

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.



**Certified Farm Dog Testing offered on Saturday
Day of Entries accepted
\$10.00 GGGSMDC Members
\$15.00 Non-Members**

Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America **Three Day ALL BREED Draft Test**

Hosted by the
GOLDEN GATE GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB



November 30th - December 2nd, 2018
Alan & Lisa England's Home
24756 Golden Oak Lane
Newhall, CA 91321

Judges:
Ruth Nielsen
James Maxwell
Larry Bohlig

Entries close Friday, November 2, 2018 at 5:00 PM. Please make checks payable to GGGSMDC and mail fee with entry form to Lisa England, Test Secretary:

Lisa England
24756 Golden Oak Lane
Newhall, CA. 91321

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## Draft Test Committee

*Draft Test Chair:* Lisa England

*Draft Test Secretaries:* Kelly Stover  
Lisa England

*Committee Members:* Lisa England  
Kelly Stover  
Julie Vonada  
Andrea Hansen

## Schedule

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|----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 7:30 – 8:00 a.m.                       | Check in          |
| 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.                       | Equipment Check   |
| Course review & walk-through to follow |                   |
| 8:30 - 9:00 a.m                        | 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 24 teams in all classes.. If more than 24 entries, entries will be determined by the following priorities:

- 1) Untitled GSMD's
- 2) Titled GSMD's
- 3) Untitled other breeds
- 4) Titled other breed

Note: "titled" means titled in the entered class.

## Close of Entries

Entries close on Friday, November 2 at 5:00 PM 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 passing team will receive a Ribbon with a Prize. Each participant will receive a ring favor. Each dog earning a first-time title (a dog's first NDD, DD, BNDD, or BDD) will receive a Rosette.

## Refreshments & Lunch

Morning hospitality will be provided. Lunches will be available to purchase in advance for \$12.00 from Jersey Mike's Subs & Toppers Pizza. Please submit lunch reservation form with entry.

## Judges' Dinner

Hosted dinner Saturday evening at draft test site. Please plan on joining us for a fun evening.

## Weather

November weather in Southern California can be unpredictable. Please be prepared for hot, warm, cool, cold, wind or rain. All judging will be outdoors.

## Test Site

Alan & Lisa's house is located in Newhall, CA, surrounded by grand Oak trees. There is some shade and sets ups for dogs may be under shade if available. Please bring chairs, shade, x-pens or crates, water, and anything else you or your dog might need during the day. The property is fairly flat with plenty of room to set up in the front and back. Free parking available on adjacent lot.

## 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

Santa Clarita Animal Hospital  
24899 Railroad Avenue  
Santa Clarita, CA 91321  
661-259-7387  
[www.santaclaritaanimalhospital.com](http://www.santaclaritaanimalhospital.com)

## Lodging

### Hotel/RV:

La Quinta Inn: 25201 The Old Road, Stevenson Ranch CA  
Dog Friendly 2 dog per room max  
661-286-1111

Fairfield Inn by Marriott: 25340 The Old Road, Stevenson Ranch, CA  
Dog Friendly 2 dog per room max \$75 one time pet fee  
661-290-2828

Valencia Travel Village: 27946 Henry Mayo Drive (Hwy 126)  
Castaic, CA 91384 [reservations@valenciatravelvillagellc.com](mailto:reservations@valenciatravelvillagellc.com)  
661-257-3333

## 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 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 January 1, 2013 and being familiar with them. Regulations are available on the GSMDCA web site ([www.gsmdca.org](http://www.gsmdca.org)) or from Jim Rasmussen, DWC Chairman, 3152 Holmes Run Road, Falls Church, VA 22042

**Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test Entry  
Alan & Lisa England's Home 24756 Golden Oak Lane, Newhall CA 91321**

November 30

December 1

December 2

**Entry Fees: \$40.00 for single dog team**

**\$45.00 for brace team**

**Entries Close** at the Test Secretary's address on Friday, November 2, 5:00 PM, 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:** Lisa England  
24756 Golden Oak Lane, Newhall, CA 91321  
(805)791-9277  
Lisa@silveroakgsmd.com

**Make checks** payable to: **GGGSMDC**

**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:**  USA  CANADA  FOREIGN

**BREEDER:**

**SIRE:**

**DAM:**

**ACTUAL OWNER(S):**

**OWNER'S ADDRESS:**

**CITY:**

**STATE:**

**ZIP:**

**TELEPHONE:**

**E-MAIL:**

## 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. **No Entry accepted without a signed Agreement**

**Please circle your Volunteer Opportunities!!**

I am able to volunteer on: **Friday** **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**

**Site clean-up at conclusion of trial**

## Food Order Form

Friday– Sandwich, Chips, Drink

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ @\$12.00

Saturday– Pizza, Salad, Drink

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00

Sunday-Sandwich, Chips, Drink

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00

Judges Dinner

Saturday Night

At Alan & Lisa's House

TRI-tip or Chicken, Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Drink, & Dessert

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

Hosted by:

Alan & Lisa England

Mark & Kelly Stover