



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

— NEWSLETTER OF THE BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF THE ROCKIES —

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**Next Meeting:
Sun, March 25**

**Board Meeting -
11:30 AM**

**General Meeting -
1:00 PM**

**At Laura and Al's house
(for directions see bottom of page 2)**



They Shoot Dogs, Don't They?

by Ron Abbott

I have always transported my Bernese Mountain Dogs in a manner different from most members of our club. I have owned only small sedans, securing my dogs in the back seat by means of safety harnesses attached to the buckles normally used for human seat belts. Harnesses confine the dogs to the rear seat with some freedom of movement, and (hopefully) prevent them from being ejected in the event of an accident. Seen from outside, though, my Berners appear to be entirely free inside the car. Thus, reading an article in the March, 2006 *Alpenhorn* by Nancy Malone (p.11) gave me a shock - it had never occurred to me that, if I were involved in an accident with my Berners in the car, my beloved guys might survive the accident only to be shot dead by police who regard them to be a threat during my rescue!

I decided to conduct an unscientific poll of the following police departments along the Front Range to gauge the possibility of this ever happening: Colorado State Patrol, Greeley, Fort Collins, Loveland, Denver, Aurora, Lakewood, Broomfield, Boulder, Colorado Springs and Pueblo. I spoke with one or two persons in each of those departments, ranging from experienced civilian dispatchers and an administrative assistant to police officers involved in community relations and traffic division. My specific question was: "What is your department's policy for handling a large dog loose inside a vehicle involved in an accident in which the human occupants have been seriously injured and/or rendered unconscious?" I would then follow up with the pointed question: "Would you ever shoot the dog?"

Most respondents provided thoughtful, concerned answers, only two seeming annoyed by my inquiry. All the polled departments deal with dogs under the conditions I specified by means of loose, unwritten procedures involving humane removal from the vehicle, usually by trained animal control personnel, followed by transport to a local humane society or pound, or possibly a veterinarian. In all departments, though, wide discretion is left to the officer on scene, and an extreme situation could be imagined by almost all respondents in which a dog appearing aggressive and a threat to emergency personnel would be shot and killed. The good news:



Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies

Officers

President Valerie Horney
Vice President Lou Tucker
Treasurer Sara Karl
Secretary Sharon Keefer

Directors

Gail Brooks
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Ann Rutherford
Elaine Witulski
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Meetings

Unless members are otherwise notified, meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of January, March, May, July, September and November at Laura and Al's house at 5614 S. Ivy Ct. in Greenwood Village. Board Meetings start at 11:30 AM and the General Meetings start at 1 PM. From I-25 North or South, exit on Orchard Rd. Go west about one mile and turn right onto E. Orchard Drive. Take the third right onto S. Ivy St. which turns into S. Ivy Ct. 5614 S. Ivy Ct. is the tan house at the end of the street.

no respondent could recall such a situation ever having arisen in their department during their tenure. Ask yourself these questions...Is my dog normally territorial or protective of me toward strangers? If I have an auto accident and my assertive dog is in the car, could I expect the dog to react any differently toward emergency personnel? If my dog is normally sweet and loving toward strangers, how might my dog react toward emergency personnel if injured or terrified from an auto accident? In the event of an accident, might responding emergency personnel then misinterpret my dog's behavior, and what might they do if faced with the imperative of rescuing me with my dog

loose in the vehicle? The lesson which Berner owners should derive from this is: crate your dog as often as possible in the car, even if you're just going to Pet Smart! Much as with seat belts for human passengers, crating could prevent unforeseen tragedy for the Berner you love in the event of an automobile accident during that five-minute trip.



BMDCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY MONDAY, MAY 7, 2007 LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Jerold Bell DVM

A Practical Genetic Overview of the Bernese Mountain Dog

Matthew Breen PhD

Malignant Histiocytosis in Bernese Mountain Dog

Elaine Ostrander PhD

Bernese at the National Institutes of Health

ESSENTIAL EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes - October 1, 2006

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES November 19, 2006

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board was called to order at 11:15 on Nov. 19, 2007

PRESENT:

Laura Haupenthal, Valerie Horney, Sara Karl, Phil Shaffer, Gayle Brooks, Nadja Torling, Elaine Witulski and Lou Tucker.

Absent : Sharon Keefer

Approval of Minutes: Laura moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting as published in the November/December 2006 newsletter. Lou seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President's Report : No report

Secretary's Report : No report

Treasurer's Report : Sara reported that the club has positive balances in the checking, rescue and savings accounts.

She also reported that the information phone line has been canceled.

Unfinished Business : AKC approval

Sara reported that she is continuing to make changes on the last set of by-laws submitted to AKC. When completed the final changes will be published in the newsletter.

Awards Banquet : Nadja reported that the banquet information was published in the Nov/Dec newsletter. The banquet will be held at Le Central in Denver Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007 11:30 - 2:00. Please RSVP to Nadja by Jan. 12. Cost is \$25.00 per person.

Kathy Roth Award : Have nominations in to Nadja for the Kathy Roth award by Dec. 31. Several nominations have already been received.

Draft Test : The spring draft test has been approved and will be held March 31, 2007 at Chatfield Reservoir. Sharon Keefer is draft chair and Vicky Hall - secretary. Judges are Jim Maxwell and Linda Thomas.

New Business : Valerie brought up the subject of having T-shirts made for the 2007 regional specialty and have them available to be sold at the National in May. Subject deferred to general meeting.

National Specialty Catalog : Lou has been contacted through the RCC by Sandra Novocin of a special section in the National Specialty 2007 catalog for regional clubs. It will be a free ad, more information will be coming in the planning booklet coming out in January. Gayle moved, Elaine seconded motion that we submit an ad for the catalog. Motion carried.

RCC : Lou was contacted regarding the policy that is currently being reviewed regarding the timing and spacing of regional specialties across the country. Briefly, there are 2 options being discussed - 1) The BMDCA would not approve any regional specialty whose dates fall on the same show weekend as an approved regional specialty.

2) The BMDCA will not approve any regional specialty whose location is within 1000 miles of an AKC licensed regional clubs

specialty.

After discussion of both options it was the BMDCR board's decision to go with neither option but rather use the zone concept that was developed several years back and have only 1 specialty in a zone. Lou will report back to the RCC.

Lou was also given the task of posting to the RCC list, the question of guidelines on breeder referral and how other clubs are managing their breeder referral program.

Rescue : There have been no rescue dogs in the program recently.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20

Minutes submitted by: Lou Tucker

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES November 19, 2006

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 1:20 p.m.

Present : 18 voting members, 8 guests.

Approval of minutes : Nadja Torling moved to approve the minutes of the October 1 meeting be approved as published in the Nov/Dec newsletter. Dottie Schulte seconded the motion. Motion carried

Presidents Report : No report

Secretary's Report : No report

Treasures Report : Sara Karl reported that are positive balances in all of the accounts.

Committee Reports :

AKC : Sara reported that there are 5 changes to be approved pending approval by the AKC. The new revisions will be published in the newsletter.

Regional Specialty - 2007

Dottie Schulte is show chair, Ron Abbott - obedience chair, Sara Karl - trophy chair, Phil Shaffer - chief ring steward.

A draft test is being considered for the Thursday before the specialty. Ron Abbott offered to be draft chair, secretary - open. More details to be discussed at the Jan. meeting

The idea of having a T-shirt made for the specialty was discussed. More information will be available at the Jan. meeting.

Newsletter : The newsletter editor's are still in need of help in getting articles and pictures together. Also the co-editor's job is open. Contact Dottie or Nadja if interested.

Awards Banquet : The Awards Banquet will be held Jan. at Le Central in Denver, Sunday Jan. 28th 2007. Have reservations to Nadja Torling by Jan 12. Kathy Roth award: Have nominations to Nadja by Dec. 31.

Election of new members. The applicants are Troy & Patti Arnold, Kelley Matthews, Kenneth Morgan, Mona Fiuzat, David Hopper, Terry & Randi Jarrett for sustaining membership. A secret ballot was cast and all members were voted into membership.

Election of new officers and board members : President - Valerie Horney, Treasurer - Sara Karl, Board member - Ann Rutherford, Board Member - Elaine Witulski . A secret ballot was cast and was unanimous.

New Business :

Spring draft test - A motion was made by Phil Shaffer to hold a spring draft Sat. March 31, 2007 at Chatfield reservoir . The entry fee would be raised \$5.00 March 14 is the closing date. Sara Karl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sharon Keefer is draft chair, Vicki Hall - secretary.

Membership directory : Sara Karl moved that the membership directory be made available via e-mail as an option to members Laura Hauptenthal seconded the motion. Discussion - the directory would only be available on the members only page of the website. Vote : 17 for, 1 opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting clarification : The board and general membership meetings will be held the 4th Sunday of odd numbered months. Board meeting and 11:30 and general meeting at 1:00 unless otherwise notified via the newsletter.

Breeder referral and By-Laws committee. Members are needed to serve on these 2 committee's to bring the procedures up to date. Stacy Temples, Sara Karl and Phil Shafer volunteered for Breeder Referral. Anne Rutherford, Valerie Horney and Sara Karl volunteered for the by-laws committee.

Library Report : Christine Mann has the 2006 National Specialty DVD available. If you would like to check it out contact Chris.

National Specialty Catalog : Lou Tucker has been contacted through the RCC by Sandra Novocin that there will be a special section in the 2007 National catalog for regional clubs It will be a free ad and a nice way to showcase our local club. Phil Shaffer moved that we submit an ad. Discussion - it was suggested that we try and use our veterans picture from several years ago along with a few other photos to make a fun page. Dottie Schulte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Minutes submitted by : Lou Tucker

Following the meeting a very informative talk was given by Lisa Knowles, M.S. of A-Plaws Animal and Behavior and Training Consulting.

BMDCR Sponsored Program

Ever stared into your pet's eyes and wonder what they are thinking? Or what they would think if you brought a new brother or sister home to them?

If so, come to visit with animal communicator Linda Thomas at a BMDCR sponsored program to get a better understanding of what is on your pet's mind.

Sunday April 1, 2007

Educational Program 10 AM—11:30 AM

Consultations starting at noon

Program: \$10

Consultations: 15 minutes: \$40
30 minutes: \$55

Consultations must be scheduled and both program and consultations must be prepaid. They may be done either in person or per telephone. Your pet does not need to be present. Contact Valerie Horney (303) 903-5685 to register for the program and to arrange for a consult time. Deadline for both is March 14th.

*to learn more about Linda prior to the program visit her website ispeakanimal.com.

BMDCA Draft Test Hosted by the BMDCR Saturday, March 31, 2007

Chatfield State Park, Littleton Colorado.
Closing date: 3/14/07.

Judges:

Linda Thomas and Jim Maxwell.

Draft Chairperson:

Sharon Keefer

(joyfulBMD@comcast.net)

Draft Secretary:

Vicky Hall

(ravhall@aol.com).

2006 Titles

Congratulations to the following dogs and owners who earned titles in 2006. Your persistence and dedication is recognized and your relationship that you have developed with your dogs as you worked towards these accomplishments is honored.

Wagontale Oberland Bergsteiger "Steiger" owned by Ron Abbott and Stacy Temples
COMPANION DOG 1/16/2006

Wagontale's Lilla Labolina "Lina" owned by Nadja Torling, Ryan Johnson and Stacy Temples
RALLY NOVICE 2/17/06

CH Davieau Denver's Lil Bronco CD "Bronco" owned by Patti Morgan
RALLY NOVICE 2/19/06
NOVICE DRAFT DOG 4/22/06
NEW BMDCA VERSATILITY DOG

Wagontale's Lady of the Lake "Legend" owned by Pam and Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples
RALLY ADVANCED 2/19/06
RALLY EXCELLENT 7/22/06
NOVICE DRAFT DOG 10/14/06

Wagontale's IceWind Wizard CGC "Mage" owned by Stacy Temples and Doug and Kathy Hedman
CHAMPION 3/3/06

Wagontale's Nordic Last Call "Beamish" owned by Brenda Saunders and Stacy Temples
RALLY NOVICE 3/18/06

CanCh Clearfire's Dial My Number "Freedom" honorary Berner owned by Valerie Horney
CHAMPION 4/7/06
NOVICE DRAFT DOG 10/14/06

Wagontale Henry's Happy Hour RN "Henry" owned by Nadja Torling and Ryan Johnson
NOVICE DRAFT DOG 4/22/06
RALLY ADVANCED 9/9/06

Blue Moon's Unsinkable Molly B "Molly" owned by Mimi Hobbs
NOVICE DRAFT DOG 4/22/06

CH Wagontale's Champagne on Ice NA "Piper" owned by Kathy Gray and Stacy Temples
NOVICE AGILITY JUMPERS PREFERRED 3/26/06
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NOVICE AGILITY JUMPERS 3/26/06

Wagontale's Looking Up "Sky" owned by Robin Windlinger and Stacy Temples
NOVICE AGILITY JUMPERS PREFERRED 3/26/06
RALLY NOVICE 9/23/06

CH Tiptop's Night Muzik CD "Mozart" owned by Dottie Schulte
RALLY NOVICE 5/2006
NOVICE DRAFT DOG 5/27/2006
NEW BMDCA VERSATILITY DOG

Wagontale's Karina "Hannah" owned by Kathy LaPine and Stacy Temples
RALLY NOVICE 5/6/06
NOVICE DRAFT DOG 10/14/06

2006 Titles

Summit's Joy of the Rockies "Rocky" owned by Matt and Robin Hall
COMPANION DOG 6/03/06

Ch Valentine's Built to Last v Bev's "Jed" owned by Rae Valentine
COMPANION DOG 6/6/06

Mountainairs Did You Miss Me "Missy" owned by Darcy Babb
CHAMPION 6/06

Wagontale's OverTheTop "Riley" owned by Karen Jacobs and Stacy Temples
RALLY NOVICE 6/06

Kinvarra's Island Girl "Isla" owned by Pat and Neal Hughes
CHAMPION 8/20/06

Wagontale's Inkantation "Inka" owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell
CHAMPION 8/26/06

Lorien Dell's York Peppermint Patty owned by Elaine Sheridan, George and Lynn Wood
CHAMPION 9/9/06

Wagontale's Kween of Hearts, Ruby Tuesday "Ruby" owned by Vicki and Chuck Chesser
CANINE GOOD CITIZEN 9/06

Mountainair's Echoing Thunder "Thunder" owned by Darcy Babb, Bob and Lisa Hanks
CHAMPION 9/24/06

CH Blumoon Journey to Chimolola "Chimo" owned by Jeanne Stanwood and Christine Mann
NOVICE BRACE DRAFT DOG 10/14/06

CH Wagontales Great Grey Wizard RN "Gandalf" owned by Pam and Barry Solomon
NOVICE DRAFT DOG 10/14/06

CH Blumoon's Mission Control "Houston" owned by Michael and Christine Mann
NOVICE DRAFT DOG 10/14/06

Alderfer Baran Am Davieau "Baran" owned by Patti Morgan and Cathy Davis
CHAMPION 11/12/06

CH Spring's Sandia "Sandy" owned by Nancy Fusilier
COMPANION DOG 12/12/06

CH Nashems Dreamboat of Sapphire "Annie" owned by Sara Karl
COMPANION DOG 12/12/06

Schneehund's Keystone Trailmap "Atlas" owned by Robin and Matt Hall
COMPANION DOG 12/12/06

CH Sapphires Rhinestone April "April" owned by Patti Morgan
COMPANION DOG 12/12/06

Wagontale's Magical Morgan "Morgan" owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell
CHAMPION 12/8/06

Wagontale's Norsk Uller "Uli" owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell
CHAMPION 12/07/06

Ch Wagontale's Bettydazzled CD, NDD, CGC HIC owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell
TOP PRODUCER OF CHAMPIONS

SHOW REPORT by Valerie Horney

Southern Coloado Kennel Club

November 11 & 12, 2006

WD Keilissa's Cool Love V Racliff, owned by Tracey Hyatt and Melissa Ruchak
RWD Alderfer Baran Am Davieau "Baran", owned by Patti Morgan & Cathy Davis
WB/BW/BB Lorien Dells Puffins Rainbow Connection, "Rainbow", George & Lynn Wood, Sara Karl
RWB Prairiefire's Hat Trick "Milan", owned by Sharon Johnson
OS CH Ebnet's Hired Gun from Zanzebern "Marshall", owned by Valerie Horney and Lisa Ebnet
Qualifying Scores Novice B:
CH Spring's Sandia, "Sandy", owned by Nancy Fuslier, 184.0
CH Nashems Dreamboat of Sapphire, "Annie" owned by Sara Karl, 184.0

WD/BW/OS Alderfer Baran Am Davieau "Baran", owned by Patti Morgan & Cathy Davis

NEW CHAMPION

RWD Prairiefire's Mastermind, "Gladly", owned by Sharon Johnson, Karen Treece and Reno Pelletier
WB/BW/BB Lorien Dells Puffins Rainbow Connection, "Rainbow", George & Lynn Wood, Sara Karl
RWB Prairiefire's Mind Your Manners, "Macy", owned by Sharon Johnson & Bob & Becky Shuris

Qualifying Scores and NEW COMPANION DOGS:

CH Spring's Sandia, "Sandy",
owned by Nancy Fuslier, 178.0

CH Nashems Dreamboat of Sapphire, "Annie",
owned by Sara Karl, 177.0

Schneehund's Keystone Trailmap, "Atlas",
owned by Robin & Matt Hall, 173.5

CH Sapphires Rhinestone April, "April",
owned by Patti Morgan 175.0



Panhandle Kennel Club of Texas

December 7 & 8, 2006

WD/OS Wagontale's Norsk Uller "Uli" owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell

NEW CHAMPION

RWD Sandpiper Augustus Wagontale, owned by Stacy Temples & Seth and Hope Mukai
WB/BW Wagontale's Magical Morgan, "Morgan", owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell
RWB Wagontale's Pachelbelle Canon, "Canon", owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell
BB CH L-Sins Thin Blue Line, "Mona", owned by Sindi Leo & Anne Dailey

WD/BW/OS Sandpiper Augustus Wagontale, owned by Stacy Temples & Seth and Hope Mukai
WB/BW Wagontale's Magical Morgan, "Morgan", owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell
NEW CHAMPION

RWB Wagontale's Pachelbelle Canon, "Canon", owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell
BB CH L-Sins Thin Blue Line, "Mona", owned by Sindi Leo & Anne Dailey

Clovis Portales Kennel Club

December 9 & 10, 2006

BB CH L-Sins Thin Blue Line, "Mona", owned by Sindi Leo & Anne Dailey
BB CH L-Sins Thin Blue Line, "Mona", owned by Sindi Leo & Anne Dailey

BMDCR Membership Column - January/February 2007

Stacy Temples

Happy New Year! Now is no longer the time to renew your membership. Things have changed with our new by-laws so your renewal will not be due until May. Hope that you and your family have stayed safe and warm during the Holiday blizzard of 2006.

Please welcome our new Sustaining members.

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New Applicants for Sustaining Membership
This month we have one new applicant who would like to become club member.

Candice Munsinger
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Englewood, CO 80111.
Ph.# (720) 339-9622
E-mail <crand@interfold.com>

Candice adopted Poppy a Rescue dog from the HOBO organization about 6 years ago and she thinks Poppy is about 8 1/2 to 9 years old. She wants to join because she loves Berners and she is interested in

Health Issues. She spoke with Phil Shaffer years ago and she can help with specific events. She says her dog trains her and in the past she also owned a Havanese.



BMDCR Sponsored Eye Clinic and Heartworm Testing Saturday, February 24

The Veterinary Eye Clinic
7630 39th Street
Wheat Ridge, Colorado

Appointments from 8 AM to 12 Noon
Contact Nancy Fuselier DVM for appointments (719) 531-7366
by Friday, Feb 23

Your dogs eyes will be dilated for the exam so allow 45 minutes for the entire visit. Please bring your dogs AKC registration number and microchip or tattoo number to complete the forms for CERF.

Eye exam \$22.00
Heartworm testing \$20
(yearly tests are recommended for Colorado,
you will be given the results to take to your veterinarian)

Directions:

From the south: take I-25 to exit 209 AB (6th Avenue). Go west on 6th Avenue about 3 miles to Wadsworth. North on Wadsworth to 39th Avenue. Left on 39th Avenue.

From the north: I-25 to I-70. West on I-70 to Wadsworth. South on Wadsworth to 39th, turn right onto 39th.



In Memoriam



Woodmoors Oberon von Bergtal - "Obie"
September 28, 1995 - November 18, 2006

Euthanized eight months post-diagnosis due to complications from grade 2 mast cell cancer.

When we meet again, may it be on the alpine. There, the end of one season means only the beginning of another, the rhythm of life is ancient and eternal, and in its pulsing leaves no room for regret. There, autumn is but an eloquent eulogy for summer. Winter, too, melts away, and in its passing brings the promise of another spring.

Go, find Barry! Find the path, my good friend, my happy field dog!

*Ch Spring's Lone Ranger CDX, CGC, DD, UKC-CDX, ASCA-CDX,
BMDCA Versatility Award*
11/07/1996 - 11/18/2006, owned by Nancy Fuselier

Ranger was a great working dog and we had fun learning obedience together. He finished his championship and earned a leg on his CDX all in one weekend. He earned with NDD and DD in one month. While training for the utility ring, he earned an ASCA CDX and a UKC CDX taking several high in trial awards. We made it into the utility ring but his health failed before we could earn the title. On Saturday November 18, 2006 he lost his battle with protein losing enteropathy. He is deeply missed at our house.



*Ch. Wagontales Great Grey Wizard,
CGC, RN, NDD*
January 23, 2001 - November 6th 2006.

"There was so much more we could have done together, but there was nothing that we missed."

Spring's Nicka Nadia CGC, Am/Can CD, DD, RND
11/07/1995 - 12/3/2006, owned by Nancy Fuselier and Mary Bugg

Mary and Nadia grew up together. Mary was the training weight in the cart while Nadia was learning carting. Nadia learned jumping and retrieving while Mary coached from the sidelines. Nadia and Mary made a great team in the veterans class. Mary learned how to show a dog from Nadia. Nadia was there at Mary's soccer games, cheering her on. Mary lost her big sister, best friend and mentor.

Nadia had a wonderful pain free year after being diagnosed with Lymphoma. She responded to chemotherapy and was in remission for twelve months. Mary showed her at the Regional Specialty in Greeley, Colorado in September. In November she went out of remission. The chemotherapy, cold therapy, and arthritis was too much for her. She collapsed and was euthanized on December 3, 2006. We miss Mary's big sister around the house.



Dog Rules:

1. Dogs are never permitted in the house. The dog stays outside in a specially built wooden compartment named, for very good reason, the doghouse.
2. Okay, the dog can enter the house but only for short visits or if his own house is under renovation.
3. Okay, the dog can stay in the house on a permanent basis provided his dog house can be sold in a yard sale to a rookie dog owner.
4. Inside the house, the dog is not allowed to run free and is confined to a comfortable but secure metal cage.
5. Okay, the cage becomes part of a two-for-one deal along with the dog house in the yard sale and the dog can go wherever the hell he pleases.
6. The dog is never allowed on the furniture.
7. Okay, the dog can get on the old furniture but not the new furniture.
8. Okay, the dog can get up on the new furniture until it looks like the old furniture and then we'll sell the whole damn works and buy new furniture upon which the dog will most definitely not be allowed.
9. The dog never sleeps on the bed.
10. Okay, the dog can sleep at the foot of the bed.
11. Okay, the dog can sleep alongside you but he's not allowed under the covers.
12. Okay, he can sleep under the covers but no head on the pillow.
13. Okay, the dog can sleep alongside you under the covers with his head on the pillow but if he snores he's got to leave the room.
14. Okay, the dog can sleep and snore and have nightmares in bed but he's not to come in and sleep on the couch in the TV room where I'm now sleeping. That's just not fair.
15. The dog never gets listed on the census questionnaire as "primary resident" even if it's true.

BMDCR Club Information

Meetings

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies holds regular meetings on the fourth Sunday of January, March, May, July, September and November, unless members are otherwise notified. The board meetings take place at 11:30 followed by the general meeting at 1:00 followed by the program at 2:00 if scheduled. Location of meetings will be announced each newsletter. In the even-numbered months we will offer a club activity that includes dogs, e.g. the Bernerfiesta, Berner hike, draft clinic, herding instinct certification test, Berner Noel, etc. The starting times and locations of these events will vary, depending on the activity.

Newsletter/Subscriptions

We welcome articles written by members on any topic of interest to Berner fanciers. We also reprint uncopyrighted articles from other publications such as the Alpenhorn, other regional club newsletters, the AKC Gazette, and other dog club newsletters as space permits. Newsletter subscriptions are available to non-members for \$25.00 per year. Checks should be made payable to BMDCR and sent to Stacy Temples, PO Box 2490, Ft. Collins, CO 80522-2490. Club members' name and/or mailing address changes should also be submitted to Stacy.

Litter Box Policy

BMDCR voting members who have paid the annual \$5.00 Breeder Referral Service fee will be entitled to free Litter Box advertising (for one or more litters) for the entire calendar year. Sustaining members may participate in the BR program if they are sponsored by 2 voting members who also have paid the Breeder Referral fee.

Rules for Listing a Litter

Litter must come from a member breeder or stud owner in good standing with the BMDCR who has paid the designated fee. The litter must be registrable with the AKC. Litter parents must have had hips and elbows x-rayed and submitted to the OFA, GDC, OVC or other recognized registry. Dams must be over 18 months of age. Litter owner must provide a 4-generation pedigree to buyers. Puppies must be sold with a health guarantee subject to veterinary exam within 48 hours of sale. Litter owner must have a complete entry in Berner-Garde by the time the litter is 12 months old. All ads must be limited to the following information: Sire, Dam, Whelping Date, and Breeder's name, address, and telephone number. In addition, "The only acceptable reference to joint conformation in Litter Box announcements are GDC, OFA, OVC numbers for hips and elbows, including the letter rating and age in months at evaluation.

Classified Advertising/Display Advertising

The BMDCR newsletter accepts classified ads. This is the perfect opportunity to get rid of that used dog equipment cluttering up your garage, publicize dog-related services, or sell Berner arts and crafts items. Classified advertising should be sent to the newsletter editor. There will be a charge of 10 cents per word. A check for the required amount, payable to BMDCR, should be included with your ad copy. Display advertising will be handled by the editor. All display ads should be sent directly to the editor. Rates are as follows: Full Page: \$25, Half Page: \$15 (these include use of one photo; additional photos will cost \$10 each). 1/4 Page: \$10, Business Card: \$5 (these are no-photo ads). Camera ready ads subtract 25%. Include a check payable to BMDCR with your ad copy.

Submission Deadlines for Publication

The BMDCR newsletter is published bi-monthly. All articles, reports, and ads must be received by the editor as follows: the 20th day of February, April, June, August and December for the next months issue.