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**ENTRIES CLOSE at Superintendent's Office at 12:00 Noon ET, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025**  
after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Ch. 11, Sec. 6 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows, or Ch. 1, Sec. 16 of the Obedience Regulations.

**ENTRIES OPEN 9AM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19** before which entries cannot be accepted and will be returned

# The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America

(Member of the American Kennel Club)

## 2025 National Specialty Show



Agility, Conformation w/NOHS, Draft, Farm Dog, Futurity, Herding, Junior Showmanship, Obedience, Rally Obedience, Scent Work, Sweepstakes, Top 20 Gala, Tracking, Versatility Showcase, Veteran Sweepstakes, and Veterans

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(Mason Dixon, Potomac Valley, Watchung, Nashoba Valley, Finger Lakes (NY), Central VA, Blue Ridge, Chattahoochee, Piedmont, Three Rivers, and Hampton Roads)

**Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **Sunday, April 27**

- BMDCA Board Meeting - Aspire Hotel Technology Meeting room, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Herding - Keepstone Farms, Berryville, VA
- Tracking Test - Fair Hill NMRC, Fair Hill, MD
- Registration - Eisenhower Hotel Lobby, 2 - 8 p.m.

### **Monday, April 28**

- Registration - Eisenhower Hotel Lobby, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Grooming set up - All Star Expo Hall, 12 noon - 10 p.m.
- Grooming set up refreshments, All Star Concessions Room - 1 - 5 p.m.
- Agility - A Click Above, Leesburg, VA
- Berner U -Aspire Hotel Meeting Rooms- Stillwell, Halsey, Wainwright, Technology- 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Draft Test #1 - Eisenhower Hotel Grounds
- Reunion Happy Hour - Tropical Courtyard, Eisenhower Hotel, 5-7 p.m.

### **Tuesday, April 29**

- Registration - Eisenhower Hotel Lobby, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Berner U - Hotel, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Puppy Sweepstakes - All Star Expo Hall
- Draft Tests #2 and #3 - Eisenhower Hotel Grounds
- Farm Dog -All Star Grounds
- CGC, Trick Dog Tests - All Star Lobby Room
- International Meet & Greet- All Star Expo Hall 4:30 p.m.
- 50th Anniversary Kickoff Celebration Featuring Stud Dog Showcase - All Star Events Complex 5 -7 p.m.

### **Wednesday, April 30**

- Health Clinics - All Star Lobby Room
- Futurity - All Star Expo Hall
- Veteran Sweepstakes - All Star Expo Hall
- Versatility - All Star Expo Hall
- Obedience - Eisenhower Hotel Ballroom
- Heart of Gold Mixer - Eisenhower Tropical Courtyard 4 -6 p.m.
- Health Auction - Aspire Hotel Ballroom, Silent Auction 6:30 p.m., Live Auction 7:30 p.m.

### **Thursday, May 1**

- International Guest Breed Standard Seminar with Ringside Mentoring- Concession Room of Lobby, All Star Events Center
- 4-6 Month (Beginner Puppy) - All Star Expo Hall
- Regular & Non-Regular Dog Conformation Classes - All Star Expo Hall
- Veterans Parade - All Star Expo Hall, during lunch break
- Team Obedience - All Star Expo Hall, to follow Non-Regular Dog Classes
- Rally - Eisenhower Hotel Ballroom
- Juniors Seminar and Social - TBD
- Top 20 Judging - Aspire Hotel Ballroom
- Golden Gala Gathering - Eisenhower Tropical Courtyard, 5 - 7 p.m.
- Top 20 Gala - Aspire Hotel Ballroom
- Junior Showmanship - Top 20 Intermission, Aspire Hotel Ballroom

### **Friday, May 2**

- Judges Education with Ringside mentoring - All Star Lobby Conference Room & All Star Expo Hall.
- Regular & Non-Regular Bitch Conformation Classes - All Star Expo Hall
- Peewee Special Attraction - All Star Expo Hall, during lunch break
- Draft Test #4 - Eisenhower Hotel Grounds
- Scent Work - Eisenhower Hotel Ballroom
- BMDCA Annual Meeting and Awards Celebration - Aspire Hotel Ballroom, Cocktails- 6 p.m., Dinner- 6:30 p.m., Meeting and Awards- 7:30 p.m.

### **Saturday, May 3**

- Judges Education with Ringside Mentoring - All Star Expo Hall
- Best of Breed, NOHS, Best Puppy, Best Veteran, Best Bred-by-Exhibitor - All Star Expo Hall
- Judges Dinner - Aspire Hotel Ballroom, Doors Open- 5:30 p.m., Dinner- 6:00 p.m.

### SCHEDULE NOTES

**All Star Events Complex** - Open 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Move in Monday 12 - 10 p.m. Saturday, Move out by 6 p.m.

**Catalog Sales:** Sunday- Monday @ Registration Eisenhower Hotel Lobby; Ringside Tuesday - Saturday during show hours.

**Ways & Means & Vendors:** Open during show hours All Star Expo Hall.

**2025 Raffles:** Open during show hours, All Star Expo Hall; closes at noon Friday.

**Galleries: Photo Contest Winners, Rescue Gallery & Titleholders Gallery:** All Star Expo Hall all week.

**Berner-Garde:** Visit booth for information about participating in a Cancer Study, Scavenger Hunt, W&M & other items. Ringside, All Star Expo all week.

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**SHOW PHOTOGRAPHERS & VIDEOGRAPHER**

**Official BMDCA Specialty Photographer**

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The "Official BMDCA Specialty Photographer" will be the only photographer authorized by the 2025 National Specialty Show Committee and BMDCA to take and sell official specialty win photos featuring judges at the Specialty. Judge photos may be taken at off-site locations by Show Committee approved photographers in the event those judges are unavailable to be present at the Specialty.

Other commercial photographers authorized to sell photos for specialty events must be approved by the Show Committee and will be required to sign a vendor agreement with the Show Committee for specified events and will only be authorized to shoot and make available for purchase candid (or action) photos and those judge photographs where the judge cannot be available for photographs with the "Official BMDCA Specialty Photographer."

**Candid Ringside & Performance Photographers**

Candid ringside and performance photographers approved at the time of publication are included below or in specific event descriptions.

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- The professional video services and live streaming at this show are governed by an exclusive video contract with the Club. No other commercial video recording, video recording from a tripod, monopod or other supported camera/device, or any video recording or streaming of large parts or whole classes shall be permitted.
- The contract terms permit individuals to record small bits of video of their own dogs only, and using handheld devices only (e.g. phone, tablet or small camcorder). Individuals may post recorded videos of their own dogs to social media (Facebook, YouTube, etc). However, during show hours LIVE Broadcast Streaming to social media (e.g., Facebook Live) is not permitted.
- Submission of an entry form and/or physical presence on the show grounds shall constitute both implied and real consent for both the handler and the dog to be professionally video recorded and streamed live only by the professional video services as contracted by the Club for this show.
- All rights to video record and live stream or otherwise exploit this event and/or the persons or animals participating in it, including the names, likenesses and biographical matter of dogs, owners, handlers, breeders and kennels participating in the event shall belong solely to the show giving Club and/or the American Kennel Club, Inc. No spectator, participant, owner, handler, breeder, or kennel shall make commercial use of any video recordings of any person or animal participating in this event without prior written approval from the Club. This event may not be broadcast to social media (e.g. Facebook Live, etc) without prior written approval from the Club.
- Violation of these show video policies may result in an Event or Bench Committee hearing.
- ShowDogVideoPros permits, and encourages, local/national news media coverage. The Video Company will allow professional news media coverage (tripod mounted cameras, professional film crews, news reporters).

**SHOW VETERINARIAN  
EMERGENCIES**

CARE Veterinary Center- Frederick- 1080 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21703, phone (301) 662-2273. 24/7 emergency care (29.9 miles, 33 minutes from Eisenhower Conference Center)  
Partner Veterinary Emergency Center- Frederick- 7330 Guilford Dr., Frederick, MD 21704, phone (301) 200-8185. 24/7 emergency care (33 miles, 37 minutes from Eisenhower Conference Center)

## VETERINARIAN - NON-EMERGENCIES

Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital- 9436 B Waynesboro Pike, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, phone (301) 447-6237 (7 miles, 11 minutes from Eisenhower Conference Center). Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.- 7 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.- 6:30 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Confederate Woods Veterinary Hospital- 10 Confederate Dr, Gettysburg, PA 17325, phone (717) 334-1179 (6.1 miles, 13 minutes from Eisenhower Conference Center). Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a. m.- 5:30 p.m.

**Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.**

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## ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

### AKC DNA REQUIRED FOR ALL DOG SHOW ENTRIES

The BMDCA requires each entrant to provide a valid AKC DNA Profile Number for the dog entered on the Official Entry Form at the time of entry. AKC DNA numbers are not required for Special Attractions such as parades. Failure to meet these requirements will render the dog ineligible to enter the event. This may result in the loss of all awards earned at the event, as well as subject the entrant to possible disciplinary action by the AKC and/or BMDCA, including but not limited to suspension from club privileges and entry of club events. All DNA numbers will be verified by the BMDCA within 30 days after the National Specialty.

DNA kits can be obtained from the AKC Online Store at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

#### **DON'T DELAY! STANDARD PROCESSING TIME IS 6-8 WEEKS AFTER RECEIPT!**

If it has been more than 8 weeks since the DNA sample was submitted to AKC and you have not received a DNA profile number AND need it for your 2025 Specialty entry, call AKC DNA Operations at (919) 816-3508 to obtain a preliminary DNA number (accepted in extenuating circumstances only).

Please allow an appropriate amount of time for the AKC to receive your sample and call NO LATER THAN one week prior to close of entries. Be sure to mention "BMDCA National Specialty" to expedite your request.

**Effective January 1, 2010:** All dogs must be either individually registered with either the AKC or a foreign registry organization whose pedigrees are acceptable for AKC registration in order to participate in any AKC Conformation, Performance, or Companion event.

#### **Entry forms missing a required DNA # are considered incomplete and WILL BE RETURNED**

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#### ONLINE ENTRIES

Include the DNA # in the "Division" box on the "Add & Edit Dogs" page and click "Save Changes" before clicking "Next"

**DOG**

<p><b>Breed</b></p> <p>Breed: Gordon Setter</p> <p><b>Birth Place</b></p> <p>Birth Place: USA</p> <p><b>Registration Type</b></p> <p>Registration Type: AKC Registration No.</p> <p><b>Full Name of Dog</b></p> <p>EXAMPLE</p> <p><b>Name of Sire</b></p> <p>EXAMPLE</p> <p><b>Breeder</b></p> <p>EXAMPLE</p>	<p><b>Division (Color,Weight)</b></p> <p>DNA # EXAMPLE</p> <p><b>Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)</b></p> <p>01/01/2022</p> <p><b>Registration Number</b></p> <p>EXAMPLE</p> <p><b>Sex</b></p> <p>Sex: Dog</p> <p><b>Name of Dam</b></p> <p>EXAMPLE</p> <p><b>Jump Height</b></p> <p>Jump Height: 0 n/a</p>
<p><b>Save Changes</b>   <b>Back to Search</b>   <b>Next</b></p>	<p><b>Delete Dog</b></p>

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Distinguished Panel of Judges:  
**Conformation Events**

**Intersex/Breed**

Ms. Maddalena Manciani . . . . . (Castel Sant'elia, Italy)

**Regular and Non-Regular Dog Classes**

Mrs. Sara Karl . . . . . Peyton, CO

**Regular and Non-Regular Bitch Classes**

Mrs. Janet Lobb . . . . . Bruce field, ON, CAN

**Futurity**

Mrs. Anne Summers . . . . . Mulino, OR

**Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes**

Mr. Dalmiro Sirabo . . . . . La Plata, ARG

**Junior Showmanship, 4-6 Month Puppy, PeeWee**

Mrs. Sara Karl . . . . . Peyton, CO

**Versatility Showcase**

Ms. Valerie Horney . . . . . Aurora, CO

**Performance Events**

**Obedience & Rally**

Mrs. Aimee Kincaid . . . . . Orlando, FL

Mr. Kenneth Kincaid . . . . . Orlando, FL

SEE PAGES 18-19 OF THIS PREMIUM LIST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT DRAFT, HERDING, FARM DOG, SCENT WORK, TRACKING, TRIATHLETE AWARD & FAN AWARD.

TOP 20 GALA IS ON PAGE 12.

PREMIUM LISTS FOR THESE EVENTS CAN BE DOWNLOADED AT  
[HTTPS://WWW.BMDCA.ORG/2025-SPECIALTY](https://www.bmdca.org/2025-specialty)

<b>ENTRY FEES</b>	
(Includes AKC Fees)	
<b>Conformation &amp; Obedience</b>	
First Entry of a Dog Unless Otherwise Specified . . . . .	\$40.00
Each Additional Entry of the Same Dog Unless Otherwise Specified . . . . .	\$35.00
Versatility Showcase . . . . .	\$35.00
Junior Showmanship Only. . . . .	\$10.00
Junior Showmanship as an Additional Class . . . . .	NO FEE
Stud Dog and Brood Bitch Classes per Unit. . . . .	\$35.00
Conformation Brace Class per Dog (must be entered in another class). . . . .	\$20.00
Sweepstakes Class (Must be entered in another class). . . . .	\$35.00
Veteran Sweepstakes Class (Need not be entered in another class). . . . .	\$35.00
Futurity (Must be entered in another class). . . . .	\$35.00
4-6 Month Beginner Puppy . . . . .	\$10.00
Obedience Brace Class per Dog (First or Additional Entry) . . . . .	\$20.00
Obedience Team Class per Dog (First or Additional Entry) . . . . .	\$10.00
<b>Rally</b>	
First Entry of a Dog . . . . .	\$40.00
Additional Entry of the Same Dog . . . . .	\$35.00

## **GROOMING**

**NOTE: Grooming and Crating is allowed in designated areas only.  
Due to LIMITED GROOMING SPACES, sharing of grooming spaces is encouraged.**

Exhibitors may reserve a 10' x 8' grooming space for \$150 which includes one electrical plug with 20 amps of power, for the entire show period. Limit of two grooming spaces per person. Paid reserved spaces will be inside the All Star Expo Hall. All spaces are on a first-come, first-served basis through Online Registration until capacity is reached. Day crating (no electric) will be available for Obedience and Rally exhibitors.

Exhibitors are encouraged to bring floor mats and extension cords properly rated for their equipment amperage. Generators and electric heaters are prohibited. All extension cords and dryers are subject to inspection, and non-compliant equipment may be removed by Grounds Committee.

All set-ups will be supervised by the Grounds Committee as representatives of the BMDCA. The Club reserves the right to restrict the number of grooming tables and to rearrange grooming areas and set-ups as required by circumstances for the safety and convenience of all. This includes moving crates, tables, and other equipment to conform to the Crate/Table/Aisle layout. Exhibitors are expected to comply with all Club rules as laid out by the BMDCA.

### **ADDITIONAL GROOMING, CRATING & SITE INFORMATION FOR EXHIBITORS AND ATTENDEES**

GROOMING SPACES MUST BE VACATED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COMPLETION OF ALL CONFORMATION EVENTS ON SATURDAY, MAY 3rd.

The grooming area will be open daily from 6:00 am (except for move-in day as indicated above) until 10:00 pm, except for Saturday, May 3rd. Electrical power will be provided in the grooming area only between the hours of 6:00am to 9:00pm. DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO STAY OVERNIGHT IN THE GROOMING AREA.

The BMDCA and the show committee will not be responsible for theft or damage of items left in the grooming area. Participants are encouraged to use good judgment when leaving dogs, personal items, or equipment unattended.

Parties wishing to set up together should submit forms under the same group name. All reasonable efforts will be made to honor those requests, however they not guaranteed.

No additional crating may be reserved or saved.

At time of move-in, exhibitors will be required to supply contact information, including hotel, room number, and cell phone number.

Bathing stations will be provided outside the All Star Expo Hall. Bathing/Grooming is not allowed in any hotel room.

Exhibitors and handlers will be held responsible for clean conditions in/around their assigned space.

Absolutely no x-pens will be allowed in the grooming area except within the assigned grooming space.

Participants and visitors must abide by the posted signs on the show grounds; failure to do so will result in a warning and possible ejection from the show site and/or event.

There is NO parking allowed on the grass ANYWHERE at the host hotel/show site.

Ringside chairs are NOT to be taken to the grooming area.

Complete the grooming section of the Online Registration form to reserve your spot! For questions, contact the Grooming Chairs, Kristen Greenwood Reynolds at [kgreenwood12@gmail.com](mailto:kgreenwood12@gmail.com) or Joyce Walter at [walterka@yahoo.com](mailto:walterka@yahoo.com).

## AKC SANCTIONED 4-6 MONTHS PUPPY COMPETITION

Entries Close at the Superintendent's office on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 12:00 PM PDT  
JUDGE: MRS. SARA KARL

One combined class will be offered for BMDs that are four months of age and over but under six months on the day of the event.

### Entry and Eligibility

Entry and eligibility requirements include:

- AKC registration number or an AKC litter number will be required for entries of an AKC recognized breed as listed in Chapter 3, Section 1 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows.
- A foreign born dog may enter this class if it is registered in the country of origin.
- All entrants are to be vaccinated (including rabies) in accordance with their veterinarian's protocol.
- Dogs that are owned or co-owned by a professional handler may compete in this class, but must be handled by a non-professional handler. Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed ratecards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay within the last five years. Dogs may not be exhibited by current assistants or household members of a professional handler. A current assistant is defined as anyone employed by a professional handler on a full-time basis, or, assisting a professional handler at the show or any show during the cluster/ weekend. Minors (under 18) with amateur status who reside with professional handlers and current assistants to professional handlers that are eligible to compete in Junior Showmanship (meet age and amateur status requirements) may personally exhibit dogs in the Four-to-Six Months (Beginner Puppy) Competition.

**NO PUPPIES UNDER THE AGE OF SIX (6) MONTHS, EXCEPT THOSE PARTICIPATING  
IN THE 4-6 MONTHS PUPPY COMPETITION, MAY BE ON THE GROUNDS.**

### CLASSIFICATION - CLASSES COMBINED

Puppy, 4 Months & Under 6 Months

### PRIZES

**4-6 Months Beginner Puppy, Best of Breed:** Rosette & Vermont Crafted serving board (Be Kind Creations of VT)  
**4-6 Months Beginner Puppy, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed:** Rosette & Vermont Crafted serving board (Be Kind Creations of VT)

**Each Entrant:** Ring Favor

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## RIBBON PRIZES

### Regular Classes

First Prize	Blue Rosette
Second Prize	Red Rosette
Third Prize	Yellow Rosette
Fourth Prize	White Rosette
Winners	Purple Rosette
Reserve Winners	Purple & White Rosette
Best of Winners	Blue & White Rosette
Best of Breed	Purple & Gold Rosette
Best of Opposite Sex to	
Best of Breed	Red & White Rosette
Select Dog & Bitch	Light Blue & White Rosette
Awards of Merit	Dark Green Rosettes
Best Puppy	Dark Green Rosette
Best Bred by Exhibitor	Dark Green Rosette
Best Veteran	Dark Green Rosette
NOHS Best of Breed	Maroon Rosette

### Obedience & Rally Classes

#### Regular

First Prize	Blue Rosette
Second Prize	Red Rosette
Third Prize	Yellow Rosette
Fourth Prize	White Rosette
Highest Scoring Dog in the	
Regular Obedience Classes	Blue & Gold Rosette
Highest Combined Score in Open B & Utility Classes	Blue & Green Rosette
Highest Combined Score in Advanced B & Excellent B Classes	Blue & Green Rosette
Highest Combined Triple Qualifying Score in Adv B, Exc B & Master Classes	Blue & Red Rosette
Qualifying Score in Obedience or Rally	Dark Green Rosette

### Obedience & Rally Classes

#### Non-Regular

First Prize	Rose Rosette
Second Prize	Brown Rosette
Third Prize	Light Green Rosette
Fourth Prize	Gray Rosette
Reserve Best Junior Handler	Rose & Gray Rosette
Best Junior Handler	Rose & Green Rosette

Pee Wee Special Attraction Ribbons are listed on Page 12; Futurity ribbons are listed on page 14; Sweepstakes and Veteran ribbons are listed on Page 14 & 15; and Versatility ribbons are listed on Page 16.

### 4-6 Months Beginner Puppy

Best of Breed	Orange Rosette
Best of Opposite Sex	Lavender Rosette

**New title ribbons will be awarded** for entries completing a Championship, Grand Championship, Obedience or Rally title.

### Special Rosette Awards

One rosette only will be awarded the Breeder(s) of the winners listed below. These will be presented in the ring following the judging of each event. If the breeders are not in attendance, the rosettes will be mailed within 30 days of the show. Additional rosettes can be purchased.

- Breeder of Best of Breed
- Breeder of Best in Sweepstakes
- Breeder of Best in Veterans Sweepstakes
- Breeder of Best in Futurity

## CLASSIFICATION

### Regular Classes

Puppy Dogs, 6-9 Month Dogs	Puppy Bitches, 6-9 Month Bitches
Puppy Dogs, 9-12 Month Dogs	Puppy Bitches, 9-12 Month Bitches
12-15 Months Dogs	12-15 Months Bitches
15-18 Months Dogs	15-18 Months Bitches
Amateur Owner-Handler Dogs	Amateur Owner-Handler Bitches
Bred-by-Exhibitor Dogs, Puppy	Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitches, Puppy
Bred-by-Exhibitor Dogs, Adult	Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitches, Adult
American-bred Dogs	American-bred Bitches
Open Dogs	Open Bitches
Winners Dog	Winners Bitch

### BEST OF BREED COMPETITION

**Reserve Winners Dog and Reserve Winners Bitch will be awarded a three-point major, provided the criteria set forth in Chapter 16, Section 1 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows is met.**

#### Bred-by Exhibitor (BBE) Class Eligibility

- All dogs entered in the Bred-by Exhibitor Class must be individually registered with the AKC.
- The person handling the dog must be a breeder of record and an owner of record of the dog.
- To exhibit in this class, family members must be a breeder and owner of record.

#### Non-Regular Classes Involving Single Entries

**Winners of each of the following classes will go on to compete for Best of Breed.**

**Veteran Classes** - Class for dogs and class for bitches *seven (7) years & under nine (9) years.*

**Veteran Classes** - Class for dogs and class for bitches *nine (9) years & under eleven (11) years.*

**Veteran Classes** - Class for dogs and class for bitches *eleven (11) years & over.*

**Altered Veterans CAN enter the Veteran Conformation Classes at this Specialty.**

### BEST OF BREED COMPETITION

The following categories of dogs may be entered and shown in the Best of Breed Competition. Dogs that are Champions of Record. Dogs, which according to their owner's records have completed the requirements for a championship but whose championships are unconfirmed. The entry and showing of dogs whose championships are unconfirmed is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of show where a dog completed the requirements for a championship according to the owner's records. If at the end of the 90-day period, the American Kennel Club has not confirmed the championship of a dog, no further entries of the dog for Best of Breed Competition are to be made until the AKC has confirmed its championship.

#### Non-Regular Classes Involving Multiple Dog Entries

**Note: As the judge's decision in the classes will be based on the merits of more than one dog or bitch, no one of the dogs or bitches making up the entry judged first in these classes will be eligible to compete for Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed by virtue of having won the class.**

**Stud Dog and Brood Bitch Class** - Each entry is allowed two get unless otherwise specified. The merits of the Stud Dog or Brood Bitch are not considered in the placement of the entry. It is the quality of the get that forms the basis for the judge's decision. All get must be examined and gaited. The Stud Dog or Brood Bitch must also be examined to determine if there a condition that would disqualify or excusal under the Rules, AKC policy or the bred standard. All get must be entered in another class in order to be eligible to compete in Stud Dog or Brood Bitch. Handlers of the Stud Dog or Brood Bitch, and all get being exhibited, must wear armbands. Ch. 11 Sec. 8 of the "Rules applying to Dog Shows" provides that "a castrated male may be entered as a Stud Dog in the Stud Dog Class and a spayed Bitch may be entered as a Brood Bitch in the Brood Bitch Class."

**Brace Class** - Two Dogs, performing in unison, and presented by a maximum of two handlers. Both dogs competing in the brace class must have at least one common owner. Both dogs must be entered in a Regular Class or Best of Breed Competition. Dogs comprising a Brace Class must be named at the time of entry, and full particulars must be given for each dog on individual entry forms. An entry form for a dog entered in another class and entered as part of a Brace must be marked accordingly in the space provided for additional classes as "Brace Class". Entry Fee \$20 per dog.

**Team Class** - Four dogs of the same breed and must have at least one common owner and presented by a maximum of four handlers. The dogs comprising a team must be named at the time of entry and the Team Class noted in the space provided for Additional Classes. All dogs entered in Team Class must also be entered in a Regular Class or for Best of Breed Competition. If more than one Team is entered by the same owner, the dogs comprising each team must also be so designated, "Team No. 1," "Team No. 2," etc.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

**Awards of Merit:** Up to 10% of dogs entered for Best of Breed may, at the judge's discretion, receive an Award of Merit, excluding the Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, Select Dog, Select Bitch, Best of Winners, that by virtue of their placements, have already been recognized.

**AKC National Owner-Handled Series:** The Owner-Handled Best of Breed will be selected from all eligible dogs that competed in Best of Breed/Variety competition. This includes Winners Dog/Winners Bitch, and the undefeated winners of the Non-Regular Classes. This excludes all dogs defeated during Regular Class and Winners Competition.

For information regarding Regulations, Entry and Eligibility for the AKC National Owner-Handled Series, please see [www.AKC.org](http://www.AKC.org). (Remember to check the box near the bottom of the entry form).

**Best from the Puppy Class** will be selected following the completion of selection of Best of Breed, any Awards of Merit and Owner-Handled Best of Breed. Eligible for competition will be the first place winners from the 6 & Under 9 Months, and 9 & Under 12 Months Dog and Bred-By Exhibitor Dog & Bitch Puppy Classes.

**Best from the Bred-by Exhibitor Class** will be selected following the completion of the judging of the Best in Puppy Classes. Eligible for competition will be the first place winners from the Bred-by Exhibitor Dog and Bitch Classes (Puppy and Adult). If one of these should be awarded Best of Winners, there would not be further competition, and the award would go to the Best of Winners.

**Best in Veteran Classes** will be selected following the completion of selection of Best in Bred-by Exhibitor Classes. Eligible for competition will be the first place winners from all Dog and Bitch Veteran Classes. If one of these should win an award in Best of Breed Competition, there would not be further competition and the Veteran winning the highest award in Breed competition would also win Best Veteran.

Trophies must be claimed the days of the events. None will be mailed.

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. reserves the right to substitute prizes of equal or greater value should a prize become unavailable.

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## BREED PRIZES

**Best of Breed**, Custom Rosette (made by Sindi Leo), Embroidered Directors Chair, Vermont crafted serving board (Be Kind Creations of VT), Hooked wool pillow (Chandler 4 Corners).

**Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed**, Custom Rosette (made by Sindi Leo), Embroidered Directors Chair, Vermont crafted serving board (Be Kind Creations of VT), Hooked wool pillow (Chandler 4 Corners).

**Best of Winners**, Rosette, Embroidered Swiss Gear suitcase, Hooked wool pillow (Chandler 4 Corners)

**Winners Dog/Winners Bitch**, Rosette, Vermont crafted serving board (Be Kind Creations of VT), Hooked wool pillow (Chandler 4 Corners)

**Select Dog/Bitch**, Rosette, Embroidered Swiss Gear suitcase, Hooked wool pillow (Chandler 4 Corners)

**Awards of Merit**, Rosette, Embroidered Swiss Gear Duffle Bag, Vermont crafted serving board (Be Kind Creations of VT)

**Reserve Winners Dog/ Bitch**, Rosette, Vermont crafted serving board (Be Kind Creations of VT)

**Best Puppy from the Regular Puppy Classes**, Rosette, Embroidered Swiss Gear Weekender Bag

**Best Bred by Exhibitor**, Rosette, Embroidered Swiss Gear Weekender Bag

**Best Veteran**, Rosette, Embroidered Swiss Gear Weekender Bag

**NOHS Best of Breed**, Rosette, Embroidered Swiss Gear Weekender Bag

**First in each Regular Dog/Bitch Class**, Rosette, Ceramic soap dish w/ custom insert (Christine Huebner) and Custom soaps (Rabbit Tree Soaps)

**Second through Fourth in Each Regular Dog/Bitch Class**, Rosette, Custom soaps (Rabbit Tree Soaps)

**First in Veteran Dog/Bitch Classes**, Rosette, Ceramic soap dish w/ custom insert (Christine Huebner) and Custom soaps (Rabbit Tree Soaps)

**Second through Fourth Veteran Dog/Bitch Classes**, Rosette, Custom soaps (Rabbit Tree Soaps)

**4-6 mos Beginner Puppy Best of Breed**, Rosette, Vermont crafted serving board (Be Kind Creations of VT)

**4-6 mos Beginner Puppy Best of Opposite Sex**, Rosette, Vermont crafted serving board (Be Kind Creations of VT)

**First in Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, and Brace Classes**, Rosette, Ceramic soap dish w/ custom insert (Christine Huebner) and Custom soaps (Rabbit Tree Soaps)

**Second through Fourth in Stud Dog, Brood Bitch and Brace Classes**, Rosette, Custom soaps (Rabbit Tree Soaps)

**First Place in Team Class**, Rosette, Ceramic soap dish w/ custom insert (Christine Huebner) and Custom soaps (Rabbit Tree Soaps)

All prizes listed in this Premium List are offered by the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. through the generosity of its members & friends whose names will be listed in the catalog unless otherwise specified.

**JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP  
THURSDAY EVENING DURING THE TOP TWENTY EVENT**

**JUDGE: MRS. SARA KARL**

**NOVICE CLASS:** This shall be for boys and girls who are at least 9 years old and under 18 years old on the day of the show and who at the time entries close have not won three (3) first place awards, with competition present, in a Novice Class. A first place in Novice without competition leading to a Best Junior award with competition would count as one win towards moving to Open at a licensed or member show. Junior Handlers who win a third Novice Class with competition, if a win in Novice leads to a Best Junior with competition present it will count as one win towards moving to Open, after the closing of entries for a show are required to transfer their entry from the Novice Class to the Open Class by notifying the Superintendent or Show Secretary prior to the judging of the class at the show.

**OPEN CLASS:** For boys and girls who are at least 9 years old and under 18 years old on the day of the show, and who have won three first place awards in a Novice Class or if a win in Novice leads to a Best Junior with competition present it will count as one win towards moving to Open in a licensed or member show. Juniors which according to their records have completed the requirements to compete in the Open class but whose status is unconfirmed by the American Kennel Club are limited to competing in the Open Class for a period of 90 days from the date of the show where the Junior completed the requirements according to their records. **MASTER CLASS:**

This class will be for boys and girls who are at least 9 years old and under 18 years on the day of the show, and who have 10 Best Junior wins with competition. The calendar for this class will be consistent with the eligibility dates for the AKC National Championship. All Juniors meeting the criteria for this class are required to enter the Master Class and may change their entry the day of the show if entries have already closed. Once the eligibility time frame for that year has passed all participants return to the Open Class to compete for the following year.

**NOVICE AND OPEN CLASS DIVIDED:** Junior-9 years old and under 12 years old on the day of the show; Intermediate-12 years old and under 15 years old on the day of the show; Senior-15 years old and under 18 years old on the day of the show.

After the judge has awarded the Best Junior Handler, the second place winner from the class that the Junior was awarded Best Junior Handler is to return to the ring to compete for Reserve Best Junior Handler.

**NOTICE:** Junior Handlers must include their AKC JUNIOR HANDLER NUMBER on each entry. You may obtain your junior identification number by calling the AKC, Judges Education Department, 919-233-9767. BE SURE ALL INFORMATION for Junior Showmanship Classes is entered on front and back of entry form.

**NOTE: SUBSTITUTION OF DOG IN JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP AT THE SHOW(S):** There will be an Administration Fee of \$5.00 charged for any substitution of dog in Junior Showmanship at each show. In addition, if the dog originally entered in Jr. Showmanship was an additional entry, and the dog being substituted is not otherwise entered in the show, the Junior Showmanship Only fee applies.

**JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP PRIZES**

**Best Junior Handler,** Rosette and Embroidered Swiss Gear Suitcase

**Reserve Best Junior Handler,** Rosette and Embroidered Swiss Gear Knapsack

**First Place in each Junior Showmanship Class,** Rosette and Large Embroidered Towel

**Second through Fourth Places in each Junior Showmanship Class,** Rosette and Small Embroidered Towel

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**PEE WEE SPECIAL ATTRACTION - FRIDAY**

**MENTOR: MRS. SARA KARL**

The Pee Wee class is geared toward children 5-9 years of age. Safety is a primary concern.

Each Pee Wee unit consists of the child, his/her parent/guardian/responsible adult, and the dog. Only one Pee Wee unit is in the ring at a time. This is not a competitive class, but rather a fun, learning experience for the child and the adult.

- A dog must be at least four months of age to enter the Pee Wee class.
- Bitches in season will not be allowed to participate. If pre-entered, a dog may be substituted that meets the eligibility requirements as specified by the club.
- All dogs entered must have the proper lead and collar.
- A responsible adult must be present with the child both inside and outside the ring. The adult is to maintain control of the dog outside of the ring.

The safety of both the dogs and Juniors inside and outside the ring is a primary concern. Outside of the ring, the dog is to be controlled by the adult accompanying the child. An additional lead, provided by the Club, will be at the Judge's table. At the Judge's discretion based upon the size of the child and the dog, for safety purposes the adult may be asked to attach a second lead to the dog so both child and adult will walk the dog together.

REGISTRATION WILL BE TAKEN AT THE CLUB TABLE THURSDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS STARTING AT 9:00 AM. EACH ENTRANT WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT AN ENTRY FORM. IN ADDITION TO AN ENTRY, A RELEASE MUST BE SIGNED BY THE CHILD'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN. JUDGING WILL BE HELD DURING THE LUNCH BREAK ON FRIDAY.

**PEE WEE SPECIAL ATTRACTION PRIZES**

**Each Participant,** Rosette & Gift

## TOP TWENTY GALA- THURSDAY

### WELCOME TO THE 2025 Golden Gala!

Join us for an evening of beautiful dogs at the BMDCA's 12th Annual Top Twenty Gala. This event will showcase the top Conformation dogs from 2024. Entry is by invitation only and is sent to the top 20 Bernese Mountain Dogs in breed and all-breed points, as determined by AKC statistics from January 1 through December 31, 2024. The Junior Showmanship class judging will occur during the break. Come and cheer on our future generation!

Dogs will be prejudged by a three-judge panel the afternoon prior to the gala event. Each judge will evaluate the dogs on a predetermined point system, enumerating the criteria of our Breed Standard. The emphasis for judging is on the individual qualities of the dog and how closely he/she conforms to the Breed Standard. Points will be tabulated once the prejudging is completed.

The Top Twenty competition will culminate Thursday evening in The Aspire Ballroom. The event will be opened to the general public to view the final showcase of the Top Twenty dogs and presentation of awards to the top winners. This event will be both entertaining and exciting as the handlers present their dogs to music chosen by them to represent the unique personalities of their dogs. The winner will be announced at the conclusion of the Gala. In addition, attendees will also have the opportunity to vote for the People's Choice Award during the evening festivities.

The theme this year is A Golden Gala. The teams entered in the Top Twenty will be dressed in their finest formal wear. This year in honor of the theme, attendees are encouraged to wear their finest Golden outfits. Top Twenty Gala donations are also very welcome and may be made through Online Registration.

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## 2025 FUTURITY - WEDNESDAY

### JUDGE: MRS. ANNE SUMMERS

The purpose of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. (BMDCA) Futurity is to encourage the breeding of the best possible Bernese Mountain Dogs and to reward the breeders for their efforts. Correct and timely nominations of both the litter and individual puppies are required for stake eligibility. The 2025 Futurity includes litters whelped from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

The 2025 Futurity shall be open to all litters bred by BMDCA members in good standing. All participants must comply with Futurity rules. **The litter must be nominated by the breeder** by submitting the litter nomination form to the Futurity Chairperson along with the fee established in the rules (\$15.00 payable to the BMDCA) **prior to whelping**. The breeder of the litter must be a BMDCA member in good standing at the time of breeding as well as at the time of nomination. If there is more than one breeder of the litter, only one need be a **BMDCA member**. **Individual puppy nominations must then be submitted** to the Futurity Chairperson with the fee established in the rules (\$15.00 payable to the BMDCA) by either the owner(s) or breeder(s) **on or before the puppy reaches four (4) months of age**. Puppy owners need not be members of the BMDCA. **The nominated puppies must be entered in one of the Regular Classes in either Conformation or Obedience** at the BMDCA National Specialty Show and Obedience Trial. Fee for this entry must be paid. Futurity entry must be indicated on the entry form as an Additional Class. There will be an additional fee for the entry apart from the previous nomination fees. **The Futurity Class entered will be based on the age of the puppy on April 1, 2025, and not on the age on the date of the shows**. All dogs will be eligible for only one Futurity.

### CLASSIFICATION

EXHIBITORS - DO NOT SELECT YOUR FUTURITY AGE DIVISION. THIS WILL BE DONE FOR YOU.  
SIMPLY FILL OUT YOUR ENTRY BLANK COMPLETELY.

FOR CLASS, ENTER DOGS, OR BITCHES.

Puppy Dogs, 6 months & under 9 months

Puppy Dogs, 9 months & under 12 months

Dogs, 12 months & under 15 months

Dogs, 15 months & under 18 months

(Same Classes for Bitches)

Best in Futurity

**FUTURITY PRIZE MONEY**

All nomination money shall be pooled. The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. shall retain 25% for administrative and judge's expenses. Any unused expense money will be rolled over into the next year's prize money. The remaining 75% shall be divided as follows:

Best in Futurity .....	10%
Breeder of Best in Futurity.....	20%
Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity .....	5%
Breeder of Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity .....	5%

60% Allocated to Classes - Prize money for each class shall be determined by dividing money by the total entries and then multiplying by the number of entries in the class  
Class money to be distributed as follows:

One entry .....	100%
Two entries .....	First - 60%, Second - 40%
Three entries .....	First - 50%, Second - 30%, Third - 20%
Four or more entries .....	First - 40%, Second - 30%, Third - 20%, Fourth - 10%

**FUTURITY PRIZES**

- Best in Futurity**, Rosette & Prairie Dog Pottery Collectible
- Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity**, Rosette & Prairie Dog Pottery Collectible
- First - Fourth Places, Each Futurity Class**, Rosette & Prairie Dog Pottery Collectible

**AKC DNA PROFILES ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTRANTS AT ALL JUDGED EVENTS.**

Space has been provided on each entry form for your dog's AKC DNA Profile Number and will be published in the show catalog. YOU MUST ACT NOW if you have NOT yet obtained an AKC DNA profile number for your entry. See Page 5 for more details

**SWEEPSTAKES - TUESDAY**

**JUDGE: MR. DALMIRO SIRABO**

Sweepstakes is open to all Bernese Mountain Dogs 6 months of age and under 18 months of age. The age of the Sweepstakes Class entered will be based on the age of the dog on May 1, 2025, which is the first day of Regular Class judging. All entries in Sweepstakes must be entered in one of the Regular Classes at the Regular Class entry fee. Sweepstakes class and age division must be indicated on the entry form under Additional Classes.

**CLASSIFICATION**

- Puppy Dogs, 6 months & under 9 months
- Puppy Dogs, 9 months & under 12 months
- Dogs, 12 months & under 15 months
- Dogs, 15 months & under 18 months
- (Same Classes for Bitches)

Best Puppy in Sweepstakes ... Best Junior Dog in Sweepstakes ... Best in Sweepstakes

**PRIZE MONEY**

The Club will retain 35% of the entry fee for expenses.

The remaining 65% will be divided as follows (rounded to the nearest dollar amount):

Best Puppy in Sweepstakes .....	5%
Best Junior in Sweepstakes .....	5%
55% Allocated to Classes - Prize money for each class shall be determined by dividing money by the total entries and then multiplying by the number of entries in the class. Class money to be distributed as follows:	
One entry .....	100%
Two entries .....	First - 60%, Second - 40%
Three entries .....	First - 50%, Second - 30%, Third - 20%
Four or more entries.....	First - 40%, Second - 30%, Third - 20%, Fourth - 10%

**SWEEPSTAKES PRIZES**

- Best in Sweepstakes**, Rosette & Vermont Crafted Serving board (Be Kind Creations of VT), Prairie Dog Pottery Collectible
- Best Puppy in Sweepstakes**, Rosette & Vermont Crafted Serving board (Be Kind Creations of VT)
- Best Junior Dog in Sweepstakes**, Rosette & Vermont Crafted Serving board (Be Kind Creations of VT)
- First Place each Sweepstakes Class**, Rosette & Logo Hooked Wool Pillow (Chandler 4 Corners)
- Second through Fourth Place each Sweepstakes Class**, Rosette & Small Hooked Wool Pillow (Chandler 4 Corners)

**VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES - WEDNESDAY**

**JUDGE: MR. DALMIRO SIRABO**

Veteran Sweepstakes is open to all Bernese Mountain Dogs who are 7 years old & over. The age of the Veterans Sweepstakes Class entered will be based on the age of the dog on May 1, 2025, which is the first day of Regular Class judging. Veterans need not be entered in another class. To enter as 2nd entry, indicate Veteran Sweepstakes class with the age division in the space provided for "Additional Classes."

**CLASSIFICATION**

- Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs, 7 years & under 9 years
- Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs, 9 years & under 11 years
- Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs, 11 years & over  
(Same Classes for Bitches)
- Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

**PRIZE MONEY**

The Club will retain 35% of the entry fee for expenses.

The remaining 65% will be divided as follows (rounded to the nearest dollar amount):

- Best in Veteran Sweepstakes . . . . . 5%
- Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes . . . . . 5%
- 55% Allocated to Classes - Prize money for each class shall be determined by dividing money by the total entries and then multiplying by the number of entries in the class. Class money to be distributed as follows:
- One entry . . . . . 100%
- Two entries . . . . . First - 60%, Second - 40%
- Three entries . . . . . First - 50%, Second - 30%, Third - 20%
- Four or more entries . . . . . First - 40%, Second - 30%, Third - 20%, Fourth - 10%

**VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES PRIZES**

**Best in Veteran Sweepstakes**, Rosette & Vermont Crafted Serving Board (Be Kind Creations of VT), Prairie Dog Pottery

**Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweeps**, Rosette & Vermont Crafted Serving Board (Be Kind Creations of VT)

**First Place each Veteran Sweepstakes Class**, Rosette & Logo Hooked Wool Pillow (Chandler 4 Corners)

**Second through Fourth Places each Veteran Sweepstakes Class**, Rosette & Small Hooked Wool Pillow (Chandler 4 Corners)



**2025 BMDCA  
National Specialty**

## VERSATILITY SHOWCASE - WEDNESDAY

JUDGE: MS. VALERIE HORNEY

The Versatility Showcase is a stand-alone Conformation exhibition to showcase dogs and bitches that have earned the BMDCA Versatility Award<sup>1</sup> or the BMDCA Versatility Excellent Award<sup>2</sup>. To be eligible for entry, dogs must have earned all required titles for the BMDCA Versatility/Versatility Excellent Award (as confirmed in Berner-Garde), AND the Award must be listed in Berner-Garde. If not, contact Valerie Horney, BMDCA Records committee. The age of the Versatility Showcase Class entered will be based on the age of the dog on May 1, 2025 which is the first day of Regular Class judging.

### Classes

Versatility Dog under 7 years  
Versatility Excellent Dog under 7 years  
Versatility Dog 7 Years and older  
Versatility Excellent Dog 7 Years and older  
(Same classes for Bitches)  
Best in Versatility, Best of Opposite Sex

### Prizes

**Best in Versatility & Best of Opposite Sex**, Rosette & Custom Giusti Raku Plaque, Vermont Crafted serving board (Be Kind Creations of VT)  
**First - Fourth Places each Versatility Class**, Rosette & Prairie Dog Pottery Collectible

**ENTRIES CLOSE 12:00 NOON ET, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025**

### VERSATILITY SHOWCASE ENTRY FORM

**THIS IS A SHOWCASE ONLY. DOGS AND BITCHES JUDGED FIRST IN THESE CLASSES WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR BEST OF BREED BY VIRTUE OF HAVING WON THESE CLASSES.**

To be eligible for Best of Breed, entrants MUST enter Best of Breed or a Non-Regular Veterans class on the Official AKC Entry Form. Versatility Showcase entries must be made on the below form or via the Rau Dog Shows Website. Make additional copies as necessary.

ENTRY FEE: \$35.00

Make Checks or Money Orders payable in US funds to: JIM RAU DOG SHOWS, LTD

Enter online at [www.raudog.co/entries](http://www.raudog.co/entries)

or MAIL ENTRIES WITH FEES TO Jim Rau Dog Shows, Ltd., P. O. Box 6898, Reading, PA 19610

Full Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

AKC Reg #: \_\_\_\_\_

AKC DNA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Class:  Versatility Dog under 7 years       Versatility Dog 7 years & older  
 Versatility Excellent Dog under 7 years       Versatility Excellent Dog 7 years & older

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  Male  Female

Breeder: \_\_\_\_\_

Sire: \_\_\_\_\_

Dam: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### <sup>1</sup>The Requirements for the BMDCA Versatility Award are as follows:

- The Berner's owner must be a BMDCA member.
- The Berner must have earned an AKC Champion title.
- The Berner must have earned a BMDCA Novice Draft Dog title.
- The Berner must have earned one of the following working titles:

AKC Companion Dog, AKC Tracking Dog, AKC Novice Agility Dog, AKC Novice Agility Jumper, AKC Novice Agility Preferred, AKC Novice Jumper Preferred, AKC Herding Pre-Trial Test, American Herding Breed Association Junior Herding Dog, AKC Tracking Dog Urban 2

#### <sup>2</sup>The Requirements for the BMDCA Versatility Excellent Award are as follows:

- The Berner's owner must be a BMDCA member.
- The Berner must have earned an AKC Grand Champion title.
- The Berner must have earned a BMDCA Draft Dog title.
- The Berner must have earned one of the following working titles: AKC Companion Dog Excellent, AKC Tracking Dog Excellent, AKC Variable Surface Tracker, AKC Open Agility Dog, AKC Open Agility Jumper, AKC Open Agility Dog Preferred, AKC Open Agility Jumper Preferred, AHBA Herding Trial Dog I, II, or III, Herding Ranch Dog I, II or III, Herding Trial Arena Dog I, II or III, Ranch Large Flock I, II or III, AKC Herding Started, AKC Herding Intermediate, AKC Herding Advanced



## OBEDIENCE TRIAL - WEDNESDAY JUDGES

Mr. Ken Kincaid . . . . . Novice A Novice B Veteran Brace Team 1  
 Mrs. Aimee Kincaid . . . . . Beg Novice A Beg Novice B Open A Open B Utility A Utility B Team 2  
 Qualifying Score Required For All Prizes in Regular Classes. "Dog" means either sex.

Transfers will be allowed at this Trial per AKC Regulations.

PLEASE NOTE: Refund of entries for bitches that come into season after the closing date of this show may be obtained by sending a veterinarian's certificate to the Show Superintendent. This certificate must be postmarked or given to the Show Superintendent at least 30 minutes before the start of Obedience judging on Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

A Dark Green Qualifying Score Rosette will be given to each dog receiving a qualifying score.

A new title ribbon will be awarded for any dog completing a title.

Each veteran participant will receive a Customized Performance Veteran Magnet

### CLASSIFICATION

Regular Classes . . . . . Novice A Novice B Open A Open B Utility A Utility B  
 Optional Titling Classes . . . . . Beginner Novice A Beginner Novice B  
 Non-Regular Classes . . . . . Veterans Brace Team

### OBEDIENCE TRIAL PRIZES

**Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes**, Rosette, Director Chair with Logo, Custom Guisti Raku Plaque

**Highest Combined Score in Open B & Utility Classes**, Rosette, Cooler with Logo, Prairie Dog Totem

**First-Fourth Place Each Obedience Class**, Rosette & Water Bucket with Logo

**Highest Combined Score in Open B & Utility with a BMDCA Draft Dog Title**, The Jay Jay Award, Handcrafted Wooden Bernese Mt Dog and Cart

**Highest Qualifying Dog with ILP/PAL in the Regular Classes**, Glass Serving Bowl

**Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Classes with a BMDCA Versatility Excellent Award**, Cooler with Logo

**Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Classes with Grand Championship**, Vermont Crafted Serving Board (Be Kind Creation of VT)

**Oldest Qualifying BMD in the Regular Classes**, Prairie Dog Pottery Collectible

**HEIDI'S LEGACY CHALLENGE TROPHY** - This trophy is to be awarded annually to the Bernese Mountain Dog and handler team that receives the highest qualifying score in a Regular Obedience class at the Official National Specialty Trial on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. To retire the trophy, the same person must win the Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes (HIT) three times, not necessarily with the same dog nor at consecutive Nationals, with one win from the Open Class and one win from the Utility class. Originally crafted and donated by Russell & Peg Forte for the first BMDCA National Specialty in 1976, this large wood plaque features gorgeous hand-tooled and painted leather work depicting five images of working Bernese Mountain Dogs. The bottom of the plaque lists the name of each dog and handler team that has earned HIT at the official BMDCA National Specialty Obedience Trial since inception. The trophy is named in memory of April Rifenberg's Heidi (Bernfield's Astrea v CarMar TD UD) who retired the trophy in 1986 after winning HIT at the 1980, 1983 & 1986 National Specialties. Vilma Kistner Briggs was the next individual to retire the trophy in 2008, by winning HIT in 1999 with "Java" U-UD Mocha Java Slurp UDX HCT (Open), in 2003 with "Charm" Thirtdym's A Charm UD RE NA NAJ NDD (Novice), and in 2008 with "Latte" Ch. Brighteye Whole Latte Love UDX RE NA NAJ HCT NDD (Utility). Vilma donated the trophy back to the BMDCA in 2009 with a "challenge" that any future individual, who retires the trophy, donate it back to BMDCA so the plaque will forever remain a part of our club's history and breed heritage.

## RALLY TRIAL - THURSDAY JUDGES

Mr. Ken Kincaid . . . . . Novice A & B Intermediate  
 Mrs. Aimee Kincaid . . . . . Advanced A & B Excellent A & B Master Choice

Qualifying Score Required for All Prizes "Dog" means either sex.

Transfers will be allowed at this Trial per AKC Regulations.

Rally entries must include dog's jump height.

PLEASE NOTE: Refund of entries for bitches that come into season after the closing date of this show may be obtained by sending a veterinarian's certificate to the Show Superintendent. This certificate must be postmarked or given to the Show Superintendent at least 30 minutes before the start of Rally judging on Thursday, May 1, 2025.

A Dark Green Qualifying Score Rosette will be given to each dog receiving a qualifying score.

A new title ribbon will be awarded for any dog completing a title.

Each veteran participant will receive a Customized Performance Veteran Magnet

RALLY RING SIZE  
50 X 60

### CLASSIFICATION

Regular Classes . . . . . Novice A & B, Intermediate, Advanced A & B, Excellent A & B, Master, Choice

### RALLY TRIAL PRIZES

New title ribbons will be awarded for entries completing a Rally Title.

**Highest Combined Score in Excellent B, Advanced B**, Rosette, Directors Chair with Logo

**Highest Combined Triple Score**, Rosette & Directors Chair with Logo

**First - Fourth Place, Each Class**, Rosette & Microfiber Towel with Puppy Logo

**Oldest Qualifying Dog in any Class**, Prairie Dog Pottery Totem

## CANINE GOOD CITIZEN TESTING & TRICK DOG CERTIFICATION

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 - All Star Expo Hall, Lobby Office Room, 9:00am-4:00pm  
Canine Good Citizen™ (CGC): Responsible Dog Ownership means well-mannered dogs! The AKC Good Citizen testing program has become recognized as the "gold standard" for the term "well-mannered" as it relates to dog behavior. To encourage all Bernese Mountain Dogs to be well-mannered, we are offering CGC and CGCA (Community Canine) tests at the 2025 BMDCA National Specialty! For CGCA test, you must show proof of successful completion of the CGC test. Participation is on a first come, first served basis through Online Registration until the limit of 50 (CGC and Trick Dog combined) is reached. Please consult AKC test requirements for CGC at <https://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/canine-good-citizen>. This test is open to Bernese Mountain Dogs over 6 months of age. Please bring your dog's AKC registration number and date of birth. Fee: \$25

AKC Trick Dog: From the 1920s and 1940s when trick dogs such as Rin Tin Tin and Lassie won peoples' hearts, trick dog training has become one of the most exciting new areas in dog training today. We are proud to offer this certification at the 2025 BMDCA National Specialty and will test for Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Performer levels. If you are testing for an advanced level, you must bring proof of successful completion of the previous level. For the Novice level, if your dog has completed their CGC, they only have to perform 5 tricks but you must present proof of successful completion of the CGC test. Come have fun with your dog! Participation is on a first come, first served basis through Online Registration until the limit of 50 (CGC and Trick Dog Combined) is reached. Please consult AKC test requirements for Trick Dog at <https://www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/>. Fee: \$25

All participants in the CGC and Trick Dog testing will receive a participation trophy. Participants who pass their tests will receive a rosette.

Ms. Wendy Keene will conduct CGC testing in the morning, followed by Trick Dog testing in the afternoon. Please indicate test time preference when you register. Confirmation of your estimated test time will be included in your registration packet. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Wendy Keene at [justsayberniers@gmail.com](mailto:justsayberniers@gmail.com).

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## VETERANS PARADE AND TITLEHOLDER GALLERY

**PARADE OF VETERANS TO BE HELD** Thursday, MAY 1, 2025, During Lunch Break

Do you have a Berner that has celebrated their seventh birthday on or before May 1, 2025? If so, enter your dog in the Veterans Parade. This event is for any Berner that qualifies by age. Your veteran will receive a Special Gift & Keepsake Parade Program to commemorate the occasion. Fee per dog is \$30.00.

**TITLE HOLDER GALLERY**-Has your Berner earned an AKC, CKC, BMDCA, or BMDCC title in Conformation, Obedience, Agility, Herding, Tracking, Rally, and/or Draft? Photos of the Berners honored in the Titleholders Gallery will be displayed in the All Star Events Complex and will receive a commemorative Rosette & Gift. Fee per dog is \$30.00.

**Register for the Veterans Parade and Title Holder Gallery through Online Registration.**

<https://bmdca.regfox.com/bmdca-2025-national-specialty>

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## BMDCA DRAFT TESTS

**Four Draft Tests, Monday, April 28, Tuesday, April 29 and Friday, May 2, 2025, Eisenhower Hotel Grounds**

Draft #1 Monday April 28th - Judges: Ms. Valerie Horney & Mr. Phil Atkinson

Draft #2 Tuesday April 29th - Judges: Ms. Julie Bacon & Mr. Jim Maxwell

Draft #3 Tuesday April 29th - Judges: Ms. Ruth Nielsen & Ms. Lori Kennedy

Draft #4 Friday May 2nd - Judges: Ms. Jennifer Brightbill & Ms. Jan Burgan

Test Chairpersons: Susan Van Ocker [susan.vanocker63@gmail.com](mailto:susan.vanocker63@gmail.com)

Sam Sirico [sfcsirico6@gmail.com](mailto:sfcsirico6@gmail.com)

Test Secretary: Gina Craig [ginadraftsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ginadraftsecretary@gmail.com)

Download a Premium list at <https://www.bmdca.org/2025-specialty> or by contacting the Draft Test Secretary



### AKC FARM DOG TESTS

#### **Tuesday, April 29, 2025 - Outside, All Star Sports Complex (adjacent to parking lot)**

Judges: Nicole Thomas, Gettysburg, PA and Cheryl Dailey, Harrisburg, PA

Test Chair/Test Secretary: Laurie Griffith [gallcreatures@aol.com](mailto:gallcreatures@aol.com)

Two tests in one day!

Download a Premium list at <https://www.bmdca.org/2025-specialty> or by contacting the Farm Dog Test Secretary

### AKC HERDING TESTS & TRIALS

#### **Sunday, April 27, 2025, Keepstone Farm, Berryville, VA**

Keepstone Farm is located approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes from the Host Hotel.

Judges: Ms. Anita Ramsey, Portsmouth, VA and Mr. Cappy Pruett, Hudson, CO

Trial Chairperson: Toby Erlichman [drtoobs@gmail.com](mailto:drtoobs@gmail.com)

Trial Secretary: Rachael Toren [clantyre@gmail.com](mailto:clantyre@gmail.com)

Two AKC Herding Tests/Trials in one day featuring Sheep-only Instinct Test, Herding Test, Pre-Trial Test, Course A: Started, Intermediate and Advanced.

All Breed, limited entry with Bernese Mountain Dogs preferred.

Download a Premium list at <https://www.bmdca.org/2025-specialty> or by contacting the Herding Trial Secretary

### AKC SCENT WORK TRIAL

#### **Friday, May 2, 2025 - Eisenhower Hotel (Grand Ballroom and exterior)**

Judge: Ms. Lori Kobayashi, Gaithersburg, MD

Trial Chairperson: Susan Nowak [cdberner@yahoo.com](mailto:cdberner@yahoo.com)

Trial Secretary: Chrisy Morga, Triple Q [swtrialsec@gmail.com](mailto:swtrialsec@gmail.com)

Classes offered: Interior, Exterior, and Containers for Novice, Advanced, and Excellent levels.

Download a Premium list at <https://www.bmdca.org/2025-specialty> or by contacting the Scent Work Trial Secretary

### AKC TRACKING TESTS

#### **Sunday April 27th, 2025- Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area (NRMA)**

300 Tawes Dr, Elkton, MD 21921

(located about 90 miles from the Host Hotel site)

Judges: Ms. Mie Kingsley, Danby, VT and Ms. Gina DeAlmeida, North Plainfield, NJ

Test Chairperson: Angela Evans [ovshrooms@gmail.com](mailto:ovshrooms@gmail.com)

Test Secretary: JoAnne Walsler [Walsjer@icloud.com](mailto:Walsjer@icloud.com)

Classes offered (limited entry):

- Tracking Dog
- Tracking Dog Excellent

Download a Premium list at <https://www.bmdca.org/2025-specialty> or by contacting the Tracking Test Secretary

### SPECIAL PERFORMANCE AWARD - THE TRIATHLETE CHALLENGE

#### **ENTRY FORMS DUE APRIL 11, 2025**

Are you and your dog a multi-tasking team? Set your sights on the Specialty Triathlete Challenge! The Specialty Triathlete Award is given to each Berner/Handler team which earns a qualifying leg or passing score in three or more different working venues. Yes, you can do it all! The eligible events are Tracking (all classes), Herding (PT or higher), Rally (Regular Classes only), Obedience (Regular Classes only-novice, open, utility), Agility (all classes), and Draft (all classes). Only one score or performance in each venue will count towards this award. The performance must be at the regular titling level, although the dog/handler team may have already earned the relevant title. Just pick your venues and go for the gold! The Specialty Triathlete Awards will be something to treasure. Award offered by Ruth Nielsen-Mazama Mountain Dogs.

To be eligible, download and complete the Triathlete Challenge form on <https://www.bmdca.org/2025-specialty> and email to [Rnielsen@Nielsenlaw.com](mailto:Rnielsen@Nielsenlaw.com) no later than April 11, 2025 For questions, email Ruth at [Rnielsen@Nielsenlaw.com](mailto:Rnielsen@Nielsenlaw.com). Mailed entries also accepted. Send to 55 Quaking Aspen Road, Winthrop, WA 98862.

### SPECIAL VETERANS AWARD - THE FAN AWARD

The Fan Award will be awarded to the oldest male and female dog exhibited at the Specialty, including the veterans parade. The award is offered by Friends of the Fan Award in loving memory of "Fan" Camelot's Fantasy and Meg Auger, who sponsored the award from 2003-2015.

## IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America has planned these trials and shows in accordance with public health requirements in place as of the publication of the planning booklet. The health and welfare of our exhibitors, judges, club members, and all those who work to make the shows a success is paramount. At the time of publication of the planning booklet, no public health requirements are in effect for the show site and the size of our events. Any changes to requirements will be included with the judging program. Any changes will be based on local and state requirements, as well as the AKC Suggested Best Practices for the Well-Being of Dog Sport Participants (available at AKC.org).

**EVENT ATTENDEES VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS RELATED TO EXPOSURE TO COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.**

## 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 club 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.

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

**BY AIR** - The Host Hotel and Show sites are conveniently located between three major airports:

54 miles from the Harrisburg airport (MDT) 61 min. drive, limited direct flight service

60 miles from Baltimore-Washington (BWI), 90 min. drive (non-rush hour)

70 miles from Dulles, Washington D.C.(IAD) 93 min. drive (non-rush hour)

No shuttle service to or from airports will be offered by the Host Hotel or BMDCA. Car or van rental is recommended.

**BY LAND** -

**From the NORTH:** On US-15 South, Take the PA-134 Taneytown Road exit. Turn left onto PA-134 Taneytown Road. Turn right onto Barlow Greenmount Road. Turn left onto US-15 BUS South. Travel 0.2 mile, hotel will be on your left.

**From the SOUTH:** On US-15 North, Take the US-15 BUS North/ Emmitsburg Road exit. Turn left onto US-15 BUS North/Emmitsburg Road, and follow for 2.1 miles, hotel will be on your right.

**Don't forget to volunteer!**

**Meet lots of people!**

**Make lifelong friends!**

**Elizabeth Kinser [ekinser99@gmail.com](mailto:ekinser99@gmail.com)**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?qo=w.manageSignUp#/53863796/settings/>



## ACCOMMODATIONS HOST HOTELS

Eisenhower & Aspire Hotels  
2634 Emmitsburg Rd.  
Gettysburg, PA 17325  
(717) 334-8121

The host hotel is currently full; however, a waitlist is being maintained.  
Please contact the hotel directly to be placed on the waitlist.

A maximum of 4 dogs/pets are allowed per room. No grooming in guest rooms. Violators may be subject to disciplinary action. All animals must be crated when owners leave the room. There will be a \$50 cleaning fee charged for any room with dogs. This is a one-time fee regardless of the number of dogs (up to 4 max.) or the length of the stay. You will be given plastic to put under crates. All dogs are required to be in crates while unattended in the room. Rooms will be checked as needed and at check-out by staff for damages. Hotel guests will be responsible for damages. These rules will be monitored and strictly enforced.

Upon check-in all guests will be required to leave a cash deposit or credit card guarantee to secure any incidental charges they may accrue.

## RV PARKING & CAMPING INFORMATION Onsite RV Parking

There are approximately 35 RV Parking Spaces available at the All Star Sports Complex only through Master Registration on a first paid, first served basis for \$40 per night from Sunday, April 27 through Saturday, May 3. RVs shall be parked in a designated area only as assigned. Application for an RV Parking Space implies acknowledgement and agreement to adhere to all RV restrictions and rules. For additional information contact RV Chair Dean Burwell at [dean@pawgate.com](mailto:dean@pawgate.com)

Alternatively, an RV can be parked in the Eisenhower or Aspire hotel parking lots, if you have a room booked at the hotel.

The following RV parks are located near the Host Hotels.

1. Artillery Ridge Campground - (717) 334-1288 - <https://www.artilleryridge.com>  
Approximately 5.5 miles / 10 minutes
2. Drummer Boy Campground - (717) 334-3277 -  
<https://www.rvonthego.com/pennsylvania/drummer-boy-camping-resort>  
Approximately 8.2 miles / 12 minutes
3. Marsh Creek Campground - (717)-420-5786 -  
<http://marshcreekgettysburg.com>  
Approximately 0.9 miles / 3 minutes
4. Round Top Campground - (717) 334-9565  
<http://thousandtrails.com/pennsylvania/round-top-campground>  
Approximately 3.1 miles / 7 minutes

## GENERAL ADDITIONAL RULES

- Dogs must not be tied to bushes, shrubs, trees or other permanent fixtures. The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc., the Host Hotels, All Star Events Complex, and Show Superintendent will not be responsible for the loss or damage to any dog exhibited or possession of any exhibitor, whether the result of an accident or any other cause. It is distinctly understood that every dog at these events is in the care and custody of his owner or handler during the entire time the dog is in the show buildings or the grounds.
- The welfare of an exhibitor's child is assumed to be the responsibility of the exhibitor. It is distinctly understood that exhibitors will exercise control and restraint over their children on the days of the events.
- All persons attending this Specialty Show's events hereby waive any claim for damages against the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. or its members in the event that a motor vehicle or crate must be entered to rescue a dog from overheating or suffocation due to improper ventilation.
- Each crate must be labeled for identification in case of emergencies.
- The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc., the Host Hotels and the All Star Events Complex, will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items left at the show site.
- The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. may decline entries for cause and may refuse to receive or may remove any dog on account of disease, viciousness or any other cause, in accordance with AKC rules and regulations. No one shall have any claim or recourse against the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. or any official thereof.

★ NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS ★

**ENTRY FEE:** See Page 6 for entry fees

**ENTRIES CLOSE at Superintendent's Office at 12:00 Noon ET, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025** after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Ch. 11, Sec. 6 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows, or Ch. 1, Sec. 16 of the Obedience Regulations.

**ENTRIES OPEN 9AM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19** before which entries cannot be accepted and will be returned **AN AKC RECORDING FEE OF 50¢ & AKC Event Service Fee of \$3.00 for the first entry of a dog & a \$3.50 service fee each additional entry of the same dog in an event** will be required for each dog entered at any Licensed or Member Club Show, Obedience Trial or Tracking Test. All Recording Fees are paid to the American Kennel Club.

**RETURNED CHECKS** do not constitute a valid entry fee. The Superintendent will add a collection fee of \$20.00 to the amount of each returned check.

**ONLINE ENTRIES** for events produced by Rau Dog Shows can be made at [raudog.co/entries](http://raudog.co/entries)

**EMAILED, TELEGRAPH, and UNSIGNED ENTRIES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**ENTRIES NOT ON OFFICIAL AKC ENTRY FORMS AND PHOTOCOPIES OF ENTRY FORMS** without the Agreement and Rules on the reverse side of the Official AKC Entry Form are NOT ACCEPTABLE.

**MAIL ALL ENTRIES WITH FEES** To Jim Rau Dog Shows, Ltd., P. O. Box 6898, Reading, PA 19610.

**ENTRIES RECEIVED WITHOUT FEES** will not be accepted.

**CREDIT CARD ENTRIES, REGARDLESS OF METHOD SUBMITTED**, are processed through the Fax program and will be charged a \$4.00 per dog per show processing fee.

**RAU DOG SHOWS** accepts entries for AKC events in accordance with the latest Agreement, entry form instructions & "Rules Applying to Dog Shows". Should these rules be updated or changed the most recent AKC rules take precedent in the event of a discrepancy in this document.

**CHARGEBACKS** will be considered a violation of the entry agreement and will be reported to the AKC compliance department for disciplinary action. Outstanding bad debts are grounds for rejection of future entry by the club or superintendent under AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows C11 S15.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ENTRIES** will be made as soon as practicable with tickets and/or identification cards. The person accompanying a dog must show tickets of admission and identification before the dog will be received.

**SHOULD SUCH ACKNOWLEDGMENT NOT BE RECEIVED BY THE EXHIBITOR** within a reasonable time, please notify Jim Rau Dog Shows, Ltd., 610-376-1880.

**MAKE ALL CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO JIM RAU DOG SHOWS, LTD.** Please mail checks or money orders with entries. The Secretary assumes no responsibility for cash sent through the mail.

**CANADIAN EXHIBITORS** make fees payable in U.S. FUNDS.

**NO ENTRY SHALL BE MADE AND NO ENTRY SHALL BE ACCEPTED WHICH SPECIFIES ANY CONDITIONS AS TO ITS ACCEPTANCE.**

**ENTRY FEES** shall not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by Veterinarian or Judge, or barred from competition by action of Show Committee. If because of riots, civil disturbances or other acts beyond the control of the management it is impossible to open or to complete the show, no refund of entry fee will be made.

**ERRORS ON ENTRY BLANKS.** Owners are responsible for errors in making out entry forms, whoever may make such errors, and no entry fee will be refunded in event of such errors or cancellation of entries after the published closing date.

**NO REFUND FOR DUPLICATE ENTRIES.** We will make every effort to find all duplicate entries, but if a dog has been processed, no refund will be made.

**CONSULT JUDGING PROGRAM FOR TIME OF JUDGING.**

**DOGS MAY ARRIVE** any time prior to their scheduled time of judging. **DOGS NOT REQUIRED** for further judging will be excused.

**JUDGES WILL NOT WAIT FOR ANY DOG HOLDING UP A CLASS.** Owners or agents alone are responsible for the presence of their dogs in the judging ring when their classes are called to be judged. The show-giving club and the superintendent have no obligation or responsibility for providing service through a public address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.

**ALL DOGS PRESENT** must be held on leash or confined to their crates except when being judged or when in the exercising ring.

**CLASS CASH PRIZES** will be paid in the ring to the person showing the dog. Claims for prize money must be made in the ring before the judging of that class is over, and the Show Secretary to be advised at once. The Show Secretary and Show-giving Club may disclaim any liability for cash prizes after the judging of the class is over.

**THE SHOW COMMITTEE/SUPERINTENDENT** will use due care and diligence for the welfare of dogs and exhibitors, but will not be responsible for, nor assume any liability in the event of an accident or misfortune to either dogs or exhibitors participating in this show.

**THE SHOW-GIVING CLUB,** the Show Superintendent, their agents, employees, etc., assume no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors, handlers or to any of their dogs or property and further assume no responsibility of injury to children not under the control of their parents or guardians.

**EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2006** an administrative fee of \$2.00 will be withheld from all refunds for entries cancelled prior to the closing of entries.

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases and have appropriate vaccinations.

**Effective January 1, 2009** - Refund and Cash award checks are void after 180 days and will NOT be re-issued.

**AKC Weekend Club Hotline:** (919) 816-3955 or visit the AKC Event Cancellations page at: <https://www.akc.org/sports/event-cancellations/> for event cancellation information.

**The AKC is committed** to creating a safe and respectful sport environment for all. If you need to talk to someone, or need help, please call 800.656.HOPE (National Sexual Assault Hotline) or text HOME to 741-741 for free, 24/7, confidential services from trained crisis counselors.

**OFFICIAL AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ENTRY FORM**

#2025183409    #2025183410    #2025183411    #2025183412    #2025183415    #2025183416

**BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**

April 27 - May 3, 2025  
Eisenhower Hotel &

All Star Events Complex, 2636 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325

**ENTRY FEES** - See Page 6

**CLOSING DATE** for entries 12:00 Noon, April 2, 2025 After Which Time Entries Cannot Be Accepted, Canceled or Substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Dog Show Rules.

**MAIL ALL ENTRIES** with fees to Jim Rau Dogs Shows, LTD., P. O. Box 6898, Reading, PA 19610.

**MAKE ALL CHECKS and MONEY ORDERS** payable to J.R.D.S., LTD.

**CANADIAN EXHIBITORS** must make fees payable in U.S. FUNDS.

I Enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for entry fees.

**IMPORTANT** — Read Carefully instructions on Reverse Side Before Filling Out. Numbers in the boxes indicate sections of the instructions relevant to the information needed in that box. (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY).

<b>BREED</b> <b>BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG</b>	<b>VARIETY</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 5px;">1</span>	<b>SEX</b>
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<b>DOG SHOW CLASS</b>	<b>DNA # (Required)</b>		
<b>ADDITIONAL CLASS</b>	<b>OBEDIENCE CLASS</b> Jump Height	<b>RALLY CLASS</b> Jump Height	<b>Junior Show Class</b>
<b>NAME OF JUNIOR HANDLER (if any)</b> (see back)		<b>JR. HANDLER NUMBER</b>	

**FULL NAME OF DOG**

Enter number here.

AKC REG. NO.

PAL NO.

FOREIGN REG. NO. & COUNTRY

**DATE OF BIRTH**

**PLACE OF BIRTH** (list country)  
Do not print above in Catalog

**BREEDER**

**SIRE**

**DAM**

<b>ACTUAL OWNER(S)</b> _____
<b>OWNERS ADDRESS</b> _____
<b>CITY</b> _____ <b>STATE</b> _____ <b>ZIP</b> _____

**NAME OF OWNER'S AGENT (IF ANY) AT THE SHOW**

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I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (We) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event, and further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed on the reserve side of this entry form. I (we) 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 (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) 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.

**SIGNATURE** of owner or his agent  
duly authorized to make this entry \_\_\_\_\_

(Must be signed here)

**TELEPHONE #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Are you a new exhibitor?** YES  NO

**E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **OWNER HANDLED ELIGIBLE (if applicable)** YES  NO

I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event, premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog. Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other persons. I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC, AN/OR THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. (Variety) if you are entering a dog of a breed in which there are varieties for show purposes, please designate the particular variety you are entering, i.e., Cocker Spaniels (Black, ASCOB, Parti-color), Beagles (not exceeding 13 in.; over 13 in. but not exceeding 15 in.), Dachshunds (Longhaired, Smooth, Wirehaired), Bull Terriers (Colored, White), Manchester Terriers (Standard, Toy), Chihuahuas (Smooth Coat, Long Coat), English Toy Spaniels (King Charles and Ruby, Blenheim and Prince Charles), Poodles (Toy, Miniature, Standard), Collies (Rough, Smooth).
2. The following categories of dogs may be entered and shown in Best of Breed Competition: Dogs that are Champions of Record and dogs which, according to their owner's records, have completed the requirements for a championship, but whose championships are unconfirmed. The showing of unconfirmed Champions in Best of Breed competition is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of the show where the dog completed the requirements for a championship.
3. (Dog Show Class) Consult the classification in this premium list, if the dog show class in which you are entering your dog is divided, then, in addition to designating the class, specify the particular division of the class in which you are entering your dog, i.e., age division, color division, weight division.
4. A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for a show closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner it must be entered in the name of its new owner in any show for which entries closed after the date of requirement, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his name. State on the entry form whether transfer application has been mailed to A.K.C. (For complete rule refer to Chapter 14, Section 3.)
5. Mixed Breed dogs entering classes for Agility, Obedience and Rally trials should mark Breed as AKC Canine Partners Listed Dog "All-American Dog/Mixed Breed." Variety, Breeder, Sire, Dam information shall remain blank for mixed breed entrants.  
FAX NUMBER — (610) 376-4939 - \$4.00 per Dog per Show charged on ALL credit card entries regardless of method submitted.

**A \$10.00 Service Charge will be applied to any invalid/declined credit card.**

Visa/Mastercard #: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV# \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholders Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholders Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

If this entry is for Jr. Showmanship please give the following information:

Jr. Handler ID # \_\_\_\_\_ JR'S. DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

If Jr. Handler is not the owner of the dog identified on the face of this form, what is the relationship of the Jr. Handler to the owner ?  
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"By signing the entry form, we certify that the Junior Showman does not now, and will not at any time, act as an agent / handler for pay while continuing to compete in Junior Showmanship."

Front and Back of Form Must Be Included