

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 Draft Test

Hosted by the
GSMD Club of the Rockies

Saturday, May 3, 2025
Sunday, May 4, 2025

10180 Shoup Road
Black Forest, CO 80908

Judges:

Jennie Chen
Barry Solomon

Entries close Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 11:59PM (MST) Please make checks payable to GSMDCR. Mail fee with entry form to:

Darlene Tad-y
Test Secretary
4238 South Dearborn Court
Aurora, CO 80014
gsmdcrockies@gmail.com

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(702) 449-4109
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4238 S Dearborn Ct,
Aurora, CO 80014
(847) 962-1740
darlenetady@gmail.com

Judges

Jennie Chen 13570 Grove Drive, Maple Grove, MN 55311
Barry Solomon 7334 Plowsher Way, Morrison, CO 80465

Schedule Each Day

8:00 a.m. Equipment check
To follow Course review & walk-through
To follow First dog on line
Lunch break (time at the judges' discretion)

Entry Information

The entry is limited to 20 teams of all classes each day. This test is open to all breeds, with the GSMD receiving entry preference. **We strongly recommend attending and volunteering at a draft trial prior to entering your dog.**

Close of Entries

Entries close on Wednesday, May 8 at 11:59PM (MDT) at the Draft Test Secretary's address, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or altered, except as specifically allowed in the GSMDCA Draft Test regulations.

Awards

Awards sponsored by donations from the following:

-GSMD Club of the Rockies

Refreshments

Snacks and water will be provided.

Weather

Weather in the high altitude of Denver, CO metro area can be unpredictable. Please be prepared for hot, warm, cool, cold, wind, rain or snow.

Spectators

Spectators, volunteers, and any members wanting to observe a draft trial are welcome. Un-entered dogs are discouraged. All dogs present must be leashed or crated and under control at all times. Any dog displaying aggression or being a nuisance to competitors may be asked to leave at the discretion of the Show Chair.

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

Veterinarian

North Springs Veterinary Referral Center
10520 White Diamond Pt, Colorado Springs, CO 80908
Phone: (719) 920-4430

Lodging

Spring Hill Suites Colorado Springs North/Air Force Academy
1320 Republic Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
(719) 896-2320

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 not permitted to compete. Entry fees shall be refunded upon receipt of a veterinary certificate stating an entered bitch is in season at the time of the draft test.
- 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. 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 11/1/2023 and being familiar with them. Regulations are available on the GSMDCA web site (www.gsmdca.org)

**Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test Entry Form
Castle Rock, CO**

Entry Fee: Payable to GSMDCR
GSMDCR members: \$45.00 for each entry
Non-members: \$55.00 for each entry

Entries Close at the Test Secretary's address on April 30, 2025 11:59pm MDT, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or altered, except as specifically allowed in the current GSMDCA Draft Test Regulations.

Send Entries & Fees to:
Darlene Tad-y
Test Secretary
4238 S. Dearborn Court
Aurora, CO 80014

Make checks payable to GSMD Club of the Rockies.
Please type or print clearly and include your telephone number and e-mail address for notification.

BREED: _____ **SEX:** _____
CLASS: 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: <input type="checkbox"/> USA <input type="checkbox"/> CANADA <input type="checkbox"/> FOREIGN
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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.