

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.

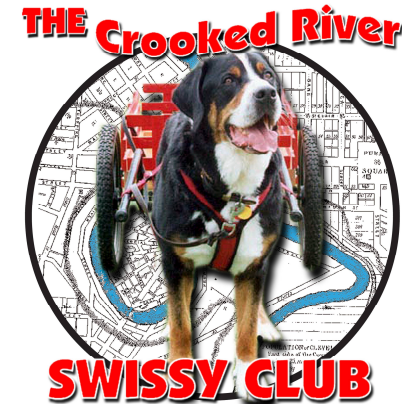
Accordingly, these exercises have been designed to reflect realistic work situations. Successful performance should demonstrate:

- 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
Crooked River Swissy Club



February 24 & 25, 2018
CLerun Agility Training Center
6030 Carey Drive
Valley View, OH 44125

Judges:

Karen Conant
Bob Fralick

Entries close Friday February 9th at 5:00 PM (EST). Please make checks payable to Crooked River Swissy Club (CRSC) and mail fee with entry form to Steve Likevich, Test Secretary.

Steve Likevich
Draft Test Secretary
8740 Boston Rd.
North Royalton, OH 44133
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### Draft Test Committee

*Draft Test Chair:* Dori Likevich  
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*Draft Test Secretary:* Steve Likevich  
See cover page for contact information

*Committee Member:* Chris Jurey  
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## Judges

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### Saturday Schedule

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Equipment check  
10:00 Course review & walk-through  
To follow First dog on line

### Sunday Schedule

7:30 – 8:00 a.m. Equipment check  
8:00 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 Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM (EST) at the Draft Test Secretary's snail mail, 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 and each passing team will receive a special award provided by the Crooked River Swissy Club.

## **Weather**

While the maneuver portion is conducted indoors, February weather in the Cleveland area can be unpredictable, so please come prepared. However, in the case of particularly unpleasant weather (extreme cold, wind, rain, sleet, or heavy snow), the freight haul will be conducted indoors.

## **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**

Animal Emergency Clinic West  
1400 Keystone Parkway, Brook Park, OH (216) 362-6000

## **Lodging**

Both of these are less than 5 minutes from the Trial site, in Independence

LaQuinta Inn - I-77 & Rock side ... 216-447-1133  
Red Roof Inn - I-77 & Rock side ... 216-447-0030 ... 800-843-7663

Please pick up after your dogs and keep rooms and exercise areas clean!

## **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. 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 9/1/14 and being familiar with them. Regulations are available on the GSMDCA web site ([www.gsmdca.org](http://www.gsmdca.org)).
- The Trial shall be cancelled, and entrees provided a full refund if there are not a minimum of four entries each day.

Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test Entry  
CLerun Agility Training Center 6030 Carey Dr. Valley View, OH  
44125

February 24

February 25

Entry Fee: \$40.00 for each entry

Entries Close at the Test Secretary's address on Friday, February 9, 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: Steve Likevich  
8740 Boston Rd. North Royalton, OH 44133  
440-390-0119  
twinpine@mindspring.com

Make checks payable to Crooked River Swissy Club

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **Pre-Trial Draft Practices**

Beginning on Monday, January 22 and running through every Monday night until the draft trial (February 19), there will be maneuvering course run-thrus held at the Media Swarm Agility Training Center to prepare for the GSMDCA draft trial. Time is 6:30-7:30. The facility is located at 257 Main Street, Wadsworth, Ohio 44281. The entrance is in the back off Pine Street. There will be a loaner cart available. The cost is free for Medina Swarm members and \$10 per session for non-members. For more information contact Chris Jurey, 330-819-8082 or [cjurey@lukeeng.net](mailto:cjurey@lukeeng.net).

## **CLERun Open House**

On the same weekend of the draft trial in another part of the facility, CLERun will be hosting an Open House for individuals wishing to tour the facility. There will also be various canine performance event demonstrations and possibly introductions to various events such as agility and obedience. See the [CLERun website](http://www.cle.run) ([www.cle.run](http://www.cle.run)) for further information as it becomes available.