



# 2026 LCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY ALL-BREED DRAFT TESTS

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## OFFICIAL PREMIUM

OPEN TO ALL AKC REGISTERED DOGS

ALL-BREED DRAFT TESTS  
**MAY 5 & 6, 2026**

Please join us in Albany, Oregon, for **two** LCA Draft Tests on **May 5 & 6, 2026**. We look forward to welcoming working teams for **two** days of partnership, skill, and celebration of the draft tradition.

The entry period opens **March 11, 2026**, and closes **April 15, 2026, 2:00 PM PDT**. After the closing date, entries will not be accepted, canceled, or altered except as permitted by the [LCA Draft Test Regulations](#).

Entries must be submitted on an official LCA Event Entry Form online or by mail at: <https://www.lca-specialty.com/>

We hope you will join us for this special event.

— LCA Show & Event Committee and Working Dog Committee



**Tuesday & Wednesday**  
May 5 & 6, 2026



**Timber Linn Memorial Park**  
900 Price Rd SE  
Albany, OR 97322



**2026 Entries Open**  
March 11, 2026



**2026 Entries Close**  
April 15, 2026, 2:00 PM PDT



**Judges**  
**Tuesday, May 5, 2026**

- Jennifer Brightbill
- Wendy Neet



**Judges**  
**Wednesday, May 6, 2026**

- Amanda Buse
- Wendy Neet



**Entry Limitations**  
20 teams per test



**All Breeds Welcome**  
The LCA Draft Test is an all-breed test.  
**Leonbergers will be given preference.**

The LCA has waived the National Draft Test Leonberger-only requirement for 2026.

## THE LCA DRAFT TEST



The LCA Draft Test evaluates the strength, trainability, and teamwork of the dog and handler. The exercises reflect traditional carting and freight work and are conducted under controlled test conditions. While not duplicating every real-world situation, they simulate practical working tasks within the limits of the test site. An ideal team demonstrates steady control, reliability in harness, responsiveness to direction, and a willing, confident attitude toward work.

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## EVENT OVERVIEW

These All-Breed Draft Tests are open to all AKC-registered dogs that meet eligibility requirements. Leonbergers will be given preference.

## DRAFT TEST JUDGES



### Tuesday, May 5, 2026

**Jennifer Brightbill** — Oregon City, Oregon

**Wendy Neet** — Snoqualmie Pass, Washington

### Wednesday, May 6, 2026

**Amanda Buse** — Yarrow Point, Washington

**Wendy Neet** — Snoqualmie Pass, Washington

## EVENT DETAILS

### DATES

**May 5 & 6, 2026**

### TIME

**8:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

*(Start time subject to change based on entry count)*

### LOCATION

**Timber Linn Memorial Park  
Picnic Shelters**

900 Price Rd SE  
Albany, OR 97322

## ENTRY SCHEDULE



### Tuesday, May 5, 2026

(Event held outdoors)

**8:00 AM** — Check-In  
& Equipment Check

**9:00 AM** — Trial Begins

Check-in at the Secretary's table will begin 30 minutes prior to the start of the test.

### Wednesday, May 6, 2026

(Event held outdoors)

**8:00 AM** — Check-In  
& Equipment Check

**8:30 AM** — Trial Begins

Check-in at the Secretary's table will begin 30 minutes prior to the start of the test.

***Start times are subject to change based on entry numbers and weather conditions.***

## ENTRY INFORMATION



### Entries Open

**March 11, 2026**



### Entries Close

**April 15, 2026, 2:00 PM PDT**



### Entry Fee

**\$48 per dog, per class**

### Entry Limit

**20 teams per test**

Leonbergers will be given preference over other breeds, with priority given to entries that have not earned titles in the class entered. Remaining slots of any unfilled classes will be filled by lottery. Entrants shall notify the Draft Test secretary if a dog has earned a title in the entered class, including if the title is earned after the entry has been submitted.

### Method of Entry

#### Preferred Method of Entry & Payment:

Online submission via the LCA National Specialty website:  
<https://www.lca-specialty.com/>

Online entries with secure payment are strongly encouraged.

Entries may also be submitted by U.S. Mail using the official [LCA Event Entry Form](#) (pages 8 and/or 9). Mailed entries must include full payment and be received by the closing date.

An entry is not complete without payment.

**Entries close on April 15, 2026, at 2:00 PM Pacific/ 5:00 PM Eastern, after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, or altered except as specifically allowed in LCA Draft Test Regulations.**

### Confirmation of Entries

All entrants will be notified by email of their entry status shortly after the closing date. The final schedule will be determined after entries close.

## ELIGIBILITY & REGULATIONS



### Eligibility

This test is open to all AKC-registered dogs that are at least 18 months of age on the date of the test.

**Leonbergers will be given entry preference.**

### Regulations

All entrants are responsible for obtaining and being familiar with the LCA Draft Program Regulations (Revised January 2024). Regulations are available via the [LCA website](#) and a copy will be available at the test site. The LCA has waved the National Draft Test Leonberger-only requirement for 2026.

## CLASSES OFFERED



- Novice Draft Dog (NDD)
- Brace Novice Draft Dog (BNDD)
- Novice Draft Dog Veteran (NDDV)
- Brace Novice Draft Dog Veteran (BNDDV)
- Open Draft Dog (ODD)
- Brace Open Draft Dog (BODD)

- Open Draft Dog Veteran (ODDV)
- Brace Open Draft Dog Veteran (BODDV)
- Draft Dog Excellent (DDE)
- Brace Draft Dog Excellent (BDDE)
- Draft Dog Excellent Veteran (DDEV)
- Brace Draft Dog Excellent Veteran (BDDEV)

## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS



### Novice Draft Dog (NDD)

For dogs that have not earned the Novice Draft Dog (NDD) title or that have earned the NDD but not the Open Draft Dog (ODD) title. All exercises except the Recall, Group Stay, Harnessing, and Hitching are performed on leash. The leash must remain visibly slack and may not be used to guide the dog. Guiding, jerking, or tight leash will result in a failing performance.

### Open Draft Dog (ODD)

For dogs that have earned the NDD or ODD title. All exercises are performed off leash.

### Brace Novice Draft Dog (BNDD)

For dogs that have individually earned an NDD or ODD title and are paired with a dog that has earned an NDD or ODD title. Exercises are the same as the Novice Draft Dog class.

### Brace Open Draft Dog (BODD)

For dogs that have individually earned an ODD title and are paired with a dog that has earned an ODD title. Exercises are the same as the Open Draft Dog class.

### Novice Draft Dog Veteran (NDDV)

For dogs at least seven (7) years of age on the date of the test that have earned the NDD or NDDV title but not the ODD or ODDV title. Exercises are the same as Novice Draft Dog.

### Open Draft Dog Veteran (ODDV)

For dogs at least seven (7) years of age on the date of the test that have earned an NDD, NDDV, ODD, or ODDV title. Exercises are the same as Open Draft Dog.

### Brace Novice Draft Dog Veteran (BNDDV)

For dogs at least seven (7) years of age that have individually earned an eligible Novice or Open title and are paired with a dog holding an NDD or ODD title. Exercises are the same as the Novice Draft Dog class.

### Brace Open Draft Dog Veteran (BODDV)

For dogs at least seven (7) years of age that have individually earned an ODD or ODDV title and are paired with a dog holding an ODD title. Exercises are the same as the Open Draft Dog class.

### Draft Dog Excellent (DDE)

For dogs that have earned the ODD or DDE title. All exercises are performed off leash.

### Brace Draft Dog Excellent (BDDE)

For dogs that have individually earned an ODD title and are paired with a dog holding an ODD title. Exercises are performed off leash.

### Draft Dog Excellent Veteran (DDEV)

The Draft Dog Excellent Veteran class shall be for dogs at least seven years old on the date of the test and who have earned an Open Draft Dog (ODD), Open Draft Dog Veteran (ODDV), or Draft Dog Excellent (DDE) title. All exercises are to be performed off leash. Dogs must be kept on leash when waiting in the ring before or after the Group Stay and when in the ring to receive awards.

### Brace Draft Dog Excellent Veteran (BDDEV)

The Brace Draft Dog Excellent Veteran (BDDEV) class shall be for dogs at least seven years old on the date of the draft test who: have earned an Open Draft Dog (ODD) or Open Draft Dog Veteran (ODDV), Brace Open Draft Dog (BODD), or Brace Open Draft Dog Veteran (BODDV); have earned either Draft Dog Excellent (DDE) or Draft Dog Excellent Veteran (DDEV) title; or may have earned their Brace Draft Dog Excellent (BDDE) title or Brace Draft Dog Excellent Veteran (BDDEV) when being paired with a dog that has earned a Draft Dog Excellent (DDE) title. All exercises are the same as those of Excellent Draft class.

**Dogs must be kept on leash when waiting in the ring before or after the group stay and while in the ring to receive awards.**

## EVENT POLICIES



### Photographs & Image Use

Volunteer photographers may capture images and video for use in LCA publications, website, and social media. By entering, exhibitors grant the Leonberger Club of America permission to use images of themselves and their dogs for promotional purposes without compensation and waive the right to review or approve such use.

### Equipment Requirements

Entrants are responsible for providing their own draft equipment and freight haul weight.

### Food and Toys

Handlers may not carry or offer food or toys during draft test exercises.

### Brace Teams

A Brace Team is considered one entry. Two entry forms (one for each dog) and one entry fee must be submitted together.

### Health

Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell. All entrants, judges, volunteers, and spectators must comply with applicable Federal, State, and local health mandates in effect at the time of the event.

### Bitches in Season

Bitches in season are permitted to compete but must do so only after the last male team has completed the test, including the Freight Haul. They must be kept in a designated area away from male dogs and official test areas. Exhibitors must notify the Test Secretary if their bitch is in season.

### Spectators

Spectators are welcome. All un-entered dogs are to be kept on a leash or crated away from the main test area.

## SAFETY

The Draft Test Committee will exercise due care for the safety and well-being of entered dogs but will not be responsible for accidents or misfortunes affecting any dog, entrant, spectator, or property.

## SITE INFORMATION



### Location Description

Timber Linn Memorial Park is a public city park in Albany, OR, offering open green spaces, mature trees, and gently rolling terrain. The park provides ample room for working teams and flexible course layout in a relaxed, park-like setting.

### Weather

This event will take place rain or shine. Shelter may be limited. Exhibitors should be prepared for varying weather conditions.

### Park Use & Courtesy

Other activities may be scheduled in the park on the same day. Unentered dogs must be kept quiet and under control, on leash, or crated away from the designated test area. Spectators are encouraged to leave unentered dogs at home. Exhibitors should bring pop-ups, shade, crates, water, fans, and other necessities. Please clean up after yourself and your dog. The park will remain open to the public during this event.

### Hospitality

Coffee and refreshments will be available on site for entrants and volunteers.

## AWARDS & DONATIONS



### Awards

- Each entrant will receive an entry favor.
- Each qualifying dog will receive a rosette.

### Donations

Donations to the LCA Working Dog Program are greatly appreciated. Donations received by April 15, 2026, will be acknowledged in the catalog.

## EMERGENCY VETERINARIAN

### River's Edge Pet Medical Center

Located in [North Albany Village](#)  
601 NW Hickory St, Albany, OR 97321  
Phone: 541-924-1700

### Hours

Monday – Friday: 7 AM–12 AM  
Saturday: 8 AM–10 PM  
Sunday: 8 AM–8 PM

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Best Western Prairie Inn is across the street from Timber Linn Park. It is a dog-friendly hotel. Call to confirm pet policies and availability. Call to reserve and mention “Leonberger Club of America Dog Shows.”

**Best Western Plus Prairie Inn** • 1100 Price Rd SE Albany, OR 97322 • 541-928-5050

## DRIVING DIRECTIONS



**From Portland:** Take I-5 South to Exit 233 (US-20 toward Lebanon). Turn right onto US-20 East and continue approximately 1/3 mile. Turn left onto Price Rd SE. The park entrance will be on your right. [Parking Info](#)

**From Eugene:** Take I-5 North to Exit 233 (US-20 toward Lebanon). Turn left onto US-20 East and continue approximately 1/3 mile. Turn left onto Price Rd SE. The park entrance will be on your right. [Parking Info](#)

**From Lebanon:** Take US-20 West toward Albany. Continue approximately 12 miles. Turn right onto Price Rd SE. The park entrance will be on your right. [Parking Info](#)



## REGISTRATION

**Entries Close**

Entries must be received by  
**April 15, 2026, 2:00 PM Pacific/  
5:00 PM Eastern**

**Method of Entry****Preferred Method of Entry & Payment:**

Online submission via the LCA National Specialty website:

<https://www.lca-specialty.com/>

Online entries with secure payment are strongly encouraged.

Entries may also be submitted to the draft test secretary by U.S. Mail using the official LCA Event Entry Form. Mailed entries must include full payment and be received by closing date.

An entry is not complete without payment.

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**Parking at Timber Linn Park**

**Day Use Parking:** Free

**Overnight Parking [dry]:** \$25

Overnight parking is allowed with a permit. **Prepaid permits only - not available on site.**

**Before closing:** Permit payment may be made online via the LCA National Specialty Website.

**After Closing:** contact LCA Draft Test Secretary.

**Entry Limit**

Entry is limited to **20 teams per test day.**

Leonbergers will always be given preference over other breeds, with priority given to entries that have not earned titles in the class entered. The remaining slots of any unfilled classes will be filled by lottery. Entrants shall notify the Draft Test secretary if a dog has earned a title in the entered class, including if the title is earned after the entry has been submitted.

**Entry Fee**

**Entry Fee: \$48 per dog, per class**

Use a separate entry form for each dog or team.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Entrants are responsible for providing their own draft equipment and Freight Haul weight and for obtaining and being familiar with the LCA Draft Test Regulations, available on the LCA website at:

<https://leonbergerclubofamerica.com/our-dogs/working-dog-program/draft/>

**Brace Teams**

A Brace Team is considered one entry. A single envelope must contain **two completed entry forms (one per dog) and one entry fee.**



## 2026 LCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

# ALL-BREED DRAFT TEST ENTRY FORM

### TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 & 6, 2026

Timber Linn Memorial Park | 900 Price Rd SE | Albany, OR 97322

## ALL-BREED DRAFT TEST ENTRY FORM

**ENTRY FEE:** \$48 USD per dog, per class

**ENTRIES CLOSE:** Entries must be received by **April 15, 2026**. After the closing date, entries may not be accepted, canceled, or altered except as permitted by the LCA Draft Test Regulations.

**METHOD OF ENTRY: Preferred:** Online entry & payment at <https://www.lca-specialty.com/>  
Mail entries accepted (see below). Payment required with all entries.

### MAILING INSTRUCTIONS (If Entering by Mail):

Send completed Entry Form(s) and payment to: LCA Draft Test Secretary

**Lise Brandhagen, 1020 Laforest Dr SE, North Bend, WA 98045**

**Make checks payable to: Leonberger Club of America**

**Please type or print clearly. Incomplete or illegible forms may be rejected. Use one Entry Form per dog, per class entered.**

Dog Registered Name:				
Call Name:		Breed:		
Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	If female, will she be in season on test day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No		Test Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Tues., May 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Wed., May 6
Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YY)      /      /		AKC Reg #:		
Draft Test Class (Check one):	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice DD	<input type="checkbox"/> Brace Novice DD**	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice DD Veteran	<input type="checkbox"/> Brace Novice DD Veteran**
	<input type="checkbox"/> Open DD	<input type="checkbox"/> Brace Open DD**	<input type="checkbox"/> Open DD Veteran	<input type="checkbox"/> Brace Open DD Veteran**
	<input type="checkbox"/> DD Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Brace DD Excellent**	<input type="checkbox"/> DD Excellent Veteran	<input type="checkbox"/> Brace DD Excellent Veteran**
Breeder Name(s):				
Sire:				
Dam:				
Registered Owner(s):				
Owner Address:				
City:		State:	Zip:	
Phone: (      )      -		Email:		
Name of Owner's Agent/Handler (if any) at the Test:				
Important Notes: * <b>Bitches in Season:</b> Bitches in season are permitted to compete only after the last male team has completed the test, including the freight haul. Bitches in season must be kept in a designated area away from male dogs and official test areas. Please notify the Test Secretary if your bitch will be in season. ** <b>Brace Entries:</b> A Brace Team is considered one entry. Two Entry Forms (one for each dog) and <b>one entry fee</b> must be submitted together in a single envelope. Use the separate <b>"Second Dog in Brace Entry"</b> form for the second dog.				
I (We) acknowledge that the <b>LCA Draft Test Regulations</b> have been made available to me (us), that I am (we are) familiar with their contents, and that I (we) agree to abide by these regulations at this <b>LCA Draft Test</b> . I (We) understand that I (we) enter a dog at this <b>LCA Draft Test</b> at my (our) own risk. I (We) agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the <b>Leonberger Club of America, American Kennel Club</b> , and any additional rules appearing in this premium list.				
Signature:		Date:		
Signature:		Date:		



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Timber Linn Memorial Park | 900 Price Rd SE | Albany, OR 97322

**USE ONLY FOR SECOND DOG IN BRACE ENTRY**

**ENTRY FEE:** \$48 USD per dog, per class

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**Please type or print clearly. Incomplete or illegible forms may be rejected. Use one Entry Form per dog, per class entered.**

Dog Registered Name:				
Call Name:		Breed:		
Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	If female, will she be in season on test day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No		Test Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Tues., May 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Wed., May 6	
Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YY) / /		AKC Reg #:		
Draft Test Class (Check one):	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice DD	<input type="checkbox"/> Brace Novice DD**	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice DD Veteran	<input type="checkbox"/> Brace Novice DD Veteran**
	<input type="checkbox"/> Open DD	<input type="checkbox"/> Brace Open DD**	<input type="checkbox"/> Open DD Veteran	<input type="checkbox"/> Brace Open DD Veteran**
	<input type="checkbox"/> DD Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Brace DD Excellent**	<input type="checkbox"/> DD Excellent Veteran	<input type="checkbox"/> Brace DD Excellent Veteran**
Breeder Name(s):				
Sire:				
Dam:				
Registered Owner(s):				
Owner Address:				
City:		State:	Zip:	
Phone: ( ) -		Email:		
Name of Owner's Agent/Handler (if any) at the Test:				
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Signature:				Date:
Signature:				Date: