

# Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America

## DRAFT TEST

*Hosted by the  
Heart of Michigan Bernese Mountain Dog Club*



*Saturday, October 17, 2009*

Waterloo State Recreation Area

Chelsea, Michigan

*Entries close at the Test Secretary's address*

*Monday, October 5, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. EST.*

*Please make checks payable to: HMBMDC, Inc.*

*Mail fee with entry form to the Test Secretary:*

*Dawn Gibbs*

*9445 Columbia Hwy.*

*Eaton Rapids, MI 48827*

2009 HMBMDC Draft Test  
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## 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 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.

Any slots not filled by Bernese Mountain Dogs or Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs will be open to any breed.

We welcome spectators at this event!

Please remember to be responsible dog owners  
and pick up after your dog(s).



## Test Site

The test site is a recreational area adjacent to a lake. There is a large grass area with an asphalt parking area. A large pavilion is located adjacent to the grassy area. Electricity is available. Running water is possible depending on weather, primitive rest rooms are also available. *All vehicles entering the park must have a valid 2009 State Park Motor Vehicle Permit properly affixed to the front windshield*; resident annual MVP costs \$24; a non-resident annual MVP costs \$29; all vehicles registered in Michigan will qualify for a resident MVP; daily resident, \$6; daily non-resident, \$8; senior annual, \$6.

Directions to site: I-94 east or west to exit 150 (Mt. Hope Rd). North on Mt. Hope to Seymour Rd. West on Seymour to the Portage Lake Unit.

**NOTE:** Please follow above directions, entering the address in your GPS will NOT get you to the test site.

## ACCOMODATIONS

### Please ask about pet policy

#### *CHELSEA AREA (APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES EAST)*

**Comfort Inn**, 1645 Commerce Park Dr., Chelsea, MI 48118 (734) 433-8000.

**Holiday Inn Express Chelsea**, 1540 Commerce Park Dr., Chelsea, MI 48118 (734) 433-1600.

#### *JACKSON AREA (APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES WEST)*

**Holiday Inn**, 2000 Holiday Inn Dr., Jackson, MI 49202 (517) 783-2681.

**Comfort Inn & Suites**, 2435 Shirley Dr., Jackson, MI 49202 (517) 768-0088.

**Super 8 Motel**, 2001 Shirley Dr., Jackson, MI 49202 (517) 788-8780.

#### *ANN ARBOR AREA (APPROXIMATELY 25 MILES EAST)*

**Candlewood Suites Detroit-Ann Arbor**, 701 Waymarket Way, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (734) 663-2818.

**Red Roof Inn**, 3621 Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105 (734) 996-5800.

**Best Value Inn & Suites**, 3505 S. State St., Ann Arbor, MI 48108 (734) 665-3500.

**CAMPING** - Waterloo Recreation Area. 734-475-8307

## Judges

Mary Alice Eschweiler  
32022 Highway K  
Hartland, WI 53029

Jennifer Brightbill  
15860 S. Lucky Lane  
Oregon City, OR 79045

## Schedule

Check in.....8:00 am

Equipment check.....8:30 am

Judging begins as soon as possible after the equipment check. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the test. Lunch will be at the judges' discretion.

## Classes Offered

- ♥ Classes offered: Novice Draft, Open Draft, Novice Brace, Open Brace.
- ♥ A separate entry form must be filled out for each dog of a brace team and then stapled 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 20 entries are received, a random drawing will be held within 48 hours after the closing date. All entrants will be notified by mail of their entry status. Alternates will also be drawn and may compete in the absence of regular entries.
- ♥ Drawing preference: Untitled BMD's, Titled BMD's, Untitled non-BMD's, Titled non-BMD's

## Close of Entries

Entries close at 6:00 pm EST on October 5, 2009 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. Please type or print legibly when filling out the entry form and remember to include your telephone number and e-mail address if you have one. Make checks payable to HMBMDC, Inc. Send completed entry form(s) and entry fee(s) to the Draft Test Secretary: *Dawn Gibbs, 9445 Columbia Hwy, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827*

## Regulations

Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (revised as of June, 2007) and being familiar with them. Draft Test Regulations are available on the BMDCA web site at <http://www.bmdca.org/Draft/index.php> or by sending \$2.00 (checks payable to BMDCA) to BMDCA Ways and Means c/o Dottie Schulte, 1943 Mountview Drive, Greeley, Colorado 80631.

## Attention Exhibitors

- ♥ Entered dogs must be 24 months old or older on the day of the Draft Test (birth date must be on or before October 17, 2007).
- ♥ Open entries must include a veterinary certificate stating the dog's name and weight. This certificate must be dated within 60 days prior to October 17, 2009.
- ♥ 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 (which will be weighed at the test site).
- ♥ Bitches in season are not allowed to compete. Treatment of this situation is in accordance with AKC Obedience regulations. Contact the Test Secretary for details.
- ♥ The two dogs of a brace team need not be owned by the same person or by the handler.

## Veterinarian

Lane Animal Hospital  
701 N. Main Street  
Chelsea, MI 48118  
(734) 475-8696

## Awards

Each passing team will receive an award from the Heart of Michigan Bernese Mt. Dog Club. All participants will receive a certificate of participation and a ring favor.

## Refreshments & Lunch

Morning coffee, hot chocolate and baked goods will be available at the site. A buffet style picnic lunch will be available. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

## Reminder

Water and electricity will be available on site (weather permitting), but you should bring water for your dogs just in case.

The weather in Michigan at this time of year is often unpredictable. Please be prepared for warm, cool, or cold conditions, and remember to pack your rain gear.

## We Welcome Spectators!

Un-entered dogs may be present but must be leashed or crated and under control at all times.

♥Please remember to pick up after your dog(s)♥

♥Please use the designated area♥

♥A Potty Station is provided for your convenience♥

## 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 lessor 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. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test

Waterloo Recreation Area, Chelsea, Michigan

Saturday, October 17, 2009

Entry Fee: \$30.00 per dog; \$50.00 per brace team Entries close at 6:00 pm EST on Wednesday October 5, 2009 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. Mail Entries & Fees to: Dawn Gibbs, 9445 Columbia Hwy., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827 . Make checks payable to HMBMDC, Inc. I enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for entry fees.

BREED

SEX

DRAFT CLASS

Novice Draft

Open Draft

Brace Novice

Draft Brace

Open Draft

FULL NAME OF DOG

CALL NAME

AKC Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_

AKC Litter No. \_\_\_\_\_

Is Dog titled in class entered? Yes – No

ILP No. \_\_\_\_\_

Current Weight \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Foreign Reg. No. & Country \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

BREEDER

SIRE

DAM

ACTUAL OWNER(S) (Please Print)

OWNERS ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

NAME OF OWNER'S AGENT (if any) AT THE SHOW

I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I(we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this Draft Test, and further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed on the reverse side of this entry form. I(we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and agreement. SIGNATURE of the owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry.

X \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_