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# Premium List American Bouvier des Flandres Club 2016 National Specialty

**Carting Tests** 

"Permission has been granted by the ABdFC Carting Committee for the holding of these events under the ABdFC Carting Test Regulations."

Judges:
Monday, October 17, 2016
To be announced
and
Tuesday, October 18, 2016
Ruth Jayson

## Lancaster Host Hotel and Conference Center Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Entries will be accepted until Wednesday September 28, 2016 All Entries must be received by the Test Secretary by this date

These Carting Tests will be open to Bouvier des Flandres, dogs of other breeds, and mixed breed dogs, at least twenty-four months of age.

Bouvier des Flandres will be given preference at the close of entries, should entry levels be filled.

There will be a limit of 20 entries for each of these Carting Tests

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#### Entry form must be signed to be a valid entry

I understand that I enter my dog in this ABdFC Carting 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(s) that accompany 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 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.

Signature:	 		
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## Official Entry Form American Bouvier des Flandres Club Carting Test

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☐ October 17, 2016 ☐ October 18, 2016	
Entry Fee: \$35 each dog each class plus \$10 second dog of brace, Entries Close: September 28, 2016  Mail Entries To: Gayle Mitchiner  9 Long Meadow Ln  Columbia, SC 29223-6800  Make checks payable to: ABdFC  Please type or print clearly and include your telephone number and e-mail dress for notification  Novice Draft Dog	
Width of Cart	
Weight of Dog Freight Haul Weight	
Registered Name:	
Registry: Registration No	
Breed if Other than Bouvier:	
Date of Birth: Sex:	
Sire:	
Dam:	
Breeder:	
Owner:	
Handler:	
Owner's Address:	
Phone:	
e-mail:	

## American Bouvier des Flandres Club Carting Test Purpose

The Carting Tests of the American Bouvier des Flandres Club (ABdFC) are a series of exercises designed to develop and demonstrate the natural abilities of the Bouvier des Flandres in a cart-pulling environment with a handler. While working in a capacity involving hauling, the dog and handler must demonstrate teamwork skills. The Bouvier des Flandres has historically functioned as a carting dog in various capacities and the performance of these exercises is intended to demonstrate skills resulting both from natural 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. 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.

#### **Levels Offered**

Novice Draft Dog—NDD
Novice Draft Dog-Veteran—NDD-V

Draft Dog—DD Draft Dog-Veteran—DD-V

Novice Brace Draft Dog—NBDD Novice Brace Draft Dog-Veterans—NBDD-V

> Brace Draft Dog—BDD Brace Draft Dog-Veterans—BDD-V

Note: The AKC Parent Club Performance Program only recognizes the NDD, NBDD, DD and BDD titles

**Judges** 

**To be anounced** Bouvier des Flandres

**Ruth Jayson**Bouvier des Flandres

#### Schedule

Check in and Equipment Check 8:00 am
Walk Through—8:30 am
Judging will begin 10 minutes after Walk Through
Lunch will be at the judges' discretion

#### Awards

Rosette and an Etched Lantern

Note: Official ABdFC Title Certificates will be mailed by the ABdFC Carting Committee Secretary after the trial.

## **Entry Details**

- •There will be a limit of 20 entries for each of these Carting Tests.
- ·Entry fees \$35 for each single dog team and \$45 for a brace team
- ·A separate entry form must be filled out for each dog of a brace team and then stapled together. Even though two entry forms are required for each brace team, each brace team will be counted as one entry in the Carting Test entry limit. Both dogs of the brace must have earned the entered title as an individual.

#### **Close of Entries**

Entries close at 5:00pm, Eastern Daylight Time, Wednesday September 28, 2016 at the Carting Test Secretary's address, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or altered.

## Regulations

Entrants are responsible for obtaining a copy of the ABdFC Carting Test Regulations (revised as of January 1, 2015) and being familiar with them.

The ABdFC Carting Test Regulations may be downloaded from the ABdFC web site at <a href="http://bouvier.org/index.php?">http://bouvier.org/index.php?</a>
<a href="mailto:option=com\_content&view=article&">option=com\_content&view=article&</a>
<a href="mailto:id=49&Itemid=56">id=49&Itemid=56</a>
at no charge, or ordered through the ABdFC Carting Committee Chairman, Ann Schallert, 301 Day Drive, St. Louis, MO 63135-2253, 314-524-1376, ankat@ix.netcom.com

#### **Attention Exhibitors**

 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.

- Each dog or team must be handled by the same person for all exercises
- 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 conditions. Handlers must bring their own weight. Weight will be verified via scale 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.
- The two dogs of a brace team need not be owned by the same person or by the handler.
- Entered dogs must be 24 months old or older on the day of the Carting Test.
- Please make checks payable to the **ABdFC** and mail fee with entry form to the Test Secretary:

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- 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 well away from the male dogs and the official test areas.
- All unentered dogs must be kept from the main test area.
- Entrants participate in an ABdFC Carting Test at their own risk.
- Entrants agree to abide by the ABdFC Carting Test Regulations.

#### TEST SITE TERRAIN

The test will be conducted on mostly flat terrain, some grass and some pavement.

We welcome spectators at this event!

Please keep all unentered dogs away from the main test area.

Please remember to pick up after your dog(s).