

Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test Purpose

The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America (GSMDCA) Draft Tests are a series of standardized exercises through which Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs are judged at GSMDCA-sponsored draft tests in order to obtain GSMDCA drafting titles. The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog historically has functioned as a draft dog in various capacities. Accordingly, these exercises have been designed to reflect realistic work situations. Successful performance should demonstrate:

- The dog's inherent drafting ability refined by training and teamwork.
- The dog's readiness to work with his handler to accomplish the exercises efficiently.
- The dog's willingness and enjoyment of his work displayed by the combination of controlled-teamwork with his handler and natural independence.
- The handler's proper understanding of draft work, equipment and regulations.



Premium List

Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America 2 Trials In One Day ALL BREED Draft Test

Hosted by the
Patriot Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club



Sunday April 28th, 2024
150 Blue Heron Dr
Williston, VT 05494

Bitches in season allowed in accordance with GSMDCA Draft Rules

Up to 12 entries allowed per Trial

Judges:

Kelly Lovley Pam Capelli

Entries close Wednesday, April 17th at 5:00 PM (EST). Please make checks payable to PGSMDC and mail fee with entry form to Lesa Cozzie, Test Secretary.

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Schedule- Times subject to change
 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Equipment checks
 8:30 – 9:0 a.m. Course review & walk-through
 To follow First dog on line

30-minute lunch break will be after the first trial.
 Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the test.



Draft Test Committee

Draft Test Secretary: Lesa Cozzie
 88 Ambrose Way
 Wolfeboro, NH 03894
 603-393-5886

Draft Test Chair: Deanna Never
 833 Georgia Mountain Road
 Fairfax, VT 05454
 802-598-2367

Entry Information

The entry is limited to 12 teams of all classes per trial. In the event more than (12) entries are received, the Draft Test Chair will request a waiver to allow more teams to enter. Otherwise, entries are determined by the following priorities:

- 1) Priority will be given to entries that are untitled Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs
- 2) Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs that have earned titles in the class entered.
- 3) Untitled breeds, including brace teams with one Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs
- 4) Titled breeds, including brace teams with one Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs

A random draw will be held for each group that exceeds the test limit. Entries exceeding the total test limit will be assigned to an alternate list in the order in which they were drawn. Alternates may compete if a slot becomes available because a team is absent or unable to compete. In the event that a dog earns its title after the draw and continues showing in that class (does not “Move-Up” in the case of Novice), it will be moved to the end of the appropriate titled group.

Close of Entries

Judges

Entries close on Wednesday, November 30 at 5:00 PM (EST) at the Draft Test Secretary's snail mail or e-mail address, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or altered, except as specifically allowed in the GSMDCA Draft Test regulations.

3 Dorset St
South Burlington, VT 05403
802-735-1808

Additional Information

Awards

Each passing team will receive a ring prize and Qualifying ribbon provided by PGSMDC.

Refreshments & Lunch

Lunch will be provided for stewards, judges and other volunteers.

Weather

May weather in Vermont can be unpredictable. Please be prepared for hot, warm, cool, cold, wind, rain or snow.

Spectators

Spectators are allowed and you may be put to work!

Please remember to pick up after your dog(s). This is a working farm please refrain from touching the farm animals Thank you!

Veterinarian

PEAK Veterinary Referral Center

158 Hurricane Lane
Williston, VT 05495
(802)-878-2022
www.peak.ethosvet.com

Hotel

Fairfield Inn By Marriott

2844 St George Rd
Williston, VT 05495
802-879-8999

Comfort Inn and Suites

Definitions: The term “dog” applies to dogs of both sexes. The term “team” means a handler and his/her dog. All terms and instructions and regulations that refer to a single dog also apply to a pair of dogs working together unless otherwise noted.

- Entered dogs must be 18 months or older on the day of the draft test.
- Bitches in season are permitted to compete.
- No dogs belonging wholly or in part to the draft test judge, or to any member of their immediate family, may compete.
- The Basic Control Exercise shall be waived for dogs that have earned an AKC Companion Dog (CD) title if a copy of the CD title certificate is sent with the entry form. In the event the CD requirements were met, but the title certificate has not yet been received, the entrant may so state on the form and in a separate letter attached to the entry. If the dog passes the draft test, the NDD or DD title and certificate will be withheld until after the Draft Work Committee (DWC) Chairman receives a copy of the CD title certificate.
- Handlers must provide the draft rig. Any of the following draft rigs may be used: cart, wagon, sled, toboggan, or travois. Each of these must be equipped so that the draft rig cannot run up on the dog when hauling downhill.
- The handler selects and provides appropriate freight load for the apparatus and the dog.
- Entrants are responsible for obtaining the GSMDCA Draft Test Regulations dated May 2019 and being familiar with them. Regulations are available on the GSMDCA web site (www.gsmdca.org).

**Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test Entry
150 Blue Heron Dr, Williston, VT 05495**

April 28 Trial 1

April 28 Trial 2

AGREEMENT

Entry Fee: \$35.00 for each entry

Entries Close at the Test Secretary's address on Wednesday, April 17, 5:00 PM (EST), after which time entries can not be accepted, canceled, or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current GSMDCA Draft Test Regulations. **Mail Entries & Fees** to: Lesa Cozzie 88 Ambrose Way Wolfeboro, NH 03894

lesacozz88@yahoo.com

Make checks payable to **PGSMDC**

Please type or print clearly and include your telephone number and e-mail address for notification.

BREED:

SEX:

CLASS: **Novice** **Open** **Brace Novice** **Brace Open**

Check box if dog has earned AKC Companion Dog (CD) title—enclose or attach certificate

CALL NAME:

REGISTERED NAME(S):

AKC REG NUMBER:

Or OTHER REGISTRY AND NUMBER:

DATE OF BIRTH:	PLACE OF BIRTH: <input type="checkbox"/> USA <input type="checkbox"/> CANADA <input type="checkbox"/> FOREIGN
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BREEDER:

SIRE:

DAM:

ACTUAL OWNER(S):

OWNER'S ADDRESS:

CITY: **STATE:** **ZIP:**

TELEPHONE: **E-MAIL:**

No Entry accepted without a signed Agreement

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 Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America (GSMDCA) and the event-giving club or group of individuals, 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 Draft Judge (or other 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 GSMDCA BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE GSMDCA 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 Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America (GSMDCA) in effect at the time of these GSMDCA Draft Tests and other events and by any additional rules appearing in the premium list for these events. 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 accordance with them. I am fully and personally responsible for my own safety and actions while and during these activities I recognize that I may be in any case at the risk of contracting COVID-19. I am not experiencing any symptoms nor have I been around anyone who has.

NAME OF PARTICIPANT:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

Filling in your name and submitting this form constitutes your agreement to the terms above.

Volunteer Opportunities!

I am able to volunteer on: **Saturday**

I could do any of the following when I'm not on course:

Load steward **Unload steward** **Set narrows** **Bring cart in ring**

Distraction steward **Scribe** **Freight haul walker** **Lunch set up**

Lunch clean-up

Site clean-up at conclusion of trial