

2022 HMBMDC Draft Test
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Premium List
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test

Hosted by the
Heart of Michigan Bernese Mountain Dog Club



Saturday October 15 and Sunday October 16, 2022
Waterloo State Recreation Area
Chelsea, Michigan

Judges: Saturday, Oct 15 – Dan Brodigan and Julie Bacon
Sunday, Oct 16 – Dan Brodigan and Mary Alice Eschweiler

Entries close at the Test Secretary's address **Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 6:00 PM, Eastern Daylight Time.** Please make checks payable to HMBMDC, Inc. and mail fee with entry form to the Test Secretary:

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This Test is open to All Eligible Dogs

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### Committee Members:

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
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### Awards

Each passing team will receive an award from the Heart of Michigan Bernese Mt. Dog Club. Passing brace teams will receive two awards, one for each dog. All participants will receive a ring favor.

### Refreshments & Lunch

Morning coffee & bottled water will be available. Snacks will be available in the morning, but not a full breakfast. A boxed lunch will be available to **pre-order** in the Berner Store at [HMBMDC.org](http://HMBMDC.org) for both days. **Orders must be placed by October 5 at 6 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.** If you choose not to order, please plan to pack a lunch as there are no places close by.

### Water

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

### Weather

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 keep any bitches in season away from test areas**

Hand sanitizer will be available.  
Masks are optional.

**Please remember to pick up after your dog(s).**

- ♥ Please be a responsible dog owner
- ♥ A Potty Station is provided for your convenience

## **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**

#### **Saturday**

**Dan Brodigan, Alaska**

**Julie Bacon, Virginia**

#### **Sunday**

**Dan Brodigan, Alaska**

**MaryAlice Eschweiler, Wisconsin**

### **Schedule**

Check In - TBD both days. (park opens at 8:00 am)

Equipment check - To follow Check-in

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.

### **Close of Entries**

**Entries close at 6:00 pm, Eastern Daylight time, Wednesday, October 5, 2022 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.**

## **Class Entry Details**

- There will be a limit of 22 entries for each Draft Test.
- Entry fees - \$35 for each single dog team \$55 for a brace team
- 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 22 entries are received for any day, 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](http://bmdca.org) website under the Draft home page.

### **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 [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 [bmdca.org](http://bmdca.org) website under the Draft home page.

## Attention Exhibitors

- The following classes will be offered:
  - Novice Draft
  - Open Draft
  - Brace Novice Draft
  - Brace Open Draft
- 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

**Emergency** – Ann Arbor Animal Hospital, 2150 West Liberty, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Phone (734) 662-4474 open 24 hours. Please call prior to arriving if possible.

**Emergency** – Greater Lansing Veterinary Center, 1290 W Grand River Ave, Ste 500, Williamston, MI 48895. Phone (517) 708-2525 open 24 hours. Please call prior to arriving if possible.

## Test Site

Waterloo State Recreation Area  
Portage Lake Beach  
Grass Lake, MI 49240

The test site is at the Portage Lake Unit of the Waterloo Recreation Area. There is a large grass area with an asphalt parking area. There is ample room for EZ Ups & crates. Portage Lake is close by. A large pavilion is located adjacent to the grassy area. Electricity is available. Running water is available if temperatures are above freezing.

Michigan residents require a Recreation Passport (\$12 annual fee). Non-Michigan residents will need a \$9 daily sticker, available at the park entrance (or a \$34 annual pass).

## Directions to site:

**From the east (Detroit):** I-94 west to exit 150 (Mt. Hope Rd). North (right) onto Mt. Hope to Seymour Rd. West (left) on Seymour to the Portage Lake Unit which will have a state park sign on the right. Take the 2nd right in the park to the Deer Run Shelter.

**From the west (Kalamazoo):** I-94 east to exit 147 (Race Rd). North (left) onto Race Road, until it ends at Seymour Rd. East (right) on Seymour to the Portage Lake Unit which will have a state park sign on the left. Take the 2nd right in the park to the Deer Run Shelter.

**Either follow above directions, or use GPS to Portage Lake Campground, Grass Lake MI. DO NOT map to Waterloo Recreation Area!** Google Maps will find “Portage Lake Campground”, Apple Maps may not. **You can also map to a restaurant called Portage Lake Parlor, 12227 Seymour Rd, Grass Lake, MI & the entrance to the test site at the Portage Lake Unit will be approximately 1 mile WEST of the restaurant.**

For those camping, you'll take the first right in the park, to the campground. Test Site Parking is at the 2nd right in the park.

## ACCOMODATIONS (Please verify pet policy)

*CHELSEA AREA (APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES EAST)*

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

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

*JACKSON AREA (APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES WEST)*

**Baymont Inn**, 2035 Bondsteel Dr., Jackson, Michigan (517) 539-3047.

**Quality Inn**, 2001 Shirley Dr., Jackson, MI (517) 788-8780.

*ANN ARBOR AREA (APPROXIMATELY 25 MILES EAST)*

**Sonesta Simply Suites**, 701 Waymarket Way, Ann Arbor, MI (734) 663-2818.

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

**Red Roof Inn**, 3505 S. State St, Ann Arbor, MI (734) 665-3500.

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

## 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)
- 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

## BOXED LUNCH CHOICES

\$7 per day.

**Please pre-order & pay for your lunches at the Berner Store:  
[HMBMDC.org](http://HMBMDC.org)**

Each lunch includes a 6 inch sub, Lays chips & chocolate chip cookie.

The choices for each day are:

Black Forest Ham on Italian bread, lettuce, tomato & American cheese.

Oven Roasted Turkey on Italian bread, lettuce, tomato & American cheese.

BMT (Salmi, Spicy Pepperoni & Black Forest Ham) on Italian bread, lettuce, tomato & American cheese.

Veggie Delight Salad (vegetarian). Dressing choice - Ranch or Vinaigrette. (does not include chips & cookie)

Lunches for both days **MUST** be ordered in the Berner Store at [HMBMDC.org](http://HMBMDC.org) by Wednesday, **October 5, 2022 at 6 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time**. No orders will be accepted after this date. If lunch is not ordered please plan to pack your own as there are no places close by.

**Heart of Michigan Bernese Mountain Dog Club**  
**Waterloo Recreation Area, Chelsea, Michigan**  
**October 15 & 16, 2022**

**Submitting this form constitutes your agreement to the terms of the Entry Agreement**

**ENTRY AGREEMENT**

**Entry fee: \$35 per individual entry, \$55 per brace team entry**

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**Mail Entries & Fees to:** Dawn Gibbs  
 9446 Columbia Hwy  
 Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

**Make checks payable to HMBMDC, Inc.**

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

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 in 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.

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| <b>Breed</b>                                                                    |              | <b>Sex</b>                              |                                              | <b>Color</b>      |  |
| <b>Class (circle):</b> Novice        Open        Brace Novice        Brace Open |              | <b>Open</b>                             |                                              | <b>Brace Open</b> |  |
| <b>Dog is titled in entered class</b> Yes        No                             |              | <b>Open Weight Certificate Enclosed</b> |                                              |                   |  |
| <b>Test #1 (Saturday, Oct 15)</b>                                               |              | <b>Test #2 (Sunday, Oct 16)</b>         |                                              |                   |  |
| <b>Registered Name</b><br>(please include titles)                               |              |                                         |                                              |                   |  |
| <b>Call Name</b>                                                                |              |                                         |                                              |                   |  |
| <b>Date of Birth</b>                                                            |              |                                         |                                              |                   |  |
| <b>Registration #</b>                                                           |              |                                         |                                              |                   |  |
| <b>Breeder</b>                                                                  |              |                                         |                                              |                   |  |
| <b>Sire</b>                                                                     |              |                                         |                                              |                   |  |
| <b>Dam</b>                                                                      |              |                                         |                                              |                   |  |
| <b>Actual Owner(s)</b>                                                          |              |                                         |                                              |                   |  |
| <b>Owners Address</b>                                                           |              |                                         |                                              |                   |  |
| <b>City</b>                                                                     | <b>State</b> | <b>Zip</b>                              | <b>Name of Participant</b><br>(please print) | <b>Zip</b>        |  |
| <b>Telephone</b>                                                                |              | <b>Handler/Agent</b>                    |                                              |                   |  |
| <b>E-mail:</b>                                                                  |              | <b>Signature</b>                        |                                              |                   |  |

**Submitting this form constitutes your  
agreement to the terms of the Entry Agreement  
BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA  
DRAFT TEST WEIGHT CERTIFICATE**

**Covid19 Waiver for BMDCA Draft Tests**

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.**

COVID-19 Acknowledgement of Risk

I am signing this Statement in anticipation of attending a BMDCA Draft Test (the Heart of Michigan BMD Club).

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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*\*\*\*Please include with entries

