

Entries **FOR BOTH DAYS** close at the address of ***Beth Atkinson, Test Secretary***, at 6:00 PM EDT on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current BMDCA Draft Test Regulations

## PREMIUM LIST

**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test  
41<sup>st</sup> & 42<sup>nd</sup> Draft Tests Hosted by the  
*BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF NASHOBA VALLEY***



**Saturday, October 28, 2017**

**Sunday, October 29, 2017**

***Cogswell's Grant***

**Essex, Massachusetts**

**Judges, both days:**

**Ruth Nielsen, Seattle, WA**

**Barry M. Solomon, Morrison, CO**

**All Judging will be outdoors**

## Officers of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley

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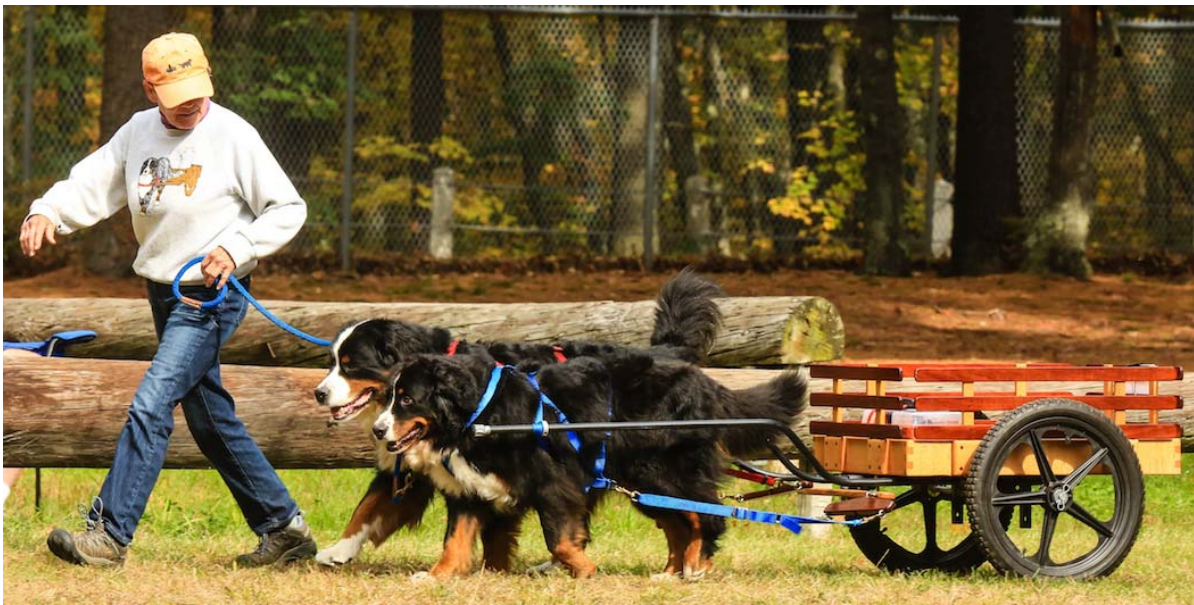
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Committee Members: Sue and Jeff Nowak, Jean Michael, Anya Wittenborg.



## **Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America**

### **Draft Test Purpose**

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test is a series of exercises designed to develop and demonstrate the natural abilities of 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 show willingness and enjoyment of his work in a combination of controlled teamwork with his handler and natural independence.

### **Regulations**

Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (July 2011 Edition) and being familiar with them. Draft test regulations are available online: <http://bmdca.org/Draft>. These are *All Eligible Dogs* draft tests in accordance with current BMDCA Draft Regulations, Chapter 3, Section 1, Paragraph B (with preference given to Bernese Mountain Dogs).

\*\*\*The BMDCA and the Draft Work Committee 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 [http://bmdca.org/Draft/BMDCA\\_Draft\\_Discipline.php](http://bmdca.org/Draft/BMDCA_Draft_Discipline.php), or ask Elizabeth Malcolmson, Test Chair, or you can contact the DWC Chair, Jennifer Brightbill, at [jbrightbill@mac.com](mailto:jbrightbill@mac.com).

By participating in or attending this test, you understand and agree to the terms of the Misconduct Disciplinary Procedure. This procedure is a clarification of the Discipline Section of the BMDA Draft Test Regulations.

### **Awards**

All participating teams will receive a suitable keepsake. Qualifying teams will receive a rosette. Teams qualifying in a BMDCNV test for the first time will receive a classic wooden contoured silhouette of a Bernese Mountain Dog pulling a cart. Qualifying teams who have previously qualified will receive a special trophy. There will be an award given to the oldest qualifying BMD on each day.

### **Veterinary:**

#### **Cape Ann Veterinary Hospital**

426 Essex Ave

Gloucester, MA 01930

978-283-3228

[www.capeannvet.com](http://www.capeannvet.com)

### Test Site and Weather

Overlooking the Essex River and tidal marshes, Cogswell's Grant has been a working farm from 1636 until today. , a rare surviving example of a 17<sup>th</sup> –century New England farm. 165 acres of the original 300 acre grant are today owned and operated by Historic New England; and the colonial-era farmhouse on the property serves as a backdrop for the celebrated American folk art collection of Nina and Bertram Little.

The grounds are meadows and slopes rimmed by large trees with some gravel roads.

There are two restrooms, one of which is handicapped-accessible.

Essex, Massachusetts is a coastal village steeped in Maritime history and quaint New England charm. Antique shops and restaurants abound. Many local restaurants feature the **fried clam, which is said to have been invented in Essex, in 1914**. The town's annual Clam Fest, featuring clam chowder and arts and crafts takes place each year in October.

Weather in coastal New England for late October is usually chilly, although snow is rare. Occasionally, there may be sunny conditions with highs approaching 70.

### Hospitality and Refreshments

Lunch will be available at the test site. Many nearby restaurants.

#### Nearby Accommodations (Please call for specific rates & pet policies)

##### **Rockport Inn & Suites**

183 Main St. (Rt. 127)

Rockport, MA 01966

978- 546-3300

[www.rockportinnandsuites.com](http://www.rockportinnandsuites.com)

*Approx 11 mi from test site)*

##### **Cape Ann Motor Inn**

33 Rockport Rd.

Gloucester, MA 01930

978-281-2900

[www.capeannmotorinn.com](http://www.capeannmotorinn.com)

*(Approx 11 mi from test site)*

##### **Motel 6**

65 Newbury St (Rt. 1 North)

I-95 at US Rt. 1 Exit 47B

Danvers, MA 01923

978-777-8045

[www.motel6.com](http://www.motel6.com)

*(Approx 17.5 mi from test site)*

##### **Town Place Suites by Marriott Boston North Shore/Danvers**

238 Andover St. (Rt. 114)

Danvers, MA 01923

978-777-6222

[www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)

*(Approx 18 mi from test site)*

## **DIRECTIONS**

Cogswell's Grant  
60 Spring St.  
Essex, MA 01929

From I-95 North or South:

Take Exit 45 in Peabody to Route 128 NORTH Gloucester  
(On 95 Northbound, keep left for Exit 45 – where 95 becomes 128)

Follow Route 128 to Exit 15 School St/Manchester

Turn Left onto School St. toward Essex and follow 3.5 miles to Route 133  
Turn Left on Route 133 West (Main St,)

At intersection of Route 22, bear right to follow Route 133

After the "White Elephant" Antiques Shop, take first right onto Spring Street and follow to the end.  
There is ample free parking at the site. Please park in the marked parking area.

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## **Optional**

From points north of Exit 45 in I-95,  
Take Exit 54 to Route 133 Georgetown/Rowley

Follow Route 133 East, cross Route 1, continuing on 133.

Turn Right on Route 133 East/1A South  
(Village Pancake House will be immediately on your right)

Follow 133 East/1A South through Ipswich:

(Follow 133 to the right at Dunkin Donuts, quickly followed by a left along the main street in Ipswich, called  
Central St.)

Follow 133 out of downtown Ipswich.

After Ipswich Ford, turn left (Essex Rd.) to follow 133 East:  
(follow 133 through horse country past Wolf Hollow, Cape Ann Golf Club)

At "Sea Meadow Gift Shop," on the right (lots of art on display in the yard),  
Take next left onto Spring Street and follow to the end.

## **Attention Exhibitors – Important Information**

- Handlers must provide their own rigs, harnesses, and tie downs or other means of securing a load on their particular draft rig.
- Handlers must provide their own weights for the freight haul. Weight will be verified via scale at the test site. Freight haul weight loads: In Novice Draft, the weight required is 20 lbs. In Open Draft, the weight required is the weight of the dog rounded down to the nearest 10 lbs; 60 lbs minimum. In Novice Brace Draft, the weight required is 40 lbs per team. In Open Brace Draft, the weight required is the sum of the Open weight of each dog.
- Entered dogs must be 24 months old or older on the day of the Draft Test.
- Each Open or Open Brace entry, or possible 'move-up' to Open or Open Brace, must include a veterinary certificate stating the dog's name and weight. This certificate must be dated within 60 days prior to the date of the test.
- Bitches in season are not permitted to compete. Entry Fees shall be refunded upon receipt of a veterinary certificate stating an entered bitch is in season at the time of the Draft Test.
- The two dogs of a brace team need not be owned by the same person or by the handler.

## **Class Entry Details**

- The entry fee is \$35 per team. The brace entry fee is \$35 per two-dog team. For brace entries, please complete an entry form for each dog and staple together.
- Entry is limited to 24 teams per day.
- The following classes are offered: Novice, Novice Brace, Open, and Open Brace. Brace teams may be grouped with the appropriate level single teams for group exercises.
- If more than 24 entries are received, they will be prioritized per the following order:
  1. Untitled Bernese Mountain Dogs
  2. Titled Bernese Mountain Dogs
  3. Untitled other dogs
  4. Titled other dog(Note that "titled" means titled in the entered class)
- A random draw will be held for each group including and following the one that causes the total entry in excess of the Test limit.
- 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.
- 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.
- Alternates will also be drawn and may compete if a spot becomes available.
- Entry fees shall not be refunded in the event the dog is absent, disqualified, excused by Veterinarian or Judge or barred from competition by the Show Committee. If because of riots, civil disturbances, or other acts beyond the control of the Show Committee it is impossible to open or to complete the test,

no refund of entry fee will be made. Extreme weather conditions must be considered for the health and safety of the dogs, exhibitors, officials, and spectators and are of paramount importance. In the event it is necessary to cancel or stop the test before completion, no refund of entry fee will be made.

- A handler may withdraw a dog from a draft test for medical reasons. Entry fees shall be refunded upon receipt of a signed veterinarian's certificate stating the reason for withdrawal (postmarked mail prior to the test date is acceptable); however, it is requested that the Test Secretary is notified as soon as possible so an alternate can be contacted.



## **Close of Entries**

Entries close **Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at 6:00 PM EDT** 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 and include your telephone number and email address on each entry. Please make checks payable to BMDCNV and write a separate check for each entry. If entering both days you MUST complete entry forms for each day and include separate checks. If you have any questions, please contact the Secretaries: Beth Atkinson, Alise Burbridge, or Adam Conn (emails and phone numbers listed above.) Telephone or incomplete entries cannot be accepted. Entries received without fees will not be accepted. Post-dated checks and returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. No entry shall be made or no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.

## **Tentative Schedule**

Schedule to be determined after the close of entries. Entrants and judges will be notified of Arrival time and Equipment Check & Freight Haul Weigh-In. Judging will begin shortly following Judges' Session and Course Familiarization. A lunch break will be taken at the judges' discretion.

Typically judges and entrants arrive from 7:30-8:00 AM. Plan accordingly.  
Start times for Sunday may be moved back depending on number of entries.

## **We welcome spectators at this event!**

Please remember to be responsible dog owners and pick up after your dog(s). Unentered dogs may be present, but must be leashed or crated and under control at all times.







***NOTES***

**BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF NASHOBA VALLEY**  
 Cogswell's Grant, Essex MA  
**Saturday October 28 & Sunday, October 29, 2017**

Entry fee: \$35.00 per entry. (Brace is considered one entry)

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Mail ALL Entries & Fees to: **Beth Atkinson, Test Secretary**  
 422 Sugar Rd.  
 Bolton MA 01740-1114

Make checks payable to: **BMDCNV**

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

Breed		Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> Male
			<input type="checkbox"/> Female
Class	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice	<input type="checkbox"/> Brace Novice	<input type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Brace Open
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog is titled in entered class		<input type="checkbox"/> Open Weight Certificate Enclosed	
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday October 28		<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday October 29	
Registered Name (please include titles)			
Call Name		Berner-Garde # (BMDs only)	
Date of Birth		DNA Profile # (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	
Handler/Agent			

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.

**Name of Participant**

(please print)

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**Signature**

**Date:**

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