



Crooked River Swissy Club Spring Draft-athon!

**Saturday & Sunday
April 20th & 21st 2024**

GSMDCA DRAFT TRIAL AND DRAFT CAPABILITY TEST

Hosted by

**THE CROOKED RIVER SWISSY CLUB for
THE GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA**

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Dawn & Bob Fralick's
1980 State Route 56 NW
London OH 43140

Test Hours begin at 9:30 am on Saturday and 8:30 am on Sunday and will continue until all teams have competed. Lunch will be offered – as decided by the judges. All judging will be outdoors.

Entries close at 5:00 PM, Wednesday, April 10th 2024 at the address below, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or altered, except as specifically allowed in the GSMDCA Draft Test regulations. The entry fee for the draft trial is \$50.00 per single dog or brace. The entry fee for the draft capability test is \$40.00 per single dog or brace.

Entries should be submitted to:

Lesley Fisher 519 Brevoort Rd Columbus OH 43214, fisher.68@osu.edu

DRAFT TEST COMMITTEE

- Draft Test Chairperson: Kim Woollard, 9667 Haines Rd - Waynesville OH 45068
kim@cherishedswissies.com
- Draft Test Secretary: Lesley Fisher, 519 Brevoort Rd Columbus OH 43214
fisher.68@osu.edu

DRAFT TRIAL JUDGES

- Dori & Steve Likevich

DRAFT CAPABILITY TEST (DCT) JUDGE

- Lesley Fisher

Recommended Hotels

We recommend hotels at exit 91 (Hilliard-Rome Road) at the outskirts of Columbus. Here you will find a large selection of hotels from most of the major chains. Options include:

Super 8 Columbus West, 5655 Feder Road, Columbus OH 43228, 614-851-1745

Red Roof Inn Columbus West, 5001 Renner Road, Columbus, OH 43228, 855-873-6562

LaQuinta Columbus West, 5510 Trabue Rd, Columbus, OH 43228
(614) 878-8844

Medical Information

Veterinarians

Emergency Medical/Surgical facility- open 24 hrs

MedVet – Hilliard

614-870-0480

5230 Renner Rd

Columbus, OH 43228

www.medvetforpets.com/hilliard

Closest Human Hospital

Madison County Hospital

740.845.7000

210 North Main Street

London, Ohio 43140

DRAFT TRIAL ENTRY 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.

Important Details:

1. Entered dogs must be 18 months or older on the day of the Draft Test (date of birth on or before 10/20/2022).
2. Bitches in season are permitted to compete (see rules and regulations for details).
3. 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.
4. Handlers must provide the draft rig and weight for the freight haul. 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.
5. The handler selects and provides appropriate freight load for the apparatus and the dog.
6. Entrants are responsible for obtaining the GSMDCA Draft Test Regulations and being familiar with them. The GSMDCA Draft Test Rules and Regulations have been revised, dated 11/1/23. Please insure that you have familiarized yourself with the new regulations.

Entry is limited to eighteen (18) teams total, whether entered in Novice Draft, Open Draft or Team Draft. If more than 18 entries are received, a random drawing will be held within 48 hours of the closing time. Although it is the policy of the GSMDCA to invite and encourage any dog to enter a GSMDCA Draft Test, GSMDs will be given preference over other breeds. All entrants will be notified by e-mail of their entry status. Alternates will also be drawn and may compete in the absence of regular entries.

Entries close at the Entry Coordinators at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 10th 2024

SCHEDULE

Saturday:

9:30 AMEntrants Arrive & Set Up
10 AMEquipment Check
10 to 10:30 AMCourse Review
Approx 10:45 AMJudging Begins

Sunday:

8:30 AMEntrants Arrive & Set Up
9 AMEquipment Check
9:15 to 9:45 AMCourse Review
Approx 9:45 AMJudging Begins

PRIZES

All participating entrants will receive a ring prize and each dog with a passing performance will receive a specially created trophy.

The Test Site

The maneuver course will be held in a fenced field on-site at the Fralick farm.

The Freight Haul course consists of a 1 mile trek primarily along cleared paths through fields and woods. There are at least 3 different surfaces (grass, gravel, and dirt) and a gradual down/upslope where the trail moves around the pond.

DRAFT CAPABILITY TEST (DCT/BDCT) ENTRY INFORMATION

The DCT/BDCT Program is designed to ease the dog and handler into a test environment and promote confidence by giving them experience in performing foundational exercises seen in more advanced draft tests. The test will also assess the team's readiness to begin training for more difficult exercises. Constructive and instructional feedback from the judge is an essential part of the program and the test is designed to allow the judge to "coach" the team at specific intervals during testing. This is a "Certificate Program", not a titling event. This certificate will not count towards producer awards. This is a new program...please make sure to thoroughly review the rules at gsmdca.org

Eligibility of Dogs to Enter DCT/BDCT. A DCT/BDCT Event is open to dogs at least 12 months of age. Dogs who have earned a NDD, NBDD, DD, BDD, MDD, or MBDD are not eligible. Dogs who have a DCT or DCT may continue to enter the DCT/BDCT test as long as they have not yet earned a draft title.

Important Details:

1. Entered dogs must be 12 months or older on the day of the Draft Test (date of birth on or before 4/20/2023).
2. Bitches in season are permitted to compete (see rules and regulations for details).
3. Handlers must provide the draft rig and harness.
4. Entrants are responsible for obtaining the GSMDCA Draft Test Regulations and being familiar with them. The GSMDCA Draft Test Rules and Regulations have been revised, dated 11/1/23. Please insure that you have familiarized yourself with the new regulations.

Entry is limited to eight (8) teams total. If more than 8 entries are received, a random drawing will be held within 48 hours of the closing time. Although it is the policy of the GSMDCA to invite and encourage any dog to enter a GSMDCA Draft Test, GSMDs will be given preference over other breeds. All entrants will be notified by e-mail of their entry status. Alternates will also be drawn and may compete in the absence of regular entries.

Entries close at the Entry Coordinators at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 10th 2024

SCHEDULE

Saturday (*estimated*):

1 PMEntrants Arrive & Set Up
1:30 PM.....Course Review
Approx 2 PM.....Judging Begins

The DCT/BDCT will follow the completion of the draft trial. Start time may be later than published but will not be any earlier than published

The DCT/BDCT is not offered on Sunday

PRIZES

All participating entrants will receive a ring prize.

The Test Site

The maneuver course will be held in a fenced field on-site at the Fralick farm.

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Entries Close: Wednesday, April 10th 2024 at 5:00 PM at the Entry Coordinator's address after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or altered, except as specifically allowed in the GSMDCA Draft Test regulations. The dog's registered name should include any titles earned. Mail this form and check or money order (**payable to: Crooked River Swissy Club**) to:

Lesley Fisher 519 Brevoort Rd Columbus OH 43214, fisher.68@osu.edu

Dog's Call Name: _____ Breed: _____

DOB: _____ AKC Reg. or ILP #: _____

Registered Name: _____

Breeder: _____

Sire: _____ Dam: _____

Owner: _____

Complete Address: _____

Owner's Agent (if any): _____

Check all events you are entering with this dog

\$50/entry for the Trial - \$40/entry for the DCT/BDCT:

Saturday, April 20th Trial: Novice [] Open [] Brace Novice [] Brace Open []

Saturday, April 20th DCT/BDCT Test: DCT [] BDCT []

Sunday, April 21st Trial: Novice [] Open [] Brace Novice [] Brace Open []

Lunch on Saturday (\$15/person): # _____ Lunch on Sunday (\$15/person): # _____

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.

SIGNATURE of owner or his agent: _____

Telephone #: _____ Date: _____

E-Mail: _____