

*Gulf Coast Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club
Selina Sparks □
104 Smallwood Loop
Tuscumbia, AL. 35674*

ENTRIES CLOSE 6:00 P.M. Thursday July 31, 2008 at the Test Secretary's residence, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted. Mail all entries with fees to: **Selina Sparks 104 Smallwood Loop Tuscumbia, AL. 35674**

**PREMIUM LIST
Greater Swiss MOUNTAIN DOG
CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
ALL BREED DRAFT TEST**

**BACK-TO-BACK GSMDCA DRAFT TESTS
George Roy Park, Calera AL
August 30 & August 31, 2008**



First Class Mail

PREMIUM LIST

**George Roy Park
Calera AL 35040**

Test hours: 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM
All judging will be outdoors
Lunch available on-site, see inside for details
**Entries close at the Test Secretary's address at
6:00 PM, July 31, 2008**

Gulf Coast Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club

Officers

President: Teresa Hand Vice President: Kathy Spencer
Treasurer: Connie Beauregard Secretary: Susan Nash
Directors: Lacey McNally, Ron Capelli, Heather Bailey

Draft Trial Committee

Draft Trial Chairperson

Molly McNally
70 Cotton Trail
Rossville, TN 38066
901-853-8987

Draft Trial Secretary

Selina Sparks
104 Smallwood Loop
Tuscumbia, AL. 35674
256-412-8644

Committee Members

Dianne Cook, Lacey McNally, Teresa Hand

Draft Test Judges

Todd Snyder P.O. Box 987 Castle Rock, CO 80104
Peggy Granger W4540 County Rd A, Elkhorn, WI 53121

Apprentice Judge

August 30, 2008

Mary Jo Rasmussen
Falls Church, VA
734-645-0899

August 31, 2008

Pam Capelli
Round Rock, TX
512-246-2829

On-Site Grounds liaison: Lacey McNally

The Gulf Coast Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club welcomes spectators at our draft tests! Please tell your friends and plan to spend the day enjoying our beautiful Greater Swiss Mountain Dog companions.

All dogs attending must bring written proof of current rabies vaccination & distemper vaccination or equivalent.

Un-entered dogs may be present, but must be leashed or crated and under control at all times.

Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America

Draft Test Purpose:

The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test is a series of exercises designed to develop and demonstrate the natural abilities of purebred Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs in a working capacity. The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog has historically functioned as a draft dog in various capacities and the performance of these exercises is intended to demonstrate skills resulting from both the inherent ability and training that are applicable to realistic work situations. Dogs must be willing to work with their handlers and the exercises must be accomplished efficiently. It is also desirable to see evidence of the dog's willingness and enjoyment of his work in a combination of controlled-teamwork with his handler and natural independence. Since a dog can perform draft work only in cooperation with a person, each handler must demonstrate an understanding of draft work with the dog's ability, training, and equipment.

Directions to the Site

George w. Roy Park 2465 2nd Avenue Calera Al. 35040

From I-65: Take exit 231 (Calera-Walmart exit), Turn away from shopping immediately upon exiting interstate. take Hwy 31 South towards Calera, Go 3.6 miles to 2nd avenue, Take a right on 2nd avenue, Go to the end of 2nd avenue and George Roy Park is on the left..

LUNCH

The Gulf Coast GSMDC will be providing lunch on site for \$7.00. Pre-payment is requested. Please send a separate check (made payable to the GCGSMDC) for the lunch to the Draft Test Secretary. Lunch will consist of sub, chips, cookie, and drink (Firehouse Subs).

Name _____

Saturday _____ **Sunday** _____

Number of lunches ordered _____ x \$7.00 per lunch = Total Enclosed \$ _____

AGREEMENT

I (we) understand that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry. I (we) agree that I am (we are) 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 Gulf Coast Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club (GCGSMDC), their members, officers, and agents; the owner and/or leaser of the premises; any provider of services at this event; any employees or volunteers of the parties listed here, and any GSMDC Draft 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.

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 accord with them. 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 this GSMDCA Draft Test and by any additional rules appearing in the premium list for this event.

NAME OF PARTICIPANT:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

Entry Information: The entry fee is \$30.00 per dog per day. Brace Teams \$35.00 per dog per day. The total entry is limited to fifteen (15) teams, divided as follows: OB (5) Open Brace, O (5) Open single dog, NB (2) Novice Brace, and N (3) Novice single dog. If entry limit is not reached in one class, the extra slots will be assigned to another class. 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 are open to all breeds, but preference will be given to GSMDs, then BMDs, then other breeds.

Entries CLOSE at the TEST SECRETARY'S address on Thursday, July 31, 2008 at 6:00 PM. Please type or print legibly when filling out the entry form and remember to include your telephone number and valid e-mail address. **Checks should be made payable to: Gulf Coast GSMDC.** Mail entry fee and completed entry form to:

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Important Details

1. Entrants are responsible for being completely familiar with the GSMDCA Draft Test Regulations (January 2008 version). Regulations are available at www.gsmdca.org.
2. Entered dogs must be 18 months old or older on the day of the Draft Test entered.
3. Handlers must provide their own draft rig, harness, and tie downs (or other means of securing a load in their particular draft rig).
4. Handlers may choose to bring their own weights, which will be weighed at the test site. Both Novice and Open dogs must pull 25-100 pounds. Brace team must pull 50-200 pounds. For dogs under 80 lbs, the dog may pull 25% of its weight (must send weight certificate with entry).
5. Dogs qualifying on Aug 30 may move up in class on Aug 31. Secretary must be notified of the change on Aug 30.
6. **Bitches in season are not allowed** to compete in the Draft Test. Refund of entry fees for bitches entered who come in season after the closing date of the Test may be obtained by sending a vet's certificate to the Secretary before the start of the Test.
6. Brace participants require individual entry forms for each dog. They must be submitted together, however.
7. All dogs attending must bring written proof of current rabies vaccination and distemper vaccination or equivalent.

Prizes

All participating entrants will receive a ring favor and each dog with a passing performance will receive a special trophy.

Schedule

7:00AM - Entrants and stewards arrive
7:15AM - Equipment check and handler walk-through
Judging starts 10 minutes after walk-through

Test Site

The test will be held at Roy Park, Calera AL, 35040. There will be access to a building with restrooms. Please dress appropriately for the weather as it can vary from sun to rain and from warm to cold.

Accommodations

Motel accepting dogs (additional fee may be required).

Holiday Inn Calera, 357 Highway 304, Calera, AL 35040
205-668-3641 (Hwy 65 exit 231)

Days Inn Calera, 11691 Hwy. 25 and I-65 Calera, AL 35040
205-668-560 (Hwy 65 exit 228)

Americas Best Value Inn-calera, 11960 Highway 25,
(205) 668-4800 Calera AL 35040
(Hwy 65 exit 228)

RV Camping

Rolling Hills Campground, 521 Highway 304,
Calera, AL 35040 (205) 668-6893 (Hwy 65 exit 231)

Veterinary Care

Emergency and Specialty Animal Medical Center
2864 Acton Rd, Birmingham, AL
(205) 967-7389

**Professional Photographs
will be taken at the Trial**

Photo CDs will be available including both days of each dog.

Photo CDs are available for **Pre-Ordering for \$20.00** or **at the trial \$25.00**

Photo CD Pre-Order _____ \$20.00
Number of Dogs _____
Make checks payable to: Gulf Coast GSMDC

**Back-to-Back GSMDCA All-Breed Draft Tests
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Saturday and Sunday, August 30 and 31, 2008**

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Make checks payable to: **Gulf Coast GSMDC (GCGSMDC)**
Please type or print clearly and include your telephone number and e-mail address for notification.

Days entered: Sat. Aug 30 _____ Sun Aug 31 _____ Both Days _____

BREED: _____ **SEX:** _____
CLASS:
Novice Draft Dog Open Draft Dog
Novice Draft Team (brace) Open Draft Team (brace)
For team/brace class, please include a copy of NDD or DD title for each dog

Obedience Title: N/A CD CDX UD UDX **Please include a copy of title with your entry**

CALL NAME: _____

REGISTERED NAME: _____

AKC REG NUMBER: _____
Or OTHER REGISTRY AND NUMBER: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

BREEDER: _____

SIRE: _____

DAM: _____

ACTUAL OWNER(S): _____

OWNER'S ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

TELEPHONE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

No Entry accepted without a signed Agreement