

American Bouvier des Flandres Club

Sponsors

Two ABdFC Carting Tests and Two NAWBA Carting Trials

October 14 & 15, 2024

**Purina Farms,
Grey Summit, MO**

Permission has been granted by the ABdFC and NAWBA carting committees for holding these events under the ABdFC carting test regulations and NAWBA carting trial regulations.



JUDGES

**Kathy Berge DVM Bermese Mountain Dog
Diane Basel, Bouvier des Flandres**

ABdFC Carting Test Premium



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ABdFC Carting Test Purpose

*The Bouvier des Flandres is a farm dog who has historically been required to pull carts in various capacities. Carting is therefore considered a **heritage sport**.*

The carting tests of the American Bouvier des Flandres Club (ABdFC) consist of a series of exercises designed to demonstrate the natural abilities and skills of the Bouvier des Flandres in a cart pulling environment working as a team with a handler performing realistic work situations. Dogs must be willing to work with their handlers and the exercises must be accomplished efficiently. The goal of each handler is to maintain control while encouraging his/her dog's natural independence; together, they demonstrate teamwork. Since a dog can perform carting work only in cooperation with a person, each handler must demonstrate an understanding of carting, work with the dog's ability, training, and equipment.

A copy of the ABdFC rules can be obtained at: bouvier.org and will be available on site. Participants are required to be familiar with the rules.

Classes Offered:

NDD	Novice Draft Dog
NDD-V	Novice Draft Dog-Veteran
DD	Draft Dog
DD-V	Draft Dog-Veteran
NBDD	Novice Brace Draft Dog*
NBDD-V	Novice Brace Draft Dog-Veteran
BDD	Brace Draft Dog
BDD-V	Brace Draft Dog-Veteran

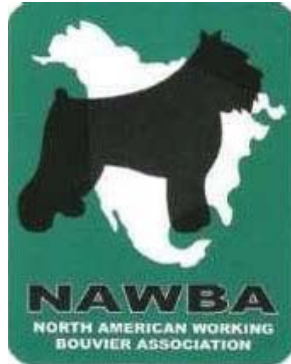
ABdFC offers Advanced Titles. See the ABdFC Carting Trial Regulations for details.

*Brace teams require a separate entry form for each dog, but each brace team will be counted as one entry. See ABdFC carting test regulations for guidelines.

Awards: All passing teams will receive a White & Blue Rosette

Note: Official ABdFC Title Certificates will be mailed out after the event by the ABdFC Carting Secretary **Diana L. Ramirez, ABdFC Drafting/Carting Secretary, dlramirez617@gmail.com**

NAWBA Trial Carting Premium



This event is supported by NAWBA

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North American Working Bouvier Association (NAWBA) Carting Trial Purpose

The NAWBA carting trial is a set of exercises designed to demonstrate the abilities of the Bouvier des Flandres to work as a team with its handler. The dog should show enjoyment and willingness to maneuver a cart through obstacles and haul freight for a distance. These exercises are meant to show the skills and training needed in a real working situation. However, never become so serious that the fun goes out of working for you or your Bouvier.

Entrants are responsible for obtaining a copy of the NAWBA Carting Trial Regulations and the NAWBA Competitive Event Policy and Regulations and be familiar with them. These may be downloaded from NAWBA Open Group Facebook page, under the files tab or ordered through the NAWBA Carting Trial Secretary, at no charge: Cathy Longworth, 17613N West Shore Road, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026 cathylongworth@gmail.com

NAWBA Titles Offered:

Novice Draft Dog (NDD)
Draft Dog (DD)
Brace Novice Draft Dog (BNDD)
Brace Draft Dog (BDD)

NAWBA Veteran Titles Offered:

Novice Draft Dog-Veteran (NDD-V)
Draft Dog-Veteran (DD-V)
Brace Novice Draft Dog-Veteran (BNDD-V)
Brace Draft Dog-Veteran (BDD-V)

*Move-ups will be allowed on the day of the trial before the trial begins.
NAWBA offers multiple Advanced Titles. See the NAWBA Carting Trial Regulations for details.*

AWARDS

High in Trial in Regular and Veterans Classes - Director's Chair
Reserve High in Trial in Regular and Veterans Classes - Director's Chair
1st Place for each class - Blue Rosette
2nd Place for each class - Red Rosette
3rd Place for each class - Yellow Rosette

All Passing Teams will receive a Navy Blue and White Rosette

A Certificate of Title will be mailed after the completion of the trial, to all those with a qualifying score, signed by the NAWBA President.

Special NAWBA Award

**Ann & Kate Schallert
Memorial Award**

The award is to be presented to the team with the High Combined Score in the two NAWBA trials. The winner of the Award will receive a plaque at the conclusion of the National Specialty Carting Events, and their name will be engraved on the base of the perpetual trophy. When a handler has earned their name on the trophy three times, it will be retired into the possession of the winning handler. Once the perpetual trophy is retired, it will be replaced, and competition will begin anew. Perpetual trophy donated by NAWBA with support of ABdFC.

Event Schedule:

- **Monday 10/14** ABdFC test to start at 08:00 am with dog check-in & equipment check. NAWBA afternoon test to follow ABdFC trial.
- **Tuesday 10/15** NAWBA is first to start at 08:00 am with dog check-in & equipment check. ABdFC afternoon test to follow NAWBA trial.

Course walk-through and briefing to follow equipment check in both test & trial entries:

The event will open on 08/11/2024.

The event closes on 09/12/2024 and entries must be in by 6pm CST.

- There will be a limit of 20 entries for each Carting Test.
- Fees: \$50 for each single dog team and \$55 for a brace team.
"Day-of" entries will be \$60 per single dog team and \$65 per brace team.
- Please make checks payable to **ABdFC**.
Include date and location of carting trial with your payment.
- Completed Entry Forms with checks should be mailed to:

Diana Ramirez
Carting Trail Secretary
263 Capetown
Montgomery, TX 77356

Please do not send entries by any method requiring signature for delivery.

- Entry slots will be filled according to the postmark date. If the number of entries with the same date exceeds the number of available slots, a drawing will take place to fill the vacancies and determine the alternates. All entries received after the entry limit is filled will be placed on an "alternate list" by order of postmark.
- **Entry fees will be refunded only if the withdrawal of the entry is done prior to 6:00pm CST, September 24, 2024.**

Attention Participants

- Social distancing (6 feet or more) when possible.
- Lunch will be available for purchase in Purina building and snacks/water bottle will be provided. All participants must bring their own dog water.
- No dog belonging wholly or in-part to the Carting Test Judge or to any member of the judge's immediate family may be exhibited under the judge.
- Handlers must provide their own equipment including appropriate harnesses, traces, and tie downs (or other means of securing a load on their particular cart) and carting apparatus appropriate for site condition. **Water must be provided by the handler for each dog on the freight haul.**
- Handlers must bring their own weights. Weights will be verified at the test site.
- Carting apparatus may not carry any advertising signs.
- Equipment may be shared by two or more exhibitors or by two or more dogs owned by the same exhibitor; however, the sharing must not interfere with the safety or the timely completion of the carting test.
- A dog entered in the test must wear a well-fitted buckle collar, or limited slip collar. Tags ARE allowed in both the ABdFC Test, and the NAWBA Trial.
- Entered dogs must be 24 months old or older on the day of the Carting Test.
- Entrants will receive confirmation of entry via e-mail.
- Bitches in season must compete only after all other dogs are judged. When not being tested, bitches in season must be contained in a designated area far away from the male dogs and the official test areas.
- All un-entered dogs must be kept away from the main test area.
- Entrants participate in an ABdFC/NAWBA Carting Test at their own risk.
- Entrants agree to abide by the ABdFC/NAWBA Carting Test Regulations.

TEST SITE TERRAIN: The maneuvering & freight haul portions of this test will be held on grass. The freight haul will include a mild incline. This event will be held rain or shine, please come prepared. Chairs & Rain Gear in case it rains.

ABdFC Test and NAWBA Trial Joint Carting Entry Form

ABdFC Test

PLEASE: Write/Print as legible as possible

Oct 14 Mon am Veteran - Novice - Draft Dog - - Novice Brace - Draft Brace

Oct 15 Tues pm Veteran - Novice - Draft Dog - Novice Brace - Draft Brace

Brace Entries only: This dog is already titled in the entered class as individual
Each dog requires a completed entry form.

This dog has earned a PCD, CD, UKC OR CKC equivalent (copy of certificate enclosed)

NAWBA Trials

Oct 14 Mon pm: Veteran Novice Draft Novice Brace Draft Brace

Oct 15 Tues am: Veteran Novice Draft Novice Brace Draft Brace

Width of Cart _____

Dog's Weight: _____

Freight Weight (ABdFC): _____

Freight Weight (NAWBA): _____

Registered Name: _____

Registry: _____

Breed if Other than Bouvier: _____

AKC Registration No.: _____

Call Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Sex: _____

Sire: _____

Dam: _____

Breeder(s): _____

Owner(s): _____

Handler: _____

Owner's Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Entry Fees \$50.00 / dog Brace \$55.00 (per team)

Monday am ABdFC: Individual Brace

Tuesday pm NAWBA: Individual Brace

Monday pm ABdFC: Individual Brace

Tuesday am NAWBA: Individual Brace

Total \$ _____ \$ _____

Payment enclosed with entry and mailed.

No entry will be accepted without a signed release form for both ABdFC and NAWBA (see following pages)

ABdFC RELEASE FORM

(Entry form must be signed to be a valid entry)

I understand that I entered my dog in this ABdFC Draft Test at my own risk. I have read the current ABdFC Carting Test Regulations and understand them. I agree to abide by the ABdFC Carting Test Regulations. (Carting test regulations are available at the ABdFC Web Site) 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.

I also 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 that accompanies me in relationship to this entry.

In consideration of the acceptance of any entry and the opportunity to participate in this event, I agree to hold harmless and indemnify the American Bouvier des Flandres Club (ABdFC) and the event giving club, their members, officers and agents, the owner and or leaser of the premises, any provider of services at this event, any employees or volunteers, and any Carting judge judging at this event from any claim, tangible or intangible, 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. 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 in this event, whether the claims are made by third parties or by myself.

In addition, 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.

Exhibitor's Signature

Date

Freight Haul Exhibitor's Stand-In Signature

Date

Freight Haul Exhibitor's Stand-In Printed Name

NAWBA RELEASE FORM

(Entry form must be signed to be a valid entry)

Please read and sign the following disclaimer as a precondition to enter any dog in a NAWBA sponsored event.

It is understood that every dog at this event will at all times be in the care and control of the dog's handler. It is further understood that the undersigned agrees to be fully responsible for the actions of his/her dog(s) while on the trial grounds. I agree to hold the North American Working Bouvier Association (NAWBA), the American Bouvier des Flandres Club (ABdFC), and their directors, officers, members, volunteers and judges HARMLESS for any loss or injury that may have allegedly been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by any act of my dog(s) while on the trial premises. I hereby assume all responsibility and liability for such claims. I further relinquish all claims and agree to hold the NABWA and the ABdFC their officers, directors, members, volunteers and judges HARMLESS for any loss or injury (including death) to myself or to my dogs which may have allegedly been caused directly or indirectly to myself or my dogs during participation in this trial.

I agree to abide by the NABWA Competitive Event Policy and Regulations and the NAWBA carting regulations.

I certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. I further certify that handler and dog entered is of sound health and condition to complete the trial including the one-mile freight haul.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

MEET THE JUDGES

Kathy Berge, Des Moines, Iowa, obtained her first Bernese Mountain Dog in 1984 and began casual draft work. She started carting in earnest with her second Bernese Mountain Dog and received a Draft Dog Title in 1996 during the infancy of the Bernese Mountain Dog drafting program.

She has titled 6 Bernese Mountain Dogs with one receiving the Grand Master Draft Dog.

Kathy has been a draft judge since 2009 and judges Bernese Mountain Dog tests all over the country. Kathy is a general practice veterinarian in Des Moines, Iowa.



Diane Basel, Pawnee, OK, I have had Bouviers since 1993 and a member of the American Bouvier des Flandres Club.

I was introduced to carting in 2020, I have met some incredible people and dogs. We have had a wonderful time at the different trials I have attended with Boss and now introducing his daughter to the sport.

Enjoyed learning about the Heritage sports and participating in each, developing that “special” bond with my dogs.

Looking forward to judging at Purina Farms in 2024.

