

## PREMIUM LIST

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### WORKSHOP PROGRAM

PVBMDC again offers our popular **workshop on Sunday, September 11, 2022** at Hearts Delight Farm, with drafting instruction for beginning dog teams, for novice and advanced ring work and trail haul practice, as well as for dry runs for novice and open draft test practice with judging provided by an instructor. Limited draft equipment provided, or bring your own. These workshops are excellent opportunities for preparing your team for the Fall Draft Tests. Contact Jack Crifasi at [jack4bern timers@gmail.com](mailto:jack4bern timers@gmail.com) for more information.

### 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.

### Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Draft Tests

*Hosted by the*  
**POTOMAC VALLEY BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB**

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*Drafting in the Catoctin Mountains of Maryland!*

**Draft Tests September 17 and 18, 2022**  
*BMDCA Judges – Larry Bohlig and Julie Bacon*

**Hearts Delight Farm  
4050 Garfield Road  
Smithsburg, Maryland 21783**

**This test is open to all eligible dogs**



## TEST SITE

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4050 Garfield Rd  
Smithsburg, MD 21783

The PVBMDCA Draft Test location will be at Hearts Delight Farm both days. This site is located in the Catoctin Mountains approximately 25 miles north of Frederick, MD. This beautiful mountain forest conservation farm is private property, with ample parking, water, shade trees, port-a-pot restroom, and garage for leaving equipment overnight. Groomed nature trails and private drive are used for the freight haul. Contact Jack Crifasi at jack4berners@gmail.com for site details.

### Accommodations

#### Camping

There are several RV campgrounds close by:

**Cunningham Falls State Park** (7 miles) near Thurmont MD, which allows dogs after Labor Day, with 30 amp hookups.

**Round Top CG**, near Gettysburg (20 miles); full hookups

**Artillery Ridge CG**, near Gettysburg (20 miles); full hookups

#### Motels

There are many motels in the area that have accepted dogs in the past. Please contact them to verify current pet policy and any pet fees.

**Motel 6**, 999 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21702 (AKC Discount rate - CP542764) 301-662-5141

**Mainstay Suites**, 7310 Executive Way, Frederick, MD 21704, 301-668-4600

**Comfort Inn & Suites**, 920 Dual Hwy, Hagerstown, MD 21740

**Clarion Inn**, 5400 Holiday Dr, Frederick, MD 21703, 301-694-7500

**Hampton Inn** – 5311 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick, MD 21704, 301-698-2500

**Comfort Inn** – 7300 Executive Way, Frederick, MD 21704, 301-668-7272

**Country Inn** – 5579 Spectrum Dr., Frederick, MD 21703 301-695-2881

**Travelodge** – 200 East Walser Dr., Frederick, MD 21704 301-663-0500

**Please remember to be responsible dogs owners and pick up after your dogs - we want to be invited back to these hotels next year!!**

## Misconduct Disciplinary Procedure

The BMDCA and the DWC take dog aggression very seriously and have zero tolerance for inappropriate behavior on the part of dogs/owners and/or handlers. By participating in or attending this test, you understand and agree to the terms of the Misconduct Disciplinary Procedure. This procedure is a clarification of the Discipline Section of the BMDCA Draft Regulations. For a copy of the Misconduct Disciplinary Procedure, go to: [http://bmdca.org/Draft/BMDCA\\_Draft\\_Discipline.php](http://bmdca.org/Draft/BMDCA_Draft_Discipline.php)

## Required COVID Protocols

Clubs, officials and participants are required to follow **state, local and facility guidelines** that apply to the area and site where the event is held.

## Attention Exhibitors

- The following classes will be offered: Novice and 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 weight. Weight will be verified by a test site scale.
- 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 certificate stating the dog's name and weight. This certificate must be dated within 60 days of the date of the test.
- 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.

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**Draft Test Veterinarian**  
24/7 Emergency: (301) 288-8387  
VETURGENCY  
434 Prospect Boulevard  
Frederick, Maryland, 21701

### **Draft Test Prizes**

Prizes are offered by the Potomac Valley Bernese Mountain Dog Club: Each dog with a passing performance will receive a Prize item and Qualifier's Ribbon. All entrants will receive a ring favor.

### **Schedule**

7:30 am: Site open  
Self Check In - time to be determined at close of entries.  
Equipment check - to follow Check-in no later than 30 minutes.  
Walk-through of maneuvering course and freight haul path to follow.  
Judging begins as soon as possible after check-in and walk-through.  
Lunch break time is at Judges' discretion.  
Awards will be presented at the conclusion of tests each day.

### **Hospitality**

Morning coffee and snacks will be available each day, with donations gratefully accepted.  
Lunches may be ordered for \$9.00 per person each day. Lunch packs provided by vendor include variety of sandwiches, drinks, chips & cookie. Orders and payment will be taken at morning Check-in each day.

### **Class Entry Details**

- There will be a limit of 24 test entries per test.
- Entry fees - \$35 per test for each single dog team. \$45 per test for a brace team.
- A separate entry form must be filled out for each dog of a brace team and submitted together. Even though two entry forms are required for each brace team, each brace team will be counted as one entry in the Draft Test entry limit.

• If more than 24 entries are received; they will be prioritized per the following order:

1. Untitled BMD's (*"Untitled" means untitled in the entered class*)
2. Titled BMD's
3. Untitled other dogs
4. Titled other dogs

*Note: "titled" means titled in the entered class*

- 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.
- 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.
- Alternates can be added to the test up until and including the day before the test. If an alternate will be added to the second or third day they will be contacted the day/night before.
- 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.

### **Weight Certificates**

- Weight certificates must be dated within 60 days of the date of the test.

The only acceptable weight certificates are:

- a. On the BMDCA Draft Test Weight Certificate Form (with clinic stamp showing clinic name, address and phone number)
- b. 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

Potomac Valley Bernese Mountain Dog Club DRAFT TESTS  
 Hearts Delight Farm, 4050 Garfield Rd, Smithsburg, MD 21783  
 Saturday September 17 and Sunday September 18, 2022

**Entry fee: \$35.00 per entry, \$45.00 brace**  
 Entries close at Test Secretary's address **at 6:00 PM on Sept 7, 2022**, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test Regulations.  
**Mail completed Entries, Open Weight Certificates & Fees to:**  
**Secretary**  
**410 Homewood Circle**  
**Frederick MD 21702**

**Make checks payable to: PVBMDC. Please write a separate check for each team entered. Do not send cash! Please type or print clearly.**  
**Use one form per dog per class entered.**

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		Freight Weight _____	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Open Weight Certificate Enclosed	
<input type="checkbox"/> Test#1 Saturday Sept 17		<input type="checkbox"/> Test #2 Sunday Sept 18	
Registered Name <small>(please include titles)</small>			
Call Name		Bernier-Garde # <small>(BMDs only)</small>	
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	

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

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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	

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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 ARBITRATOR ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE BMDCA BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE BMDCA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.**

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

**Name of Participant**

(please print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

NAME OF VET CLINIC: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER/HANDLER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DOG'S CALL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**VET CLINIC TO FILL IN BY HAND:**

I verify on \_\_\_\_\_ (*date*) \_\_\_\_\_ (*dog's call name*)

Weighed \_\_\_\_\_ (*insert weight*).

\_\_\_\_\_ (*position*)

**Signature** of Vet Clinic employee witnessing weight of dog

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print** name of Vet Employee signing form

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clinic phone #

**Please use Vet Clinic Stamp below with name and address of Clinic, OR  
have the information above printed/provided on the Clinic letterhead.**

VET STAMP HERE