

## 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 **2 Trials In One Day ALL BREED Draft Test**

*Hosted by the*  
Swissy Club of New England



October 15th, 2017  
9 Round Hills Rd.  
Amherst, MA 01002

Bitches in season allowed in accordance with GSMDCA Draft Rules

Up to 10 entries allowed per Trial

Judges:

Sunday 10/15/2017

Mary Jo Rasmussen

Megan Fletcher Westenmeyer

Entries close Wednesday, September 27th at 5:00 PM (EST). Please make checks payable to SCONE and mail fee with entry form to Laurie Carmody, Test Secretary.

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### Draft Test Committee

*Draft Test Secretary:* Laurie Carmody  
328 Chapman Blvd  
Manorville, NY 100949  
631-793-8094

*Draft Test Chair:* Kelly Nevin Lovley  
9 Round Hills Rd  
Amherst MA 01002  
413-218-7085

*Committee Members:* Mary Spaar, Kara Kulpa

## Judges

Megan Fletcher Westenmeyer	Mary Jo Rasmussen
756 New Hope Road	3152 Holmes Run Road
Cross Junction, VA 22625	Falls Church, VA 22042
540-664-3946	734-845-1197
<a href="mailto:blueviewgsmd@hotmail.com">blueviewgsmd@hotmail.com</a>	<a href="mailto:mjrasmus@gmail.com">mjrasmus@gmail.com</a>

### Schedule

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Equipment check
8:30 – 9:0 a.m.	Course review & walk-through
To follow	First dog on line

Lunch will be after the first trial.

Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the test.

### Entry Information

The entry is limited to 10 teams of all classes per trial. In the event more than (10) 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, September 27 at 5:00 PM (EST) 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

Each passing team will receive a ring prize and Qualifying ribbon provided by SCONE.

## Refreshments & Lunch

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

## Weather

October weather in Massachusetts can be unpredictable. Please be prepared for hot, warm, cool, cold, wind or rain.

## 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 VESH

141 Greenfield Rd,  
South Deerfield, MA  
(413) 665-4911

[www.veshdeerfield.com/](http://www.veshdeerfield.com/)



### Hotel

#### Red Roof Inn

9 Greenfield Rd  
South Deerfield, MA 01373  
855-516-1090

#### Howard Johnson

401 Russell St  
Hadley, MA 01035  
844-571-9916

## 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.
- 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 September 1, 2014 and being familiar with them. Regulations are available on the GSMDCA web site ([www.gsmdca.org](http://www.gsmdca.org)).

**Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test Entry  
9 Round Hills Rd Amherst MA 01002. October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Trial 1, AM  Trial 2, PM

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

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**Make checks payable to SCONE**

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

<b>BREED:</b>		<b>SEX:</b>	
<b>CLASS:</b> Novice <input type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Brace Novice <input type="checkbox"/> Brace Open <input type="checkbox"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check box if dog has earned AKC Companion Dog (CD) title—enclose or attach certificate			
<b>CALL NAME:</b>			
<b>REGISTERED NAME:</b>			
<b>AKC REG NUMBER: Or OTHER REGISTRY AND NUMBER:</b>			
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>	<b>PLACE OF BIRTH:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> USA	<input type="checkbox"/> CANADA <input type="checkbox"/> FOREIGN
<b>BREEDER:</b>			
<b>SIRE:</b>			
<b>DAM:</b>			
<b>ACTUAL OWNER(S):</b>			
<b>OWNER'S ADDRESS:</b>			
<b>CITY:</b>		<b>STATE:</b>	<b>ZIP:</b>
<b>TELEPHONE:</b>		<b>E-MAIL:</b>	

**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**

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**