

What are the requirements of an FDC?

From the AKC website:

The Farm Dog Certified test provides for a series of exercises that represent situations a farm dog would encounter in a typical farm environment. The basic test requirements are designed to emphasize a dog's ability of self-control, confidence and trust necessary to succeed in any canine/human partnership. These traits and foundational training are vital to a working farm dog as well as the welfare of livestock.

Elements of an FDC test:

- GREET JUDGE – INITIAL DOG APPRAISAL
- PERFORM A WALKING PATTERN AROUND FARM ENVIRONMENT / PASSIVE STRANGER
- JUMP ON HAY/STRAW BALE
- WALK BY FARM ANIMALS
- WALK OVER OR THROUGH UNUSUAL SURFACES
- SUPERVISED SEPARATION
- PASS THROUGH A GATE
- HANDLER FEEDS LIVESTOCK
- REACTION TO ANOTHER DOG
- REACTION TO NOISE DISTRACTION
- DOG APPROACHES LIVESTOCK
- PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

**SPECTATORS WELCOME!
GOOD LUCK!**

FDC ENTRIES LIMITED TO 35 DOGS PER EVENT Event # 2021278503
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ENTRIES CLOSE at: 376 Coffeehouse Rd, Killington VT 05751 at 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 11, 2021 after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted except as specified herein.

(SEE NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS UNDER WITHDRAWALS)

PREMIUM LIST

BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG OF CLUB NASHOBA VALLEY
(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)



TWO FARM DOG CERTIFIED TESTS

Unbenched

Saturday, June 26, 2021

Both tests will start at 8:30am

Timberlost Farm

327 Ashby Road

Ashburnham, MA 01430

Test Hours: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Visit our website at www.bmdcnv.org

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOGS
Dogs listed in the Canine Partners program may enter these tests.
Two events are being offered with 2 different judges to allow participants the chance to qualify for the 2 legs needed to earn the FDC title.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CERTIFICATION



Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under the American Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

Gina DiNardo, Secretary

OFFICERS OF BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF NASHOBA VALLEY

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FDC TEST COMMITTEE

Test Chairperson/Secretary..... Heidi Henderson
376 Coffeehouse Rd, Killington, VT 05751 : 802-422-3084
snowpawbmd@gmail.com

TEST COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mie Kingsley, Heidi Henderson, Sue Mahan, Candace Wright

VETERINARIAN ON CALL

Wachusett Animal Hospital and Pet Retreat..... (978) 874-4100
29 Theodore Dr., Westminster, MA 01473

JUDGES

TEST 1 Ms. Donna Anderson (FDC 106274).....2402 Old Keene Road.
Athol, MA 01331
TEST 2 Ms. Candace Wright (FDC 107139).....327 Ashby Road.
Ashburnham. MA. 01430

ENTRY FEES: \$40.00 per test

CLOSING DATE AND TIME: 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 11, 2021 at 376 Coffeehouse Rd, Killington, VT 05751 after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted except as specified herein. Entries are accepted first received and a wait list will be maintained. The Test Secretary will notify all entrants when their entries arrive, by mail and/or by email if a valid email address has been provided.

WITHDRAWALS AND ENTRY FEE REFUNDS: If an entry withdraws between the closing date and the test date and is replaced by an entrant on the wait list, the entry fee will be refunded. Withdrawals must be made in writing to the Test Secretary. Any entrant who does not run in the test but is replaced by an alternate who participates in the test, will have their entry fee returned. Entry fees will not be refunded if a dog is absent, disqualified,

excused by a Judge, or barred from competition by action of the Test Committee.

The Farm Dog Certified test is open to all dogs at least 9 months of age that are individually registered with the AKC, recorded in the FSS program, dogs with PAL numbers or dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program. Females in season may not enter. A dog may enter only once per event. (An event is defined by an event number).

The FDC test is not meant as a herding instinct test, it is more akin to a CGC in a farm setting. Dogs are never off leash and do not interact closely with the livestock. The livestock for these events may be sheep, cattle and/or miniature donkey. A dog that is, in the judge's opinion, out of control and potentially endangering itself or the livestock may be excused by the judge and no refund of entry fee will be made. The Judge may discontinue testing if he/she determines the dog is too fearful or under duress to perform the required elements. The Judge may request the removal of any dog from the immediate test area at any time, if he/she determines the presence of the dog presents a risk to livestock, other dogs, or persons on the farm. The club may accept additional day-of-show entries as time permits and solely at the discretion of the judges, in which case dogs on the wait list get preference.

TROPHIES

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley offers a ribbon to each qualifying FDC team

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley offers a Rosette to each titling FDC team

Heidi Henderson offers an item to each titling Bernese Mountain Dog in memory of Karma, FCF Snowpaw Pass's Karma CGC THDN RN BN

ACCOMMODATIONS

Colonial Hotel.....(888) 214-4991
625 Betty Spring Road, Gardner , MA 01440
Super 8 (978) info630-2888
22 Pearson Blvd, Gardner , MA 01440

Exhibitors are advised to check with management for current pet policies.

DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE

From the east: Route 2(west) to Route 140 (north) - Exit 24B Route 140 (north) to Route 101 (north) Ashburnham-Winchendon Follow Route 101 (north) – 7.3 miles to
327 Ashby Road, Ashburnham, MA
Timberlost Farm on left, exactly 3 miles from Center of Ashburnham

From the west: Route 2(east) to Route 140 (north) - Exit 24B Route 140 (north) to Route 101 (north) Ashburnham-Winchendon Follow Route 101 (north) – 7.3 miles to
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COVID protocol that will be in effect for both trials

You are agreeing to abide by this protocol and any other posted COVID practices when entering these tests

All exhibitors will be required to sign a waiver at the event.

Any exhibitor may be asked to leave without a refund if they are showing obvious signs of COVID. Please do not come if you are experiencing any symptoms.

All exhibitors are expected to read the Massachusetts cross state quarantine rules which are subject to change.

Social distancing practices will be observed at all times.

Masks will be required at all times.

Disposable masks and hand sanitizer will be available.

The only people in the test will be the judge, exhibitor and 2-3 stewards.



I ENCLOSE \$ _____ for entry fees

IMPORTANT-Read Carefully Instructions on Reverse Side Before Filling Out. Numbers in the boxes indicate sections of the instructions relevant to the information needed in that box (PLEASE PRINT)

BREED ⁵		VARIETY ¹		SEX
DOG ^{2,3} SHOW CLASS		CLASS ³ DIVISION Weight, color, etc.		
ADDITIONAL CLASSES	OBEDIENCE CLASS (Jump Height)	RALLY CLASS (Jump Height)	JR. SHOWMANSHIP CLASS	
NAME OF (See Back) JUNIOR HANDLER (If any)			JR. HANDLER NUMBER	
FULL NAME OF DOG				
Enter number here		DATE OF BIRTH		
<input type="checkbox"/> AKC® NO.		PLACE OF BIRTH (list country)		
<input type="checkbox"/> PAL/ILP NO.		Do not print the above in catalog.		
<input type="checkbox"/> FOREIGN REG NO. & COUNTRY				
BREEDER				
SIRE				
DAM				
ACTUAL OWNER(S) ⁴ (Please Print)				
OWNER'S ADDRESS				
CITY		STATE	ZIP	
NAME OF OWNER'S AGENT (IF ANY) AT THE SHOW				

I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event, and further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed on the reverse side of this entry form. I (we) 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 (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) 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.

SIGNATURE of owner or his/her agent duly authorized to make this entry _____

TELEPHONE # _____

Are you a new exhibitor? Yes No Owner/Handled Eligible? Yes No

E-MAIL Address (An acknowledgement or receipt of entry may be sent to this e-mail address): _____

AGREEMENT

I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog.

Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other persons. I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN ITS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

INSTRUCTIONS

- (Variety) if you are entering a dog of breed in which there are varieties for show purposes, please designate the particular variety you are entering, i.e., Cocker Spaniel (solid color black, ASCOB, parti-color), Beagles (not exceeding 13 in., over 13 in. but not exceeding 15 in.), Dachshunds (longhaired, smooth, wirehaired), Collies (rough, smooth), Bull Terriers (colored, white), Manchester Terriers (standard, toy), Chihuahuas (smooth coat, long coat), English Toy Spaniels (King Charles and Ruby, Blenheim and Prince Charles), Poodles (toy, miniature, standard).
- The following categories of dogs may be entered and shown in Best of Breed competition: Dogs that are Champions of Record and dogs which, according to their owners' records, have completed the requirements for a championship, but whose championships are unconfirmed. The showing of unconfirmed Champions in Best of Breed competition is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of the show where the dog completed the requirements for a championship.
- (Event Class) Consult the classification in this premium list. If the event class in which you are entering your dog is divided, then, in addition to designating the class, specify the particular division of the class in which you are entering your dog, i.e. age division, color division, weight division.
- A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for an event closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner it must be entered in the name of its new owner in any event for which entries closed after the date of acquisition, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his/her name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been mailed to the AKC. (For complete rules, refer to Chapter 11, Section 3.)
- Mixed Breed dogs entering classes for Agility, Obedience, and Rally trials should mark Breed as "All-American Dog/Mixed Breed." Sire and Dam information shall remain blank for mixed breed entrants.

If this entry is for Junior Showmanship, please give the following information:

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP _____ JR.'S DATE OF BIRTH _____

AKC JUNIOR HANDLER NUMBER _____

The above number MUST be included. Should you not have your Junior Handler number, this may be obtained from the American Kennel Club. Phone: (919) 233-9767.

By signing the entry form I (we) certify that the Junior Showman does not now, and will not at any time, act as an agent/handler for pay while continuing to compete in Junior Showmanship.

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

If Junior Handler is not the owner of the dog identified on the face of this form, what is the relationship of the Junior Handler to the Owner? _____