

## **Premium List**

### **Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test**

*Hosted by the*  
**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Southern California**



**November 13 and 14, 2021  
Diamond Dogs K-9 Events  
3349 Riverside Drive  
Chino, California 91710**

**Judges: Ruth Neilson  
Nancy Van Horne**

**Apprentice Judge: Beth Dennehy**

Entries close at the Test Secretary's address Friday October 29, 2021, at 12:00 Noon Pacific Standard Time (aka California time). Please make checks payable to BMDSC and mail fee with entry form to the Test Secretary:

**Thia Cochran  
1515 Lincoln Lane  
Newport Beach, CA 92660**

Follow mail instructions on the entry form.

**All Eligible Dogs Tests**

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*Committee Members:*  
Renee Meriaux, Jean Morris, Robin Windlinger

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## **Awards**

Each passing team will receive a Dog Themed Prize with a Ribbon or Rosette. Rosettes will be presented to each dog earning a first-time title (a dog's first NDD, DD, BNDD or BDD). Each participant will receive a ring favor.

## **Refreshments & Lunch**

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 a morning hospitality will not be offered this year. A lunch will be offered. The details are still being worked out and will be provided when available. In addition, there are several fast food choices nearby and this information will be provided to the entrants.

## **Water**

Please remember to bring water for you and your dogs.

## **Judges' Dinner**

Our Saturday night BBQ at the Site is also cancelled this year due to COVID-19 and the shorter days this time of year.

## **Weather**

Weather can be unpredictable in the late fall. Please dress appropriately and come prepared for weather that can vary from sun to rain, hot to cold. You will need to bring your own shade.

Porta potties will be provided at the test site.

## **Spectators**

For the safety of the Judges, Volunteers and Entrants and to reduce the number of people on the property at any time, Spectators will not be permitted, with the limited exception of people traveling from out of the Southern California area with participants. There will be no exceptions. Travel companions must adhere to the additional precautions and must also sign the COVID waiver.

Un-entered dogs may be present but must be leashed or crated and under control at all times. Please show courtesy to the working dogs by keeping dogs at a reasonable distance from the ring, and please do not allow them to foul the freight haul. Please be responsible dog owners and remember to pick up after your dogs. In addition, please do keep your dogs away from the horses, sheep and other livestock at the Property.

## **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.

### **Judges**

**RUTH NEILSON**

Seattle, Washington

**NANCY VAN HORNE**

Renton, Washington

### **Apprentice Judge**

**BETH DENNEHY**

Steamboat Springs, Colorado

### **Tentative Schedule**

Check In - To be determined at close of entries

We will be having a “self check-in”. Look for your team’s name at the “parking lot” along the fence line and park your cart in front of your name.

The gates to the Facility will be opened at 7:00 am.

Please do not arrive before 7:00 am.

Equipment check – 30 minutes after Check-In

Judging begins as soon as possible after the equipment check

Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the test.

A Lunch Break will be taken at the judges’ discretion.

## Class Entry Details

- There will be a limit of 28 entries each day for this Draft Test.
- Entry fees - \$35.00 for each single dog team; \$45.00 for a brace team
- A separate entry form must be filled out for each dog of a brace team and then stapled/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 28 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.
- A weight certificate form can be found on-line at the bmdca.org website at <http://bmdca.org/Draft/index.php> under the Draft home page and is also included in this Premium.

## Close of Entries

**Entries close at 12:00 Noon Pacific Standard Time (aka California time), Friday October 29, 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.**

## **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 from the Draft page [www.BMDCA.org](http://www.BMDCA.org) at no charge.

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. For a copy of the Misconduct Disciplinary Procedure, go to the Draft page of [www.bmdca.org](http://www.bmdca.org).

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.

## **Waiver of Rights – Animals in Distress**

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Southern California 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.

## **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 via a 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 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.

## **Veterinarian – Both Open 24 Hours**

Inland Valley Emergency Pet Clinic  
10 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Upland, California 91786  
909-931-7871

Alley Emergency Pet Clinic  
938 N. Diamond Bar Blvd.  
Diamond Bar, California 91765  
909-861-5737

Please call if possible prior to arriving.

## **Test Site**

Diamond Dogs K-9 Events  
3349 Riverside Dr.  
Chino, California 91710

The test will be held outdoors. The ring will be in a fully fenced grass area. Set up will be on grass/dirt. Please bring your own shade. The area is mainly flat. The freight haul will use the natural terrain of the property. Note: there are sheep and horses on the property. **PLEASE KEEP YOUR DISTANCE FROM THE HORSES AND SHEEP AND DO NOT LET YOUR DOGS APPROACH THEM.** Porta Potties will be available, but no running water or electricity. This is private property so draft equipment may be left overnight.

### **Directions to site:**

**From the West/South Via the 91 Freeway:** Take the 91 Freeway to the 71 (Chino Valley Freeway) North. Take 71 North to the Peyton/Riverside Drive exit. Turn right on Riverside Drive. Travel East ¼ mile to McCroskey Road (on the south/right side) of the street. Turn right on McCroskey Road. Drive to the end/entrance to Diamond Dogs K-9 Events Center. If you pass Reservoir Ave. you have gone too far.

**From the West/South/North Via the 5 Freeway:** Take the 57 Freeway north for about 18 miles. Keep to the left to take the 60 Freeway East Exit at Reservoir and head South. Turn right onto Riverside Dr. and then a quick left onto McCroskey. Drive to the end/entrance to Diamond Dogs K-9 Events Center.

**From the East Via the 10 Freeway –** Take the 10 Freeway to the 60 Freeway east to the 71 Freeway south. Take the 71 South to the Peyton Drive exit. Turn left and drive under the 71 Freeway. Peyton Drive turns into Riverside Drive heading East. Travel ¼ mile to McCroskey Road (on the right side). Turn right onto McCroskey Road. Drive to the end/entrance to Diamond Dogs K-9 Events Center.

**From the North Via the 210 or 10 Freeways –** Take the 57 South. Merge onto the 71 Freeway South (toward Corona). Take the Peyton Drive exit (Exit 118) toward Riverside Drive. Turn left onto Peyton Drive which becomes Riverside Drive. Travel East ¼ mile to McCroskey Road (on the south/right side) of the street. Turn right on McCroskey Road. Drive to the end/entrance to Diamond Dogs K-9 Events Center. If you pass Reservoir Avenue. you have gone too far.

Once on McCroskey **PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY TO AVOID CREATING DUST.**

## **Accommodations**

Please ask about pet policy.

Extended Stay America - 4325 Corporate Center Ave, Chino 91710 909.597.8675 (Approximately 4 miles from the test site.) Note: Pet Fee.

Motel 6 Chino - 12266 Central Ave, Chino 91710 909.591.3877 (Approximately 4 miles from the test site.)

Ayres Suites Diamond Bar - 21951 Golden Springs Dr., Diamond Bar 91765 909.860.6290 (Approximately 8 miles from the test site.) Note: Pet Fee.

Sheraton Fairplex – 601 West McKinley Ave, Pomona 91768 909.622.2220 (Approximately 7 miles from the test site.) Note: Pet Fee.

Overnight camping is available for \$10.00 per night. NO hookups. Dry camping only. No reservations needed.

## Weight Certificates

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). A copy is provided in this Premium and is available at <http://www.bmdca.org/Draft/index.php> .

b. On the Vet Clinic's Letterhead w/name, address, AND 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

### COVID – 19 SPECIFIC TEST GUIDELINES - IMPORTANT

1. The test may be divided into two sessions, one morning and one afternoon, to limit the number of people on site at any one time. If the club feels the need to divide their test, the following may occur:

- There will be a draw to determine which session teams are in.
- Sibling groups (Dogs belonging to the same owner) will be in the same session whenever possible.
- NO request for which session your team(s) are placed in will be considered.
- Awards will be done after each session.
- Handlers will need to vacate the test site before check-in for the next group of teams.

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

- Masks will need to be worn during the group stay and the freight haul (Knowing this ahead of time will give teams the ability to train for this).
- The movable object and load object will be cleaned/disinfected/sanitized between teams. This will be further clarified in the briefing.
- A list of General Practices and DWC COVID Protocols is included at the end of this Premium List. Please familiarize yourself with them.
- A COVID-19 Waiver has been provided in this Premium List following the entry form and weight certificate form. The waiver will need to be signed before an entry is complete.

**THE WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL IN ATTENDANCE.**



**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Southern California**  
 Diamond Dogs K-9 Events, 3349 Riverside Drive, Chino, California  
 November 13 and 14, 2021

**Entry Fees: \$ 35 per single-dog entry and \$ 45 per brace entry**

**Entries close online or at the Test Secretary's address at 12:00 Noon on October 29, 2021**, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test Regulations.

**To enter:** Type on Entry Form and Entry Agreement, print them –or– print blank forms and fill them out by writing clearly.

Mail completed forms (2 pages) with enclosed check payable to BMDSC to:  
**Thia Cochran, 1515 Lincoln Lane, Newport Beach, CA 92660**

**Please type or print clearly. Use one form per dog per class entered.**

BREED:		SEX:		Male	
				Female	
CLASS:	Novice	Brace Novice	Open	Brace Open	
Dog is titled in entered class.			Open Weight Certificate Enclosed		
Test #1 (Saturday) November 13, 2021					
Test #2 (Sunday) November 14, 2021					
REGISTERED NAME: <i>(please include titles)</i>					
CALL NAME:			BERNER-GARDE # <i>(BMDs only)</i>		
REGISTRATION #		DNA PROFILE # <i>(Nationals only)</i>			
AKC	CKC				
DATE OF BIRTH:			PLACE OF BIRTH:		
			USA	Canada	Foreign
BREEDER:					
SIRE:					
DAM:					
ACTUAL OWNER(S):					
OWNERS ADDRESS:					
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:		
TELEPHONE:			EMAIL:		
HANDLER/AGENT:					

**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: <i>(please print)</i>	
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

**Please use vet clinic stamp below (with name, address, and PHONE of clinic) or have the above information printed/provided on clinic letterhead.**

**THIS WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL IN ATTENDANCE.**

## COVID-19 Waiver for BMDCA Draft Tests

### COVID-19 Acknowledgement of Risk

I am signing this Statement in anticipation of attending a BMDCA Draft Test(s) (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 & Date

**Please Return a SIGNED COVID Waiver With Your Entry**

## DWC COVID Protocols for Draft Tests

### 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 must be worn when in close proximity (6-8 feet) to others. Clubs should provide masks for officials, judges and volunteers as needed.
4. Wash hands as frequently as possible. Have disinfecting spray/wipes at bathroom facilities for people to spray/wipe door handles (or anything else they touch).
5. Provide disposable gloves. Gloves may be used as determined necessary by the individual.
6. Avoid shaking hands, hugging, or other physical contact.
7. Avoid touching dogs that are not your responsibility.
8. Avoid common use pens/pencils/clipboards – bring your own.
9. Sanitize surfaces in common use areas as often as possible (tables, chairs, doorknobs, etc.).
10. Participants should consider bringing their own lunch/drinks.
11. Parking – Park with sufficient distance between vehicles if possible.

### Handlers/Volunteers:

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

- Must wear masks at all times when within 6 feet of others.
- 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.
- Handlers may go without a mask while maneuvering.
- Handlers must put a mask on before the Load and Unload steward approaches.
- Gate steward will need to use appropriate wipes, gloves, etc when bringing the carts into the ring.

### Exercises:

- Basic Control – No change.
- Recall – Handler keeps the leash with them and doesn't give it to the judge.
- Harness and Hitch – Judges won't touch the dog or harness. If the judge needs to see any part of the harness or hitch, the handler will make that possible.
- Load & Unload – A chair, small table, or similar object will be provided to place the load on. The steward will approach once the handler has their mask on and stand near the load. The greeting will be verbal only. During the unload the steward will still pat the dog; two pats is

perfect. The handler can choose to wipe the dog's head if they wish. The club must provide a cleanable, impervious object for the load that can be picked up with one hand and easily be wiped down between handlers. Examples would include a plastic coffee can, Rubbermaid container, plastic dog ball.

- Slow – No change.
- Group Stay – Keep a distance of at least 6 feet from other handlers. Masks should be worn.
- Freight Haul - Keep a distance of at least 6 feet from other handlers. Masks should be worn.

**Awards and Scoresheets** - Ribbons/Trophies are to be available for the handlers to get them themselves. Scoresheets will be put into the Ziplock bag that was originally used for check-in. The Ziplock bag will be wiped down and returned to the original ringside cart location.

### **Other**

- The guidelines should 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.
- Each participant is responsible for disinfecting the toilet(s) before/after they use it. The club should provide a spray bottle of 70% Isopropyl Alcohol and tissues, (wipes, paper towels) or other cleaning supplies for the restroom/porta potty.
- Take charge of yourself and if you need to take extra precautions for your comfort level, please do so.

**Stay Safe! Have FUN!!**