

## Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test Purpose

The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America (GSMDCA) Draft Tests are a series of standardized exercises through which Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs are judged at GSMDCA-sponsored draft tests in order to obtain GSMDCA drafting titles. The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog historically has functioned as a draft dog in various capacities.

Accordingly, these exercises have been designed to reflect realistic work situations. Successful performance should demonstrate:

- The dog's inherent drafting ability refined by training and teamwork.
- The dog's readiness to work with his handler to accomplish the exercises efficiently.
- The dog's willingness and enjoyment of his work displayed by the combination of controlled-teamwork with his handler and natural independence.
- The handler's proper understanding of draft work, equipment and regulations.



## Premium List Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America **Two-Day ALL BREED Draft Test**

*Hosted by the*  
**Chesapeake & Potomac GSMDC**



April 5 & 6, 2025  
Claire Apple Farm  
33 Cora Ln  
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Entries close Wednesday, March 26 at 5:00 PM (EST).

All levels of drafting classes will be offered, including the Draft Capability Test.

Judges

Eden Jonas (BMDCA)  
Creedmoor, NC  
919-900-0267  
[borahbmd@msn.com](mailto:borahbmd@msn.com)

Steve Cipolla (GSMDCA)  
313 Heber Rd, Summerville, SC  
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## Officers of GSMDCA

**President** Deanna Never  
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### Draft Test Committee

*Draft Test Chair:* Jim Rasmussen  
361 Foster Trail  
Louisa, VA 23093  
734-645-0899

*Test Secretary:* Mary Jo Rasmussen  
361 Foster Trail  
Louisa, VA 23093  
734-845-1197

*Committee Member:* Claire Apple  
33 Cora Ln  
Pittsboro, NC 27312  
[dogtraining@gmail.com](mailto:dogtraining@gmail.com)

## Schedule

9:00 a.m. Equipment check  
9:30 a.m. Course review & walk-through  
To follow First dog on line

Lunch will be at the judges' discretion.  
Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the test.

## Entry Information

The entry is limited to 15 teams of all classes. In the event more than (15) entries are received, the Draft Test Chair will request a waiver to allow more teams to enter. Otherwise, entries are determined by the following priorities:

- 1) Priority will be given to entries that have not earned titles in the class entered.
- 2) A random drawing shall be held within 48 hours after the closing date.

## Close of Entries

Entries close on Wednesday, March 26 at 5:00 PM (EST) at the Draft Test Secretary's snail mail or e-mail address, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or altered, except as specifically allowed in the GSMDCA Draft Test regulations.

## Awards

Each entry will receive a ring prize provided by the C & P GSMDC and each passing team will receive a certificate and brass plaque provided by the GSMDCA. C & P GSMDC will provide a trophy for each passing team.

## Refreshments & Lunch

Lunch will be provided for entrants, stewards, judges and other volunteers and spectators.

## Weather

April weather in North Carolina can be unpredictable. Please be prepared for hot, warm, cool, cold, wind, rain or sleet.

## We Welcome Spectators

Un-entered dogs may be present but must be leashed or crated and under control at all times.

**Please remember to pick up after your dog(s). Thank you!**

### Veterinarian

Triangle Veterinary Emergency Hospital  
608 Morreene Rd  
Durham, NC 27705  
919-489-0615  
<https://www.trianglevrh.com/>

### Lodging

Campgrounds that are pet friendly

Privates:

<http://www.goodysrvcampground.com/id1.html>

<https://chathamrvpark.godaddysites.com/>

<http://www.jordandamrvpark.com/guidelines.php>

Jordan Lake nearby (20-30 min) <https://www.ncparks.gov/state-parks/jordan-lake-state-recreation-area/camping>

B and B

Small street (no room for an RV or trailer, car/ van only)

<https://smallcafebandb.com/b-and-b>

La Quinta (about 35 min away)

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/laquinta/durham-north-carolina/la-quinta-university-area-chapel-hill/overview?CID=LC:6ysy27krtprqev:53030&iata=00093796>

## Additional Information

**Definitions:** The term “dog” applies to dogs of both sexes. The term “team” means a handler and his/her dog. All terms and instructions and regulations that refer to a single dog also apply to a pair of dogs working together unless otherwise noted.

- Entered dogs must be 18 months or older on the day of the draft test.
- Bitches in season are permitted to compete. Please consult the GSMDCA Draft Test Regulations for specific information.
- No dogs belonging wholly or in part to the draft test judge, or the draft test secretary, or to any member of their immediate family, may compete.
- The Basic Control Exercise shall be waived for dogs that have earned an AKC Companion Dog (CD) title if a copy of the CD title certificate is sent with the entry form. In the event the CD requirements were met, but the title certificate has not yet been received, the entrant may so state on the form and in a separate letter attached to the entry. If the dog passes the draft test, the NDD or DD title and certificate will be withheld until after the Draft Work Committee (DWC) Chairman receives a copy of the CD title certificate.
- Handlers must provide the draft rig and freight haul weight. Any of the following draft rigs may be used: cart, wagon, sled, toboggan, or travois. Each of these must be equipped so that the draft rig cannot run up on the dog when hauling downhill.
- The handler selects and provides appropriate freight load for the apparatus and the dog.
- Entrants are responsible for obtaining the GSMDCA Draft Test Regulations dated November 1, 2023 and being familiar with them. Regulations are available on the GSMDCA web site (<https://gsmdca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023-Draft-Trial-Regulations-with-DCT-BDCT-Board-approved-language.pdf>).

**Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test Entry  
Claire Apple Farm, 33 Cora LN, Pittsboro, NC 27312**

April 5       April 6

**Entry Fee: \$35.00 for each entry**

**Entries Close** at the Test Secretary's address on Wednesday, March 26, 5:00 PM (EST), after which time entries can not be accepted, canceled, or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current GSMDCA Draft Test Regulations.

**Mail Entries & Fees to:** Mary Jo Rasmussen  
361 Foster Trail, Louisa, VA 23093  
734-845-1197  
mjrasmus@gmail.com

**Make checks** payable to **C & P GSMDC** or use Paypal at [cptreas@gmail.com](mailto:cptreas@gmail.com) or Zelle to [cptreas@gmail.com](mailto:cptreas@gmail.com). Please email entry form to secretary.

**Please type or print clearly and include your telephone number and e-mail address for notification.**

**BREED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SEX:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASS:** Draft Capability Test  Novice  Open  Brace Novice  Brace Open

Check box if dog has earned AKC Companion Dog (CD) title—enclose or attach certificate

**CALL NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTERED NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AKC REG NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Or OTHER REGISTRY AND NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PLACE OF BIRTH:**  USA  CANADA  FOREIGN

**BREEDER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIRE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DAM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTUAL OWNER(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

**OWNER'S ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**No Entry accepted without a signed Agreement**

**AGREEMENT**

AGREEMENT I understand that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry. I agree that I am solely responsible for the actions of myself and the dog ("the dog") that accompanies me in relationship to this entry. In consideration of the acceptance of my entry and the opportunity to participate in this event, I agree to HOLD HARMLESS and INDEMNIFY the following listed parties from any claim for loss, damage or injury alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly by my actions or by the actions of the dog in relationship to this event: the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America (GSMDCA) and the event-giving club or group of individuals, their members, officers, and agents; the owner and/or lessor of the premises; any provider of services at this event; any employees or volunteers of the parties listed here, and any Draft Judge (or other judge) judging at this event. I personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim. I agree to be responsible for any loss and expense (including legal fees) incurred by any of the listed parties based on claims related in any way to my participation or the actions of the dog in relationship to this event, whether the claims are made by third parties or by myself. Additionally, I agree to assume the sole responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury (including death) to myself or to the dog in relationship to this event. I agree to RELEASE, INDEMNIFY and promise not to sue the parties listed above for any such loss, damage or injury to myself or the dog, regardless of the cause, and whether or not the loss, damage or injury may have been caused by the negligence of the listed parties. I AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE GSMDCA BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE GSMDCA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I agree to abide by rules and regulations of the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America (GSMDCA) in effect at the time of these GSMDCA Draft Tests and other events and by any additional rules appearing in the premium list for these events. I certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I agree to conduct myself in accordance with all such Rules and Regulations (including all provisions applying to discipline) and to abide by any decisions made in accordance with them.

**NAME OF PARTICIPANT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Filling in your name and submitting this form constitutes your agreement to the terms above.

**Volunteer Opportunities!**

I am able to volunteer on:      Saturday       Sunday

I could do any of the following when I'm not on course:

- Load steward     Unload steward     Set narrows     Bring cart in ring
- Distraction steward     Scribe     Freight haul walker     Lunch set up
- Lunch clean-up     Site clean-up at conclusion of trial