

Entries for both tests close at the address of the Test Secretary at 6:00 PM EDT, Wednesday, October 11, 2023, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test Regulations. Make checks payable to BMDCNV and mail with entry form to: Elizabeth Malcolmson, Draft Test Secretary, 145 Main Street, Rockport, MA 01966-2028. If sending overnight, registered, or certified mail, envelopes must be released without a signature. Signature-required entries MAY NOT be accepted.

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

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test

P R E M I U M L I S T

**51st & 52nd Draft Tests Hosted by the
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley**



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21
& SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023**

**Laurel Springs Farm
34 Ford Road
Sterling, Massachusetts 01564**

JUDGES:

Alison Jaskiewicz
Mason, New Hampshire

James Maxwell
San Francisco, California

**Tests Open to All Eligible Dogs
Judging Will Be Outdoors**



**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley
Established 1981**

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Saturday, October 21 & Sunday, October 22

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Awards

All qualifying teams will receive a rosette, and first-time qualifiers will receive Nashoba Valley's classic, unique wooden contoured silhouette of a Bernese Mountain Dog pulling a cart. Teams that have previously received a wooden silhouette in the same class in which they qualify at this event will receive a handmade pottery mug. There will be a special award given to the oldest Bernese Mountain Dog and the youngest Bernese Mountain Dog qualifying on each day.

Hospitality and Refreshments

Coffee and snacks will be available Saturday and Sunday morning.

Lunch details will be made available to stewards and exhibitors after the trial closes.

A post-trial dinner will be held on site Saturday night. All judges, entrants, stewards, club members and their guests are welcome to attend. Details will be available closer to that date.

Please note: we've been advised that the tap water on site should be considered non-potable. Though the BMDCNV will provide a certain amount of water, please bring sufficient water for you and your dogs.

Schedule

Schedule for each day to be determined after the close of entries.

Entrants and judges will be notified of Arrival Time and Equipment Check.

Judging will begin shortly following Course Familiarization. A lunch break will be taken at the judges' discretion.

Weather

Check the forecast frequently and come prepared for yourself and your dog(s).

Late October temperatures in Sterling historically average a high of 62 degrees and a low of 43 degrees.

Average monthly rainfall total for October is 4.5 inches.

Sunrise and sunset: around 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM each day.

We Welcome Spectators

Spectators are welcome and are encouraged to applaud and cheer for the working dog.

Please remain away from ringside, and away from the freight haul route.

Dogs who are not entered may be present but must be leashed or crated at all times, and must not interfere with the test in any way. Stewards may ask that dogs be moved if they feel there is the possibility of interference with a working team.

Please remember to always pick up after your dog and do not exercise your dog near or on the freight haul route!

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.



Class Entry Details

Entry is limited to 24 teams per day.

Entry fees: \$35 for each single dog team and \$35 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 for each day are received, entries will be prioritized in the following order:

1. Untitled BMDs
2. Titled BMDs without Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
3. Titled BMDs with Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
4. Untitled other dogs
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 purposes.

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 are 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.

There will be a single equipment check for each test.

Handlers must bring their own weight. Weight will be verified via scale at the test site.

Each Open or Brace Open entry (or possible "move-up" to Open or Brace Open) must include the DWC Weight Certificate as specified below.

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.

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).

Weight Certificates

Each Open or Brace Open entry shall include the DWC Weight Certificate (included in this Premium List, and also available on the BMDCA website); or a certificate that includes the same information that is contained in the DWC Weight Certificate; 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.

Regulations

Draft Test Regulations: Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (January 2023 Edition) and being familiar with them.

Test Site

Located in the heart of Nashoba Valley, twenty minutes from Route 495, and ten minutes from Route 190, Laurel Springs Farm is set on fifty acres of bucolic countryside in Sterling, Massachusetts, amidst pine trees, fields, a pond, and a small apple orchard. The site includes a pavilion, sport courts and pits, a fire pit, and campsites. There is a full indoor kitchen and dining area with tables and chairs as well as bathrooms. Ample parking on site. Plenty of shade.

Directions

Laurel Springs Farm
34 Ford Road
Sterling, Massachusetts 01564

Route 495 is a major beltway skirting Metrowest Boston. It is easily accessible from the Mass Turnpike from the east or west; Route I-93 from the north; and I-95 from the north and south. I-190 runs along a south/north axis from Route I-290 in Worcester to Route 2 in Leominster. (I-290 splits from the Mass Turnpike in Auburn.)

From Route I-495 North or Southbound:

EXIT 70, Route 117, Bolton/Stow. Proceed west on Route 117 toward Bolton, approximately 7 miles. Turn left onto Brockelman Road. In approximately 2 miles, turn right on Hilltop Road. Hilltop turns into Flanagan Hill Road. Just before the overpass for I-190, turn right onto Ford Road. Proceed 1/2 mile to end.

From Route I-190 North or Southbound:

EXIT 14, Route 12, Sterling/Clinton. Proceed north on Route 12 toward Leominster. Turn right at blinking yellow light onto Pratts Junction Road. In 1/2 mile, turn left onto Flanagan Hill Road. In 1/2 mile, turn left onto Ford Road. Proceed 1/2 mile to end.

Nearby Accommodations

Please call to check for specific rates and pet policies:

The Chocksett Inn

59 Laurelwood Road
Sterling, MA 01564
(978) 422-3355

chocksettinn.com

3 miles from test site (7 minutes)

The Boxboro Regency

242 Adams Place
Boxborough, MA 01719
(978) 263-8701

<http://www.boxbororegency.com/>

14 miles from test site (20 minutes)

Hilton Garden Inn

Devens Common
59 Andrews Parkway
Devens, MA 01434
(978) 772-0600

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/orhdcgi-hilton-garden-inn-devens-common/>

14 miles from test site (20 minutes)

Motel 6 Leominster

48 Commercial Rd
Leominster, MA
(978) 537-8161

<https://www.motel6.com/en/home/motels.ma.leominster.9383.html>

8 miles from test site (14 minutes)

Bring Fido

Searching at this link may be helpful for locating hotels and Airbnb properties:

https://www.bringfido.com/lodging/city/sterling_ma_us/

Campers, RVs, and Vans

Campers, RVs, and Vans will be permitted on grounds after 3:00 PM Friday afternoon October 20, and must park in designated areas, observing fire lanes and no parking areas.

Vehicles must be off the property by 5:00 PM on Sunday October 22.

The gate will close at 9:00 PM each day for all overnight parking.

Bathroom facilities available on site.

Overnight RV and van parking, and camping is permitted by the site owner as a courtesy. In order to continue club use of this lovely site, we request that exhibitors and spectators return the courtesy by: (a) cleaning up after yourself and your dogs, (b) taking your trash with you when you leave so that the draft committee does not have the added obligation of dealing with it, and (c) refraining from use of generators after 10 pm.

NOTE: There are no electric or water hook-ups. Additionally, we've been advised that the tap water on site should be considered non-potable. Though the BMDCNV will provide a certain amount of water, please bring sufficient water for you and your dogs.

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Entry fee: \$35 per entry. Make checks payable to BMDCNV and mail fee with entry form (2 pages) to the Test Secretary. Please write a separate check for each entry.

Close of Entries

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Entrants will receive confirmation of entry via email.

Mail Completed Entries (2 pages each) & Fees to: Elizabeth Malcolmson

**145 Main Street
Rockport, MA 01966-2028**

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"/> Open Weight Certificate Enclosed	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog is titled in entered class		<input type="checkbox"/> Dog has Advanced/Master Title in entered class	
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday October 21 (Test 51)		<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday October 22 (Test 52)	
Registered Name (Please include titles)			
Call Name		Bernier-Garde # (BMDs only)	
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		Email	

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

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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 Draft 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 Entry 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

**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 _____ : _____ : 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: