

48th Annual National Specialty Show
Obedience Trial & Rally Trial
Futurity, Junior Showmanship, Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes
(Unbenched)

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.

(Member of the American Kennel Club)



*Cal-Expo, Buildings C & D
1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95815*

*Wednesday, April 5, 2023
through
Sunday, April 9, 2023*

*4 & Under 6 Months Puppy Competition
AKC National Owner-Handled Series & Pee-Wee Class*

*All Judging Will Be Indoors
Show & Trial Hours: 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. ~ Each Day*


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PROGRAM OF JUDGING

There are 468 dogs entered in this Specialty Show & Trials with a total entry of 734, including 110 obedience entries and 116 rally entries. For your convenience, the following class divisions have been carefully tabulated; however, neither the Club nor the Superintendent/Show Secretary assumes responsibility for absolute accuracy.

With American Kennel Club approval the following change applies:

<u>Breed</u>	<u>Original Judge</u>	<u>New Judge</u>
Rally Intermediate Class	Mr. Alvin W. Eng	Ms. Laura J. Delfino

Emergency Contact: Lynne Hawkinson (805) 234-5599

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 5, 2023

RING ONE

JUDGE: Ms. Kim Groves-McLaughlin

9:00 AM

Specialty

- Bernese Mountain Dogs Sweepstakes
- 5 Puppy, 6 & Under 9 Months Dogs
- 14 Puppy, 9 & Under 12 Months Dogs
- 5 Junior, 12 & Under 15 Months Dogs
- 3 Junior, 15 & Under 18 Months Dogs
- 14 Puppy, 6 & Under 9 Months Bitches
- 16 Puppy, 9 & Under 12 Months Bitches
- 10 Junior, 12 & Under 15 Months Bitches
- 10 Junior, 15 & Under 18 Months Bitches
- Best Puppy in Sweepstakes
- Best Junior in Sweepstakes
- Best in Sweepstakes

77 Total Dogs

RING ONE

JUDGE: Ms. Georgeann Reeve

Continuation of assignment from Ring 5 at 8:00 AM

1:30 PM

Specialty

- Bernese Mountain Dogs Versatility Showcase
- 7 Versatility, Under 7 Years Dogs
- 2 Versatility, 7 Years & Over Dogs
- 1 Versatility Excellent, Under 7 Years Dogs
- 1 Versatility Excellent, 7 Years & Over Dogs
- 4 Versatility, Under 7 Years Bitches
- 3 Versatility, 7 Years & Over Bitches
- 1 Versatility Excellent, Under 7 Years Bitches
- 7 Versatility Excellent, 7 Years & Over Bitches
- Best in Versatility Showcase
- Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Versatility Showcase

26 Total Dogs

NOTE:

To find out about any AKC event cancellations call the AKC Event Cancellation Hotline (877) 252-3229.

TROPHIES MUST BE CLAIMED THE DAY OF THE EVENTS. NONE WILL BE MAILED.

Obedience/Rally Contact:

Lynne Hawkinson (805) 234-5599

RING TWO

JUDGE: Ms. Laura J. Delfino

(Judge will take a 45 minute luncheon break at her discretion)

9:00 AM

- 3 Open Class B Obedience Entries
- Nos 56 57 58

9:25 AM

- 9 Open Class A Obedience Entries
- Nos 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55

10:35 AM

A combined 10 minute walk-thru prior to the start of the Beginner Novice Classes will be allowed for handlers without their dogs

Class to Follow

- 20 Beginner Novice Class B Obedience Entries
- Nos 14 63 64 65 66 25 67 68 69 31 70 71 72 73 38 74 75 76 44 45

After Noon

- 1 Beginner Novice Class A Obedience Entries
- Nos 62

After Noon

- 7 Veterans Class (Obedience) Obedience Entries
- Nos 78 82 30 83 80 81 61

After Noon

- 5 Brace Obedience Entries
- Nos 18-19 32-52 61-81 77-78 79-80

RING THREE

JUDGE: Mr. Alvin W. Eng

(Judge will take a 45 minute luncheon break at his discretion)

9:00 AM

- 4 Utility Class A Obedience Entries
- Nos 59 60 57 61

9:35 AM

- 35 Novice Class B Obedience Entries
- Nos 12 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46

After Noon

A 5 minute walk-thru prior to the start of the Novice Class A will be allowed for handlers without their dogs

Class to Follow

- 7 Novice Class A Obedience Entries
- Nos 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

THURSDAY - APRIL 6, 2023

RING ONE

JUDGE: Ms. Dee McDuffee

10:00 AM

Specialty

- Bernese Mountain Dogs Futurity
- 4 Puppy, 6 & Under 9 Months Dogs
- 7 Puppy, 9 & Under 12 Months Dogs
- 1 Junior, 12 & Under 15 Months Dog
- 2 Junior, 15 & Under 18 Months Dogs
- 11 Puppy, 6 & Under 9 Months Bitches
- 11 Puppy, 9 & Under 12 Months Bitches
- 4 Junior, 12 & Under 15 Months Bitches
- 4 Junior, 15 & Under 18 Months Bitches
- Best in Futurity
- Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity

44 Total Dogs

RING ONE

JUDGES: Ms. Laura J. Delfino

Mr. Alvin W. Eng

1:30 PM

- 3 Team Obedience Entries
- Nos 12 26 35 38 Alt 28
- 23 25 48 69
- 33 50 52 84 Alt 15

RING ONE

JUDGE: Ms. Kim Groves-McLaughlin

2:00 PM

Specialty

- Bernese Mountain Dogs Veteran Sweepstakes
- 15 7 Years & Under 9 Years Dogs
- 6 9 Years & Under 11 Years Dogs
- 14 7 Years & Under 9 Years Bitches
- 10 9 Years & Under 11 Years Bitches
- 5 11 Years & Over Bitches
- Best in Veteran Sweepstakes
- Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes
- 50 Total Dogs

RING TWO

JUDGE: Ms. Laura J. Delfino

(Judge will take a 45 minute luncheon break at her discretion)

9:00 AM

- Rally Master Class Walk Thru
- Class to Follow
- 7 *Rally Master Class
- Nos 88 91 95 96 97 98 102

9:35 AM

- Rally Excellent Class B/Walk Thru
- Class to Follow
- 11 *Rally Excellent Class B
- Nos 85 86 88 91 95 96 97 98 99 100 101

10:20 AM

- Rally Advanced Class A & B/Walk Thru
- Class to Follow
- 2 *Rally Advanced Class A
- Nos 70 84

17 *Rally Advanced Class B

- Nos 49 69 77 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93
- 94 95 96 97 98

11:30 AM

- Rally Intermediate Class Walk Thru
- Class to Follow

20 Rally Intermediate Class

- Nos 61 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75
- 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83

RING THREE

JUDGE: Mr. Alvin W. Eng

(Judge will take a 45 minute luncheon break at his discretion)

9:00 AM

- Rally Novice Class A /Walk Thru
- Class to Follow

10 Rally Novice Class A

- Nos 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 14 15

9:40 AM

- Rally Novice Class B/Walk Thru
- Class to Follow

49 Rally Novice Class B

- Nos 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27
- 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41
- 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55
- 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64

FRIDAY - APRIL 7, 2023

RING ONE

JUDGE: Ms. Diane Anderson

(Judge will take a 45 minute luncheon break at her discretion)

9:00 AM

Specialty

- Bernese Mountain Dogs Dog Classes
- 3 Puppy, 6 & Under 9 Months Dogs
- 14 Puppy, 9 & Under 12 Months Dogs
- 4 12 & Under 15 Months Dogs
- 2 15 & Under 18 Months Dogs
- 2 Amateur-Owner-Handler Dogs
- 3 Bred by Exhibitor, 6 & Under 12 Months Dogs
- 5 Bred by Exhibitor, 12 Months & Over Dogs
- 4 American-Bred Dogs
- 11 Open Dogs
- Winners Dog
- 13 Veteran, 7 Years & Under 9 Years Dogs
- 5 Veteran, 9 Years & Under 11 Years Dogs
- 9 Stud Dogs
- 7 Braces

89 Total Dogs

VETERANS PARADE WILL BE HELD DURING THE LUNCH BREAK

**CAL EXPO DAILY PARKING FEE
\$10 - CASH ONLY**

SATURDAY - APRIL 8, 2023

RING ONE

JUDGE: Ms. Elin Normannseth

(Judge will take a 45 minute luncheon break at her discretion)

9:00 AM

Specialty

- Bernese Mountain Dogs Bitch Classes
- 12 Puppy, 6 & Under 9 Months Bitches
- 12 Puppy, 9 & Under 12 Months Bitches
- 7 12 & Under 15 Months Bitches
- 10 15 & Under 18 Months Bitches
- 7 Amateur-Owner-Handler Bitches
- 7 Bred by Exhibitor, 6 & Under 12 Months Bitches
- 20 Bred by Exhibitor, 12 Months & Over Bitches
- 4 American-Bred Bitches
- 17 Open Bitches
- Winners Bitch
- 11 Veteran, 7 Years & Under 9 Years Bitches
- 9 Veteran, 9 Years & Under 11 Years Bitches
- 5 Veteran, 11 Years & Over Bitches
- 6 Brood Bitches
- 127 Total Dogs

PEE WEE CLASS WILL BE HELD DURING THE LUNCH BREAK

SUNDAY - APRIL 9, 2023

RING ONE

JUDGE: Ms. Georgann Reeve

8:00 AM

Junior Showmanship Competition

- 1 *Novice Intermediate
- 1 *Novice Senior
- 1 *Open Junior
- 2 *Open Intermediate
- 1 *Open Senior
- *Best Junior Handler
- 6 Total Dogs

RING ONE

JUDGE: Ms. Maija Heinila

(Judge will take a 45 minute luncheon break at her discretion)

8:30 AM

Specialty

- Bernese Mountain Dogs
- 90 Best of Breed Competition (53-37)
- Best Owner-Handled
- Best Puppy
- Best Bred by Exhibitor
- Best Veteran
- 90 Total Dogs

JUDGES

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Ms. Laura J. Delfino	P.O. Box 62, Browns Valley, CA 95918
Mr. Alvin W. Eng	4925 Charter Rd., Rocklin, CA 95765
Ms. Kim Groves-McLaughlin.....	540 Rosebush Rd., Frankford, ON, CN K0K 2C0
Ms. Maija Heinila	Myreveien 15, Revetal, NOR 3174
Ms. Dee McDuffee	4N156 Country View Ln., Elburn, IL 60119
Ms. Elin Normannseth	Grevlingstien 21, Gjerdrum, NOR 2022
Ms. Georgann Reeve	42220 Heaters Island Ct., Leesburg, VA 20176

***PROVISIONAL/PERMIT JUDGE - SEE ASSIGNMENTS**

IMPORTANT - TRANSFERS of dogs from regular classes to Best of Breed/Variety Competition (Ch. 11 Section 6, AKC Rules) MUST be made to the Superintendent/Show Secretary at least one half hour prior to the start of any regular conformation judging at this show. TRANSFERS by Junior Handlers from Novice to Open Class or from the Open to Master Class MUST be made to the Superintendent/Show Secretary prior to the judging of the class at the show. SUBSTITUTIONS of Junior Showmanship dogs must be made prior to the judging of the class at the show. TRANSFERS OF DOGS IN OBEDIENCE/RALLY CLASSES (Ch. 1 Section 16 of Obedience Regulations) The request for transfers must be in writing and presented to the Superintendent/Trial Secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each trial. Transfers for Obedience may be approved, provided the next level class and judge are available and the class has not reached its limit.

1524 AKC Sanctioned 4 & Under 6 Months Puppy Competition 2023183406

THURSDAY - APRIL 6, 2023

PROGRAM OF JUDGING

There are 17 dogs entered in this show with a total entry of 17. Neither the Club nor the Superintendent/Show Secretary assumes responsibility for absolute accuracy.

RING ONE

JUDGE: Ms. Georgann Reeve

9:00 AM

17 Bernese Mountain Dogs

17 Total Dogs

JUDGE

Ms. Georgann Reeve42220 Heaters Island Ct., Leesburg, VA 20176

Judges' Hospitality and any event committee members that have direct contact with the judges are restricted from entering those Events at the specialty as a courtesy to exhibitors.

Official Photographer

Kit Rodwell, Flashkat Photos

P.O. Box 146, 195 Cloudfcroft Ridge, Whittier, NC 28789 (828) 497-6020

(Other commercial photographers (those selling photos) must be agreed upon by official show photographer and event committee and purchase a vendor booth or pay regular vendor price for this privilege.)

Official Videographer

ShowDogVideoPros

2639 Pocolomas Ct., Las Cruces, NM 88011

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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 of the show shall be permitted. The contract terms permit individuals to record small bits of video of their own dog(s) only, and using hand-held devices only (e.g. phone, tablet, or small camcorder). Individuals may post recorded videos of their own dog(s) to social media (Facebook, YouTube, etc.). However, during show hours, **LIVE Broadcast Streaming to social media (e.g. Facebook Live, etc.) 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 their dog to be professionally video recorded and streamed live only by the professional video services as contracted by the Club for this show. **Violation of these show video policies may result in an Event 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).

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.

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Veterinarian On Call

The following facilities have agreed at time of publication to provide on-call veterinary services during the week of our event.

Arden Animal Hospital, 1823 Fulton Ave., Sacramento (2.1 miles)

M-F 8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Sat. 8:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Closed Sun (916) 485-5412

VCA All Our Pets Animal Hospital, 1413 60th St., Sacramento (2.3 miles)

M-F 8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Sat. 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Closed Sun (916) 800-5286

Watt Avenue Pet Hospital, 3321 Watt Ave #109, Sacramento (3.7 miles)

MTWF 8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Sat. 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Closed Thurs./Sun. (916) 482-4084

24 Hour Veterinarian (15-20 min. from Cal-Expo)

VCA Sacramento Veterinary Referral Center, 9801 Old Winery Place, Sacramento CA 95827 (916) 362-3111

Directions from the show site: Drive east on Exposition Boulevard. Bear right onto Ethan Way. Turn left onto Hurley Way. Turn right onto Howe Avenue. Take the US 50 East ramp toward South Lake Tahoe. Take exit 13 toward Bradshaw Road. Turn left onto Bradshaw Road. Turn right onto Business Park Drive. Turn left on Old Winery Rd. Your destination is on the right.

“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.”

AKC Sanctioned 4 & Under 6 Months Puppy Competition

This is a recorded event by the AKC for the Certificate of Merit and Puppy of Achievement certificates.

Section 1 - Classifications

The Four-to-Six Month Puppy competition shall be for dogs that are four months of age and over, but under six months on the first day of the event.

Section 2 - Entry and Eligibility

For additional information on entry and eligibility requirement, please see the Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations available on the AKC website at:

http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/Sanctioned_Regulations_4-6_Month_POA.pdf

The full policy and list of Table and Ramp eligible/required breeds is available on the AKC website at:

https://images.akc.org/pdf/judges/table_breeds.pdf

Judges may request the ramp to judge any breed in emergency situations; if granted, unless the use of a ramp has been indicated in the premium list, an exhibitor has the option of withdrawing their entry and receiving a refund. Junior Showmanship judging should follow the above.

NOTICE

Junior Handlers who win a third Novice Class with competition present or a first place in Novice without competition leading to a Best Junior award with competition would 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. MUST NOTIFY the Superintendent/Show Secretary prior to the judging of the class at the show.

JUNIORS WITH A DOG ALSO ENTERED IN ANOTHER CLASS OFFERED AT THIS SHOW WHO SUBSTITUTE A DOG NOT ENTERED IN THIS SHOW MUST REMIT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP ONLY AND JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP AS AN ADDITIONAL CLASS ENTRY FEE. JUNIORS WHO HAVE ENTERED JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP ONLY WHO THEN SUBSTITUTE ANOTHER DOG WILL NOT BE CHARGED A FURTHER FEE.

NO PRACTICING ALLOWED IN RINGS AT ANY TIME.

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.

All Dogs Present must be held on leash or confined to their crates except when being judged or when in the exercising ring.

No gasoline or diesel generators are permitted inside any building or within 100 feet of any tent in which this dog show is conducted.

As specified in Chapter 12, Section 4 of the AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows, information contained on the entry form is required to be published in the club's show catalog. This information is also subject to publication in other media.

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 the event's Show Committee. If because of riots, wars, strikes, civil disturbances, national emergencies, health emergencies, and the dictates of law enforcement or of the owner(s) of the grounds and/or facilities 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. Extreme weather conditions, such as, but not limited to, snow storms, hurricanes, lightning, extreme heat, heavy rains, or other circumstances including, but not limited to, the condition of the facilities or grounds and/or the ingress and egress from the grounds, must be considered for the health and safety of the dogs, exhibitors and spectators. The well-being of dogs, exhibitors and spectators is of paramount importance and, in the event it is necessary to cancel or stop the show before completion, no refund of entry fee will be made.

AKC National Owner-Handled Series

The AKC National Owner-Handled Series is a non-titling competition for dogs that are exhibited by their owners that are not professional handlers.

Exhibitors must declare their dog is Owner-Handled eligible at the time of entry on the entry form.

Dogs entered in the Amateur-Owner-Handler class will automatically be marked as eligible to compete in the NOHS.

Eligible dogs will be identified by an asterisk in the judge's book, steward's book and the catalog. Dogs must be handled throughout the breed level competition for the regular show by an eligible owner.

Professional handlers*, household members and current assistants** to professional handlers may not exhibit the dog in any NOHS competition during the entire show. For a detailed description of the National Owner-Handled Series, please visit the AKC website NOHS pages at:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/national-owner-handled-series/>

**Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay within the last five years.*

***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 time during the cluster/weekend. Current assistants that are eligible to compete in Junior Showmanship (meet age & amateur status requirements) may participate in NOHS.*

PUBLICATION RIGHTS: By entering this show, all owners, handlers, breeders and kennels agree that all rights to televise, videotape, photograph, advertise, promote and publicize or otherwise exploit this show, or the persons or animals participating in it or the results of the competition before, during or after the event, shall belong solely to The American Kennel Club and their respective assigns, including the use of the names, likenesses or biographical matter of all dogs, owners, handlers, breeders and kennels participating in the show and no such owner, handler, breeder or kennel shall allow any other party to make commercial use of any videotape or photograph of any person or animal participating in this competition.

The Club and its Superintendent caution all persons entering the show site and show grounds against all hazards which may exist, including, but not limited to: Condition of the site/grounds, parking/loading/unloading areas, entrances, floors and stairways, elevators and escalators, floor coverings, walkways, tenting/canopies, electrical appliances, cords and fittings, exercise pens, and the presence of animals. All persons should take into consideration this is a sporting event and dress, act and exercise caution appropriate for the activity involved. All persons entering the show, the grounds, site and show areas for whatever purpose do so entirely at their own risk. By virtue of entering the show, the entrant has indicated their acceptance of the terms listed in the premium list and assumes all risks involved.

Schedule of Events

Events at Cal-Expo will be held in building C unless otherwise specified

Start times (where noted) are subject to change

Sunday, April 2, 2023

AKC Herding #1 - JR Ranch, Patterson CA

Monday, April 3, 2023

Tracking - Mather Regional Park, Mather CA

AKC Herding #2 - JR Ranch, Patterson CA

BMDCA Board Meeting, 8:30 A.M.

Registration Opens - Host Hotel

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Agility - Cal-Expo Arena

Draft #1 - Cal-Expo (behind Pavilion)

Registration Continues at Host Hotel

Vendor Move-in to Cal Expo, 10:00 A.M.

Grooming Move-in Cal Expo Building D, 3:00 P.M.

PM Breeder Symposium - Host Hotel, 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Registration & Catalog Sales - Cal-Expo

Farm Dog - Cal-Expo Arena

Obedience

Sweepstakes

Versatility

Histio Blood Draw - Bldg. C Mezzanine, 9:00 A.M.

International Reception - Host Hotel, 3:00 P.M.

Welcome Party at Host Hotel

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Registration & Catalog Sales

Rally

Futurity

Team Obedience

Veteran Sweepstakes

4-6 Month Puppy Competition

Top 20 Judging

Top 20 "Summer of Love" Gala

Friday, April 7, 2023

Draft #2 - Cal-Expo (behind Pavilion)

Scent Work

Regular Dog Classes

Non-Regular Veteran Dog Class

Stud Dog & Brace Classes

Parade of Veterans - Lunch Break

AKC Judges Education Seminar (info on bmdca.org)

Berner University Independent Study Concludes

(hand in test by 7:00 P.M.)

Wine Tasting & Edibles - Host Hotel

Health Auction - Host Hotel,

(Silent Auction at 6:00 P.M., Live Auction at 7:30 P.M.)

Saturday, April 8, 2023

Registration & Catalog Sales

Draft #3 - Cal-Expo (behind Pavilion)

Regular Bitch Classes

Non-Regular Veteran Bitch Class

Brood Bitch Class

Pee Wee Class - Lunch break

Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet - Host Hotel

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Junior Showmanship

Best of Breed, followed by NOHS Best of Breed

Best Puppy, Best Bred by & Best Veteran

Judges Banquet - Host Hotel

Activities Held Throughout the Week

Berner University (Independent Study)

Raffle - Cal-Expo (tickets pulled Saturday)

Photo Contest Winners' Gallery

Rescue Gallery - Cal-Expo

Titleholders Gallery (online)

Welcome to the Summer of Love Celebration!

Join us for an evening of beautiful dogs at the BMDCA's tenth annual Top Twenty Gala, which will be held the evening of Thursday, April 6th. This event will showcase the top conformation dogs from 2022. 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, 2022.

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, and the winner will be announced at the conclusion of the event.

The Top Twenty competition will culminate Thursday evening in the main conformation ring at Cal-Expo Building C. The gala is open to the general public to view the final showcase of the Top Twenty dogs and presentation of awards to the top winners. There will be a cash bar. 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. Attendees will also have the opportunity to vote for the People's Choice Award during the evening festivities.

The theme this year is Summer of Love. Attendees are encouraged to wear their finest 1960's - themed outfits. Mark your calendars; you won't want to miss it!

Top Twenty donations are also very welcome and may be made through Master Registration.



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 premium list. 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 premium list, no public health requirements are in effect for the show site or the size of our events. Any changes to requirements will be posted to the Love Shack (BMDCA-Store.com/2023_c_71.html) and 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 BMDCA 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.



Pee Wee Class

Saturday, April 8, 2023

Mentor: Georgeann Reeve

Entry Fee is FREE!

Bring the kids and grandkids to the 2023 National Specialty for the Pee Wee Class! Children aged five to under nine and their favorite Bernese Mountain Dog are invited to participate in this must-see Special Attraction, held during the lunch break on Saturday, April 8th (scheduled at the judge's discretion).

Sign-ups will be held Saturday at 9:00 - 11:00 A.M. at the Superintendent's table. There is no entry limit and no entry fee. **Please note that both an entry form and a Release of Liability form signed by the parent/ guardian will be required for each child to participate.**

The Pee Wee Class is not competitive, but rather a chance for younger kids and their Berner friends to have a groovy and supportive learning experience at our show. Safety is our primary concern - - only one Pee Wee unit (adult/child/dog) will be in the ring at a time. Outside the ring, the dog must be controlled by the adult accompanying the child. The dog must be at least four months of age and have the proper lead and collar. Bitches in season will not be allowed to participate.

All participants will have fun, earn prizes, and be invited to lunch - - with their accompanying family members - - following the event.

For questions, contact Mary-Ann Sontag, Pee Wee Chair at sontag.ma@gmail.com Detailed information on the AKC's Pee Wee Special Attraction is available on the AKC website: <https://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/junior-showmanship/pee-wee-special-attraction-guidelines/>

Special Award for Veterans ~ The Fan Award

The Fan Award will be presented at the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening to the oldest male and female dog exhibited at the Specialty, including the 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.



NEWS FLASH

1st In-Line will be sponsoring the dog wash area, providing complimentary shampoo and grooming products to all exhibitors.

Grooming

NOTE: Grooming and Crating is allowed in designated areas only.

Exhibitors may reserve a 8' x 10' grooming space for \$125.00, which includes one electrical plug with 20 amps of power, for the entire show period. All paid reserved spaces are indoors in Cal-Expo Building D on a concrete floor and are available on a first come, first served basis through master registration until capacity is reached. There will be a specified number of unpaid, non-reserved grooming sites available inside Building D on a first come, first served basis. These sites will not have electricity available. Day crating will also be available in these spaces. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring floor mats and **must have a UL listed heavy-duty 3-wired (grounded) exterior extension cord properly rated for their equipment's amperage (not-to-exceed 25 feet). Two-wired extension cords and power strips are prohibited. Generators and electric heaters are also prohibited.** All extension cords and dryers are subject to inspection, and non-compliant equipment may be seized by show personnel. All setups 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 setups as required by circumstances for the safety and convenience of all. This includes moving crates, tables, and other equipment. Exhibitors are expected to comply with all club rules as laid out by the BMDCA.

ADDITIONAL GROOMING, CRATING AND SITE INFORMATION FOR EXHIBITORS AND ATTENDEES

- **MOVE-IN: BEGINS TUESDAY, APRIL 4 AT 3:00 P.M.**
- **GROOMING SPACES MUST BE VACATED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF JUDGING ON SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023.**
- The grooming area will be open from 6:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M. days of the show except for Sunday evening.
- The building will be locked from 9:00 P.M. until 6:00 A.M. **DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO STAY OVERNIGHT IN THE GROOMING OR CRATING AREAS.**
- The BMDCA and the event 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 setup together should submit forms under the same Group Name.
- At time of move-in, exhibitor will be required to supply contact information, including hotel, room number, and cell phone number.
- Exhibitors and handlers will be held responsible for clean conditions in and around their crates. Grooming and crating spaces will be monitored and must be cleaned each day. Failure to follow instructions given by a event committee member can result in forfeiture of space.
- Ringside chairs are **NOT** to be taken to the grooming area. Absolutely no x-pens will be allowed in the building except in reserved grooming areas.
- Bathing/Grooming is not allowed in any hotel room.
- **SMOKING IS PROHIBITED** inside any building and within 20 feet of doorways.
- 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.
- Register through online registration at: <https://bmdca.regfox.com/bmdca-2023-national-specialty-live>. For questions or more information, contact Lynette Vann, Grooming Chair, at lynette@fourpawsbmd.net

Special Notice to Exhibitors

Best Puppy will be selected following the completion of selection of National Owner-Handled Series 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 Bitch Puppy Classes, and the first place winners from the Bred by Exhibitor Puppy Dog and Bitch Classes. (Bred by Puppy will be judged with other Puppies to determine Best Puppy in Show).

Best Bred by Exhibitor will be selected following the completion of the judging of the Best Puppy Classes. Eligible for competition will be the first place winners from the Bred by Exhibitor Adult Dog and Adult Bitch Classes. 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 Veteran 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 the 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.

The Premium Lists for the following BMDCA sponsored events are available for download from the Love Shack https://www.bmdca-store.com/Premium-Lists-Forms_c_152html

Herding Tests/Trials

Sunday, April 2, 2023 & Monday, April 3, 2023 - JR Farm, Patterson, CA (1.75 hours south of Cal-Expo)
Two AKC Herding All-Breed Tests and Trials, Bernese Mountain Dogs preferred entry.
Judges: Theresa Royer (AKC #105751) & George "Rusty" Jeffers (AKC #45351)
For more information contact either Herding Event Co-Chair: Renee Meriaux at meriaux1@earthlink.net or Gina Van Klompenburg at ginavk@gmail.com

Tracking Tests

Monday, April 3, 2023 - Mather Regional Park, Mather, CA (30 minutes east of the show site)
AKC All-Breed Tracking Dog Test and Tracking Dog Excellent Test, Bernese Mountain Dogs preferred entry
Judges: Meg Azevedo (AKC #90144) & Kyla R. Smay (AKC #47191)
For more information contact Tracking Event Chair, Laura Waldbaum at laura@walbaumswidridge.com

Agility Trial

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 - Cal-Expo Arena
Judge: Kenneth Boyd (AKC #ZJ078)
Test Secretary: Michele Morlang, 4887 Lincoln Ave., Chino, CA 91710 (714) 615-5634, myagilitydogz@gmail.com
For more information, contact Agility Event Chair: Marti Simons at martisimons@me.com

Three BMDCA Draft Tests

All three Draft Tests will be held at Cal-Expo behind the Pavilion

Test #1, Tuesday, April 4, 2023
Judges: Mr. Phil Chagnon & Ms. Susan Van Ocker
Test #2, Friday, April 7, 2023
Judges: Ms. Jennifer Brightbill & Ms. Ruth Nielsen
Test #3, Saturday, April 8, 2023
Judges: Mr. Phil Atkinson & Ms. Karyn Beyer
Draft Test Entry Coordinator for all three Tests: Cindy Beckman, 2023drafting@gmail.com
For more information contact either Draft Test Co-Chair: Larry Bohlig, threeberners@sebastiancorp.net or Jim Maxwell, draftndogs@gmail.com

Farm Dog

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 - Cal-Expo Arena
AKC Farm Dog Certification Tests, Two All-Breed Limited Entry Tests, Bernese Mountain Dogs Preferred entry
Judges: Wendy S. Kirk (AKC #111495) & Julie Vonada (AKC #101769)
For more information on the AKC Farm Dog Certification, visit <https://www.akc.org/sports/herding/farm-dog>

Scent Work

Friday, April 7, 2023 - Cal-Expo Building C
AKC All-Breed Scent Work Trial, Bernese Mountain Dogs preferred entry
Judges: Gwyndean (Dino) Candelaria (AKC # 109081) & Steve Bettcher (AKC #108853)
For more information contact Scent Work Event Chair, Susan Osborn, golden.dog.lady1@gmail.com

The Triathlete Challenge ~ Entry Forms Due March 18

Are you and your working dog feeling groovy? Dream big and set your sights on the Specialty Triathlete Challenge, a special award given at the Awards Dinner to each Berner/handler team that earns a qualifying leg or passing score in three or more working venues during the week of the National Specialty. The eligible events are tracking, herding (PT or above), obedience (regular classes), rally, agility and draft. Only one score or performance in each venue will count towards this award, and the performance must be at the titling level, although the dog/handler team may already have earned the relevant title. If your dog can pull, heel, sniff, run and jump, just pick your venues and shoot for the stars! The Specialty Triathlete Award is far out, man-you and your Berner will dig the cool prizes! Award offered by Ruth Nielsen, Mazama Mountain Dogs. **To be eligible, download and complete the Triathlete Challenge form on <https://www.bmdca-store.com/assets/images/2023TriathleteChallengeForm.pdf> and E-mail it to RNielsen@Nielsenlaw.com no later than March 18th.** For questions, contact Ruth at RNielsen@Nielsenlaw.com. Mailed entries accepted at 55 Quaking Aspen Road, Winthrop WA 98862.

Versatility Showcase ~ Wednesday, April 5, 2023

The Versatility Showcase is a conformation exhibition, showcasing dogs and bitches that have earned the BMDCA Versatility Award or the BMDCA Versatility Excellent Award. To be eligible for entry, dogs must have earned all required titles* for the Award AND the Award must be verified by Valerie Horney, BMDCA Versatility, Working & Active Dog Award Chair, prior to closing on March 8, 2023. Dogs must be 7 years of age by the first day of Regular Class judging (Friday, April 7, 2023) in order to compete in the 7 Years and Older Dog or Bitch classes. **Altered dogs and bitches are eligible to participate.**

*Visit the BMDCA website for eligibility requirements http://bmdca.org/awards_titles/index.php

DOGS AND BITCHES JUDGED FIRST IN THESE CLASSES WILL NOT MOVE ON TO BEST OF BREED BY VIRTUE OF HAVING WON THESE CLASSES.

SEE PAGE 15 OF THE PREMIUM LIST FOR MORE INFORMATION

Accommodations

Host Hotel

Hilton Sacramento Arden West, 2200 Harvard Street, Sacramento, CA 95815

You are encouraged to stay at the Hilton Host Hotel as all of the groovy fun will be at either the host hotel or the show site at Cal-Expo, less than a two mile drive at 1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95815. The hotel has ample parking and will charge a daily parking fee of \$4.00/room night. There will be a complimentary shuttle to the show site. All rooms must be reserved through the 2023 Specialty reservation link: <http://bmdca.org/specialty/2023/lodging.php>. **There will be no FAX or TELEPHONE reservations taken by the hotel.**

The restaurant will be open for breakfast and lunch; a bar food menu will be available in the evening. There is plenty of interior and exterior common area space for socializing. The Welcome Reception, Health Auction, Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet and the Judges Dinner will be at the host hotel.

Four is the maximum number of dogs and guests per room. The double queen rooms do have limited floor space; with four dogs, stacking crates may be necessary. All rooms are non-smoking. Dogs must be crated when unattended in rooms. A credit card guarantee is required upon check in. Rooms will be inspected daily for damages and guests will be 100% responsible for any damages. Guests will be required to sign a Pet Policy* Agreement at check in (*available for review on the above link). For more information, contact Hotel Liaison Lisa Christensen at hotel2023@yahoo.com.

RV Information

RV Camping is available onsite at the Cal-Expo RV Park. For reservations call: (916) 263-3187.

Travel Information

BY CAR

Business I-80 & Exposition Blvd. - From Sacramento take Business I-80 to Exposition Blvd. and proceed to the Fairgrounds. Enter off Expo Blvd at Lot D.

BY AIR

There are five large airports serving the area. Sacramento International Airport (SMF) is 20 minutes from the Host Hotel/Cal-Expo. San Francisco International (SFO), Oakland International (OAK), Reno-Tahoe International (RNO), and San Jose International (SJC) airports are all just over two hours from the Host Hotel/Cal-Expo.



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