

## Premium List

### Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test

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**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies**



## **DRAFTING 'TIL THE COWS COME HOME**

**April 27 & 28, 2024**

**Chateau VanMeriaux  
5208 Dry Creek Road, Evans, CO 80634**

### **JUDGES**

**Julie Bacon & Jim Maxwell  
Apprentice Judge Buffy Cramer-Hammann**

Entries close online or at the Test Secretary's address

**Wednesday April 17 6:00pm MT**

Online and mail instructions on the entry form.

**All Eligible Dogs Draft Tests**

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### Draft Test Committee

**Draft Test Chair:** Lori Kennedy 9630 E Colorado Ave, Denver, CO 80247 303-641-0138

**Draft Test Secretary:** Jane Marino 3517 Arapahoe Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80521 970-631-4167  
[goldensrule123@gmail.com](mailto:goldensrule123@gmail.com)

**Committee Members :** Beth Dennehy, Renee Meriaux, Kelley VanArsdale

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### Awards

Each passing team will receive a rosette ribbon and a dog themed item.

The oldest passing Bernese Mountain Dog will receive a dog themed award.

### Refreshments & Lunch

The BMDCR will provide a continental breakfast each morning. Donations toward expenses will be gratefully accepted. Anyone stewarding **all day** will be provided a free lunch!

Saturday – Qdoba Taco bar    Sunday – Panera box lunch  
Ordering details provided online at [bmdcr.org/DraftTests.html](http://bmdcr.org/DraftTests.html)

### Judges Dinner

Everyone is welcome to attend a dinner on Saturday night on site catered by Roma Italian Restaurant. Dinner will include salad, lasagna, and dessert.

Ordering details provided online at [bmdcr.org/DraftTests.html](http://bmdcr.org/DraftTests.html)

### Weather

Weather can be unpredictable in the spring. Please dress appropriately and come prepared for weather that can vary from sun to rain or snow.

## **We Welcome Spectators**

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 remember to 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.

## **Schedule**

**No one is to arrive on site prior to 7:00 am.**

**7:30 am Self Check In**

**8:00 am Equipment Check**

Entrants must have all draft carts, equipment, collars, leashes, harnesses, couplers, and weights being used in the test available for inspection in the designated area by this time.

**Followed by judges' briefing and walk through**

**Judging begins following the walk through**

Final schedule will be posted after close of entries.

Lunch time will be at the judges' discretion.

Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the test.

## **Class Entry Details**

- There will be a limit of 26 entries for the Draft Test.
- Entry fees - \$35 for each single dog team \$45 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 26 entries are received, they will be prioritized per the following order:
  1. Untitled BMD's
  2. Titled BMD's without Advanced/Master titles in entered class

3. Titled BMD's 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.

Note that "titled" means titled in the entered class.

- A separate random draw to determine running order 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 page 9, at [bmdcr.org/DraftTests.html](http://bmdcr.org/DraftTests.html) and at [bmdca.org/files/ugd/642781\\_7f37da8c198840cda45f1f24faf4ed1f.pdf](http://bmdca.org/files/ugd/642781_7f37da8c198840cda45f1f24faf4ed1f.pdf)

### **Close of Entries**

**Entries close Wednesday April 17 6:00pm MT online or 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**

#### **Draft Test Regulations 2023 Edition**

Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (revised as of Jan 2023) 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 the Rockies 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, 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 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.

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 who are not in the ring, must be leashed or crated and under control at all times.

## **Veterinarian**

### **Day of Draft Tests**

**PETS Emergency Hospital 970-339-8700**

**4144 24<sup>th</sup> St Road, Greeley, CO 80634**

**Open 24 hours**

## **Test Site**

Chateau VanMeriaux

5208 Dry Creek Road, Evans, CO 80634

The Draft Test location is the home of club members Kelley VanArsdale and Renee Meriaux. The property is a fully fenced 2.5 acre site with a large dirt and grass pasture for the draft ring. Freight haul will be on varied surfaces that may include a private road or meander through the neighborhood.

Set ups are allowed on Friday between 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm and can remain through the weekend. Carts can be stored overnight. Bring shade, as there are no trees. Bring mats, as it may be dusty.

**Please do not arrive earlier than 7:00 am. This is a residential neighborhood and we want to keep noise to a minimum all weekend.**

Parking: Follow the signs to the designated parking area. There is plenty of parking available. Please do not park on the street.

There is limited space for RVs and trailers but no hookups. Quiet hours 10:00 pm – 7:00 am. Contact Renee at [meriaux1@earthlink.net](mailto:meriaux1@earthlink.net) prior to closing if you'd like to park an RV so that she can plan the parking area.

**Directions to site:** Chateaux VanMeriaux 5208 Dry Creek Rd, Evans, CO 80634

From I-25: Exit I-25 onto East Hwy 34. Right onto 65<sup>th</sup> Ave. Right onto 49<sup>th</sup> St. Left onto Cedar Park Dr. Left onto Dry Creek Rd. House on left hand side – follow parking signs

From Hwy 85 Heading South: Right onto 42<sup>nd</sup> St. Left onto Industrial Parkway – turns into 49<sup>th</sup> St. Right onto Cedar Park Dr. Left onto Dry Creek Rd. House on left hand side – follow parking signs

From Hwy 85 Heading North: Left onto 42<sup>nd</sup> St. Left onto Industrial Parkway – turns into 49<sup>th</sup> St. Right onto Cedar Park Dr. Left onto Dry Creek Rd. House on left hand side – follow parking signs

### **Accommodations**

Please ask about pet policy.

**Hampton Inn & Suites Greeley** 2350 W 29<sup>th</sup> St, Greeley, CO 80631 970-339-5525

**Best Western Greeley** 2563 W 29<sup>th</sup> St, Greeley, CO 80631 970-330-7495

**Evans RV Park** 200 37<sup>th</sup> St, Evans, CO 80620 970-616-5501

### **Weight Certificates**

Each Open or Brace Open entry shall include the DWC weight certificate or a certificate that includes the same information that is contained in the DWC WC 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.

**The only acceptable weight certificates are:**

**a. On the BMDCA Draft Test Certificate Form (with clinic stamp showing clinic name, address and phone number).** This form is provided on Page 9 of this Premium List, at

[bmdcr.org/DraftTests.html](http://bmdcr.org/DraftTests.html) and at

[https://www.bmdca.org/files/ugd/642781\\_7f37da8c198840cda45f1f24faf4ed1f.pdf](https://www.bmdca.org/files/ugd/642781_7f37da8c198840cda45f1f24faf4ed1f.pdf)

**b. On the Vet Clinic's Letterhead w/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

### Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies

Chateaux VanMeriaux 5208 Dry Creek Road, Evans, CO 80634

Saturday, April 27, 2024 and Sunday, April 28, 2024

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

**Entries close online or at the Test Secretary's address on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 6:00pm MT**, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test Regulations.

**To enter online:** Type on Entry Form and Entry Agreement (fillable PDF files), save to your computer, and email both as attachments to goldensrule123@gmail.com. Pay via PayPal from the BMDCR website, [bmdcr.org/DraftTests.html](http://bmdcr.org/DraftTests.html).

**To enter by mail:** Type on Entry Form and Entry Agreement, print them –or– print blank forms and fill them out by writing clearly. Mail completed forms with enclosed check payable to BMDCR to:  
Jane Marino, 3517 Arapahoe Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80521.

**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 #100 (Saturday, April 27)					
Test #200 (Sunday, April 28)					
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: \_\_\_\_\_

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: