

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

*Hosted by the*  
**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Greater Seattle**



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**BMDCGS Draft Tests for All-Eligible Dogs!  
September 18th and 19th, 2021  
Frontier Park, Picnic Shelters #1 & 3  
21718 Meridian Ave E, Graham, WA**

**Saturday Judges: Karyn Beyer & David Denis  
Sunday Judges: Karyn Beyer & Larry Bohlig & Apprentice Karen Petersen**

Entries close at the Test Secretary's address  
Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 8:00 PM (PDT).

Please mail entry forms & payment to the Test Secretary:  
**Karen Petersen  
26619 137<sup>th</sup> 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](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](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 conditions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the BMDCA Draft Working Committee and the local BMD clubs have been 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. **Each person attending the draft tests will have to sign a COVID19 waiver. Please find it included in this premium and return it signed with your entries.**

Items you should bring for your own use: face mask, hand sanitizer and/or gloves, antiseptic wipes, pen/pencil.

## 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](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. 11, 2021.**

## Saturday September 18th Judges

<b>Karyn Beyer</b>	<b>David Denis</b>
Mt. Shasta, CA	Ladysmith, BC, Canada

## Sunday September 19th Judges

<b>Karyn Beyer</b>	<b>Larry Bohlig</b>	<b>Karen Petersen (Apprentice)</b>
Mt. Shasta, CA	Foresthill, CA	Kent, WA

## Schedule

- 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.
- Lunch break is at the judges' discretion.
- Awards and score sheets will be available at the conclusion of the test.
- \* 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 26 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 26 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 8, 2021** 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 224<sup>th</sup> 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 available in an RV area NW of our picnic shelters. RV parking is \$15/night without power, \$20/night with power, \$25 with power, water, and septic. Contact Nancy Van Horne for reservations/info, [Nancy.vanhorne@gmail.com](mailto:Nancy.vanhorne@gmail.com).

### **Weather**

While the historical average temperatures for September in Graham 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 or hot sun.

### **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 test, offered by 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 on Saturday by Mona Hommel in honor of all draft dogs to the team exhibiting the most outstanding teamwork and sportsmanship in and out of the ring.

### **Refreshments & Meals**

Morning refreshments will be available for a donation.

Panera Bread box lunches will be available both days by pre-order. Vegetarian options are 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. Lunch orders due by September 11, 2021.

Following completion of Saturday's draft test, the judges' dinner will be at the Puerto Vallarta restaurant across the street from Frontier Park. Please RSVP to Meredith Gilbert ([lamer@comcast.net](mailto:lamer@comcast.net)) if you are interested in joining us for dinner. Early RSVPs are appreciated with the deadline being lunch time on Saturday at the test.

### **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, Jennifer Niemeyer, [ierlyn@gmail.com](mailto:ierlyn@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 test. 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 test. If the winner is not present, the club will contact him/her and arrange to deliver the proceeds.

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**Entry fee: \$40 per single entry, \$45 per brace entry. U.S. Funds Only.**

**Make checks payable to BMDCGS & mail with entry form.**

Entries close at Test Secretary's address at **8:00 PM on September 8, 2021**, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test Regulations.

**Please use a separate form for every 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 137<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
Kent, WA 98042**

<b>Breed</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Female	
<b>Class</b>	<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 18, 2021	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday September 19, 2021		
<b>Registered Name</b> (please include titles)			
<b>Call Name</b>	<b>Berner-Garde #</b> (BMDs only)		
<b>Date of Birth</b>			
<b>Registration #</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> American Kennel Club <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Kennel Club		
<b>Breeder</b>			
<b>Sire</b>			
<b>Dam</b>			
<b>Actual Owner(s)</b>			
<b>Owners Address</b>			
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>	<b>E-mail</b>		
<b>Handler/Agent</b>			

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.**



**BMDCGS Draft Tests September 18-19, 2021  
Meal Order Form – Due Sept 11, 2021**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Lunch – Panera Bread box lunches (\$14 each)**

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

Mediterranean Veggie Sandwich	_____	(count)
Smoked BBQ Chicken Sandwich	_____	(count)
Turkey Avocado BLT Sandwich	_____	(count)
Asian Sesame Chicken Salad	_____	(count)
(without Chicken)	_____	(count)
Strawberry Poppyseed Chicken Salad	_____	(count)
(without Chicken)	_____	(count)

**Sunday Lunch – Panera Bread box lunches (\$14 each)**

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

Modern Caprese Veggie Sandwich	_____	(count)
Napa Almond Chicken Salad Sandwich	_____	(count)
Steak & Arugula Sandwich	_____	(count)
Fuji Apple Chicken Salad	_____	(count)
(without Chicken)	_____	(count)
SW Chili Lime Chicken Salad	_____	(count)
(without Chicken)	_____	(count)

Total \$ (total count X \$14) \_\_\_\_\_ (\$)

Soda will be available at lunch for a donation.

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

**Meredith Gilbert  
4208 Samish Way  
Bellingham, WA 98229**

Meal questions for Meredith: [lamer@comcast.net](mailto:lamer@comcast.net)

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

Lunch orders must be canceled by September 11<sup>th</sup> for a refund/check shredded.

# DWC Covid Protocols For Draft Tests

Revised July 10th, 2021

## General Practices

1. 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.
2. Practice social distancing consistent with **guidelines in effect at the time of the event.** Avoid congregating to the extent possible.
3. Masks only need be worn by individuals who choose to wear one, or if the state, local and/or facility guidelines require masks to be worn.
4. Anyone wishing to sanitize their own hands and/or their equipment are encouraged to do so.
5. Avoid shaking hands, hugging, or other physical contact without consent from the other person.

All people present at the event are responsible for their own safety. Please provide your own hand sanitizer and any other supplies (i.e. masks) needed.

## Premium List

1. List the Test Site to be used. The site needs to be available for use on the closing date.
2. 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 need to be contacted the day/night before.
3. Additional Information
  - A COVID19 Waiver will be provided for inclusion in the Premium List. The waiver will need to be signed before an entry is complete. Any variation/edit to the waiver will have to be approved by the DWC.
  - Send the site requirements out with the final confirmation

## Prior to the Test

1. Stay in contact with the point person for the Site. Contact the DWC if the site won't be available.
2. Stay in touch with your judges and make sure they're still comfortable traveling. Contact the DWC if there needs to be a change of judge(s).

## On Site

3. Self check-in must be used. The handlers entry packets shall include the cart number, catalog, armband number (if used add a rubber band), binder clip, and may include a ring favor in a large ziplock-type bag and placed at their cart location. The ziplock bag shall be labeled with the handler and dog's names.
4. The secretary may request to have table in a zone marked off, which no one is to enter during the test, without the permission of the secretary.

5. The secretary will handle the clipboards as usual. The secretary and judges are responsible for cleaning anything they handle to the degree they are comfortable with. Disinfecting wipes shall be provided for the secretary's table.
6. Judges may choose to use one entrance and one exit per ring in order to keep teams from coming into close proximity to each other.

## Judges

Judges shall take care to protect teams that want to practice social distancing while they're in the ring.

## Handlers/Volunteers

Participants are expected to follow state, local government, facility and event guidelines. Clubs shall be prepared to enforce the guidelines that apply to their event.

- Handlers will need to be available when their equipment is being checked in.
- If weight(s) for the freight haul needs to be weighed, the handler will be responsible for carrying the item(s) to the scale and back to the staging area.
- Judges will not handle any harnesses or any part of the cart other than what is needed to measure the cart.
- For the Recall Exercise the handler will take the leash with them and not hand it to a judge.

## Awards & Scoresheets

- **Awards and Scoresheets** - Ribbons/Trophies are to be available for the handlers to get them themselves, should they choose to.

## Other

- The guidelines shall be followed in the ring and test area, to include the draft ring, secretaries table, equipment area, hospitality area (if there is one) and the Freight Haul activity, not the entire site.

## A Last Word

- At all times, and especially when in doubt, do what will not cause harm to you or those around you!
- Take charge of yourself and if you need to take extra precautions for your comfort level, please do so.

***Stay Safe! Have FUN!!***

## 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.

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Signature

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Date