

JUDGING PROGRAM

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB RULES & REGULATIONS GOVERN THESE EVENTS.

2024183421(S) • 2024183407(O) • 2024183422(SF) • 2024183405(CJ) • 2024183404(R) • 2024183406(BP)



The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.

49th Annual National Specialty Show

Conformation w/NOHS • Futurity • Jr. Showmanship
Pee Wee Special Attraction • Obedience • Rally
Sweepstakes • Veteran Sweepstakes • 4-6 Month Puppy
Top 20 • Versatility Showcase
(Unbenched - Member of the American Kennel Club)

Saturday, March 30, 2024 - Saturday, April 6, 2024

Purina Farms Events Center

500 William Danforth Way, Gray Summit, Missouri 63069

Proudly Hosted by:

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.,

The Bernese Mountain Dog Clubs of Buckeye, Grand Canyon State, Greater Twin Cities, Heart of Michigan, Heartland, Lonestar, North Coast of Ohio, Northeastern Illinois, Rockies, and Southeastern Wisconsin

All Events Indoors at the Purina Farms Events Complex, unless otherwise noted

Show and Trial Hours: 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Each Day

VISIT OUR WEB PAGE: <https://www.bmdca.org/2024-specialty>

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. See details and FAQs here: <https://images.AKC.org/pdf/rulebooks/RREGS3.pdf>



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB®

CERTIFICATION Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under the American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

GINA M. DINARDO, Executive Secretary



ON-SITE EVENT SECRETARY - SHERRI SPAVALE

SERVICES PROVIDED BY

BaRay Event Services, Inc.

A.K.C. ANNUALLY LICENSED SUPERINTENDENTS

MEMBER: DOG SHOW SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

PO BOX 508, BURLINGTON, WA 98233

PHONE: 360-755-7086 • FAX: 360-755-2248

HAND-DELIVERED, EXPRESS or PRIORITY, FEDEX or UPS:
113 E. FAIRHAVEN AVE., BURLINGTON, WA 98233 (do NOT require signature)
E-MAIL: dogshows@barayevents.com • WEB SITE: BaRayEvents.com

Like us on
FACEBOOK



OFFICE HOURS
10AM-5PM
PACIFIC TIME
MON.-FRI.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Events will be held at Purina Farms unless specifically noted; all Conformation and Obedience in Great Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Herding at Herding & Trial Field

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

BMDCA Board Meeting at Great Hall Conference Rm
Farm Dog at Herding & Trial Field

MONDAY, APRIL 1

Agility at Great Hall
Registration at Great Hall Lobby
Bernier U at Service Center
Set Up for Great Hall
Vendor Move-In at Great Hall 10:00AM
Grooming Area Opens at Great Hall 3:00PM
Draft #1 at Working Dog Field
Breeders Symposium at Founders Room 7:00PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Registration & Catalog Sales at Ringside
Bernier U at Founders Room & Conference Room
Draft #2 at Working Dog Field
Scent Work at Service Center
Sweepstakes
Welcome Reception with Studs & Suds at Great Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

Registration & Catalog Sales at Ringside
Health Clinics at Service Center
International Guest Breakfast at Founders Room
Futurity
Obedience
Versatility Showcase
Veterans Sweepstakes
Health Auction at Holiday Inn



BMDCA National Specialty 2024

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Registration & Catalog Sales at Ringside
Health Clinics at Service Center
Rally Obedience
4-6 Month Puppy
Draft #3 at Working Dog Field
Regular Conformation Dog Classes
Veteran Dog Classes
Non-Regular Classes (Stud Dog & Brace)
Top Twenty Prejudging
Veterans Parade during lunch break
Top 20 Gala
Junior Showmanship during Top 20 Intermission

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Registration & Catalog Sales at Ringside Judges' Education—seminar, ringside mentoring & hands-on workshop
Regular Conformation Bitch Classes
Veteran Bitch Classes
Non-Regular Classes (Brood Bitch)
Pee Wee & Itty Bitty Special Attraction at Lunch Break
Draft #4 at Working Dog Field
BMDCA Annual Meeting & Awards
Banquet at Founders Room

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Registration & Catalog Sales at Ringside
Judges' Education—ringside mentoring
Best of Breed followed by NOHS Best of Breed, Best Puppy, Best Veteran & Best Breed-by-Exhibitor
Judges' Dinner at Holiday Inn

ACTIVITIES HELD THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Raffle Ringside. Tickets pulled on Friday at noon
Photo Contest Winners' Gallery in the Events Center
Rescue Gallery in the Events Center
Titleholders Gallery (online)
Bernier-Garde Ringside



OFFICERS OF THE BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

President Marjorie Geiger Vice-President..... Mireille Bischel
Treasurer..... Pam Weir Recording Secretary.....Kelley Van Arsdale
Corresponding Secretary – Karen Peterson.....26619 137th Avenue SE, Kent, WA 98042

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cindy Beckman • Hunter Calvelage • Valerie Horney • Sara Karl • Ruth Nielsen
Delegate to the AKC – Sara Karl

EVENT COMMITTEE

Show Chair - Dottie Schulte
970-302-2970 • dotties911@aol.com

Assistant Show Chair - Georgeann Reeve
571-528-5095 • georgeannbmdca@gmail.com

Conformation Chair - Kim Giannone..... winridgebmd@gmail.com
Performance Chair - Stephanie Biksackydogwoman1976@gmail.com
Obedience Chair - Vicky Hall.....ravhall@aol.com
Rally Chair - Denise McClure.....denisemcclure@icloud.com

And officers & directors of the club

(Additional Committee Chairs listed on the following page)

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

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

Don Meyer Photography
3628 Dunn Spring Road, Labadie, MO • 636-239-1402 • billmeyerphoto@gmail.com

CANDID RINGSIDE & PERFORMANCE PHOTOGRAPHERS:

Chris & Andrea Stefanac • 804-347-0452 • chrisertec@aol.com • www.csphotoonline.com
Annie McDannold • clickingtocapture@gmail.com • www.clickingtocapture.com
Alyssa Janiszak • valorkennel@aol.com • alyssajaniszak.shootproof.com
facebook.com/AlyssaJaniszakPhotoDesign

OFFICIAL VIDEOGRAPHER - SHOW DOG VIDEO PROS

2639 Pocolomas Ct, Las Cruces, NM 88011 • 575-993-3460 • showdogvideopros@gmail.com

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 - ON CALL

Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Services - 636-227-9400 or 636-227-6100
1021 Howard George Drive, Manchester, MO
24/7 Emergency Care
24.5 miles from Purina Farms (28 minutes)

Fox Creek Veterinary Hospital - 636-458-6569
18962 MO 100, Wildwood, MO
7 days a week 8:00AM-8:00PM with 24-hour on-call medical team,
8.3 miles from Purina Farms (13 minutes)

NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

| | | |
|--|---|--|
| Show Chair | Dottie Schulte, 970-302-2970 | dotties911@aol.com |
| Assistant Show Chair | Georgeann Reeve, 571-528-5095 | georgeannbmdca@gmail.com |
| BMDCA Specialty Coordinator | Dottie Schulte | dotties911@aol.com |
| Agility | Renee Meriaux | meriauxl@earthlink.net |
| Agility Secretary | Kris Osojnicky | machberner@gmail.com |
| Announcer | Bob Torstensen | bobt@bernernews.net |
| Banquets | Karen Loren | kloren2@icloud.com |
| Berner University | Linda Seaver | linda.seaver@gmail.com |
| Berner University Co-Chair | Mona Williams | midnightbmd@gmail.com |
| BMDCA Breeder Education | Heather Austin | heather@heatheraustin.com |
| BFF Club | Dottie Schulte | dotties911@aol.com |
| Catalog Ads Production | Beth Dennehy | bmdcacatalogads@gmail.com |
| Catalog Sales | Renee Jacquier | rjacq16804@aol.com |
| Conformation | Kim Giannone | winridgebmd@gmail.com |
| Draft Tests | Dawn Gibbs Annette McLaughlin Jenny Zablotney | dawng1019@aol.com harmonyberniers@yahoo.com newfdock@gmail.com |
| Draft Test Secretary | Gina Craig | ginadraftsecretary@gmail.com |
| Emergency Response Co-Ordinator | Tammi Winner | bernese@mac.com |
| Farm Dog Chair | Julia Smith | orchidj5@yahoo.com |
| BMDCA Futurity | Sandy Dunaway | summitbmd@msn.com |
| Grooming | Loyal Bouaoun | lavishbmd@gmail.com |
| Grounds | Chan Keith Tracey Keith | wyndriftbmd@earthlink.net chan. keith@earthlink.net |
| BMDCA Health Auction | Erica Hartt | thetricolorclown@gmail.com |
| Health Clinic | Tori Pinkus | victoriapinkus@gmail.com |
| Herding | Sara Karl | karl3106@comcast.net |
| Hotel Liaison | Alice Clark | aliceann8@hotmail.com |
| BMDCA International Relations | Tracey Keith | wyndriftbmd@earthlink.net |
| BMDCA Judges Education | Nancy Stewart | nancybmdca@gmail.com |
| Judges' Hospitality | Jane Haefner | haefnerjane@gmail.com |
| Juniors' Activities | Lynn Washburn | highlandsbmd@comcast.net |
| BMDCA Specialty Logistics/ Planning Booklet | Sandy Dunaway | summitbmd@msn.com |
| Logo and Theme | Brycie Marine Dee McDuffee | bryciemarine@gmail.com hausfulbmds@comcast.net |
| Newsletter Editor | Mary-Ann Bowman Jay Lusk | sontag.bowman@gmail.com jaylusk.suziedahl@gmail.com |
| Obedience | Vicki Hall | ravhall@aol.com |
| Pee Wee Handling | Hunter Calvelage | carmaque@yahoo.com |
| Performance Chair | Stephanie Biksacky | dogwoman1976@gmail.com |

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Photo Contest | Buffy Cramer-Hammann | buffycramerhammann@comcast.net |
| Raffle | Nicole Stonitsch Patti Gartmann | mnbienko@yahoo.com pg4bmds@roadrunner.com |
| Rally | Denise McClure | denisemcclure54@icloud.com |
| BMDCA Specialty Registration Onsite | Renee Jacquier | rjacq16804@aol.com |
| BMDCA Specialty Registration Online | Mona Williams | midnightbmd@gmail.com |
| Chief Ring Steward | Paul & Marta DeMerath | icebowlsamoyeds@att.net |
| RV Parking | Chan Keith Tracey Keith | wyndriftbmd@earthlink.net chan.keith@earthlink.net |
| Scent Work | Denise McClure | denisemcclure54@icloud.com |
| BMDCA Specialty Store Online | Susan Henderson | suzbmd@gmail.com |
| Titleholders Gallery | Sharon Blaszak | keragold@sbcglobal.net |
| Top 20 | Darcy Babb | bmdfriend@aol.com |
| Transportation | Suzanne Lintzenich | ownbmdz@gmail.com |
| BMDCA Specialty Treasurer | Kathy DeHart | bmdspecialtytreasurer@outlook.com |
| Tri Athlete | Ruth Nielsen | rnielsen@nielsenlaw.com |
| BMDCA Trophy Solicitation | Michele Dominy | mdom@gmail.com |
| Trophies | Brenda Calvelage | bjcalvelage@gmail.com |
| Vendor Operations | Debbie Thornton | bernerz@aol.com |
| Veteran's Parade | Sharon Blaszak | keragold@sbcglobal.net |
| Volunteer Coordinator | Julie Latterell | jlatterell2@gmail.com |
| Ways and Means | Keith Waltersdorf | kwaltersdorf68@gmail.com |
| BMDCA Specialty Website | Annie McDannold | bmdcawebsite@gmail.com |
| Welcome Bags | Lori Kennedy | lkck@comcast.net |

DISTINGUISHED PANEL OF JUDGES

CONFORMATION

Best of Breed - Intersex:

Ms. Satu Yla-Mononen [91436].....KANGASALA, FIN

Regular Dog, Non-Regular Dog & Brace Classes:

Mr. Jan Herngren [35087]..... KRISTIANSTAD, SWE

Regular Bitch & Non-Regular Bitch Classes:

Ms. Christine Mann [92234].....BOULDER, CO

Junior Showmanship, 4-6 Month Puppy & Versatility Showcase Classes:

Mr. William Matlock [95829].....SURRY, ME

2024 Futurity:

Mr. Dalmiro Sirabo BUENOS AIRES, ARG

Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes:

Ms. Susan Henderson YORBA LINDA, CA

PeeWee Special Attraction:

Mrs. Marjorie Geiger [103767]..... KALAMA, WA

OBEDIENCE TRIAL

Mr. Fred Buroff [5277].....CONOVER, OH

Mr. James Komunale [27181].....BALLWIN, MO

Ms. Alison Jaskiewicz [22140]..... MASON, NH

RALLY TRIAL

Mr. Fred Buroff [5277].....CONOVER, OH

Mr. James Komunale [27181].....BALLWIN, MO

RESERVED GROOMING

NOTE: GROOMING AND CRATING IS ALLOWED IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY.

Due to LIMITED GROOMING SPACES, sharing of grooming spaces is encouraged.

Remember, we're Bringing Friends Together!

LIMIT OF 2 GROOMING SPACES PER PERSON

Exhibitors may reserve a 10' x 10' grooming space through Central Registration for \$150, which includes one electrical plug with 20 amps of power, for the entire show period. Paid reserved spaces will be indoors, either on a concrete floor in the Gateway Hall, or rubberized flooring with plastic sheeting provided in the Great Hall, and are available on a first come, first served basis through Master Registration until capacity is reached. Exhibitors will not be allowed to select which location, Gateway Hall or Great Hall, when reserving space. Locations will be assigned at random based on availability.

Day crating will be available for Obedience and Rally exhibitors, and will not have access to electric. All set-ups will be supervised by the Grooming 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. Exhibitors are expected to comply with all Club rules as laid out by the BMDCA.

Per Purina Farms Event Center, dogs and exhibitors MUST be out of the building by 6 p.m. Sunday March 31st, no exceptions. Your equipment MAY stay in the building, but in order to allow Purina Farms employees to properly clean the building, make sure you clean up around your equipment as best as possible. FOR THE BMDCA NATIONAL, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO MOVE YOUR BELONGINGS TO YOUR NEWLY ASSIGNED SPACES ON MONDAY, APRIL 1ST AT 3:00 P.M. YOU WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED THE SAME SPACE YOU HAD FOR THE COLUMBIA MO KC SHOWS, AND YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED INTO THE GROOMING AREA EARLIER THAN 3:00PM ON MONDAY. NO EXCEPTIONS! YOU MUST MAKE SEPARATE GROOMING RESERVATIONS FOR THE BMDCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY, EVEN IF YOU HAVE PURCHASED A SPACE THROUGH COLUMBIA MO KC!

MOVE-IN FOR BMDCA NATIONAL EXHIBITORS: Begins Monday, April 1, 2024, at 3:00PM

- At time of move-in, exhibitors will be required to supply contact information, including hotel, room number, and cell phone number.
- Generators and electric heaters are prohibited. All extension cords and dryers are subject to inspection, and non-compliant equipment may be removed by show personnel.
- The grooming area will be open daily from 6:00AM (except for move-in day as indicated above) until 9:00PM.
- DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO STAY OVERNIGHT IN GROOMING/CRATING AREA.
- Parties wishing to set up together should submit forms under the same Group Name. All reasonable effort will be made to honor requests but not guaranteed.
- GROOMING SPACES MUST BE VACATED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COMPLETION OF ALL CONFORMATION EVENTS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024.
- There are 6 stainless elevated bathing tubs in the bathing room in the hallway of the Gateway Hall. Hot and cold water are provided. Please adhere to all bathing and cleanup rules posted in bathing room. Additional bathing tubs are accessible in the Service Center near the RV lots.
- Bathing/Grooming is not allowed in any hotel room.
- Absolutely no x-pens will be allowed in the grooming area except within the assigned grooming space.
- Ringside chairs are NOT to be taken to the grooming area.
- Exhibitors and handlers will be held responsible for clean conditions in/around their assigned space. Grooming and crating spaces will be monitored and must be cleaned each day. Failure to follow instructions given by a show committee member can result in forfeiture of 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.
- SMOKING IS PROHIBITED inside any building and within 20 feet of doorways.
- 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.

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 and posted on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2386490074859751> 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.

PEE WEE SPECIAL ATTRACTION - FRIDAY

JUDGE: MRS. MARJORIE GEIGER

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 9:00AM. 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.

TOP TWENTY GALA - THURSDAY

The Top Twenty competition will culminate Thursday evening in the main Conformation ring at the Events Complex. The event is open to the general public to view the final showcase of the Top Twenty dogs and presentation of awards to the top winners.

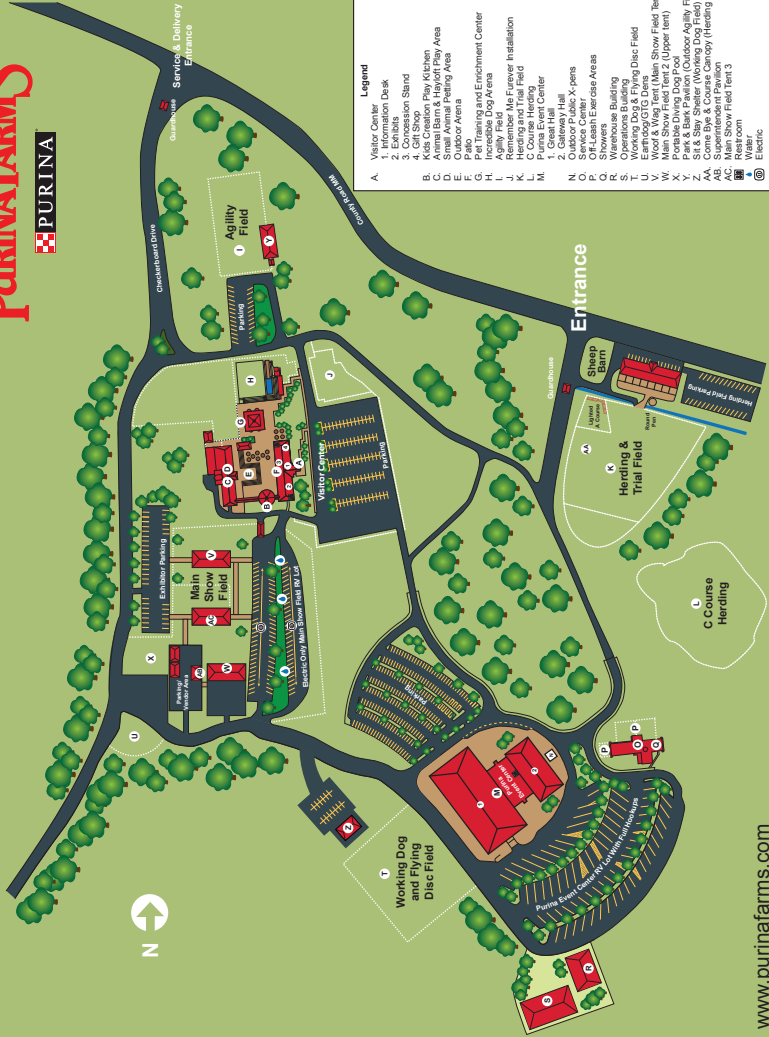
PLEASE NOTE-OBEDIENCE & RALLY: Refund of entries for bitches that come into season after the closing date of this show may be obtained by sending a veterinarian's certificate to the Show Superintendent. This certificate must be postmarked or given to the Show Superintendent at least 30 minutes before the start of Obedience or Rally judging the day of the event.

**DON'T FORGET TO
VOLUNTEER**

Meet lots of people.
Make lifelong friends.
Julie Latterell jlatterell2@gmail.com



BMDCA 2024



- Legend**
- A. Visitor Check
 - 1. Information Desk
 - 2. Exhibits
 - 3. Kids Creation Play/Action Area
 - 4. Gift Shop
 - B. Kids Creation Play/Action Area
 - C. Kids Creation Play/Action Area
 - D. Small Animal Petting Area
 - E. Outdoor Arena
 - F. Pet Training and Enrichment Center
 - G. Pet Training and Enrichment Center
 - H. Incredible Dog Arena
 - I. Incredible Dog Arena
 - J. Remember Me Forever Installation
 - K. Coaching and Trial Field
 - L. Purina Event Center
 - M. Purina Event Center
 - 1. Gateway Hall
 - 2. Gateway Hall
 - N. Outdoor Public X-pens
 - O. Outdoor Public X-pens
 - P. Outdoor Public X-pens
 - Q. Showers
 - R. Showers
 - S. Showers
 - T. Operations Building
 - U. Operations Building
 - V. Working Dog & Flying Disc Field
 - W. Wood & Wag Tent (Main Show Field Tent 1)
 - X. Main Show Field Tent 2 (Upper tent)
 - Y. Main Show Field Tent 2 (Lower tent)
 - Z. Park & Bark Pavilion (Outdoor Agility Field)
 - AA. Park & Bark Pavilion (Outdoor Agility Field)
 - AB. Superintendent Pavilion
 - AC. Superintendent Pavilion
 - AD. Main Show Field Tent 3
 - AE. Main Show Field Tent 3
 - AW. Water
 - AX. Electric

TRAVEL INFORMATION

If you plan to travel by plane, the most accessible airport to Gray Summit is Lambert—St. Louis International Airport. Directions to Purina Farms:

Go West on Departing Flights toward Natural Bridge Rd. Turn left onto Natural Bridge Rd. Merge onto I-70 West. Merge onto I-270 South via Exit 232 toward Memphis. Merge onto I-44 West/US 50 via Exit 5B toward Tulsa. Go approximately 23 miles. Take the MO-100 Exit toward Gray Summit. Turn right onto MO-100. Go approximately 0.4 miles to MO-MM. Turn left. Go 1.1 miles to Purina Farms (on left). Estimated travel time from airport is 40-45 minutes.

DIRECTIONS TO THE SHOW GROUNDS FROM THE HOLIDAY INN

Located just ten (10) minutes west of the Holiday Inn. Take Highway 44 to the Gray Summit exit #253 and head North on Highway 100 for ½ miles. Take a left and head West on MM for approximately one (1) mile until you reach the Purina Farms entrance on the left-hand side of the road.

DIRECTIONS TO THE SHOW GROUNDS FROM THE WILDWOOD HOTEL

Located approximately 15 minutes from the Wildwood Hotel. Turn left onto MO-100 W/Old Rte 66 W. At 10 miles turn right onto Hwy Mm and travel about one mile until you reach the Purina Farms entrance on the left-side of the road.

HOST HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Holiday Inn Six Flags
4901 Six Flags Road
Eureka, MO 63025
636-938-6661

Wildwood Hotel
2801 Fountain Place
Wildwood, MO 63040
636-733-9100

We have contracted for room blocks with discounted rates at two hotels in close proximity of Purina Farms, The Holiday Inn Six Flags (10-15 minutes from Purina Farms) and the Wildwood Hotel (20 minutes from Purina Farms). You may view information on reservation details for both properties at <https://www.bmdca.org/2024-specialty>.

RV PARKING & CAMPING INFORMATION

RV parking spots are available through the Purina Farms RV Park, which is conveniently located adjacent to the show building and show site. The park features two areas: (1) the main lot has full hookup, with 30-amp/50-amp electrical service and sewer at each site, or (2) the show field lot, with electric only. Due to the possibility of freezing, water will not be available at each site, but is available to fill your RV when you arrive, and water refill service is available mid-week through the BMDCA store. If you wish to rent an RV, there are several companies familiar with working with Purina Farms. Additional information can be found at the website below under RV Information. All sites are back-in, and includes 24-hour security, restrooms, showers, and fenced dog exercise areas as well as expansive grounds for exercising. For reservations, complete the form under RV Information at the website above and email it to rvparking@purina.nestle.com. You can view additional information on the Specialty website <https://www.bmdca.org/2024-specialty>.

If you have questions or need additional information contact:

RV chairs - Chan or Tracey Keith,
chan.keith@earthlink.net or wyndriftbmd@earthlink.net

PURINA FARMS PARKING

Complimentary exhibitor and visitor parking will be located on blacktop parking lots in front of the Purina Event Center. Vehicles are limited to one parking space. No Ex-Pens or Crates allowed on blacktop but are allowed on grass areas. No cones allowed in parking areas. No parking in roadways or next to building.

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, Purina Farms, 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.
- Identification labels will be available from the Superintendent's office. Each crate must be labeled for identification in case of emergencies.
- The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc., the Host Hotels and the Purina Farms, 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.
- No dogs shall be left unattended in an x-pen.
- No generators of any kind permitted on hotel grounds.



BMDCA National Specialty 2024

PROGRAM OF JUDGING

THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 1042 Dogs, for 1137 ENTRIES
IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

CONFORMATION: 430 Dogs/459 Entries (91-143-19vd-35vb-85/56-12sd-9bb-9br)

OBEDIENCE: 129/146 • RALLY: 150/199

SWEEPSTAKES 136/136 • VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES 58/58

FUTURITY 86/86 • VERSATILITY SHOWCASE 45/45

BEGINNER PUPPY 4-6 MOS. 4/4 • JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP 4/4

OFFICIAL NOTICE: SUBSTITUTION OF JUDGES – Reference Chapter 7, Section 8 of AKC Rules and Chapter 1, Section 26 of Obedience Regulations: Owner has the right to withdraw his entry and have his entry fee refunded provided notification of his withdrawal is received no later than one half-hour prior to the start of any regular judging.

| CLASS | SCHEDULED JUDGE | SUBSTITUTE JUDGE |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Utility A, Utility B | Fred Buroff | James Comunale |
| Veterans, Brace | James Comunale | Alison Jaskiewicz |
| Team 2 | Fred Buroff | Alison Jaskiewicz |
| Rally Choice | James Comunale | Fred Buroff |

TUESDAY – APRIL 2

Any Breaks, including Lunch Break, at each Judge's discretion

RING 1 - JUDGE: SUSAN HENDERSON

8:00AM - 136 SWEEPSTAKES

17 Sweepstakes Dogs 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.

17 Sweepstakes Dogs 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

8 Sweepstakes Dogs 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.

11 Sweepstakes Dogs 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.

29 Sweepstakes Bitches 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.

25 Sweepstakes Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

19 Sweepstakes Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.

10 Sweepstakes Bitches 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.

Best Puppy in Sweepstakes, Best Junior in Sweepstakes

Best in Sweepstakes

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 3

Any Breaks, including Lunch Break, at each Judge's discretion

RING 1 - JUDGE: DALMIRO SIRABO

8:00AM - 86 FUTURITY

11 Futurity Dogs 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.

10 Futurity Dogs 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

4 Futurity Dogs 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.

9 Futurity Dogs 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.

16 Futurity Bitches 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.

16 Futurity Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

12 Futurity Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.

8 Futurity Bitches 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.

Best in Futurity, Best of Opposite Sex

**WEDNESDAY – APRIL 3
(continued)**

RING 1 - JUDGE: WILLIAM MATLOCK

12:15PM - 45 VERSATILITY SHOWCASE

- 10 Versatility Showcase - Dog under 7 Yrs.
3 Versatility Showcase - Dog 7 Yrs. & Older
5 Versatility Showcase - Excellent Dog under 7 Yrs.
5 Versatility Showcase - Excellent Dog 7 Yrs. & Older
10 Versatility Showcase - Bitch under 7 Yrs.
5 Versatility Showcase - Bitch 7 Yrs. & Older
3 Versatility Showcase - Excellent Bitch under 7 Yrs.
4 Versatility Showcase - Excellent Bitch 7 Yrs. & Older
Best in Versatility, Best of Opposite Sex

RING 1 - JUDGE: SUSAN HENDERSON

2:30PM - 58 VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

- 12 Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs 7 Yrs. & Under 9 Yrs.
8 Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs 9 Yrs. & Under 11 Yrs.
2 Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs 11 Yrs. & Older
24 Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 7 Yrs. & Under 9 Yrs.
9 Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 9 Yrs. & Under 11 Yrs.
3 Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 11 Yrs. & Older
Best in Veteran Sweepstakes, Best of Opposite Sex

RING 2 - JUDGE: FRED BUROFF - 72 OBEDIENCE

- 8:00AM** 63 Novice B.....Nos. 1201-1263
AFTER NOON 9 Novice A.....Nos. 1101-1109

RING 3 - JUDGE: JAMES COMUNALE- 59 OBEDIENCE

- 8:00AM** 2 Utility B.....Nos. [1402, 1406]
8:20AM 5 Utility A.....Nos. [1401, 1405], 1501-1503
9:15AM 8 Open B.....Nos. 1401-1408
10:15AM 16 Open A.....Nos. 1301, [1218], 1302-1315
AFTER NOON 10 Beginner Novice A.....Nos. 1701-1710
AFTER NOON 18 Beginner Novice B.....Nos. [1216, 1229, 1231, 1253, 1258, 1262], 1741-1752

RING 3 - JUDGE: ALISON JASKIEWICZ - 13 OBEDIENCE

- AFTER NOON** 9 Veteran.....Nos. [1249, 1404, 1502, 3401, 3402, 3405], 3501-3503
AFTER NOON 4 Brace Units.....#1-[1401, 1405], #2-[1502], 3405,
#3-3401-3402, #4-3403-3404

RING 1 - JUDGES: J. COMUNALE & A. JASKIEWICZ - 2 OBED. TEAMS

**TEAMS JUDGED IN THE CONFORMATION RING FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF
CONFORMATION JUDGING, BUT NO EARLIER THAN 5:00PM**

- #1- Michigan Checkers Kings.....[1205, 1207, 1226, 1309, Alt. 1501]
#2 Gilligan's Island: In Memory of Clark O.....[1211, 1236, 3502], 3601

THURSDAY – APRIL 4

Any Breaks, including Lunch Break, at each Judge's discretion

RING 1 - JUDGE: WILLIAM MATLOCK

8:00AM - 4 BEGINNER PUPPY (4-6 MOS.)

4 Beginner Puppy 1-3

Best Beginner Puppy 4-6 Months, Best Opposite Sex

RING 1 - JUDGE: JAN HERNGREN

8:20AM - 131 CONFORMATION DOGS & BRACE

17 Puppy Dogs 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.

15 Puppy Dogs 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.

6 Dogs 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.

11 Dogs 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.

5 Amateur-Owner-Handler Dogs

6 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Dogs

8 Bred By Exhibitor Adult Dogs

4 American Bred Dogs

19 Open Dogs

Winners Dog, Reserve Winners Dog

11 Veteran Dogs 7 Yrs. & Under 9 Yrs.

6 Veteran Dogs 9 Yrs. & Under 11 Yrs.

2 Veteran Dogs 11 Yrs. & Older

12 Stud Dogs

9 Brace Units

RING 1 - JUDGE: WILLIAM MATLOCK - 4 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

DURING TOP-20 INTERMISSION - NO EARLIER THAN 8:00PM

1 Novice Senior

2 Open Intermediate

1 Open Senior

Best Junior Handler

RING 2 - JUDGE: JAMES COMUNALE - 99 RALLY

8:00AM 28 Rally Intermediate.....Nos. [2206, 2251], 2301-2326

9:30AM 16 Rally Novice A..... Nos. 2101-2116

10:30AM 55 Rally Novice B..... Nos. 2201-2255

RING 3 - JUDGE: FRED BUROFF - 100 RALLY

8:00AM 9 Rally Choice... Nos. [2502-2503, 2513, 2532, 2703, 2802, 2805], 2901-2902

8:30AM 20 Rally Master.....Nos. [2501-2503, 2510-2513, 2515, 2520, 2523-2524, 2527, 2529, 2531-2532], 2801-2805

9:45AM 27 Rally Excellent B..... Nos. [2501-2505, 2508, 2510-2513, 2515, 2520-25-21, 2523-2524, 2626-2527, 2529, 2531-2533], 2701-2706

11:15AM 2 Rally Excellent A..... Nos. [2525], 2601

11:30AM 35 Rally Advanced B..... Nos. [2305, 2319], 2501-2533

AFTER NOON 7 Rally Advanced A..... Nos. [2303], 2401-2406

FRIDAY – APRIL 5

Any Breaks, including Lunch Break, at Judge's discretion

RING 1 - JUDGE: CHRISTINE MANN

8:00AM - 187 CONFORMATION BITCHES

25 Puppy Bitches 6 Mos. & Under 9 Mos.
18 Puppy Bitches 9 Mos. & Under 12 Mos.
19 Bitches 12 Mos. & Under 15 Mos.
10 Bitches 15 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.
5 Amateur-Owner-Handler Bitches
15 Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Bitches
15 Bred By Exhibitor Adult Bitches
8 American Bred Bitches
28 Open Bitches
Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Bitch
22 Veteran Bitches 7 Yrs. & Under 9 Yrs.
10 Veteran Bitches 9 Yrs. & Under 11 Yrs.
3 Veteran Bitches 11 Yrs. & Older
9 Brood Bitches

PEE WEE HANDLING WILL TAKE PLACE IN RING 1 DURING LUNCH BREAK

SATURDAY – APRIL 6

Any Breaks, including Lunch Break, at Judge's discretion

RING 1 - JUDGE: SATU YLA-MONONEN

8:00AM - 141 CONFORMATION BEST OF BREED COMPETITION

141 Best of Breed Competition 85/56

**BEST OF BREED, BEST OF WINNERS,
BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX,
SELECT DOG, SELECT BITCH,
NOHS, AWARDS OF MERIT,
BEST PUPPY,
BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR,
BEST VETERAN**

AKC Code of Sportsmanship

PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companionship. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

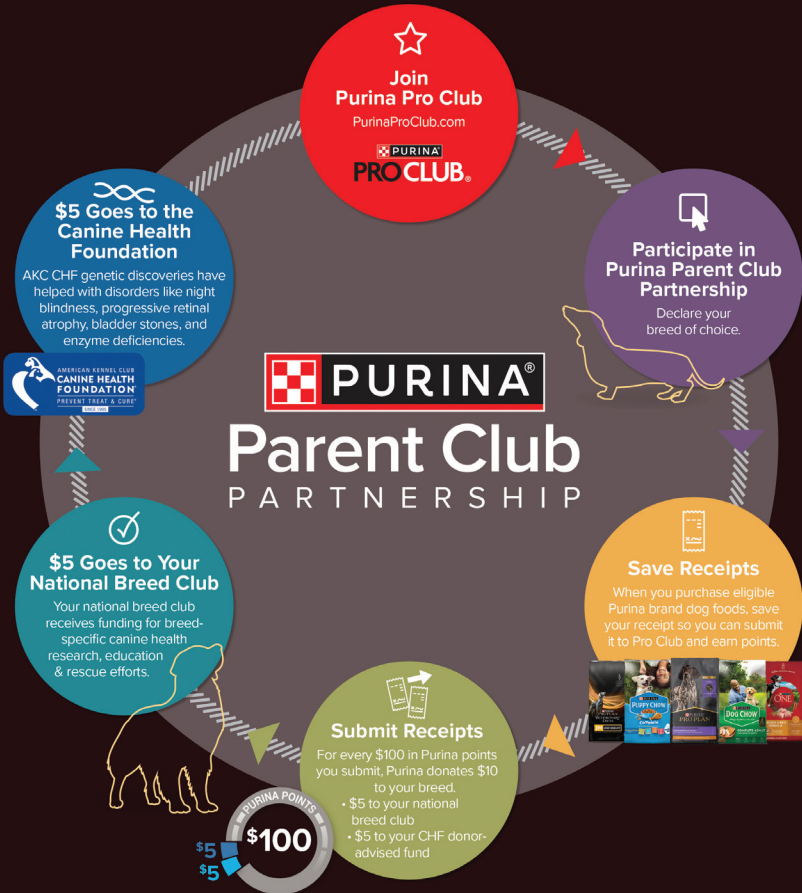
- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.



Feed your breed.

Feeding Purina® supports the future of your breed.

Since 2002, the Purina Parent Club Partnership program has raised more than \$8 million to support canine health research, education and rescue efforts. Below is how it all works and how you can get involved.



Learn more at purinaproclub.com/ppc

Purina trademarks are owned by Société des Produits Nestlé S.A. Any other marks are property of their respective owners.

PURINA Your Pet, Our Passion®