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**PLEASE NOTE EARLY CLOSING DATE** Entries Close at Superintendent's Office at 12:00 Noon PDT, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009 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.

PREMIUM LIST

**34th Annual/32nd Independent National Specialty Show,  
Obedience & Rally Trials**

**Futurity, Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes**

(Unbenched)

**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.**

(Member of the American Kennel Club)



**Tuesday, April 28, 2009 through Saturday, May 2, 2009**

**Red Lion on the River, Jantzen Beach**

909 North Hayden Island Dr, Portland, OR 97217

*Proudly Hosted by:*

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. and  
The Bernese Mountain Dog Pacific Northwest Consortium

ALL JUDGING FOR THESE EVENTS WILL BE INDOORS

Show & Trial Hours: 7:00am to 7:00pm – Each Day

***AN AKC DNA PROFILE NUMBER IS REQUIRED FOR ALL ENTRANTS (SEE DETAILS INSIDE)***



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*James P. Crowley, Secretary*



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## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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### **MONDAY, APRIL 27TH**

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- Registration
- Photo Contest
- Rescue Gallery
- Berner-Garde
- Herding Test
- Tracking Test
- BMDCA Board Meeting
- Berner U
- Pat Hasting's "Puppy Puzzle Plus" (see description on page 20)

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH**

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- Morning Hospitality
- Registration Desk
- Photo Contest
- Rescue Gallery
- Berner-Garde
- Draft Test #1
- Sweepstakes
- Agility
- Berner U
- Breeder Symposium – "Form & Function"  
Featuring Pat Trotter (see description on page 20)

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH**

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- Morning Hospitality
- Registration Desk
- Photo Contest
- Rescue Gallery
- Berner-Garde
- Draft Test #2
- Rally Obedience
- Veterans Sweepstakes
- To be followed by Futurity

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH (continued)**

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- To be followed by Stud Dog/Brood Bitch
- To be followed by Brace/Team
- Welcome Reception

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH**

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- Morning Hospitality
- Registration Desk
- Photo Contest
- Rescue Gallery
- Berner-Garde
- Health Clinics
- Obedience
- Versatility Conformation
- To be followed by Regular Conformation
- Parade of Veterans
- RCC Meeting
- Juniors Handling Class
- Health Auction

### **FRIDAY, MAY 1ST**

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- Morning Hospitality
- Registration Desk
- Photo Contest
- Rescue Gallery
- Berner-Garde
- Conclusion of Regular Conformation Classes
- Junior Showmanship Competition
- Parade of Titleholders
- BMDCA Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet

### **SATURDAY, MAY 2ND**

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- Morning Hospitality
- Non-Regular Veterans Classes
- Best of Breed Competition
- Judge's Dinner

### **ATTENTION EXHIBITORS! – AKC DNA PROFILE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY**

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An AKC DNA profile number MUST be provided on the entry form for each Bernese Mountain Dog entered in these events. 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 yet received a DNA profile number AND need it for your 2009 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.

**KNOW THE RULES BEFORE YOU COMPETE:** All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows and other event regulations by contacting the American Kennel Club, 5580 Centerview Dr., Raleigh, NC 27606-3390, by phone at (919) 233-9767, by email at [info@akc.org](mailto:info@akc.org), or by downloading from their website at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

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

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**VETERINARIAN (24-HOUR ON CALL)**

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*Directions from show site:* Head northwest on N Hayden Island Dr. toward N Jantzen Dr. Turn left at N Jantzen Dr. N Jantzen Dr. turns slightly right and becomes N Center Ave. Slight right onto the ramp to Portland, Merge onto I-5 S. Take exit 306 toward Interstate Ave, Slight left at N Denver Ave/OR-99W (signs for Lombard St/Interstate Ave/US-30). Continue to follow OR-99W. Turn right at N Lombard St/US-30. Destination will be on the left.

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**EMERGENCY SERVICES (FIRE/POLICE/AMBULANCE): 911**

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## **ENTRY FEES**

### **Conformation & Obedience**

(Each First Entry Fee includes \$3.00 AKC Event Service Fee & \$.50 AKC Recording Fee.

Each recordable Second Entry Fee includes \$3.00 AKC Event Service Fee.)

First Entry of a Dog Unless Otherwise Specified .....	\$32.00
Each Additional Entry of the Same Dog Unless Otherwise Specified .....	\$22.00
Junior Showmanship Only .....	\$22.00
Junior Showmanship as an Additional Class.....	NO FEE
Brace and Team Classes per unit as an Additional Class .....	\$22.00
Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes .....	\$22.00
Futurity .....	\$22.00

### **Rally (Entries must include dog's jump height)**

(Each Entry Fee Includes \$3.00 AKC Recording Fee)

Each Entry of a Dog .....	\$32.00
Additional Entry of the Same Dog .....	\$22.00

## **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 Breed .....	Purple & Gold Rosette	Best of Winners .....	Blue & White Rosette
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed .....			Red & White Rosette
Best Puppy .....	Dark Green Rosette	Best Bred by Exhibitor.....	Dark Green Rosette
Best Veteran.....	Dark Green Rosette	Award of Merit .....	Dark Green Rosette

### **Obedience Classes**

First Prize .....	Blue Rosette	Second Prize .....	Red Rosette
Third Prize.....	Yellow Rosette	Fourth Prize.....	White Rosette
Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Obedience Classes .....			Blue & Gold Rosette
Highest Combined Score in Open & Utility Classes.....			Blue & Green Rosette
Qualifying Score.....			Dark Green Rosette

### **Rally Classes**

First Prize .....	Blue Rosette	Second Prize .....	Red Rosette
Third Prize.....	Yellow Rosette	Fourth Prize.....	White Rosette
Qualifying Score.....			Dark Green Rosette

### **Non-Regular Classes**

First Prize .....	Rose Rosette	Second Prize .....	Brown Rosette
Third Prize.....	Light Green Rosette	Fourth Prize.....	Gray Rosette

## **BREED CLASSIFICATION**

**Judge: Mr. David R. Denis**

### **REGULAR CLASSES – Bernese Mountain Dogs**

Puppy Dogs (6 mos. & under 9 mos.)	Puppy Bitches (6 mos. & under 9 mos.)
Puppy Dogs (9 mos. & under 12 mos.)	Puppy Bitches (9 mos. & under 12 mos.)
Dogs, 12 mos. & under 18 mos.	Bitches, 12 mos. & under 18 mos.
Amateur-Owner-Handler Dogs	Amateur-Owner-Handler Bitches
Bred-By Exhibitor Dogs	Bred by Exhibitor Bitches
American Bred Dogs	American Bred Bitches
Open Dogs	Open Bitches
Winners Dog	Winners Bitch
Best Of Breed Competition	

**NOTE:** The age of a dog shall be calculated up to and inclusive of the first day of a show. In a single show with multiple days of judging, the first day of a show is considered to be the first day on which there is regular conformation judging. Sweepstakes and Futurities are not considered regular conformation classes. (Chapter 3, Section 4 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows).

#### **Amateur Owner/Handler Class Eligibility (as of 01/09)**

- The person handling the dog must be the registered owner of the dog.
- This class is restricted to exhibitors who have not, at any point in time, been a professional dog handler, AKC approved conformation judge, or employed as an assistant to a professional handler.

#### **Bred by Exhibitor \*(BBE) Class Eligibility (revised 09/02)**

- 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**

**Veteran Classes 7-9** - Class for Dogs and Class for Bitches 7 years & under 9 years.

**Veteran Classes 9-11** - Class for Dogs and Class for Bitches 9 years & under 11 years.

**Veteran Classes 11+** - Class for Dogs and Class for Bitches 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 & 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 & 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 ENTRIES**

*As the judge's decision in the following classes is based on the merits of more than one dog or bitch, no one of the dogs or bitches judged first in these classes will be eligible to compete for Best of Breed by virtue of having won in these classes.*

**STUD DOG CLASS** - For Stud Dogs and two of their Get. It is not necessary that the Get be under the same ownership as that of the Stud Dog. The Stud Dog may be entered separately in one of the Regular Classes or if a Champion of Record in Best of Breed Competition but **MUST** be entered in the Stud Dog Class; the Get must be entered in one of the Regular Classes. The Stud Dog shall be considered one entry and requires one entry fee, this being the regular fee plus the additional class fee if the Stud Dog is entered in another class. The Stud Dog must be shown in the ring with

the Get. The class will be judged on the merits of the Get. While the merits of the Stud Dog are not to be considered in the placement of the entry, the Stud Dog must be examined to determine if it has a condition that would require its disqualification or excusal under the Dog Show Rules, AKC policy or the standard for the breed. Entry fee is \$32.00 for the Stud Dog if not entered in another class & \$22.00 as an additional class.

**BROOD BITCH CLASS** - The same as Stud Dog except substitute Brood Bitch for Stud Dog & Produce for Get.

**BRACE CLASS** - (Two Dogs of the same breed and must have at least one common owner and presented by a maximum of two handlers.) Both dogs must be entered in a Regular Class or Best of Breed Competition. The dogs comprising a Brace must be named at the time of entry and BRACE CLASS noted in the space provided for Additional Classes. If more than one Brace is entered by the same owner, the dogs comprising each Brace must be so designated "Brace No. 1," "Brace No. 2," etc. Entry fee \$22.00 as a unit.

**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 be so designated, "Team No. 1," "Team No. 2," etc. Entry fee is \$22.00 as a unit. As the judge's decision in these Non-Regular 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 for Best of Breed Competition by virtue of having won these classes.

### ***SPECIAL NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS***

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Immediately following Best of Breed, the breed judge may at his discretion, present Awards of Merit to any number of dogs and bitches up to 10% of the total Best of Breed entry.

**Best in Puppy Classes** will be selected following the completion of selection of Best of Breed and any Awards of Merits. Eligible for competition will be the first place winners from the 6-9 month and 9-12 month Dog and Bitch Puppy Classes.

**Best in Bred by Exhibitor Classes** 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. 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 in Veteran Classes.

### **DON'T MISS OUT!**

A limited quantity of 2009 logo merchandise will be available at the Specialty so place advanced orders NOW for pick-up during the week of the show to avoid disappointment. Contact Colleen Cox at 360-978-4501 or snowypinesdogs@hotmail.com to confirm availability and place your order. Items can be viewed on-line at [www.bmdca.org/specialty/2009/pages/2009\\_Ways\\_and\\_Means.php](http://www.bmdca.org/specialty/2009/pages/2009_Ways_and_Means.php)

You can also purchase great Northwest wine from the W&M Home Page and have it delivered to the show site with no delivery charge! Simply specify "Hold for Specialty" at time of ordering.

## **BREED PRIZES**

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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.

**TROPHIES MUST BE CLAIMED THE DAY 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.**

Best of Breed .....	Rosette & Sash & Rug
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed .....	Rosette & Rug
Best of Winners .....	Rosette & Rug
Winners Dog & Winners Bitch .....	Rosette & Cutting Board
Reserve Winners Dog & Reserve Winners Bitch .....	Rosette & Cutting Board
Award of Merit .....	Rosette & Grooming Table Cover
Best Puppy .....	Rosette & Sash & Frame
Best Bred by Exhibitor .....	Rosette & Sash & Frame
Best Veteran .....	Rosette & Sash & Frame
Breeder of Best of Breed .....	Rosette
First through Fourth in Each Regular Class .....	Rosette & Brush
First through Fourth in Each Non-Regular Class .....	Rosette & Brush

## **FUTURITY**

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### **Judge: Ms. Kim Groves**

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 2009 Futurity includes litters whelped from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008.

The Futurity shall be open to all litters bred by BMDCA members in good standing. All participants must comply with the 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) 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 of \$22.00 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, 2009 and not on the age on the date of the show.** All dogs will be eligible for only one Futurity.

### **CLASSIFICATION**

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



### 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 & Bed Cover
Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Futurity .....	Rosette & Bed Cover
First through Fourth in Each Futurity Class .....	Rosette & Ornament

### SWEEPSTAKES

#### Judge: Mrs. Eve Menegoz

Sweepstakes is open to all Bernese Mountain Dogs 6 months of age and under 18 months of age on the day of the show, however, Champions of Record are not eligible to compete. 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 .....	Junior Dogs, 12 months & under 15 months
Puppy Dogs, 9 months & under 12 months .....	Junior Dogs, 15 months & under 18 months
(Same Classes for Bitches)	
Best Puppy in Sweepstakes	
Best Junior 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 & Gift Basket
Best Puppy in Sweepstakes & Best Junior in Sweepstakes .....	Rosette & Toy
First through Fourth in Each Sweepstakes Class .....	Rosette & Crate Sign

## **VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES**

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**Judge: Mrs. Eve Menegoz**

The Veteran Sweepstakes is open to all Bernese Mountain Dogs who are 7 years old & over on the day of the show. Altered Dogs and Bitches are eligible. Dogs shown in Veteran Sweepstakes need not be entered in one of the regular classes. **Indicate Veteran Sweepstakes class with the age division in the space provided for "Additional Classes". Entry fee is \$22.00.**

### **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 • Best of Opposite Sex to 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**

<b>Best in Veteran Sweepstakes</b> .....	Rosette & Bed Cover
<b>Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes</b> .....	Rosette & Bed Cover
<b>First through Fourth in Each Veteran Sweepstakes Class</b> .....	Rosette & Ornament

## **JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION**

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**Judge: Mrs. Sara L. Karl**

**NOVICE CLASS:** For Boys and Girls who, at the time entries close, have not won three (3) first place awards, with competition present, in a Novice Class at a licensed or member show.

**OPEN CLASS:** For Boys and Girls who, at the time entries close, have won three (3) first place awards, with competition present, in a Novice Class at a licensed or member show.

**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.

**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) 816-3776. 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**

<b>Best Junior Handler</b> .....	Rosette & Grooming Bag
<b>First through Fourth in Each Class</b> .....	Rosette & Tote Bag

## ***OBEDIENCE TRIAL CLASSES***

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**Judges: Mr. Christopher Cornell & Ms. Pamela A. Weaver**  
*Qualifying Score Required For All Prizes in Regular Classes*  
*“Dog” means either sex*

*Move-ups 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 on or before Thursday, April 30th, 2009.

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

### **CLASSIFICATION**

#### **Regular Classes**

Novice A & B • Open A & B • Utility A & B

#### **Non-Regular Classes**

Brace Class • Veterans Class • Team Class

### **OBEDIENCE TRIAL PRIZES**

**Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes.** Rosette, Sash & Rug (See Special Trophies below)

**Highest Scoring Dog in Open B & Utility Combined.** Rosette & Rug

**High Combined Score in Open & Utility with BMDCA Draft Title.** Jay Jay trophy, wooden dog & cart

**All Veteran Dogs & Bitches entered.** Mug

**First through Fourth in Each Regular Class (except Team).** Rosette & Leash

**First through Fourth in Veterans Class.** Rosette & Leash

**First through Fourth in Brace & Team Obedience.** Rosette & Coupler

### **SPECIAL TROPHIES OFFERED FOR HIGHEST SCORING DOGS**

The following Special Awards are offered for regular obedience classes only, unless otherwise specified. QUALIFYING SCORES are required for “Prizes” for which dogs in one class compete against dogs in one or more other classes at Licensed or Member Trials...” (Ch. 1, Sec. 20, Obedience Regulations). CHALLENGE TROPHIES remain in the possession of BMDCA until they are permanently retired. The word “dog” shall mean dog or bitch.

1. **HEIDI'S LEGACY CHALLENGE TROPHY** Offered by Vilma Kistner Briggs to the BMD and handler team that receives the highest qualifying score in a regular obedience class at the National Specialty. 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 or at consecutive Nationals, with one win from the Open class and one win from the Utility class.

Originally crafted and donated by Russell and Peg Forte for the first BMDCA National Specialty in 1976, this large wood plaque features gorgeous hand-tooled and painted leatherwork 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 BMDCA National Specialty Obedience Trial since its inception.

The trophy is named in memory of April Rifenberg's Heidi (Bernfield's Astrea v CarMar TD UD) who originally 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 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 UD, RE, NA, NAJ, HCT (Utility). Vilma challenges any individual that retires the trophy in the future to return it to circulation so the plaque will forever remain a part of our Club's history and breed heritage.

2. **Highest Scoring Champion of Record in Regular Classes.** Mug

3. **Highest Scoring Therapy Dog in Regular Classes.** Mug

- 4. **Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes with ILP Number.** Fluted glass bowl.
- 5. **Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes handled by a Senior (55+).** Mug.

**RALLY TRIAL CLASSES**

**Judge: Ms. Alice A. Peterson**

*Qualifying Score Required For All Prizes*

*“Dog” means either sex*

*Move-ups will be allowed at this Trial per AKC Regulations.*

*Rally entries must include dog’s jump height*

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 on or before Wednesday, April 29, 2009.

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

**CLASSIFICATION**

- Rally Novice Class A • Rally Novice Class B
- Rally Advanced Class A • Rally Advanced Class B
- Rally Excellent Class A • Rally Excellent Class B

**RALLY TRIAL PRIZES**

**First through Fourth Prize in Each Class.** Rosette & Mug

**High Scoring Dog in Novice Classes\*** Rosette & Bag

**High Scoring Dog in Advanced Classes\*** Rosette & Bag

**High Scoring Dog in Excellent Classes\*** Rosette & Bag

\*In the event of a tie, the award will go to the dog/bitch with the fastest time.

**NEW! VERSATILITY COMPETITION**

The Versatility Competition is a new non-regular competition offered at the 2009 Specialty to give people the opportunity to see that it is possible to breed for both performance and conformation. **Spayed and neutered Bernese are eligible to compete**, however, no one of the dogs or bitches making up the entry judged first in these classes will be eligible for Best of Breed Competition by virtue of having won these classes.

To qualify, dogs must have earned their BMDCA Versatility Award (Championship, BMDCA Draft title and one working title from either obedience, agility, tracking, or herding) AND the Award verified by Gary Galunas, BMDCA Records Chair, prior to close of entries, April 1, 2009.

**CLASSIFICATION**

- Dogs under 7 years • Dogs 7 years and over  
(Same Classes for Bitches)
- Best Dog in Versatility • Best Bitch in Versatility • Best in Versatility

**VERSATILITY PRIZES**

- Best in Versatility** .....Rosette & Raku Plaque
- Best Dog in Versatility and Best Bitch in Versatility** ..... Rosette & Coasters
- First through Fourth in Each Versatility Class** .....Rosette & Framed Tile

**RESERVED GROOMING, CRATING & PARKING**

**GROOMING TENT**

Exhibitors may reserve an assigned 8 x 10 grooming space for \$80.00 for the entire show period beginning noon on Monday, April 27th thru Saturday, May 2nd. The grooming area will be located on the tennis courts of the hotel and will be covered. Hours of use will be from 7 am to 9 pm. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring their own floor mats and will need their own U.L. listed heavy duty exterior extension cord properly rated for their equipments’ amperage. This will allow exhibitors to connect to the main power source that will be provided by the show committee.

## **OUTDOOR PARKING SPACE**

A reserved outdoor parking space near the grooming tent for exhibitors who work out of their vehicles will be available for \$60.00 for the entire show period. No daily rates are available. The space will be available beginning Monday, April 27th. For the safety of all guests and dogs, in and out traffic should be kept to a minimum. Exhibitors will need to provide their own power. Generators may be operated from 7 am to 9 pm. Dogs will be allowed to stay in the vehicles overnight. Contact information, exhibitor's name, hotel room number and cell phone number must be provided for any and all parking grooming spaces rented. No one will be allowed to sleep in the vehicles overnight. Anyone caught in violation shall forfeit the grooming space.

## **DAY GROOMING AREA**

Depending on availability, there will be 5 to 10 grooming spaces with power on a first-come, first-served basis. Exhibitors are asked to use the space then vacate so others might be able to use the space before their event as well. No one will be allowed to set up and stay.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Dogs will NOT be allowed to stay in the grooming tent overnight and must vacate before 9 pm.
- Contact information, exhibitor's name, hotel room and cell phone number must be provided for every grooming space rented.
- Several bathing stations will be provided.
- No generators or electric heaters will be permitted anywhere other than designated areas.
- No parking or pop-up tents will be allowed on any of the hotel's grassy areas.
- No grooming in any of the hotel rooms will be tolerated.
- Participants are encouraged to use good judgment when leaving dogs, personal items or equipment unattended.
- Neither the BMDCA nor the consortium of regional clubs or its members are responsible for personal items or equipment on the grounds.
- For more information or to reserve grooming space, please contact Debby Jones at lazyjbernese@msn.com.

## **DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO SHOW SITE AT RED LION ON THE RIVER**

**From the Portland Airport:** Head east out of the airport onto NE Airport Way. Merge onto I-205 North (Seattle) crossing into Washington. Merge onto WA-14 West via exit 27 toward Vancouver, WA. When you get to I-5, go south, crossing back into Oregon. Take exit 308 and follow directions below.  
**From North or South I-5:** Take exit 308 (Jantzen Beach/DOT Permits), take the ramp toward PUC Permits/Info Center. Next, turn slightly right onto N. Center Ave. and then turn right onto N. Hayden Island Drive.

## **HOST HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Red Lion on the River, Jantzen Beach

909 North Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR..... (503) 978-4598  
To make or change your reservation, you must contact Elizabeth "Liz" Lewis at the hotel: 503-978-4596 or via e-mail at Elizabeth.Lewis@redlionontheriver.com. Special BMDCA corporate rates are available until March 27, 2009.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Limit 4 dogs per room
- \$35 Non-refundable pet fee
- Free airport shuttle
- No bathing or grooming of any dog will be permitted in hotel guest rooms. Violations will be reported to the Event Committee and the AKC. ALL HOTEL SITES ARE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE EVENT COMMITTEE.
- All unattended dogs in hotel rooms must be crated. Contact information should be left at the front desk at check-in so they can contact you if there is a problem.
- See specialty website for complete hotel rules and regulations ([www.bmdca.org/specialty/2009](http://www.bmdca.org/specialty/2009))

## **GROUND TRANSPORTATION**

Red Lion on the River provides complimentary dog-friendly airport transfers to/from the host hotel and the Portland Airport. Call for service upon arrival.

## **RV AND CAMPING INFORMATION**

There will be a place to park RVs at the host hotel, but people are not allowed to spend the night in them. The closest RV park is minutes away from the host hotel: Jantzen Beach RV Park, 1503 N Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR (503) 289-7626 or (800) 443-7248, mail@jbrv.com - <http://www.jantzenbeachrv.com>. They are located near the mighty Columbia River in a peaceful area. The park has the quiet open, fresh-air feel of the country with all the conveniences and attractions of nearby Portland. There is so much to see and do on this island, you'll never want to leave. Park amenities include: Pull-through sites • Pets welcome • Complete hookup RV spaces • 1 mile west of I-5 • Individual grassy picnic areas • Clubhouse with pool table • 2 heated pools (in season) • Spotless restrooms, showers, and laundry facilities • Picturesque marinas in a beautiful nautical atmosphere



### **– NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS –**

**The American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations will govern this Show and Exhibitors must make themselves familiar with the agreement of the American Kennel Club, referred to on the reverse side of the entry blanks that accompany this Show Premium List.**

- Effective for all events held on and after January 1, 2008, The American Kennel Club will collect a \$3.00 Event Service Fee for the first entry of a dog and a \$3.00 service fee for each additional entry of the same dog in the regular and non-regular recordable single entry classes, in all AKC licensed and member club events. The current 50 cent recording fee will continue to be collected where applicable. The event-giving club shall assume the responsibility of collecting all Event Service Fees for The American Kennel Club. These event service and recording fees shall be forwarded to The American Kennel Club along with all other required event results within seven (7) days of the close of the event.
- FOREIGN EXHIBITORS MUST SUBMIT ENTRIES WITH CHECKS DRAWN ON U.S. ACCOUNTS OR WITH INTERNATIONAL MONEY ORDERS IN U.S. FUNDS
- No Entry will be accepted which specifies any condition as to its acceptance. Telegraph, e-mail and unsigned entries cannot be accepted and will be returned. Entries not on Official AKC Entry Forms and Photocopies of Entry Forms without Agreement and Rules on reverse side are NOT ACCEPTABLE. The Club and/or BaRay Events assumes no responsibility for wrong or incomplete information given on the entry blank by the owner or the owner's agent. RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLETENESS OF ENTRY RESTS SOLELY WITH ENTRANT.
- RETURNED CHECKS DO NOT CONSTITUTE A VALID ENTRY FEE. BaRay Events will add a \$20.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check. Subsequent returned checks from the same exhibitor or agent may result in their being put on a CASH ONLY BASIS.
- REFUNDS for cancellations due to judge change or cancellations made prior to entries closing will be mailed to said Exhibitor or Agent AFTER THE SHOW. An administrative fee of \$5.00 will be withheld from all refunds for entries cancelled prior to the closing of entries. There is no refund for bitches in season in Obedience.
- FAX ENTRIES – Fax entries will be accepted up to closing time. Fee is \$4.00 per dog per show. If the credit card charge is denied for any reason, an additional service charge of \$20.00 will be added. FAX NUMBER: (360) 683-6654. This is for Fax Machine ONLY. Incomplete or illegible Fax entries are not acceptable as a valid entry in a show. Proof of transmission is not proof of receipt of a legible or complete transmission (under AKC Rule Ch. 11, Sec. 4). A Fax-Friendly entry blank PDF is available for download at [www.BarayEvents.com](http://www.BarayEvents.com)
- Entries will be acknowledged after entries close with entry acknowledgment and judging program to address on entry. Should Exhibitor NOT receive an acknowledgment within a reasonable time, PLEASE notify BaRay Events at (360) 683-1507 or email [dogshows@barayevents.com](mailto:dogshows@barayevents.com).
- Entry fees shall NOT be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, sick, lame, excused by the Judge or Veterinarian, or barred from competition by action of the Show Committee, or because

it has been entered incorrectly. There is no refund for DUPLICATE ENTRIES or OVERPAYMENTS. BaRay Events will make every effort to find all duplicate entries, but if entry has been processed, no refund will be made. 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 will be made. To find out about any AKC event cancellations call the AKC Event Cancellation Hotline 877-252-3229.

- Dogs need be present only for scheduled judging and will be released if not needed for further judging.
- Dogs must be ready for judging. Neither the club nor its Superintendent/Show Secretary will be responsible or obligated to furnish any service for notifying exhibitors or their agents of Breed or Class Judging. Judges need not wait for any dog holding up a class. Owners or agents alone are responsible for the presence of their dogs in the judging rings.
- Only dogs eligible for these shows will be admitted into the show area. There is no provision for unentered dogs.
- LOSS OR DAMAGE – The Show Committee will use due care and diligence for the welfare of dogs and exhibitors, but will not be responsible for, or assume any liability in the event of any accident or misfortune, to either dogs or exhibitors participating in these Shows. 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.
- Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.
- TROPHIES & PRIZES will be awarded in the ring to person exhibiting the dog. No awards will be mailed.
- 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 breed is over, and the Superintendent's Office advised at once. The Superintendents and show-giving Club disclaim any liability for cash prizes after the judging of the breed is over.
- No gasoline or diesel generators are permitted inside any building or within 100 feet of any tent in which this dog show is conducted.
- All rights to TELEVISION, VIDEO TAPE ADVERTISE, PHOTOGRAPH, PROMOTE or otherwise exploit these events are vested in the CLUB or in persons to whom assignments of such rights have been made in writing by the Club. All persons and animals on the Show grounds at anytime while these events are in progress, do by attending these events or participating therein, grant to the Club the right to photograph, televise, video tape, audiotape or otherwise use their likeness and voice in any manner without further release or consent. The Club is not responsible for the actions or products of the commercial vendors at these events.

#### **General Additional Rules**

- Dogs must not be tied to bushes, shrubs, trees or other permanent fixtures. The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc., Red Lion on the River 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.
- The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. and the Red Lion on the River 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.
- Due to incidents which have occurred at other shows, we highly recommend that you do not leave your dogs unattended in cars, exercise pens or motor homes and we suggest that you secure (lock) your crates both on the show site and in the hotel for the safety of your dogs.

## 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. Identification labels will be available from the Superintendent's office. Each crate must be labeled for identification in case of emergencies.

## HEALTH CLINICS

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### THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH

Health Clinic evaluations are limited to Bernese Mountain Dogs, six months of age and older.

#### OFA Cardiac Clinic

A board certified cardiologist will use auscultation (a non-invasive procedure) to look for signs of heart abnormalities. Fee: \$30. Scheduled appointments, pre-registration required. OFA requires dogs be at least one year of age when examined to receive a cardiac clearance number.

#### CERF Eye Clinic

A board certified ophthalmologist will examine the eyes (with dilation) and eye structures for a variety of abnormalities. Fee \$20. Scheduled appointments, pre-registration required.

#### VetGen Type I von Willebrands Disease DNA Test

This test utilizes DNA collected using a cheek swab to determine the dog's status as Clear, Carrier, or Affected for the bleeding disorder Type I von Willebrand's Disease. There are no age restrictions for kits. Swab samples can be done at the specialty or at home and returned directly to VetGen. Fee: \$99 each. Pre-ordered kits will be in your Health Packet.

#### AKC DNA profile - 50% off regular AKC pricing

The AKC DNA Profile provides permanent genetic identification of your dog and increases the accuracy of our pedigrees. There are no age restrictions for kits. Cheek swab samples can be taken or dropped off at the clinic or you can take the kit(s) home. AKC requires processing of these as a "lot" so ALL samples MUST be returned to Lynne Weber no later than May 20, 2009 or they will be excluded without refund. Fee: \$21 each, thanks to a specialty discount from the AKC and a \$10 per kit subsidy from the BMDCA. Pre-ordered kits will be in your Health Clinic packet. **NOTE: This offering CANNOT be used for entry in the 2009 National Specialty.**

#### Blood Draws for DNA

#### Needed to Support Current and Future Research

- The Berner-Garde DNA & Tissue Repository has been established to collect and maintain DNA and tissue samples, along with corresponding pedigree and health information, from a large population of BMDs ... whether affected with a disorder or not. Submissions are subsidized by the Berner-Garde Foundation and the BMDCA with the goal of having DNA available when research opportunities arise.
- The Ostrander Lab at the NIH is currently engaged in DNA dependent research aimed at identifying the genetic basis of histiocytic disease in Bernese. Dogs 9 years and older who have not been diagnosed with cancer are urgently needed for the control group.
- One draw can be used for both programs. There's no fee and pre-registration is not required.

#### Health Clinic Notes

- Don't forget to pack your registration and tattoo or microchip information (if your dog has permanent ID) as this information is required on most of the evaluation forms.
- Fees cover evaluations and forms; registration of findings with OFA and/or CERF is a separate process and not included in the specialty offering. You'll want to complete this step from home so you can make a photo copy of the examination documents for your files before sending the originals to OFA or CERF for registration.



- Forms, kits, your appointment time, and instructions will be waiting for you in your Health Clinic packet, please be sure you pick it up ahead of time at Specialty Registration.
- Help keep clinic wait times to a minimum by completing the OFA and CERF forms in the comfort of your room prior to arriving for your clinic appointment.
- Exams will be scheduled in 15-minute blocks. Every effort will be made to accommodate scheduling requests, but this cannot be guaranteed. If you provide an email address, you'll be notified before the specialty of your appointment time.
- **To request an appointment or time change due to event conflicts contact Lynne Weber at (360) 820-8076 or sweber@tscnet.com. Additional appointment times and test kits based on availability. Payment must be received prior to the day of health clinic.**

#### **CONCESSIONS BY ADVANCED REGISTRATION ONLY**

Enjoy five full days of successful selling of quality Berner or canine-related products.  
Contact Debby Jones at lazyjbernese@msn.com

#### ***DAILY FOOD OPTIONS***

The host hotel offers full service restaurants for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The host hotel is located a short distance from several malls, and many national chain restaurants are within a two minute drive. In addition, the following food will be available:

Assorted Sandwiches – \$6.95	Bottled Water – \$2.50
Garden Salad w/ Dressing – \$5.95	Assorted Soft Drinks – \$2.50
Chicken Caesar Salad – \$6.95	Coffee/Decaf/Tea – \$2.00
Pizza by the Slice – \$3.00	Cookies & Brownies – \$2.25
Chips by the bag – \$1.50	Whole Fresh Fruit – \$1.00

#### ***DON'T MISS OUT – CATALOG ADVERTISING AT DISCOUNTED RATES!***

Everyone can feature his or her special Berner in the 2009 show catalog. Categories will be: "In Memory of your Special Berner," "Supporter," "Current Contender," "Versatility and Working," "Future Stars," "Loving Companions," "Regional Clubs," and "Breeders."

**The deadline for submitting camera-ready ads is February 28th.**

The rate for a full-page advertisement is only \$60 including one photo; half-page ads are \$40. Spreads of two or more pages are further discounted at \$55 each page, including one photo per page; additional photos are \$20 extra to duplicate. If you have questions, please contact Terry at mtf@bigsky.net.

Send photos, copy, and check payable to BMDCA 2009 in US dollars to:

Terry Thompson  
2009 BMDCA Catalog  
4320 Sierra Drive  
Missoula, MT 59804

**HERDING TEST/ TRIAL**  
**SEND ALL ENTRIES TO TRIAL SECRETARY**



**American Herding Breed Association (ABHA)**  
**Herding Tests & Trials**

**Sunday, April 26, 2009 – Sponsored by BMDCGS**  
**Monday, April 27, 2009 - National Specialty Test/Trial**

Brigand's Hide Out

9802 NE 156th St., Battle Ground, Washington 98604  
(20 Miles from Portland, OR)

**Judges: Ron Fischer & Becky Giddings**

Come and join Berner herding enthusiasts for two fun-filled day of herding sheep! AHBA Herding Capability Tests allow you to evaluate your Berner's instinct and capability to herd.

**TRIAL CHAIRPERSON**

**Bernice Lepera**

9910 167th Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98052  
425-867-1614 • skywalker5sheep@yahoo.com

**TRIAL SECRETARY**

**Mary Dowski**

8441 West HWY 52, Emmett, ID 83617  
208-365-6020 • madowski@aol.com

*The premium list for the Herding Tests/Trials can be downloaded at [BMDCA.org](http://BMDCA.org)  
or a hard copy can be requested from the Trial Secretary*

**TRACKING TEST (TD & TDX)**  
**SEND ALL ENTRIES TO TEST SECRETARY**

Frenchman's Bar Park, 9612 NW Lower River Road  
Vancouver, WA 98660

**Monday, April 27, 2009**

**Judges:**

**Jill Jones** - 34803 Ranch Dr., Brownsville, OR 97327  
**Sally Diess** - 25911 Crow Rd., Eugene, OR 97402-9233

**2009 NATIONAL SPECIALTY TRACKING CHAIRPERSON & SECRETARY**

**Dino Candelaria** - Chairperson & Test Secretary:

274 E Wood Owl Dr., Kuna, ID 83634  
208-922-3789 • blackcoralbmd@peoplepc.com

*The premium list for the Tracking Tests can be downloaded at [BMDCA.org](http://BMDCA.org)  
or a hard copy can be requested from the Test Secretary*



**BMDCA DRAFT TESTS**  
**SEND ALL ENTRIES TO TEST SECRETARY**

East Delta Park Portland, Oregon

**Tuesday, April 28, 2009**

**Judges:** Phil Chagnon & Jim Maxwell

**Wednesday, April 29, 2009**

**Judges:** Larry Bohlig & Nancy Fuselier

**TEST CHAIRMAN – BOTH DAYS**

Tom Giusti

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**TEST SECRETARY – BOTH DAYS**

Debra Bammel Debra Bammel

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(208) 384-1877 dbammel@idahopower.com

*The premium list for the Draft Tests can be downloaded at [BMDCA.org](http://BMDCA.org)  
or a hard copy can be requested from the Test Secretary*



**AGILITY TRIAL**  
**SEND ALL ENTRIES TO TRIAL SECRETARY**

East Delta Park Portland, Oregon

**Tuesday, April 28, 2009**

**Judge:** Paula Ratoza

**TRIAL CHAIRPERSON**

**Ruth Nielsen**

3909 Interlake Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103

206-548-0377 • rnielsen@nielsenlaw.com

**TRIAL SECRETARY**

**Lori Sage, Event Secretary**

P.O. Box 3381, Tualatin, OR 97062-3381

(503) 632-2227 • lksage@aol.com

*The premium list for the Agility Trial can be downloaded at [BMDCA.org](http://BMDCA.org)  
or a hard copy can be requested from the Trial Chairperson*

## ***SPECIAL PERFORMANCE AWARD – THE TRIATHLETE CHALLENGE***

Are you and your dog a multi-tasking team? Set your sights on the SPECIALTY TRIATHLETE CHALLENGE, a special award given at the Judges Dinner to EACH Berner/handler team that earns a qualifying leg or passing score in three or more working venues. The eligible events are tracking, herding, rally, obedience, 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 go for the gold!

## ***TWO EVENINGS OF ESSENTIAL EDUCATION***

### **PAT HASTINGS – PUPPY PUZZLE PLUS**

**MONDAY 7-9PM**

Based on her acclaimed video, “Puppy Puzzle: The Hastings Approach to Evaluating the Structural Quality of Puppies,” this presentation will help novice and experienced breeders alike learn how to identify the structural soundness in puppies. Whether the hope is for the show ring and whelping box or obedience, agility or draft, you owe it to yourself and your dogs to learn in which lifestyle each may best flourish. Pat will explain the essentials of structure and do a demonstration evaluation of a litter. **Entry included with \$40 Berner University registration.**

### **BREEDER SYMPOSIUM: PAT TROTTER – FORM & FUNCTION**

**TUESDAY 7-9PM**

Renowned author, breeder/owner/handler, AKC judge, AKC Breeder of the Year, and recent winner of Bred by Exhibitor Group 1 at the 2008 Eukanuba Championship, Pat Trotter will present the portion of her ‘Born to Win’ seminar that focuses on canine structure and mechanics. Beginning with an understanding of the notion of motion, Pat will help you see the center of gravity and understand the other mechanics of locomotion in dogs. She’ll explain how to evaluate gait, both coming and going as well as side gait, and because form follows function, she will also discuss the ‘type versus soundness’ debate. A must-see for seasoned breeders and novice exhibitors alike! Co-sponsored by BMDCA Breeder Education and Berner University. **Entry to this valuable seminar is free to registered Specialty attendees, courtesy of the BMDCA.**

***SPECIAL AWARD!*** The Fan Award will be presented during the Judges’ Banquet Saturday Evening, May 2nd to the owner of the oldest male and the oldest female Bernese Mountain Dog exhibiting in any event, including the parades, during the week of the Specialty.

## **ENTRIES, CANCELLATIONS, CHANGES, TRANSFERS**

**FAX ENTRIES:** Fax number: 360-683-6654. \$4.00 per dog per show added for FAX-Credit Card entries. Both sides of entry form must be transmitted. Entries must be accompanied by a cover sheet stating the number of pages, what shows and how many dogs per show. Visa, MasterCard, and American Express are accepted for Fax entries. Credit card information (Credit Card number, expiration date, and cardholder name) must be on cover sheet. Note: Visa and MasterCard users – You must include the 3-digit security code that appears above your signature on the back of the card. Proof of fax transmission is not proof of receipt of a legible or complete transmission (under AKC Rule Ch. 11, Sec. 4). A Fax-Friendly entry blank PDF is available for download at [www.BarayEvents.com](http://www.BarayEvents.com).

**ONLINE ENTRIES:** Web site is [BaRayEvents.com](http://BaRayEvents.com) Follow instructions on Web site. \$2.00 charge per dog per show.

**FEDEX, UPS, AIRBORNE or HAND-DELIVERED:** 203 S. 4th Ave., Sequim, WA 98382.

**PHONE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**CANCELLATIONS, CHANGES AND TRANSFERS** will be accepted according to AKC Rules. Any refunds will be made within three weeks after the show. An administration fee may apply.



**BMDCA Economic Stimulus Plan:** Receive up to 5 or 3 free nights\* at the Red Lion, simply by attending the National Specialty and being a BMDCA registered guest at the 2009 Host Hotel! Really? Yes, Really! - Provided the total number of actual guest room nights from the BMDCA Group Block equals or exceeds 1,350 room nights by the end of the Specialty. (Currently over 1,600 as of 2/2/09).

**To be eligible for a chance to win, you MUST be a registered guest under the BMDCA's National Specialty Group Room Block at the Host Hotel.** Booked outside the BMDCA block? Sharing with a friend so your name's not on the reservation? Staying at another hotel? No

problem! Simply contact Liz Lewis at [Elizabeth.Lewis@redlionontheriver.com](mailto:Elizabeth.Lewis@redlionontheriver.com) or 503-978-4596 to update/make your reservation at the Red Lion Jantzen Beach under the BMDCA Block. The more guests booked under BMDCA's block, the better everyone's chance to win!

\*Fine print: If the actual BMDCA Group Block = 1,350 room nights or more, two drawings will be held at the Judges Dinner on Saturday evening 5/2/09: #1. Prize up to 5 nights #2. Prize up to 3 nights. Prizes include taxes and surcharges. Incidentals, mini bar, room service, meals, movies, and other hotel services are excluded. Registered guests need not be present to win. Complete contest rules available on the Specialty website or by request at the Specialty Registration desk.

**Full Page Catalog Ad Rates Rolled Back to 1999:** 1999? LAST century!?! Yep! Don't miss this great opportunity to acknowledge your dogs, kennel and/or mentors in the National Specialty catalog at incredible savings! **Deadline for submitting camera-ready ads is February 28<sup>th</sup>.** See information on Page 17.

**"Go Green" and Win!** Join the 2009 Specialty Committee in its efforts to reduce, reuse, and recycle in honor of Portland's status as the "greenest" city in the US. **Bring all of your pre-owned specialty name badge holders to Specialty registration and you will receive one \$1 raffle ticket for each one you donate to the Specialty to be reused (plus receive an extra \$1 ticket for bringing one to wear yourself from a previous year)!** It's our way of thanking you for going green and helping the environment AND the BMDCA!

**General Trophy Fund Sponsors:** It's not too late to make a donation to the General Trophy Fund. **All donations received by March 18<sup>th</sup> will be acknowledged in the show catalog.** Contact Kathy Keyo at [kdeyo@clearwater.net](mailto:kdeyo@clearwater.net). (Donations of \$35 or more are eligible for the Triple Summit Supporter – see below).

**Triple Summit Supporters:** Want to have your name and/or kennel name prominently displayed at the Welcome Reception and at each banquet for all your peers and specialty attendees to see? Become a Triple Summit Supporter! Simply place a catalog ad (deadline 2/28), sponsor/donate \$35 or more toward a trophy, and sponsor a banquet centerpiece for \$25. Send your name, kennel name, and a \$25 check payable in US funds to "BMDCA 2009" (\$55 if you wish to include the General Trophy Fund donation) to Susan Thompson, PO Box 2047, Snohomish WA 98291-2047. **Deadline March 18<sup>th</sup>.** Questions? Contact info provided below.

**Limited Reserved Banquet Tables:** Tired of the mad dash to secure a table to be together with your friends? A very limited number of reserved tables will be available at both banquets for \$50 per night on a first-come, first-served basis. **The guest reserving the table must furnish the names in their party (up to 10)\* to the Banquet Chair by April 4<sup>th</sup>.** To make a reservation or receive additional information about this process, contact Susan Thompson, Banquet Chair, at [forestwalkbmd@hotmail.com](mailto:forestwalkbmd@hotmail.com) or at 425.422.3008.

\*Each reserved table will have personalized place cards for each registered guest. Open seats at reserved tables with fewer than 10 guests will be clearly marked as open seating for the benefit of other attendees.

**Specialty Raffle Donations Accepted Now and During the Specialty:** Please consider donating one or more items to the Specialty raffle. Themed baskets are always popular, whether filled with state or regional foods and souvenirs, regional club clothing, grooming tools, dog toys and treats, etc. Be creative and reap the rewards by being selected the best basket or prize donated! No item too small! If you don't have time to shop but would like to contribute, we'll gladly accept monetary donations and shop for you! Contributions of all sizes are greatly appreciated. **If you plan on bringing a donated prize to the Specialty (rather than shipping it ahead of time), please contact the Raffle Chair in advance at:** [cheryl\\_vandlac@co.washington.or.us](mailto:cheryl_vandlac@co.washington.or.us). Please send all donations **by March 31, 2009** to: Cheryl Vandlac, 24948 SW Ladd Hill Road, Sherwood, Oregon 97140