

Potomac Valley Bernese Mountain Dog Club

All-Breed DRAFT WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 7, 2024



Working Dogs Ready for Drafting!

Site: Hearts Delight Farm, 4050 Garfield Road, Smithsburg, MD 21783

Site located in Catoclin Mountains west of Thurmont, MD (email for detailed Driving directions!)

Workshop 9 am to 2 pm - Bring a bag lunch - drinks are provided

Workshop Description: Beginner, novice and experienced dog teams are welcome! Open to any breed able to pull a cart! Please don't bring bitches in heat to the site! All dogs must be crated or on leash at all times except during off-lead drafting exercises.

Beginners: All dogs should have some basic control training on leash but no draft experience is required. 4 to 6 foot leash is required, with regular buckle collars (No Prong collars). Harnesses and training equipment are provided for a range of BMD-sized dogs, or bring your own and get it adjusted for your dog. An experienced instructor will lead the workshop, introducing teams to basic skills required for drafting, with hands-on training using drag bars, sleds and carts, and guidance for further at-home training. Dogs must be in fit condition and over 8 months old. Safety and positive training are essential. Bring plenty of food treats for rewards!

Novice and Open teams: Practice commands and handling techniques for participation in a BMDCA draft test. A draft ring and freight haul will be set up, with mock judging and handling hints by an instructor.

For more information, email either jack4bern timers@gmail.com or check out the Draft Workshop Flyer at www.pvbm dc.org.

For pre-registration, please send this form with a copy of rabies certificate and \$30 check for each team to: Jack Crifasi, 4050 Garfield Rd, Smithsburg, MD 21783. Make Check to payable to PVBMDC.

Rabies Certification? Yes No **Fee Enclosed?** Yes No **Workshop Date: Saturday Sept 7, 2024**

Dog's Call Name/Breed: _____ **Dog's Age:** _____

Experience (circle one): None Beginner Novice Intermediate Advanced

Comments/ Goals: _____

Participant Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

The PVBMDC Officers, Members and Instructors are not responsible for any damages and/or injuries sustained to humans, animals and/or property while participating in this event. All participants and guests acknowledge that this event involves multiple animals, attend and participate at their own risk, and agree to hold the PVBMDC, instructors and the private property owner harmless from any and all claims of personal property loss, damages and/or injury. PVBMDC has the right to refuse entry to any dog that is aggressive or disruptive during the event. Your signature constitutes acceptance of these terms.

Participants (Signature): _____ **Date:** _____