

Entries close at 8:00 P.M. August 27, 2025, 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 Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Alaska, and mail fee with entry form to: Jessica Struempfer, Draft Test Secretary, 8007 Skyhills Drive Anchorage, AK 99502. If sending by 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 the January 2023 BMDCA Draft Test Regulations

Premium List

Bernese Mountain Club of America, Draft Test



Hosted by
the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Alaska

Location
Hagen House
2048 N. Backhaus St.
Wasilla, Alaska 99623

Date(s)
September 6-7, 2025

Judges
Jennifer Brightbill - Oregon City, OR
Ruth Nielsen - Winthrop, WA

This Is An All Eligible Dogs Draft Test

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6623 E Lupine Dr., Palmer, AK 99645
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907-745-8437

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2320 E. Dowling Rd.
Anchorage, AK 99507
(907) 274-5636

PET Urgent Care
6613 Brayton Dr., Unit B
Anchorage, AK 99507
(907) 743-3313

Schedule

- Check In – to be determined at close of entries.
- Site opens @ 8:00 a.m.
- Equipment check – to follow check-in, no later than (TBD) Judging begins as soon as possible after the equipment check.
- Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the test. Each passing team will receive a rosette and ring favor.
- Lunch will be at the judge's discretion.

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).

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

- There will be a limit of 24 entries per test.
- Entry fees \$ 45.00 for each single dog team and \$ 45.00 for a brace team
- 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 are received, they will be prioritized per the following order:
 1. Untitled BMD's in the 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 the 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 with a veterinary certificate site.
- 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 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.

- Weight certificate(s): must be dated within 60 days of the date of the test.

The only acceptable weight certificates are:

- On the BMDCA Draft Test Weight Certificate Form (with clinic stamp showing clinic name, address and phone number)
- 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

Draft Test Regulations

Draft Test Regulations 2023 Edition: Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (revised as of January 2023) and being familiar with them. <https://www.bmdca.org/draft> (listed under "Draft Regulations & General Resources")

Refreshments & Lunch

Please bring your own as there is no food onsite for this event.

Weather

Weather in Alaska can be very unpredictable, and change quickly. We always come prepared for anything. Although the test will be in September, weather can range from rain and glacier swept wind to low 80s and hot sun. We suggest dressing in layers, and bring a raincoat.

Hotel Information

Grand View Inn & Suites
2900 E. Parks Hwy
Wasilla, AK 99654
(907) 352-1700

*Please ask about pet policy.

Camping

Camping is **not** available on-site

Riverside RV & Camper Park @ 17262 W. Parks Hwy, Houston AK 99623. (907) 892-9020

note - the Little Susitna Campground is not open for camping after Labor Day weekend

Location

Hagen House
2048 N. Backhaus St. Wasilla
Alaska 99623

Driving Directions

From Anchorage

Take Glenn Hwy (AK-1) North until you reach the Parks Hwy (AK-3) North exit

Take the Parks Hwy Exit and drive through Wasilla, past Big Lake Rd. to Mile 56.

Turn Left at Millers Reach

Turn Left at Pick-A-Dilley

Turn Right at Brittney Lou

Turn Left on Backhaus. Destination is the driveway on the right past the big log house.

From Palmer

Take the Palmer-Wasilla Hwy (AK-1) to the Parks Hwy (AK-3)

Turn Right (North) on the Parks Hwy

Drive through Wasilla, past Big Lake Rd. to Mile 56.

Turn Left at Millers Reach

Turn Left at Pick-A-Dilley

Turn Right at Brittney Lou

Turn Left on Backhaus. Destination is the driveway on the right past the big log house.

Entry fees:

\$ 45.00 per team

\$ 45.00 per brace team

Please make checks payable to BMDC of AK and mail fee with entry form to the Test Secretary.

If sending by overnight, registered or certified mail envelopes must be released without a signature.


Mail Completed Entries & Fees to:

Jessica Struempfer
8007 Skyhills Drive
Anchorage, AK 99502
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BMDC of ALASKA DRAFT TEST 2025 ENTRY FORM

Entries

- Entries close at **8:00 PM (AKST), Wednesday, August 27, 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 by via e-mail.
- One form per dog/class entered. Multiple days for the same class to 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 | |
| Check Each Day Entered In the Class Marked Above: <input type="checkbox"/> Test 100 Saturday Sept 6, 2025 <input type="checkbox"/> Test 200 Sunday Sept 7, 2025 | | | | | |
| Registered Name (please include titles) | | | | | |
| Call Name | | | Berner-Garde # (BMD 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 | | E-mail | | | |
| Name of Participant | | | | | |
| I have read, understand, and agree to the Entry Agreement. Check Box: | | | |  | |
| | | | | Date | |

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 VET CLINIC: _____

OWNER/HANDLER NAME: _____

DOG'S CALL NAME: _____

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, address and phone number of the Clinic,
OR have the information above printed/provided on the Vet Clinic's letterhead.

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