotel on Wednesday, May 12th, at 7:30am, in order to introduce ourselves and socialize. The founder of the Triathlete Award, Ruth Nielsen, will present information about the variety of competitive and companion events that Bernese can enjoy in the United States. We will also share information about a variety of topics of interest concerning Bernese. If you desire a ringside mentor to be available to you during Futurity judging to provide explanations of show procedures, please let us know and we will arrange one for you. USA BMDCA members who wish to attend are most welcome, but will be required to pay a small fee of $12. Sign up for this event through Master Registration. Contact Tracey Keith at wyndriftbmd@earthlink.net or Lilian Ostermiller at losterm@optonline.net if you have any questions.

Health Auction
Thursday, May 13, Ridgeline Ballrooms E & F (and exterior corridor)
You are invited to the 2021 Health Auction for a night of fun with a great purpose! The Silent Auction and preview of Live Auction items will begin at 6:00pm, and the Live Auction will begin at 7:30pm. We will be offering a Colorado themed Slider Bar for your munching pleasure from 6:00-7:00pm, available through Master Registration for $30 (see pg 11 for details). Cash bar. There is no cost to attend the Health Auction, come join in the fun!

The evening’s proceeds will support the BMDCA Health Fund at the Berner-Garde Foundation through the Fiscal Sponsorship agreement between the BMDCA and the Berner-Garde Foundation. The Berner-Garde Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your contributions may be tax deductible in accordance with current tax codes.

We have already received some wonderful items that we are excited to share! Please keep them coming! If you don’t have items to donate, cash donations will be enthusiastically accepted. If you have questions or have items to donate, please contact Julia Smith, Health Auction Chair, at orchidj5@yahoo.com.

Special Dog Show Events
The FAN Award
The Fan Award will be awarded at the Awards Banquet to the oldest male and female dog exhibited at the Specialty, including parades. The award is offered by Friends of the Fan Award in loving memory of “Fan” Camelot’s Fantasy and Meg Auger, who sponsored the award from 2003-2015.

TRIATHLETE Challenge—Entry forms due April 23, 2021
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 who 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 (PT or higher), Rally Obedience (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 the Specialty website and email to RNielsen@Nielsenlaw.com no later than April 23, 2021.

Questions? - email Ruth at RNielsen@Nielsenlaw.com. Mailed entries also accepted, send to Ruth Nielsen, 55 Quaking Aspen Road, Winthrop WA 98862.
PHOTO CONTEST

Our Berners are so photogenic that anyone can capture amazing images of this striking breed. Choose a few of your favorite photos to share with everyone at the Specialty and compete for Best Photo in Show!

Categories
- **Mountain High** – show how Berners love the majestic mountain life
- **Puppy Love** – irresistible pictures of Berner puppies
- **Sentimental Journey** – brag photos of your beautiful veteran Berner (7 years & up)
- **Ebony & Ivory** – classic black & white format to capture the spirit of your Berner
- **Let’s Get Physical** – showcase your active Berners as they work or compete
- **Digital Remix** – artistically enhanced photos

Judging & Prizes
A panel of two professional Colorado-based photographers who specialize in images of animals will judge the contest. Winners of each of the six categories will receive an award and will compete for the Best Photo in Show. The **People’s Choice Award** will be decided by popular vote at the National Specialty. Voting will close on Friday, May 14th at noon. Winners of Best Photo in Show and People’s Choice will receive a special ribbon and a wonderful prize.

Entries
Entry fees are $10 for the first photo and $6 for each additional entry. There is no entry limit. Checks should be made payable in US funds to “BMDCA 2021.” Mail your photos and entry fees to:

**Wendi Meyer, 1041 Crest Park Drive, Garland TX 75042**

Contest Rules
- Photos may not exceed 8”x10” and must be mounted on an 8x10 stiff board. No mattes or frames.
- All images must be the original work of the entrant. Permission from photographic subjects is the sole responsibility of the entrant.
- No identifying names or markings on the front of the photo. Attach entry form to the back of each photo.
- The BMDCA will not be responsible for lost or damaged photos.
- Photos must remain on display until Friday, May 14th, at noon, at which time entrants have until 30 minutes following the Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet to pick up their photos. All remaining photos will become the property of the BMDCA unless prepaid packaging and shipping for images has been provided.
- One entry form per image, please. Payment for multiple entries may be made with one check shipped with images.

Deadline: **April 2, 2021 (postmark)** Wendi Meyer at wendi@bnmdallas.com.

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**JUNIOR/Pee-Wee Activities**

We have a wonderful program planned for junior attendees (age 9-18) and pee-wee attendees (age 5-8). Tuesday’s tentative schedule includes a grooming mentorship/pro-handling clinic for juniors (ages 9-18) and a new pee-wee handling clinic (ages 5-9). On Wednesday, we are planning a field trip and juniors volunteering at the Top 20. Thursday’s activities will include an obedience clinic, plus the annual pizza party for juniors, pee-wees, and their parents. Junior showmanship competition will be held on Saturday (entry required, see premium). We will have additional opportunities for juniors to volunteer in various ways—you will gain points for participation throughout the week and the winners will receive prizes. Bring your competitive spirit and be sure to tell your friends! If you have any questions, please reach out to Ashlee Harry at ashleeharry@gmail.com.

**Junior/Pee-Wee Registration**

Junior/Pee-wee attendees should complete online Master Registration to receive a welcome bag and register for activities, as well as other events. Fees indicated apply unless otherwise specified. The juniors’ activities chair will follow up with registered attendees on program activities. Be sure to pick up your welcome bag and registration packet upon arrival.

**Berner University**

Monday, May 10th, and Tuesday, May 11th, see page 16. Registration fees are waived for Juniors (age 9-18). Please submit a Berner University registration for the attendee.

**Veterans Parade**

**Parade of Veterans to be Held Thursday, May 13, During Lunch Break**

Do you have a Berner that has celebrated their seventh birthday on or before May 13, 2021? If so, enter your dog in the Veterans Parade. This is an exciting annual event held at the National Specialty to celebrate our older dogs. This event is for any Berner that qualifies by age. Your veteran will receive a special gift to commemorate the occasion. Fee per dog is $25.

**How to Register**

Register for the parade online through Master Registration no later than March 26th. Be prepared with your Veteran’s birthdate, registered name and titles, call name, and a brief bio (limit 300 characters).

**Questions?** Contact Crystal Toupin at lilydogchronicles@gmail.com if you have questions. No gifts will be mailed. All gifts must be picked up immediately following the parade.

**Titleholders Gallery**

Has your Berner earned an AKC, CKC, BMDCA, or BMDCC title in agility, conformation, dock diving, draft, herding, obedience, rally obedience, scent work, and/or tracking? Photos of the Berners honored in the Titleholders Gallery will be displayed in the Events Center and will receive a commemorative gift. **Fee per dog is $25.**

**How to Register**

Register online through Master Registration no later than **March 26th**. Be prepared with your dog’s registered name, titles, and call name. **Then,** for all participants, email a photo of your dog (minimum 7.5 x 7.5 inches, 200 dpi) to lilydogchronicles@gmail.com, including dog’s registered name, no later than March 26. Contact Crystal Toupin at lilydogchronicles@gmail.com if you have questions. Gifts will be available for pick up on Friday, **May 14th,** in the display area from 12:00 – 1:30 pm. No gifts will be mailed.

**Rescue Gallery**

The perfect way to celebrate our rescued Berners is to tell their story in the Rescue Gallery! Regardless of whether your Berner was rescued by a regional club, private group, or individual, or if they came from a puppy mill, broker, online site, or other bad situation, theirs is a story worth sharing. The Rescue Gallery replaced the annual Rescue Parade in 2006 and was chaired by Nell Ward through 2014, followed by Ron & Kristi Davis from 2015 through 2017. Patti Finley and Carolyn Paige took the reins in 2018.

Even those dogs who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge will be honored. The Rescue Gallery will be prominently displayed in the Atrium at the Ridgeline Hotel. A story book will also be printed that contains the same pictures and stories on display for those entered, those entered but not attending, and for individual purchase.

The Rescue Gallery is now easily accessible through the BMDCA online store at [http://www.bmdca-store.com/Rescue_c_77.html](http://www.bmdca-store.com/Rescue_c_77.html), where you can customize your participation from a full package with a personalized pin, custom yellow bandana, and story book, to a display-only package. Have more than one rescue? You’ll be able to customize your packages to honor those special dogs. Just a reminder to carefully follow the instructions provided in the online store for your write-up and photo. And whether you have a rescue dog in your home, in your heart, or just want to help support those most in need, don’t forget to make a donation to Rescue.

**Deadline: March 19, 2021**

**If you have questions about the Rescue Gallery,** including how to obtain a Berner-Garde identification number for your rescue dog, contact Patti Finley at maxsmagic@msn.com, (502) 592-5856, or Carolyn Paige at cjpaige@icloud.com, (919) 451-5681.
Welcome to Berner U! Join us and “Come back to school and major in Berners”. Our conference this year represents a unique opportunity of unparalleled value for Berner owners, so invite your friends, neighbors, and puppy owners. We are pleased to present a faculty of distinguished professionals and experienced BMDCA members.

- **Registration:** The registration fee of **$50 per person** permits you to attend two days of seminars and workshops, as well as receive access to the 2021 Dropbox full of educational materials suggested by our faculty.
- **Juniors,** ages 9-18 years old, receive **FREE REGISTRATION** for all classes and **FREE DROPBOX** access.
- **Complete class descriptions and faculty biographies** are online at the Berner University website: [www.BernerU.org](http://www.BernerU.org).
- **Register via Master Registration.** Select the classes you prefer for each time period. Register early, as space is limited for some workshops.
- Classes **OPEN TO ALL,** without charge, will include the Breeder Symposium and Rescue Roundtable.
- If you plan to attend the Breeder Symposium, please indicate on your Master Registration so that we can provide sufficient seating.
- **Well behaved dogs are welcome in all classes.**

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**BMDCA BREEDER SYMPOSIUM**
Berner Cancer Research Results
Matthew Breen
PhD CBiol FRSB
OPEN TO EVERYONE
Wednesday, May 12, 8:00am-4:00pm, Trail Ridge Room, Ridgeline Hotel

Pre-registration required. Please indicate on registration form if you prefer AM or PM appointments. Contact Sharon Montville, Health Clinic & Kits Coordinator, at shmontville@yahoo.com if you have questions.

Cardiac Clinic: A board-certified cardiologist, Dr. Julie Martin, will be available to perform cardiac evaluations using auscultation (a non-invasive procedure), or a more thorough screening echocardiogram can be performed ($200, payable onsite only). OFA requires dogs be at least one year of age when examined to receive cardiac clearance. Fee: $45 Auscultation*

Health Clinics Reminders

- Forms and your appointment time(s) will be included in your registration packet. Every effort will be made to accommodate rescheduling requests due to event conflicts, but this can’t be guaranteed.
- Please be on time for your appointment(s) and remember to bring your dog’s AKC registration number, date of birth, and tattoo/microchip/DNA information. A microchip scanner will be on hand as well.
- *Fees cover evaluations and forms only; submission of results to OFA requires additional fees payable directly to OFA, with the exception of the Thyroid Test. Submission of findings to Berner-Garde is encouraged.

Kits ordered will be included in your registration packet. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Montville, Health Clinic & Kits Coordinator, at shmontville@yahoo.com.

GenSol DNA Tests for Type 1 Von Willebrand’s Disease, Degenerative Myelopathy (DM), or Degenerative Myelopathy (SOD1B): Fee: $25 each

GenSol cheek swab kits never expire and can be used for any test regardless of the test you ordered. You always have the option to change your mind. These tests may be completed at home and returned directly to GenSol.

Type I Von Willebrand’s Disease DNA Test (GenSol)

Type I von Willebrand’s disease in Bernese Mountain Dogs occurs as the mild form, as distinguished from the severe form, which occurs in Scottish Terriers and Shetland Sheep Dogs. It is characterized by the abnormally low production of a protein found in the blood called von Willebrand’s factor which plays a key role in the complex process of clotting a damaged blood vessel.

Degenerative Myelopathy (DM) Tests (GenSol): Both the DM SOD1(A) and SOD1(B) tests are necessary to determine the risk category for your dog: Clear, Carrier, At Risk. DM tests for the common gene mutation found in several breeds. If you have had only one test done previously for your Berner, it is likely the test you used was SOD1(A), and it does not need to be repeated. SOD1(B) tests for the second mutation that seems to affect ONLY Bernese Mountain Dogs.

Degenerative myelopathy is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that occurs in many breeds of dog. The test being offered is based on the research done at the University of Missouri which identified mutations in the DM SOD1(A) gene. To date, the major mutation associated with this disease has been detected in 124 breeds, with a second mutation, SOD1(B) limited to the Bernese Mountain Dog.

AKC DNA Profile: Cheek swab test kit. Preordered test kits will be included in your registration packet and may be done during the Specialty and returned to the Health Clinic on May 12th or completed at home and mailed to Sharon Montville, 7516 Tudor Rd, Colorado Springs CO 80919, to be received on or before May 25, 2021. This is a firm date. All kits must be shipped to AKC as a batch in order to receive the Parent Club Specialty Discount. If your kit is not received by the deadline, it will be excluded without refund. PLEASE NOTE: These tests CAN NOT be used for the DNA requirement to enter the 2021 Specialty. Fee: $40
Official BMDCA Specialty Photographer: Classique Photography by Dawn Gabig, (660) 342-6555, DawnGabig@gmail.com

The “Official BMDCA Specialty Photographer” will be the only photographer authorized by the 2021 National Specialty Show Committee and BMDCA to take and sell official specialty win photos featuring judges at the Specialty. Judge photos may be taken at off-site locations by Show Committee approved photographers in the event those judges are unavailable to be present at the Specialty.

Other commercial photographers authorized to sell photos for Specialty Events must be approved by the Show Committee and will be required to sign a vendor agreement with the Show Committee for specified events and will only be authorized to shoot and make available for purchase candid (or action) photos and those judge photographs where the judge is unavailable to be present at the Specialty for photographs with the “Official BMDCA Specialty Photographer.”

Candid Ringside & Performance Photographers: All candid and performance photographers must be approved by the Show Committee and will be required to sign a vendor agreement for specific events. Candid ringside and performance photographers approved at the time of publication are included below or in specific event descriptions.

Chris & Andrea Stefanac, (804) 347-0452, chrisertec@aol.com, www.csphotoonline.com
Karen Evasuik, (303) 847-6035, evasuikcd@aol.com, www.evasuikcustomdesign.com

Videographer: ShowDogVideoPros, 2639 Pocelomas Ct, Las Cruces NM 88011, (575) 993-3460, showdogvideopros@gmail.com, www.showdogvideopros.com

- This show will be professionally video recorded and available for live streaming. No other commercial video recording, video recording from a tripod or monopod mounted camera, or any video recording or streaming of large segments of the show will be permitted.
- Submission of an entry form and/or physical presence on the show grounds shall constitute both implied and real consent for both the handler and their dog to be video recorded.
- Individuals may record video of their own dog(s) using cell phones, tablets, or other handheld devices only. Individuals may post recorded videos of their own dog(s) to social media (Facebook, YouTube, etc.)
- The professional video services and live streaming at this show are governed by an exclusive video contract with the Club.
- On Line streaming of show video to Facebook, YouTube, FaceTime, U-Stream, Live Stream or other comparable online outlets is strictly forbidden!
- Violation of these show video policies may result in an Event or Bench Committee hearing.
- ShowDogVideoPros permits, and encourages, local/national news media coverage. The Video Company will allow professional news media coverage (tripod mounted cameras, professional film crews, news reporters).
- All rights to video record and live stream or otherwise exploit this event and/or the persons or animals participating in it, including the names, likenesses and biographical matter of dogs, owners, handlers, breeders and kennels participating in the event shall belong solely to the show giving Club and/or the American Kennel Club, Inc. No spectator, participant, owner, handler, breeder, or kennel shall make commercial use of any video recordings of any person or animal participating in this event without prior written approval from the Club. This event may not be broadcast to social media (e.g., Facebook Live, etc.) without prior written approval from the Club.
NOTE: Grooming and Crating is allowed in designated areas only.

Due to LIMITED GROOMING SPACES, sharing of grooming spaces is encouraged.

LIMIT OF 2 GROOMING SPACES PER PERSON

NOTE: At the time of publication, it is unknown which COVID-19 protocols will be required during the event by the AKC, the State of Colorado, or Larimer County. It is possible that indoor blow-drying will not be permitted, in which case provisions will be made for an outdoor blow-drying area.

Exhibitors may reserve a 10’ x 8’ grooming space for $100 or a 10’ x 5’ grooming space for $50, which includes one electrical plug with 20 amps of power, for the entire show period. Paid reserved spaces will be indoors in the Pavilion building adjacent to the Event Center. All spaces are on a first come, first served basis through Master Registration until capacity is reached. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring floor mats and a UL-listed heavy-duty exterior extension cord properly rated for their equipment amperage. Generators and electric heaters are prohibited. All extension cords and dryers are subject to inspection, and non-compliant equipment may be removed by show personnel.

A limited number of reserved grooming van/box truck parking spaces will also be available for $100 for the entire show period on a first come, first served basis through Master Registration. No electricity will be provided for grooming van spaces. Vehicle length is limited to 24 feet, and no cab/truck trailer combos will be allowed.

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 Monday, May 10th at 3:00pm

• GROOMING SPACES MUST BE VACATED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COMPLETION OF ALL CONFORMATION EVENTS ON SATURDAY, MAY 15th.

• The grooming area will be open daily from 6:00am (except for move-in day as indicated above) until 10:00pm, except for Saturday, May 15th. Electrical power will be provided in the grooming area only between the hours of 7:00am to 9:00pm. The Pavilion building will be closed from 10:00pm until 6:00am 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 may be reserved or saved. Additional crating will be provided free of charge in a nearby barn building. This building is not heated/cooled and no power will be provided.

• At time of move-in, exhibitors will be required to supply contact information, including hotel, room number, and cell phone number.

• An outdoor area immediately adjacent to the Pavilion (Grooming) building will be provided with three to six bathing stations.

• Exhibitors and handlers will be held responsible for clean conditions in/around their assigned space.

• Absolutely no x-pens will be allowed in the grooming area except within the assigned grooming space.

• Bathing/Grooming is not allowed 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.

• Ringside chairs are NOT to be taken to the grooming area.

Complete the grooming section of the Master Registration form to reserve your spot! For questions, contact the Grooming Chairs, Barry Solomon at bsolomon2008@gmail.com or Pam Solomon at avalonpam@yahoo.com.
BMDCA Judges Education Seminar & Workshop

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 13-15, 2021, Deadline April 23, 2021, Fee $40
Late Registration Fee $45

Judges Education Seminar—Thursday, May 13
7:00am Judges Seminar in the Executive Board Room at the Events Center, followed by Ringside Mentoring
Hands-on Workshop will follow upon completion of the day’s judging (location TBD).

Judges Education Ringside Mentoring—Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15
BMDCA members who meet the AKC requirements for breed application and plan to apply for AKC judge licensing
within the next year may request to participate in Judges Education. Please contact the BMDCA Judges Education
Committee Chair Deborah Wilkins at abbeyroadbmd@gmail.com or (612) 747-4418.

Show Superintendent & Premium List

BaRay Event Services, Inc. will be serving as our Show Superintendent:

BaRay Event Services, Inc.  
113 E Fairhaven Avenue  
Burlington WA 98233  
Phone: (360) 755-7086  
Email: dogshows@barayevents.com

Mailing Address:  
PO Box 508  
Burlington WA 98233-0508  
Fax: (360) 755-2248  
Website: www.barayevents.com

BMDCA members can look forward to receiving notification of the Premium List via Ecomm. Visit the BMDCA
website at www.bmdca.org/specialty/2021 to access a link to the Premium List. You may contact BaRay Event
Services, Inc. to request a printed copy of the Premium List by mail.

Attention Exhibitors

AKC DNA REQUIRED FOR ALL DOG SHOW ENTRIES
The BMDCA requires each entrant to provide a valid AKC DNA Profile Number for the dog entered on the Official
Entry Form at the 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 2021 Specialty entry, call AKC DNA Operations at (919) 816-3508 to obtain a
preliminary DNA number (accepted in extenuating circumstances only). Please allow an appropriate amount of
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.

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 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.

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**Show Veterinarian**

**Animal Medical Center of Estes Park**, 1260 Manford Avenue, Estes Park CO 80517, Phone (970) 586-6898

Approximately 1/4 mile from the show site

- Hours: 8am-5:30pm M-F; 8am-12pm Saturday; closed Sunday; on call after hours; [www.amcestes.vetstreet.com](http://www.amcestes.vetstreet.com)

Animal Medical Center of Estes Park is a full-service veterinary hospital that provides after hours emergency care on an on-call basis. In the unlikely event an emergency arises that requires a specialty facility or 24-hour care monitoring, they are able to triage and stabilize the situation and assist in getting those pets to an advanced facility should that be necessary. Business hours urgent care, emergency needs, and after-hours urgent care and emergencies will be accommodated by contacting the hospital on their regular business phone.

**Other Emergency Veterinarians**

- **Four Seasons Veterinary Specialists**, 4120 Clydesdale Pkwy, Loveland CO 80538, Phone (970) 2800-1106, approximately 35 miles from show site

- **Colorado State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital**, 300 W Drake Rd, Ford Collins CO 80523, Phone (970) 297-5000, approximately 39 miles from show site

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**Herding**

**Sunday, May 9, Estes Park Events Complex**

**BMDCA Sponsored American Kennel Club, 2 All Breed Trials, Bernese Mountain Dogs Preferred**

**Trial Secretary:** Champion Dog Events, Sue Scott, [www.championdogevents.com](http://www.championdogevents.com), chdogevents@aol.com

**Judges:** Mr. Cappy Pruett & Ms. Anita Ramsey

Start your BMDCA 2021 National Specialty adventure in Estes Park surrounded by the magnificent Rockies. Two tests and trials will allow two opportunities to earn titles. Novice Bernese can find out if they like and are able to work sheep during the Herding Instinct Test. Experienced herding Berners have the opportunity to enter two herding trials in one day with civil sheep which are worked frequently. Classes offered at both tests/trials include: Herding Test (HT), Pre Trial Tested (PT), and Course A Herding Started, Herding Intermediate and Herding Advanced. Bernese Mountain Dogs MUST have a DNA number to exhibit at these tests/trials. Entries will be accepted until Wednesday, April 14, 2021: $50 per test/trial.

If you have questions please contact Sara Karl, Herding Chair, at karl3106@comcast.net. The premium list will be available on the BMDCA website and will include information on ordering lunches.

Visit [http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/AKC1270_RG9001_0418_WEB.pdf](http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/AKC1270_RG9001_0418_WEB.pdf) for rules and class descriptions. For more information about the test/trials or to request a hard copy by mail from the AKC.

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**Tracking**

**Sunday, May 9, Boyd Lake State Park, Loveland CO**, approximately 31 miles east of the Estes Park Events Complex.

A combined TD/TDX Tracking Test will be held at Boyd Lake State Park, 3720 N Co Rd 11C, Loveland CO. The test will offer 3 TD and 3 TDX tracks with the Exchange Policy option as listed in the AKC Tracking Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 17a. Entries are open to all breeds with preference given to Bernese Mountain Dogs.

For more information contact Tracking Chair Jane Marino at [goldensrule123@gmail.com](mailto:goldensrule123@gmail.com).

The premium list will be available on the BMDCA website. For more information, or to request a printed copy of the Tracking Premium List, contact Denise McClure, Tracking Secretary at [edmundmcclure@comcast.net](mailto:edmundmcclure@comcast.net). Tracking entries will close on April 7.

See the Premium list for lunch choices and ordering instructions; prepaid lunches will be available for purchase until May 1.

**Judges:** Ms. Jane A. Jonas & Mr. Dave A. Freddy
Monday, May 10; Tuesday, May 11, and Friday, May 14, Stanley Park Ball Field, Estes Park CO

Happy Campers drafting in Estes Park!

There will be four BMDCA Draft Tests offered at the 2021 National Specialty—one test on May 10th, two on May 11th, and one on May 14th. All tests will be held at the Stanley Park Ball Field, adjacent to the Estes Park Events Complex. Each test will offer Novice, Brace Novice, Open, and Brace Open classes with a limit of 24 entries in each test. The tests are limited to Bernese Mountain Dogs only. Entrants will need an AKC DNA number, as well as a Berner-Garde Dog ID number on their entry form.

Premium lists will be available on the BMDCA website and will include information on ordering lunches. To request a hard copy by mail, contact Master Draft Secretary Vicky Hall at ravhall@aol.com; she will be accepting entries for all tests. If you have questions about the tests, contact Patti Davieau, Draft Test Chair, at davieau@aol.com.

**IMPORTANT** Our goal is to fill each test, while accommodating as many teams as possible. Every reasonable and fair effort will be made to ensure each team has one chance to compete before second or additional entries will be allowed.

**Team**—means either a single dog entry or a brace entry.

**First entry**—A team’s first entry in a specific class.

**Second entry**—A team’s second entry in the same class. A team may enter a specific class once per day.

**Test Preference**—Entrants need to specify their choice of Test# for each entry, e.g. 1st choice Test #3, 2nd choice Test #1, etc. There are no guarantees that preferences will be accommodated.

**Entry Preference**—Teams entering need to specify their choice of which day is their first entry preference, second entry preference, etc., on the entry form. There are no guarantees that preferences will be accommodated.

**Multiple Team entries**—Teams may enter more than once; one team/multiple classes; or one team/multiple entries in the same class competing in. A team may be entered in multiple different classes per day or in the same class on multiple days. A team that wants to show twice in the same class in multiple tests (second or third entry) will only be considered for those additional entries after all other teams have been considered for their “first entry” in a class. For example, a team may select Novice on Friday as their first entry and Novice on Tuesday as their second entry. Their additional entries will only be drawn after all other teams have been considered for their first entry.

**Entry Preference**—Subject to the above limitations for this Specialty test, untitled teams (in the class entered) have preference over titled teams. Titled teams have preference over advanced titled teams. Move-ups will be allowed. There will be a single equipment check for each test.

Monday, May 10—Test #1
Judges: Ms. Christine Mann & Mr. Steve Likevich Secretary: Brooks Bernard

Tuesday, May 11—Test #2
Judges: Ms. Jennifer Brightbill & Mr. Jasen Duncan Secretary: Toby Erlichman

Tuesday, May 11—Test #3
Judges: Mr. Steve Likevich & Mr. Barry Solomon Secretary: Holly Foster

Friday, May 14—Test #4
Judges: Ms. Eden Jonas & Ms. Jennifer Brightbill Secretary: Jan Nelson
AGILITY

Monday, May 10, Progressive School for Dogs, Greeley CO, approximately 1 hour from Estes Park
Judge: Ms. Beth Godwin
The Progressive School for Dogs is an awesome indoor facility with artificial turf. Classes offered will be Standard, Jumpers with Weaves, and Time to Beat. The Trial Secretary will be Deb Lewis, Lookout Trial Services, lookoutk9trials.com, lookoutk9trials@gmail.com. Entrants will need an AKC DNA profile number to enter. If you have questions or would be available to steward, contact Agility Chair Valerie Horney at valhorney@comcast.net. We look forward to an amazing trial!
The premium list will be available on the BMDCA website and will include information on ordering lunches. Other food options are approximately 20 minutes away, so please plan accordingly. To request a hard copy by mail, contact the Trial Secretary.

OBEDIENCE & RALLY OBEDIENCE

Both events will be in Barn W, next to the Events Center where conformation will be held, except for Team Obedience. Barn W will have two rings for both obedience (40’ x 50’) and rally (40’ x 60’). This is an unheated barn, so best to dress in layers. Rings will be fully matted on asphalt. There will be ample crating space in the building. Crates may be left in the building overnight on Wednesday, but NO DOGS may be left overnight. Exhibitors are reminded to practice social distancing with crating setups. An AKC DNA number is required for all entries. Premium lists will be available on the BMDCA website, or from the Show Superintendent.

Obedience Trial All Classes Except Team Obedience, Barn W, Wednesday, May 12
Obedience Trial Team Obedience, Events Center, Thursday, May 13
Judges: Mr. Fred Burhoff & Mr. Randy Capsel
Regular titling classes offered include Novice A & B, Open A & B, and Utility A & B. Optional titling classes offered include Beginner Novice A & B. Non-regular classes include offered Veterans, Brace, and Team. The Specialty Obedience HIT will be awarded from the regular classes results on Wednesday. Team Obedience will be held in the Events Center after the conclusion of conformation judging on Thursday. For questions, contact Vicky Hall, Obedience Chair, at ravhall@aol.com.

Rally Obedience Trial, Barn W, Thursday, May 13
Judges: Mr. Fred Burhoff & Mr. Randy Capsel
Regular titling classes offered include Novice A & B, Intermediate A & B, Advanced A & B, Excellent A & B, and Master. Non-regular Team Novice will also be offered. High Triple Score and High Combined will be awarded in accordance with AKC Rally Obedience Rules and Regulations. For questions, contact Yoshi Peterson, Rally Obedience Chair, at jyoshiko@gmail.com.

SCENT WORK

Friday, May 14, Estes Park Events Complex
Judges: Ms. RuthAnn Stricker & Ms. Denise McClure
The 2021 BMDCA Specialty Committee is pleased to offer the first AKC Scent Work trial at a BMDCA National Specialty. If your pup loves this sport, please join us for this inaugural event. Classes offered include Interior, Exterior, and Handler Discrimination—Novice and Advanced, and Containers—Novice through Master. Open to all breeds with preference given to Bernese Mountain Dogs. Pre-entry only. The premium list will be available on the BMDCA website, the AKC website, and on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/AKCScentWork.
**CONFORMATION EVENTS**

Regular and Non-Regular Conformation, Sweepstakes, Futurity, Veteran Sweepstakes, and Junior Showmanship will be held indoors. See premium list for eligibility requirements.

The 2021 Specialty Committee is excited to announce that special rosettes will be awarded to the breeders of winners of our major conformation events.

The National Owner Handler Series (NOHS) will be offered at this event. We will be using a procedure that tracks all eligible entries in NOHS competition to determine continued eligibility based on the “dogs defeated principle” so that no dog is eliminated without being defeated.

Judging of NOHS Best of Breed, Best Puppy, Best Veteran, and Best Bred-by-Exhibitor will be held immediately following the regular judging of Best of Breed in the same ring.

Candid Conformation Ringside Photos: Chris Stefanac, chrisertec@aol.com, csphotoonline.com.

**No personal chairs will be allowed in the Events Center**

Ringside chairs and bleachers will be supplied. Please follow all COVID restrictions in place at the time of the show with regards to seating and social distancing. Regulations will be posted in the building. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation to make this a great experience for everyone.

**VERSATILITY SHOWCASE**

This stand-alone conformation competition will showcase dogs and bitches that have received the BMDCA Versatility Award. Classes will be offered for Versatility/Versatility Excellent, Dogs/Bitches Under 7 Years and 7 Years and Over, with Best in Versatility chosen from the eight class winners. **Intact and altered dogs ARE eligible to compete.** Since this showcase is a Special Attraction, **dogs or bitches judged first in these classes will NOT be eligible for Best of Breed by virtue of having won these classes.** See the premium list for eligibility requirements. Versatility Showcase entries will be submitted through BaRay Event Services, Inc., our Show Superintendent.

**TOP TWENTY GALA**

**Welcome to the Denim and Diamonds Celebration!**

Join us for an evening of beautiful dogs at the BMDCA’s eighth annual Top Twenty Gala, which will be held the evening of Wednesday, May 12th. This event will showcase the top conformation dogs from **2019 and 2020.** 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, 2019 and January 1 through December 31, 2020.

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 Tuesday evening in the main conformation ring at the Events Center. The event will be opened to the general public to view the final showcase of the Top Twenty dogs and presentation of awards to the top winners. No admission fee will be charged, and there will be a cash bar. 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.

The theme this year is **Denim and Diamonds,** formal evening wear is encouraged by participants! In honor of the theme, attendees are encouraged to wear their finest Denim and Diamonds outfits!

Top Twenty Gala donations are also very welcome and may be made through Master Registration.