

**Premium List
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Tests**

Hosted by the
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Greater Seattle



**BMDCGS Draft Tests for All-Eligible Dogs!
September 12th and 13th, 2020
Frontier Park, Picnic Shelters #1 & 3
21718 Meridian Ave E, Graham, WA**

**Saturday Judges: Barry Solomon & Nancy Van Horne & Ruth Nielsen
Sunday Judges: Barry Solomon & Jennifer Brightbill & Nancy Van Horne**

Entries close at the Test Secretary's address
Wednesday, September 2, 2020, at 8:00 PM (PDT).

Please mail entry forms & payment to the Test Secretary:
**Karen Petersen
26619 137th Ave SE
Kent, WA 98042**

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test Purpose

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Tests are a series of exercises designed to develop and demonstrate the natural abilities of purebred Bernese Mountain Dogs in a working capacity involving hauling. The Bernese Mountain Dog has historically functioned as a draft dog in various capacities, and performance of these exercises is intended to demonstrate skills resulting from both inherent ability and training which are applicable to realistic work situations. Efficiency in accomplishment of tasks is essential. It is also desirable that the dog evidence willingness and enjoyment of his work in a combination of controlled teamwork with his handler and natural independence.

These are All Eligible Dogs draft tests.

Please remember to be responsible dog owners and pick up after your dog(s).

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Regulations

Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (revised as of 2011) and being familiar with them. Draft Test Regulations may be downloaded at no charge at

http://www.bmdca.org/Draft/pdf/Draft_Test_Regulations_2011_Edition.pdf.

The BMDCA and the DWC take dog aggression very seriously and have zero tolerance for inappropriate behavior on the part of dogs/owners and/or handlers. The Misconduct Disciplinary Procedure:

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

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

Health & Social Distancing Considerations

Due to the current conditions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the BMDCA Draft Working Committee and the local BMD clubs are working together to make adjustments to draft test procedures in order to make it as safe as possible for all involved. All draft test regulations are still in force. Local government restrictions will also be adhered to and could change after the publishing of this premium. If restrictions do change that affect the test, either a premium update or broad notice will be sent out to all involved. Pierce County (<https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/>) will have to allow larger numbers of people to gather (currently restricted at 5 or less as of early July) before we can proceed with the draft tests. **Each person attending the draft tests will have to sign a COVID19 waiver. Please find it attached to this premium and return it with your entries.**

In order to minimize the risks to all involved, we will separate each day's test into two sessions with separate check-in times. This will minimize the number of people gathering in the park for the tests and we encourage participants to only attend the session(s) in which you are entered. Which session you are placed in will be determined by random draw. We will attempt to keep multiple entries from the same handler within the same session. If you are within range of achieving an advanced title over this draft test weekend and your ability to achieve the required judge count is affected by which judge you test under that day, please email the Draft Test Secretary.

Items you will need to bring: face mask, hand sanitizer and/or gloves, antiseptic wipes, your own pen/pencil. The club will ensure items that have to be touched by multiple people (such as the moveable object and load) are wiped down between people. All participants will be asked to maintain social distancing and wear a mask when within 6 feet of people outside of your immediate household. We will work to maintain appropriate distancing and minimize common contact items during all phases of the tests. There is plenty of room at the park for all participants to spread out. Some procedure adjustment examples: handler will retain their leash during the recall and open tests, greeting the steward will be verbal only (steward will still pat the dog), group stays will be appropriately socially distanced, separate ring entrance and exit to avoid teams passing too closely. It is recommended that handlers practice with their dog while wearing a mask (will be required when interacting with stewards, group stays, and freight hauls) and carrying a leash (during the off-leash portions of the test).

Attention Exhibitors

- The following classes will be offered: Novice, Open, Brace Novice, and Brace Open.
- Handlers must provide their own rigs, harnesses, and tie downs or other means of securing a load on their particular draft rig.
- Handlers must bring their own weights. Weight will be verified via scale at the test site.
- Entered dogs must be 24 months old or older on the day of the Draft Test.
- Open and Open Brace entries must include a veterinary weight certificate. This certificate must be dated within 60 days of the date of the test. The only acceptable weight certificates are:
 - BMDCA form found in this premium and at the following link: http://www.bmdca.org/Draft/pdf/BMDCA_Draft_Test_Weight_Certificate_Form.docx
 - On the Vet Clinic's Letterhead with name, address, phone number. All weight certificates must contain the following: Dog's name (call name), Owner/handler name, Date dog was weighed, Name/job title/signature of vet employee witnessing weight, Date form was signed.
- Bitches in season are not permitted to compete.
- The two dogs of a brace team need not be owned by the same person or by the handler.
- Un-entered dogs may be present but, like entered dogs who are not in the ring, must be leashed or crated and under control at all times.
- Refund policy: All checks will be held until the day of the test. If the tests are cancelled at any time, entered teams will be notified and we will shred the entry checks without depositing them. Withdrawals prior to entry closing date will have the entry checks shredded without depositing. Withdrawals after entry closing date will only have their entry checks shredded without depositing if someone on the waitlist takes your place in the test. Meal cost will be refunded/check shredded if requested **prior to Saturday, Sept. 5, 2020.**

Saturday September 12th Judges

Barry Solomon (all day)
Morrison, CO

Nancy Van Horne (AM)
Renton, WA

Ruth Nielsen (PM)
Winthrop, WA

Sunday September 13th Judges

Barry Solomon (all day)
Morrison, CO

Jennifer Brightbill (AM)
Oregon City, OR

Nancy Van Horne (PM)
Renton, WA

Schedule

Morning Session

- Self check-in time is 7:30 – 8:00 AM PDT*.
- Equipment check starts at 8:00 AM PDT*. Handler must be present for the equipment check.
- Course walk-thru to follow.
- Judging begins as soon as possible after the course walk-thru.
- Awards and score sheets will be available at the conclusion of each session.

Afternoon Session

- Self check-in time is 12:00 – 12:30 PM PDT*.
- Equipment check starts at 12:30 PM PDT*. Handler must be present for the equipment check.
- Course walk-thru to follow.
- Judging begins as soon as possible after the course walk-thru.
- Awards and score sheets will be available at the conclusion of each session.

Other Considerations

- Lunch break will be at the judges' discretion, possibly between sessions.
- * Start times subject to change at close of entries and will be published in the draft test catalog.

Class Entry Details

- There will be a limit of 24 entries for each day.
- Entry fees - \$40 for each single dog team, \$45 for a brace team. U.S. Funds Only.
- A separate entry form must be filled out for each dog of a brace team and then stapled together. Even though two entry forms are required for each brace team, each brace team will be counted as one entry in the Draft Test entry limit.
- If more than 24 entries are received, they will be prioritized per the following order:
 1. Untitled BMD's
 2. Titled BMD's
 3. Untitled other dogs
 4. Titled other dogs

Note that "titled" means titled in the entered class.

- A random draw will be held for each group in the list including and following the one that causes a total entry in excess of the Test limit.
- Teams entered in a class in which they have already earned the advanced level title will be drawn after teams without the advanced level title in that class.
- Entrants must notify the Draft Test Secretary if a dog has earned a title in the entered class, including if the title is earned after the entry has been submitted.

Close of Entries

Entries close at **8 pm PDT, Wednesday, September 2, 2020** at the Draft Test Secretary's address, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test regulations. Payment and entries with weight certificates must be received prior to the closing date/time.

Veterinarians

Spanaway Veterinary Hospital, 253- 579-1299
16920 Pacific Ave S, Spanaway, WA 98387
Sat 8 AM – 6 PM, Sun 9 AM – 5 PM

Tahoma Veterinary Hospital, 253-847-3500
3317 224th St E, Spanaway, WA 98387
Sat 8:30 AM – 1 PM, closed Sunday, has emergency vet on-call

Test Site

Frontier Park, 21718 Meridian Ave E., Graham, WA 98338

Shelters #1 & 3 have been reserved and the open green space between the shelters will hold the maneuvering ring. There is space around the shelters for people to set up. The area has ample trees for shade and some open unshaded areas. The park complex is 71 acres filled with large wooded and turf areas.

Directions to site:

- From park entrance, take first right (at bathrooms) and park (test in open space beyond the bathrooms)
- From Tacoma/Seattle: I-5 South. Merge onto WA-512 E. Take the WA-161 S exit toward EATONVILLE. Continue to follow WA-161 South (Meridian Avenue East) 7.0 miles. Turn right into park.
- From Seattle/Auburn/Bonney Lake: WA-167 S toward PUYALLUP, Merge onto WA-512 W toward PUYALLUP / OLYMPIA. Take the exit toward SOUTH HILL / WA-161 S / EATONVILLE. TURN LEFT onto 104TH ST E / WA-161. Continue to follow WA-161 South (Meridian Avenue East) 7.0 miles. Turn right into park.
- From Olympia Area: I-5 N toward Tacoma/SEATTLE. Merge onto WA-512 E via EXIT 127 toward PUYALLUP. Take the WA-161 S exit toward EATONVILLE. Continue to follow WA-161 South (Meridian Avenue East) 7.0 miles. Turn right into park.

Accommodations (Please ask about pet policy & any COVID-19 restrictions)

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Puyallup, 855-799-6861
812 S Hill Park Drive, Puyallup, WA

Best Western Premier Plaza Hotel, 253-848-1500
620 South Hill Park Drive, Puyallup, Washington 98373

Henley's Silver Lake Resort, <http://henleysilverlakeresort.com/cabins/>
40724 S Silver Lake Rd E, Eatonville, WA 98328

Frontier Park has RV parking with power hook-up and camping sites available. RV parking is \$20/night and tent camping is \$5/night. Contact Nancy Van Horne for reservations/info, Nancy.vanhorne@gmail.com.

Weather

While the historical average temperatures for September in Puyallup are 48 (low) to 70 (high) deg F, there is always a chance for colder or hotter weather and rain (yes, we've seen it all)! Please be prepared for the non-average weather and enjoy the normally beautiful September days. Remember to pack your rain gear because it is the Pacific Northwest after all. Please bring shelter for you and your dog(s) in case of rain.

Awards

Each passing dog will receive a BMDCGS club medallion and a rosette. An award will be offered for oldest qualifying Bernese Mountain Dog for each session, awards offered by Nancy Van Horne, Michele Guerrini in honor of Boo and Flapjack, Susan Thompson, and Meredith Gilbert. Each entered dog will receive a ring favor. Each entered veteran (7 years and above) will receive an additional special ring favor offered by Karen Petersen in honor of Tink and Ember. A special award will be offered by Mona Hommel in honor of all draft dogs on Saturday to the team exhibiting the most outstanding teamwork and sportsmanship in and out of the ring.

Refreshments & Lunch

Morning refreshments will be available for a donation.

Panera Bread box lunches will be available both days by pre-order. Vegetarian options will be available. Please provide a separate check for meals made out to BMDCGS. Send meal order choice with check to coordinator listed on the meal order form inside this premium.

Special Activities

Volunteers will be needed during the draft test, no experience necessary. If you are willing to help at any time during the draft test, please contact the draft test chair, Nancy Van Horne, nancy.vanhorne@gmail.com.

Saturday – silent auction with proceeds going to offset costs of the draft test.

Please bring items by Saturday morning to donate to the auction!

Auction will close by the conclusion of the Saturday draft tests. The club will make arrangements to notify winners, receive payment, and ship/take items to winners if they leave prior to auction closing.

Sunday – 50/50 raffle.

Raffle ticket sales will be split with 50% to offset costs of the draft test and 50% going to the winner of the raffle. Raffle will close prior to the conclusion of the Sunday draft tests (may be separate draws for the separate sessions). If the winner is not present, the club will contact him/her and arrange to deliver the proceeds.

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Make checks payable to BMDCGS & mail with entry form.

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Please use a separate form for each combination of dog, class, & day entered.

Ex. separate forms for Saturday and Sunday entry of a novice team. And separate forms if the same dog is entered in multiple classes on the same day.

Each open or brace open entry (for each day) must include its own weight certificate.

Please type or print clearly.

Mail Entries & Checks to:

**Karen Petersen
26619 137th Ave SE
Kent, WA 98042**

Breed	Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
Class <input type="checkbox"/> Novice <input type="checkbox"/> Brace Novice <input type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Brace Open			
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog is titled in entered class	<input type="checkbox"/> Open Weight Certificate Enclosed		
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday September 12, 2020	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday September 13, 2020		
Registered Name (please include titles)			
Call Name	Berner-Garde # (BMDs only)		
Date of Birth			
Registration #	<input type="checkbox"/> American Kennel Club <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Kennel Club		
Breeder			
Sire			
Dam			
Actual Owner(s)			
Owners Address			
City	State	Zip	
Telephone	E-mail		
Handler/Agent			

Submitting this form constitutes your agreement to the terms of the Entry Agreement

ENTRY AGREEMENT

I understand that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry. I agree that I am solely responsible for the actions of myself and the dog ("the dog") that accompanies me in relationship to this entry.

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry and the opportunity to participate in this event, I agree to **HOLD HARMLESS and INDEMNIFY** the following listed parties from any claim for loss, damage or injury alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly by my actions or by the actions of the dog in relationship to this event : the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America (BMDCA) and the event-giving club, their members, officers, and agents; the owner and/or leaser of the premises; any provider of services at this event; any employees or volunteers of the parties listed here, and any BMDCA Draft Judge judging at this event. I personally assume **all responsibility and liability** for any such claim. I agree to be responsible for any loss and expense (including legal fees) incurred by any of the listed parties based on claims related in any way to my participation or the actions of the dog in relationship to this event, whether the claims are made by third parties or by myself.

Additionally, I agree to assume the sole responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury (including death) to myself or to the dog in relationship to this event. I agree to **RELEASE, INDEMNIFY and promise not to sue** the parties listed above for any such loss, damage or injury to myself or the dog, regardless of the cause, and whether or not the loss, damage or injury may have been caused by the negligence of the listed parties.

I AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE BMDCA BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE BMDCA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I agree to abide by rules and regulations of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America (BMDCA) in effect at the time of this BMDCA Draft Test and by any additional rules appearing in the premium list for this event. I certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. **I also certify that all the information I provide with this entry is true and correct.** This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I agree to conduct myself in accordance with all such Rules and Regulations (including all provisions applying to discipline) and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them.

Name of Participant
(please print) _____

Signature _____

Date: _____

Submitting this form constitutes your agreement to the terms of the Entry Agreement

**BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA
DRAFT TEST WEIGHT CERTIFICATE**

NAME OF VET CLINIC: _____

OWNER/HANDLER NAME: _____

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

Weighed _____ (*insert weight*).

Signature of vet employee witnessing weight

Employee Name and Title

Date Signed

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

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Meal Order Form

Name: _____

Saturday Lunch – Panera Bread box lunches (\$13 each)

[Boxes come with chips (for sandwiches) or roll (for salads) and cookie]

Mediterranean Veggie Sandwich _____ (count)

Tuna Salad Sandwich _____ (count)

Turkey Avocado BLT Sandwich _____ (count)

Chicken Cobb Salad _____ (count)

(without Chicken) _____ (count)

Spicy Thai Chicken Salad _____ (count)

(without Chicken) _____ (count)

Sunday Lunch – Panera Bread box lunches (\$13 each)

[Boxes come with chips (for sandwiches) or roll (for salads) and cookie]

Mediterranean Veggie Sandwich _____ (count)

Napa Almond Chicken Salad Sandwich _____ (count)

Ham and Swiss Sandwich _____ (count)

Fuji Apple Chicken Salad _____ (count)

(without Chicken) _____ (count)

SW Chili Lime Chicken Salad _____ (count)

(without Chicken) _____ (count)

Total \$ (total count X \$13) _____ (\$)

Mail meal form & check (payable to BMDCGS) to:

Jennifer Niemeyer
417 E Pine St, #204
Seattle, WA 98122

Meal questions for Jennifer: ierlyn@gmail.com

Please provide separate check from draft test entries, using U.S. Funds Only.

Covid19 Waiver for BMDCA Draft Tests

COVID-19 Acknowledgement of Risk

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

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

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

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

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

Signature

Date