

JUDGING PROGRAM

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America

(Member of the American Kennel Club)

2025 National Specialty Show



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The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.

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

Tuesday, April 29th to Saturday, May 3rd

Host Hotels

Eisenhower & Aspire Hotels

2634 Emmitsburg Road

Gettysburg, PA 17325

(717) 334-8121

Events To Take Place Indoors And Outdoors At

Eisenhower Hotel & All Star Events Complex

2636 Emmitsburg Road

Gettysburg, PA 17325

(717) 334-6363

www.bmdca.org/2025-specialty

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 27

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

Monday, April 28

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

Tuesday, April 29

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

Wednesday, April 30

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

Thursday, May 1

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

Friday, May 2

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

Saturday, May 3

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

SCHEDULE NOTES

All Star Events Complex - Open 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Move in Monday 12 - 10 p.m. Closed for ticketed event, Tuesday, April 29th 4 pm- 8 pm. Saturday, Move out by 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

PROGRAM OF JUDGING

OFFICIAL NOTICE: Substitution of Judges. Reference Chapter 7, Section 13 of AKC Rules: 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 conformation judging.

Assignment

Obedience Veteran and Brace

Original Judge

Mr. Kenneth Kincaid

New Judge

Mrs. Aimee Kincaid

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025

ALL STAR EXPO HALL

RING ONE

JUDGE: Mr. Dalmiro Sirabo

9:00 AM

- 93 - Puppy Sweepstakes
 - 10 - 6-9 mos Puppy Dogs
 - 17 - 9-12 mos Puppy Dogs
 - 12 - 12-15 mos Junior Dogs
 - 11 - 15-18 mos Junior Dogs
 - 13 - 6-9 mos Puppy Bitches
 - 13 - 9-12 mos Puppy Bitches
 - 10 - 12-15 mos Junior Bitches
 - 7 - 15-18 mos Junior Bitches
 - Best Puppy in Sweepstakes
 - Best Junior in Sweepstakes
 - Best in Sweepstakes

93 Total

Judge will take a luncheon break at their discretion

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025

ALL STAR EXPO HALL

RING ONE

JUDGE: Mrs. Anne Summers

8:00 AM

- 51 - Bernese Mountain Dogs Futurity
 - 7 - 6-9 mos Puppy Dogs
 - 7 - 9-12 mos Puppy Dogs
 - 8 - 12-15 mos Dogs
 - 4 - 15-18 mos Dogs
 - 6 - 6-9 mos Puppy Dogs
 - 8 - 9-12 mos Puppy Bitches
 - 8 - 12-15 mos Bitches
 - 3 - 15-18 mos Bitches
 - Best in Futurity
 - Best of Opp Sex to Best in Futurity

51 Total

RING ONE

JUDGE: Mr. Dalmiro Sirabo

10:15 AM

- 63 - Veteran Sweepstakes
 - 13 - Veteran Dogs, 7-9 yrs
 - 8 - Veteran Dogs, 9-11 yrs
 - 1 - Veteran Dog 11 yrs & over
 - 29 - Veteran Bitches, 7-9 yrs
 - 11 - Veteran Bitches, 9-11 yrs
 - 1 - Veteran Bitches, 11 yrs & over
 - Best in Veteran Sweepstakes
 - Best of Opp Sex to Best in Vet Sweeps

63 Total

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RING ONE

JUDGE: Ms. Valerie Horney

1:45 PM

- 28 - Versatility Showcase
 - 6 - Versatility Dogs, under 7 yrs
 - 2 - Versatility Dogs 7 yrs & over
 - 2 - Versatility Excellent Dogs, under 7 yrs
 - 2 - Versatility Excellent Dogs, 7 yrs & over
 - 10 - Versatility Bitches, under 7 yrs
 - 4 - Versatility Bitches, 7 yrs & over
 - 2 - Versatility Excellent Bitches, under 7 yrs
 - Best in Versatility
 - Best of Opp Sex to Best in Versatility

28 Total

EISENHOWER HOTEL BALLROOM

RING TWO - OBEDIENCE

JUDGE: Mrs. Aimee Kincaid

8:00 AM

- 3 - Utility B 203-205
- 3 - Utility A 202, 206-207

9:00 AM

- 7 - Open B 201-207

10:00 AM

- 12 - Open A 134-145

11:30 AM

- 6 - Veteran 651-654, 656-657

After Noon

- 21 - Beginner Novice B 951-969, 971-972
- 9 - Beginner Novice A 901-909
- 1 - Brace 801-802

62 Total

EISENHOWER HOTEL BALLROOM

RING THREE - OBEDIENCE

JUDGE: Mr. Kenneth Kincaid

8:00 AM

- 57 - Novice B 70-123, 125-126, 128

After Noon

- 15 - Novice A 5-12, 14-17, 19-21

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025**ALL STAR EXPO HALL****RING ONE****JUDGE: Mrs. Sara Karl****8:00 AM**

22 - 4-6 Mos Beginner Puppy Competition (10-12)

22 Total

RING ONE**JUDGE: Mrs. Sara Karl****9:00 AM**

107 - Regular & Non-Regular Class Dogs

7 - 6-9 mos Puppy Dog

13 - 9-12 mos Puppy Dogs

11 - 12-15 mos Dogs

10 - 15-18 mos Dogs

4 - Amateur Owner-Handler Dogs

7 - Bred-by-Exhibitor Dogs, Puppy

11 - Bred-by-Exhibitor Dogs, Adult

5 - American-Bred Dogs

11 - Open Dogs

- Winners Dog

9 - Veteran Dogs, 7-9 yrs

7 - Veteran Dogs 9-11 yrs

12 - Stud Dogs

8 - Brace

115 Total

Judge will take a luncheon break at the clubs discretion, at which time the Veterans Parade will be held.

RING ONE**JUDGES: Mr. Kenneth & Mrs. Aimee Kincaid****Following Non-Regular Dog Classes**

4 - Obedience Teams

4 Total

EISENHOWER HOTEL BALLROOM**RING TWO - RALLY****JUDGE: Mrs. Aimee Kincaid****8:00 AM**

12 - Choice 625-626, 628, 635, 640-647

8:45 AM

18 - Master 625-634, 636-643

9:45 AM

21 - Excellent B 614-634

11:00 AM

32 - Advanced B 600-612, 616-634

After Noon

7 - Advanced A 400-401, 403-406, 408

90 Total

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33 - Intermediate 300-312, 314-332, 334

9:45 AM

47 - Novice B 200-212, 214-244, 246-247, 249

After Noon

8 - Novice A 5, 7-12, 14

88 Total

Rally judges will take a luncheon break at their discretion

ASPIRE HOTEL BALLROOM**RING FOUR****JUDGE: Mrs. Sara Karl****During Top 20 Intermission**

6 - Junior Showmanship

1 - JS Novice Int (12-15)

1 - JS Novice Sr (15-18)

1 - JS Open Jr (9-12)

2 - JS Open Int (12-15)

1 - JS Master

6 Total

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025**ALL STAR EXPO HALL****RING ONE****JUDGE: Mrs. Janet Lobb****8:00 AM**

144 - Regular & Non-Regular Class Bitches

11 - 6-9 mos Puppy Bitches

10 - 9-12 mos Puppy Bitches

7 - 12-15 mos Bitches

8 - 15-18 mos Bitches

9 - Amateur Owner-Handler Bitches

8 - Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitches, Puppy

22 - Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitches, Adult

7 - American-Bred Bitches

17 - Open Bitches

- Winners Bitch

28 - Veteran Bitches, 7-9 yrs

11 - Veteran Bitches 9-11 yrs

1 - Veteran Bitch, 11 yrs & over

5 - Brood Bitches

145 Total

Judge will take a luncheon break at the clubs discretion at which time they will have the Pee Wee Special Attraction (Judge: Mrs. Sara Karl)

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

ALL STAR EXPO HALL

RING ONE

JUDGE: Ms. Maddalena Manciani

8:00 AM

139 - Bernese Mountain Dogs

131 - Best of Breed Competition (83-48)

- NOHS Best of Breed

- Best Puppy

- Best Veteran

- Best Bred-by-Exhibitor

There are 376 Dogs in this show with a total of 631 Entries plus 22 BPUP entries,
139 Obedience entries and 178 Rally entries.

JUDGES

Ms. Valerie Horney	Aurora, CO
Mrs. Sara Karl	Peyton, CO
Mrs. Aimee Kincaid	Orlando, FL
Mr. Kenneth Kincaid	Orlando, FL
Mrs. Janet Lobb	Bruce field, ON, CAN
Ms. Maddalena Manciani	(Castel Sant'elia, Italy)
Mr. Dalmiro Sirabo	La Plata, ARG
Mrs. Anne Summers	Mulino, OR

Show Co-Chairpersons:

Jill Shaeffer
1838 Arnold Road, York PA 17408
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Conformation Chairperson..... Dawn Cox, email: cox215@comcast.net
Obedience Chairperson..... Allison Harding, email: townandcountrypetsitters@gmail.com
Rally Chairperson..... Bonnie Obert, email: pigflower77@msn.com
(Additional Committee Chairs listed on the following page)

GENERAL RULES

- Dogs must not be tied to bushes, shrubs, trees or other permanent fixtures. The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc., the Host Hotels, All Star Events Complex, and Show Superintendent will not be responsible for the loss or damage to any dog exhibited or possession of any exhibitor, whether the result of an accident or any other cause. It is distinctly understood that every dog at these events is in the care and custody of his owner or handler during the entire time the dog is in the show buildings or the grounds.
 - The welfare of an exhibitor's child is assumed to be the responsibility of the exhibitor. It is distinctly understood that exhibitors will exercise control and restraint over their children on the days of the events.
 - All persons attending this Specialty Show's events hereby waive any claim for damages against the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. or its members in the event that a motor vehicle or crate must be entered to rescue a dog from overheating or suffocation due to improper ventilation.
 - Each crate must be labeled for identification in case of emergencies.
 - The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc., the Host Hotels and the All Star Events Complex, will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items left at the show site.
 - The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. may decline entries for cause and may refuse to receive or may remove any dog on account of disease, viciousness or any other cause, in accordance with AKC rules and regulations. No one shall have any claim or recourse against the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. or any official thereof.
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Don't forget to volunteer!
Meet lots of people!
Make lifelong friends!
Elizabeth Kinser ekinser99@gmail.com

SHOW PHOTOGRAPHERS & VIDEOGRAPHER

Official BMDCA Specialty Photographer

BS Photography, 7268 Kindler Avenue Columbia, MD 21046 (410) 490-8374 (Text only)
info@bsphotography.net, www.bsphotography.net/dog-show-photos/

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

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

Candid Ringside & Performance Photographers

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

Chris & Andrea Stefanac, (804) 347-0452, chrisertec@aol.com, www.csphotoonline.com

Annie McDannold, clickingtocapture@gmail.com, www.clickingtocapture.com

Videographer ShowDogVideoPros

2639 Pocolomas Ct, Las Cruces, NM 88011 (575) 993-3460
showdogvideopros@gmail.com, www.showdogvideopros.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 EMERGENCIES

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

VETERINARIAN - NON-EMERGENCIES

Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital- 9436 B Waynesboro Pike, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, phone (301) 447-6237 (7 miles, 11 minutes from Eisenhower Conference Center). Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.- 7 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.- 6:30 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.- 12 p.m.
Confederate Woods Veterinary Hospital- 10 Confederate Dr, Gettysburg, PA 17325, phone (717) 334-1179 (6.1 miles, 13 minutes from Eisenhower Conference Center). Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a. m.- 5:30 p.m.

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

TRAVEL INFORMATION

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

54 miles from the Harrisburg airport (MDT) 61 min. drive, limited direct flight service
60 miles from Baltimore-Washington (BWI), 90 min. drive (non-rush hour)
70 miles from Dulles, Washington D.C.(IAD) 93 min. drive (non-rush hour)

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

BY LAND -

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

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

ACCOMMODATIONS HOST HOTELS

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

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

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

RV PARKING & CAMPING INFORMATION Onsite RV Parking

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

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

The following RV parks are located near the Host Hotels.

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

GROOMING

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

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

The grooming area will be open daily from 6:00 am (except for move-in day as indicated above) until 10:00 pm. Closed for ticketed event, Tuesday, April 29th 4 pm- 8 pm. Saturday, Move out by 6 p.m.. Electrical power will be provided in the grooming area only between the hours of 6:00am to 9:00pm. DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO STAY OVERNIGHT IN THE GROOMING AREA.

The BMDCA and the show committee will not be responsible for theft or damage of items left in the grooming area.

Participants are encouraged to use good judgment when leaving dogs, personal items, or equipment unattended. Parties wishing to set up together should submit forms under the same group name. All reasonable efforts will be made to honor those requests, however they not guaranteed.

No additional crating may be reserved or saved.

No soft crates allowed in Expo Hall.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION

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

WAIVER OF RIGHTS-ANIMALS IN DISTRESS

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. reserves the right to remove any animal in distress from a parked vehicle or crate, and all persons attending these dog events hereby waive any claim for damages against the club for such removal. The Club regards the health, safety, and life of any dog on the show grounds to be paramount to other property or privacy rights. We will attempt to reach the responsible party but cannot guarantee contact will be made before action is taken.

★ NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS ★

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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