

Entries close at 5:00 p.m. MDT TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025, 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 **BMDCR** and mail fee with Entry Form and weight certificate (if required) to: Vicky Hall, Draft Test Secretary, 1910 S 1700 E, Salt Lake City, UT 84108-3133. If sending by 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 online at BMDCR.org and email the completed Entry Form and Weight Certificate (if required) to Secretary Vicky Hall, ravhall@aol.com

Premium List Bernese Mountain Club of America Spring Draft Test



Get in the Moo'd for Drafting!

**Location: Chateau VanMeriaux
5208 Dry Creek Road, Evans, CO 80634
Dates: April 11, 12, & 13th, 2025**

Judges

**Friday 4/11: Barry Solomon & Ruth Nielsen
Saturday 4/12: Ruth Nielsen & Buffy Cramer-Hammann
Sunday 4/13: Buffy Cramer-Hammann & Barry Solomon**

Hosted by

BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB



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OF THE ROCKIES

This Is An All-Eligible Dogs Draft Test

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

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Onsite Day-of-Test Secretaries

Elaine Witulski, Marti Simons, Heather Berg

Committee Members:

Dottie Schulte, Stephanie Biksacky, Vicky Hall, Elaine Witulski, and Heather Berg

Driving Directions/Parking:

Chateaux VanMeriaux, 5208 Dry Creek Rd, Evans, CO 80634

From I-25: Exit I-25 onto East Hwy 34. Right onto 65th Ave. Right onto 49th 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 42nd St. Left onto Industrial Parkway – turns into 49th 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 42nd St. Left onto Industrial Parkway – turns into 49th St. Right onto Cedar Park Dr. Left onto Dry Creek Rd. House on left hand side – follow parking signs

Test Site

The Draft Test location is the home of BMDCR 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 Thursday between 12:00 pm – 6:30 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.

On test days 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 prior to closing** if you'd like to park an RV so that she can plan the parking area.

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.

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. The monthly averages for April are a low of 36F and a high of 64F, with an average of 6.1 days of precipitation in any form. These are only averages and may vary widely.

Veterinarian:

PETS Emergency Hospital 970-339-8700

4144 24th St Road, Greeley, CO 80634

Open 24 hours

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 who complete the test.

Each passing team will receive a rosette and a trophy.

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

Advanced title ribbons will be offered. If you might earn one during the 3 days of testing please note that on your entry form.

Refreshments & Lunch

Morning hospitality will be available each test day. Donations gratefully accepted.

Details regarding pre-purchased lunches are still being worked out. Information will be posted when available on our website, BMDCR.org, so please keep checking the website.

There will be a Judge's Dinner on site on Saturday night and all are welcome.

Hotel Information/Camping

Hampton Inn & Suites Greeley 2350 W 29th St, Greeley, CO 80631 970-339-5525

Best Western Greeley 2563 W 29th St, Greeley, CO 80631 970-330-7495

Evans RV Park 200 37th St, Evans, CO 80620 970-616-5501

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

Class Entry Details

- There will be a limit of **26** entries per test.
- Entry fees \$35 for each single dog team and \$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 in entered class
 2. Titled BMD's without Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
 3. Titled BMDs with Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
 4. Untitled other dogs in 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. Please inform the test secretary Vicky Hall, ravhall@aol.com if this occurs before April 11; 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).

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.

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Entries By Mail:

1. Make checks payable to **BMDCR**
 - a. Single Dog Team \$35.00
 - 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; if your class choices vary from day to day please send a separate entry form for each day)
 3. Weight Certificate if applicable for class entered
 4. Mail Completed Entry Forms & Fees to:
 - Vicky Hall, Draft Test Secretary
1910 S 1700 E
Salt Lake City, UT 84108-3133
- ⇒ If sending by overnight, registered or certified mail envelopes must be released without a signature. Signature required entries MAY NOT be accepted.

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, and do not allow them to foul the freight haul. Remember to always pick up after your dogs.




Trophy donations appreciated and gratefully accepted! Email Dottie, dottieS911@aol.com

BMDCR SPRING DRAFT TESTS 2025 ENTRY FORM

Close of Entries

- Entries close at **5:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, 2025**, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test regulations.
- Entrants will receive confirmation of entry received 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.**

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| Breed: | | | 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 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Test 100 Friday, April 11 | | <input type="checkbox"/> Test 200 Saturday, April 12 | | <input type="checkbox"/> Test 300 Sunday, April 13 | |
| 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 type="checkbox"/> | Date |

****Please indicate on entry form (write on bottom margin or attach note) if you might earn a new title during this 3-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**

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: