

Entries close at 6:00 pm CST, WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test Regulations.

To Enter by Mail: Make checks payable to **BMDCA** and mail fee with Entry Form and weight certificate (if required) to: Cherie Bond, Draft Test Secretary, 232 Creek Rd, Plano, IL. 60545-9512. If sending overnight, registered or certified mail envelopes must be released without a signature. Signature required entries **MAY NOT** be accepted.

**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America
INVITES YOU TO
THE SPRING DRAFT TEST GARDEN PARTY**



**Hosted by
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northeastern Illinois**

**Location
Creekwood Meadows Farm
232 Creek Road Plano, IL 60545-9512
May 16 & 17, 2026**

Judges (both days): Eden Jonas & Jasen Duncan

This Is an All Eligible Dogs Draft Test

These tests are held in accordance with the January 2023 BMDCA Draft Test Regulations

Officers of the BMDONI

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Draft Test(s) Committee

Draft Test Chair:

Name: Lynne Farrell Washburn

Email: highlandsbmd@gmail.com

Secretary:

Name: Cherie Bond

Address: 232 Creek Rd, Plano, IL. 60545-9512

Phone: 630-816-5709

Email: berners4bond@aol.com

Committee Members:

Buffy Cramer-Hammann & Kelley Frank

Driving Directions/Parking:

****Please Note:** GPS will direct you to the Bonds' driveway - not the show site. The show site is around the corner in the grass field off Galena Road.



Schedule

- We will be utilizing a “self-check-in” the morning of the Draft Test. Please look for your team’s name and park your cart in the designated cart parking area. Your numbers, catalog, and other materials will be in this space.
- Check-in and equipment check times to be determined after the close of entries. You will be notified via email.
- Course walkthrough to follow equipment check.
- Judging to begin as soon as possible after the walkthrough.
- Lunch break at judges’ discretion.
- Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the Draft Test.

Weather

Weather can be unpredictable in the spring. Please dress appropriately and come prepared for weather that can vary from sun to rain. May in Northern Illinois typically sees average highs around 70°F (21°C) and average lows around 54°F (12°C)

Veterinarian

Day of Draft Test - VCA Aurora Animal Hospital
2600 W Galena Blvd, Aurora, IL 60506 (630) 301-6100

Emergency – VCA Aurora Animal Hospital

2600 W Galena Blvd, Aurora, IL 60506

(630) 301-6100

Open 24 hours. Please call, if possible, prior to arriving.

Spectators

We welcome spectators! Un-entered dogs may also be present but must be leashed or crated and under control at all times. Please show courtesy to the working dogs by keeping all dogs at a reasonable distance from the ring. Please do not allow them to foul the freight haul or on the evergreens. Remember to always pick up after your dogs.

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.

Regulations

Draft Test Regulations: Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (revised as of Jan 2023) and being familiar with them.

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 clubs 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.

Awards

Ring favors will be offered to exhibitors.

Each passing team will receive a rosette and a trophy. Brace teams will receive two rosettes and trophies.

The oldest passing Bernese Mountain Dog will receive a special award.

Advanced title ribbons will be offered. If you might earn one during the 2 days of testing, please note that on your entry form.

IN HONOR OF THIS YEAR'S THEME: There will be a prize given out for Best Dressed Garden Party Team.

Refreshments & Lunch

We will be providing "lite morning fare" of baked goods, water, and coffee. Lunches will be available and details will be communicated to exhibitors later via email.

There will be a Judge's Dinner on Saturday night. More detailed information will be announced on the Saturday of the draft test. All are welcome.

Hotel & Camping Information

Hampton Inn Yorkville: 310 E Countryside Pkwy, Yorkville, IL 60560 • (630) 553-9805 (16 minutes)

It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ask about pet policies when making reservations.

Big Rock Campground: 46W499 Granart Rd., Big Rock, IL: (11 minutes)

<https://kaneforest.com/location/big-rock-campground> Please reserve your space early!

Class Entry Details

- There will be a limit of 24 entries per test.
- Entry fees are \$ 40.00 for each single dog team and \$ 45.00 for a brace team
- A separate entry form must be filled out for each dog of a brace team and then 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 in the entered class
 2. Titled BMDs without Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
 3. Titled BMD's with Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
 4. Untitled other dogs in the entered class
 5. Titled other dogs without Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
 6. Titled other dogs with Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
 - *Note: For brace teams, the dog with the lowest level title in the entered class determines the team's priority. If a brace has a BMD and a non-BMD, it is considered a "BMD team" for the above.*
 - *Note that "titled" means titled in the entered class.*
- Running Order: A separate random draw to determine the running order for each class for each test.

- 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.

Attention Exhibitors

- The following classes will be offered: Novice, Brace Novice, Open 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 via scale at the test site.
- Entered dogs must be 24 months old or older on the day of the Draft Test.
- Bitches in season are not permitted to compete.
Refunds will be given for bitches in season or injured dogs with a vet cert required at the discretion of the club. Please inform the test secretary Cherie Bond, berniers4bond@aol.com if this occurs before May 16th; or inform the day-of secretary before judging begins.
- 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 that are not in the ring, must be leashed or crated and under control at all times.
- Please remember to be responsible dog owners and pick up after your dog(s). Avoid relieving your dog along the freight haul course, as well as the evergreens lining the property.
- As a courtesy to your fellow exhibitors, please show courtesy to the working dogs by keeping all dogs at a reasonable distance from the ring.

Weight Certificates

Each Open or Open Brace entry shall include the DWC weight certificate or a certificate that includes the same information that is contained in the DWC WC (available on the BMDCA website) and be signed and dated within 60 days prior to each Draft Test date. The handler is solely responsible for having a valid Weight Certificate. An incorrect Weight Certificate may result in the loss of any qualifying runs.

Entries and Payment: MAIL or ONLINE

Entries close at 6:00 pm (CST), Wednesday, May 6, 2026

- After which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test regulations.

Entries By Mail:

1. Make checks payable to **BMDCNI**
 - a. Single Dog Team \$40.00
 - b. Brace Dog Team \$45.00
2. Complete Entry Form for each dog/class entered.
 - Please type entry form
 - (Multiple days for **one** class can be marked on one entry form)
3. Weight Certificate if applicable for class entered
4. Mail Completed Entry Forms & Fees to:
 - Cherie Bond, Draft Test Secretary
232 Creek Road
Plano, IL. 60545-9512

⇒ If sending overnight, registered or certified mail envelopes must be released without a signature. Signature required entries MAY NOT be accepted.

To Enter Online:

- Pay Entry fee using Zelle (there are no banking fees with Zelle) to bmdcni@gmail.com please put "Draft" in memo line
- Please pay for each entry form (page) on a single transaction.
- ZELLE ENTRIES MUST BE REQUESTED 24 HOURS BEFORE CLOSING TO ENSURE THE PAYMENT IS PROCESSED PRIOR TO CLOSING
 - Single Dog Team \$40.00
 - Brace Dog Team \$45.00
 - E-mail completed Entry Form (s) and scan photo of Weight Certificate to secretary Cherie Bond at berniers4bond@aol.com

BMDCNI DRAFT TEST 2026 ENTRY FORM

Close of Entries

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- Entrants will receive confirmation via e-mail.
- One form per dog/class entered. Multiple days for the same class can all be marked on one entry form.
- **Entries will not be processed until all forms and payment are submitted.**

Breed: BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG				Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Class:	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice	<input type="checkbox"/> Brace Novice: <input type="checkbox"/> Dog 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Dog 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Open	<input type="checkbox"/> Brace Open: <input type="checkbox"/> Dog 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Dog 2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Open Weight Certificate Enclosed		In Entered Class Dog Is: <input type="checkbox"/> Titled <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Titled		In Entered Class: <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Could Earn Advanced Title What title:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Test 100 Saturday, May 16, 2026		<input type="checkbox"/> Test 200 Sunday, May 17, 2026			
Registered Name (please include titles)					
Call Name			Berner-Garde # (required)		
Date of Birth			DNA # (Nationals Only)		
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		
Name of Participant					
I have read, understand, and agree to the Entry Agreement. <i>Check Box:</i>				<input style="width: 30px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid black; margin-left: 10px;" type="checkbox"/>	Date
SUBMITTING THIS FORM CONSTITUTES YOUR AGREEMENT TO THE TERMS OF THE ENTRY AGREEMENT					

****Please indicate on entry form (write on bottom margin or attach note) if you might earn a new title during this 2-day test. One entry form per dog is acceptable if you are entering the same classes each day, otherwise please fill out a separate entry for each day.**

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.

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

2/21/2026

NAME OF VET CLINIC: _____

OWNER/HANDLER NAME: _____

DOG'S CALL NAME: _____

VET CLINIC TO FILL IN BY HAND:

I verify on _____ : _____ : Weighed _____ lbs.
(date) *(dog's call name)* *(insert weight)*

(Signature of Vet Clinic employee witnessing weight of dog)

(Position of Vet Clinician)

(Print name of Vet employee signing this form)

(Clinic Phone #)

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

VET STAMP HERE: