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To Enter Online: Pay Entry fee to Venmo HMBMDC and email the completed Entry Form and Weight Certificate (if required) to Janet Tiderington, mjtider@comcast.net

To Enter By Mail: Make checks payable to HMBMDC and mail fee with Entry Form and Weight Certificate (if required) to: Janet Tiderington, Draft Test Secretary, 2444 Canterwood, Highland, MI 48357. If sending by overnight, registered or certified mail envelopes must be released without a signature. Signature required entries MAY NOT be accepted.

**Premium List
Bernese Mountain Club of America, Draft Test**



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

**Waterloo Recreation Area Deer
Run Shelter GrassLake,
Michigan**

**Saturday, October 11, 2025
Judges: Jennifer Brightbill & Buffy Cramer- Hammann**

**Sunday, October 12, 2025
Judges: Jennifer Brightbill & Buffy Cramer- Hammann**

**Friday, October 10, 2025 Draft Match
Judge: Cinthia Lee Mentor Judge: Julie Bacon**

This Is An All Eligible Dogs Draft Test

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

Officers of the Heart of Michigan Bernese Mountain Dog Club

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Vice President: Hunter Calvelage
Treasurer: Dawn Gibbs
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Draft Test(s) Committee Draft

Test Chair:
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Janet Tiderington
2444 Canterwood, Highland, MI 48357
mjtider@comcast.net

Committee Members:
Jennifer Zablotny Sherrie Start
Kelly Smigielski
Laura Wagner Dawn Gibbs
Bob & Nancy Torstenson Mary Maliarik

Location

Waterloo State Recreation Area Portage
Lake Beach, Deer Run Shelter Grass Lake,
MI 49240

Driving Directions:

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.

Follow above directions, or use GPS to Portage Lake Campground, Grass Lake MI.

DO NOT map to Waterloo Recreation Area!

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.

Please call Jan Tiderington (248-933-2619) if you need help with directions.

Parking:

Because our tests are held in a State Recreation Area, there is a fee for parking. **Michigan Residents** will need a Michigan Recreation Passport. These are available when you purchase your license tabs for the year. If you do not have one, you can purchase it at the park for \$14 + \$5 processing fee.

Non-Michigan Residents can purchase a Daily Pass for \$11 per day or can purchase a yearly Non-Resident Passport for \$41 + \$1.50 processing fee, which is good until the end of the calendar year (2025). You can purchase these ahead of time at [MiDNRReservations.com/Store](https://MichiganDNRReservations.com/Store). There is a 3 week delivery time. You can also purchase them at the park.

Tentative Schedule

Self Check-In will begin at 8:00 am both days (park opens at 7:00am). Look for your team's number & park your cart in the designated spot, along with all draft equipment: harness, leads, collars, & weights. Your check-in bag will contain your cart number and a Ring Favor.

Equipment Check & Walk Through - 8:30am both days.

Judging begins as soon as possible after the equipment check & walk through.

Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the test.

Lunch will be at the judges discretion.

Any move-ups Must be communicated to the secretary at least 30 minutes prior to daily equipment check.

Weather

The weather in Michigan at this time of year is often unpredictable. Please be prepared for warm, cool, cold, or wet conditions. There is a covered shelter for us to eat under, but not enough room for crating. You are welcome to bring your own canopies. You may set up the afternoon of October 10, 2025, but there is no security at night & you assume all risk for belongs left at the site.

Veterinarian

Non-Emergency - Lane Animal Hospital, 701 N. Main Street, Chelsea, MI 48118 (734) 475-8696. 14 miles.

Emergency - Ann Arbor Animal Hospital, 2150 West Liberty, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Phone (734) 662-4474 open 24 hours. 28 miles. Please call if possible prior to arriving.

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.

Regulations

Draft Test Regulations: Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (revised as of Jan 2023) and being familiar with them.

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.

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

Each passing team will receive an award from the Heart of Michigan Bernese Mountain 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. Lunch will be our usual award winning buffet style pot luck. You will not go hungry! Please feel free to bring something to pass or contribute a \$5 donation.

Hotel Information

CHELSEA AREA (APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES EAST)

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

Baymont by Wyndham, 1540 Commerce Park Dr., Chelsea, MI (734) 719-8016

JACKSON AREA (APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES WEST)

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

ANN ARBOR AREA (APPROXIMATELY 25 MILES EAST)

Red Roof Inn, 3505 State St., Ann Arbor, MI (937) 328-1699.

Hampton Inn & Suites, 2910 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor, MI (734) 994-1100 Please ask about pet policy.

Camping

Waterloo Recreation Area. 734-475-8307

Class Entry Details

- There will be a limit of 22 entries per test.
- Entry fees \$35 for each single dog team and \$50 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 22 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 vet cert required at the discretion of the club.
- 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.



Entries and Payment

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Entries by Email:

1. Pay Entry fee: Venmo to HMBMDC
 - a. Single Dog Team \$35.00
 - b. Brace Dog Team \$50.00
2. Complete Entry Form for each dog/class entered.
 - a. Please type entry form
 - b. (Multiple days for **one** class can be marked on one entry form)
3. Weight Certificate if applicable for class entered
4. Scan Entry Form & Weight Certificate (no photos) to email.
5. Email Completed Entry Form & Weight Cert. to:
Janet Tiderington mjtider@comcast.net

Entries By Mail:

1. Make checks payable to HMBMDC, or Venmo HMBMDC
 - a. Single Dog Team \$35.00
 - b. Brace Dog Team \$50.00
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)
3. Weight Certificate if applicable for class entered
4. Mail Completed Entry Form, Weight Certificate & Fees to:
 - Janet Tiderington, Draft Test Secretary
 - 2444 Canterwood
Highland, MI 48357

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HMBMDC DRAFT TEST 2025 ENTRY FORM

Close of Entries

- Entries close at 6:00P.M.(EST), **Wednesday, October 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 by via e-mail.
- One form per dog/class entered. Multiple dogs for the same class can all be marked on one entry form.
- **Entries will not be processed until all forms and payment are submitted.**

Breed:					Sex: Male Female	
Classes:	Novice	Brace Novice:	Dog 1 Dog 2	Open	Brace Open:	Dog 1 Dog 2
Open Weight Certificate Enclosed			In Entered Class Dog Is: Titled Advanced Titled		In Entered Class: Dog Could Earn Advanced Title	
Test 100 Saturday, October 11, 2025			Test 200 Sunday, October 12, 2025			
Registered Name (please include titles)						
Call Name				Berner-Garde # (required)		
Date of Birth				DNA # (Nationals Only)		
Registration #				American Kennel Club 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>					Date	
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.

**BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA
DRAFT TEST WEIGHT CERTIFICATE**

NAME OF VET CLINIC: _____

OWNER/HANDLER NAME: _____

DOGS CALL NAME: _____

VET CLINIC TO FILL IN BY HAND

I verify on _____ : _____ : Weighed _____ lbs.
(date) (dogs call name)

(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 of the Clinic, OR have the information above printed/provided on the Vet Clinic's letterhead.

VET STAMP HERE:

Draft Match Friday, October 10, 2025

Hosted by: Heart of Michigan Bernese Mountain Dog Club, Inc.



BMDCA Draft Match will be held at the same location as HMBMDC's October 11 & 12 Draft Tests at Waterloo State Recreation Area, Deer Run Shelter.

For those newer to drafting, come join in the fun practicing draft skills in an actual draft test setting. Or enter as practice for this weekend's HMBMDC Draft Tests.

To enter the Match, your dog(s) should already be comfortable pulling a cart and may be of any age capable of safely pulling their cart. Younger than 2 years old will not be permitted to carry any weight on Freight Haul. Maximum FH weight 20 lb per dog.

Because this is the same area being used for Sat & Sun actual Draft Tests, the use of treats in the ring is not allowed. However, the use of other non-food items such as toys are encouraged.

Bitches in season are not allowed on site.

This Match will be held Rain or Shine. Michigan weather is often unpredictable. Please be prepared for warm, cold, or wet conditions. There is a covered shelter with picnic tables, but not enough room for crating. You are welcome to bring your own canopy.

Bring: a Chair, Food, & Drink for yourself. Leash & collar, draft equipment, water & bowl, ex-pen/crate, etc for your dog. Please plan to arrive early to check in and get your equipment set up.

Tentative equipment check time: 9:30 am

Judge: Cinthia Lee

Mentor Judge: Julie Bacon

Match cost is \$10 per team.

Make checks payable to **HMBMDC**.

Mail signed entry form & check to:

Janet Tiderington,
2444 Canterwood
Highland, MI 48357

Limit: 20 teams. Closing date: October 1, 2025

Your Name _____ Phone _____ Dog's

Call Name _____ Dog's Age _____ Breed

of Dog _____ (all breeds welcome) Email

address _____

Address _____ Please

check class you wish to work on: ☐ **Novice** ☐ **Open** ☐ **Single** ☐ **Brace**

Friday's Draft Match is a separate event from HMBMDC's October 11 & 12 Draft Tests. Participants are not required to be entered in the October 11 & 12 Draft Tests in order to participate. This Match is being provided by HMBMDC as a separate learning experience for those interested in Drafting with their dogs.

For questions regarding Friday's Draft Match email: Cinthia Lee c.lee_rn_ocn@yahoo.com

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