



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

Next Meeting:

Awards Banquet!

**Sunday, January 25
11 AM**

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.

Canine Ear Infections

Inflammation of the external ear canal (otitis externa) is one of the most common problems that pet owners seek care for by their veterinarians. The external ear canal is the area from the external ear (external opening to the canal) to the tympanic membrane (ear drum). Some dogs, particularly those with large, long or hairy ears, those who live in humid environments, or those who love to swim or bathe, are more prone to ear infections. But all dogs are susceptible to ear infections. Otitis externa is often the result of a bacterial, yeast or mite infection. Sometimes there are underlying diseases and causes and, when not treated, can delay or prevent healing. Causes and diseases of otitis externa can include:

The best treatment for ear infections is to prevent them with proper ear care for the dog.

- Allergies to the environment or food
- Hormonal diseases such as low thyroid or adrenal gland dysfunction
- Abnormal ear conformation/hair such as pets with narrow ear canals, long ear flaps, or hair growing in canals may increase moisture and wax buildup.
- Masses in the ear to include tumors or polyps which can obstruct the canal.
- Foreign objects in the ear such as dried clumps of wax, grass, or other objects that may irritate the ear canal.

The clinical signs that your pet may have an ear infection are:

- Shaking the head or scratching the ears
- Abnormal odor from ears
- Redness, swelling or drainage of the inside of the ear

Otitis externa is diagnosed by an external examination of the ear and canal. It is best to be done using an otoscope (an instrument to view the deeper regions of the ear) to examine the canal and ear drum. If the infection is more severe your pet may have too much discomfort for an adequate exam
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Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies

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Membership Applications

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and may need to be sedated. A veterinarian will also look at the appearance of the substance build-up in the canal. Yeast infections commonly produce a yellow-tan, thick substance and bacterial infections commonly produce a brownish-black thin substance. However looks can be deceiving and it is best for a microscopic examination to be done to identify the causative organism.

Treatment is based on the character of the disease-yeast, bacterial or mite. Uncomplicated cases are usually treated with antibiotic, antifungal, anti-inflammatory or anti-parasitic medications that are applied directly to the ear canal. Many cases require a combination of medication.

The best treatment for ear infections is to prevent them with proper ear care for the dog. Dogs with a history of ear disease or if they have any factors that would predispose them to ear infections should have routine cleaning of the canal. Plucking all hair that grows in the canal can be helpful as hair impedes air flow into the canal that tends to keep the canal dry. Common household tweezers or forceps work well and usually are well tolerated by the dog. Be careful not to grasp the skin of the canal. Flushing the ear canals with a commercial ear cleaner is also beneficial. These products can be found at most veterinarian clinics or pet shops. After flushing, gently massage the base of the ears to distribute the solution around the normal ear folds. Most ear cleaners have several functions. They not only clean the ear canal but also have an agent for liquefying exudate, drying the ear canal, and changing the pH (acidity) in the canals. Most microorganisms prefer an environment that is alkaline; therefore, most ear preparations have an acid base. Frequency of treatment will vary among individual dogs, but once a week during the warm months is a good rule of thumb. Also, any time your dog is bathed or enters the water, an ear cleaning solution should be administered immediately afterward. This preventative is similar to what humans do to ward off "swimmer's ear." It is not wise to use cotton tip applicators in the ear canal. This can be quite painful to the dog. Good preventative ear care can eliminate needless trips to your veterinarian and save a lot of discomfort for your dog. Watch your dog carefully for signs of an ear infection. If you determine there is a problem with your pet's ears, don't wait. Let your veterinarian do a thorough examination and direct specific treatment before the problem worsens.

- Senior Moments -

We just celebrated a very special occasion here at Wagontale Bernese. Our Belle (Wagontale's First Noel) was 12 years old this past Christmas Eve morning! She is our sweet and sassy very special grandma. She is mom to 12, grandmom to 23, and great grandmom to 19. Belle is the only girl and now only living puppy from Maia's first litter (CH Dallybecks Maia V Wilderness CD, NDD) and Elke Adair's German import Willy (CH Samuel Vom Steinhof). Her brother Dash lived in California with the Zaayers and Klaus was here in Morrison with the Rutherfords. As a young puppy she was curious and into everything. I remember her climbing inside the dishwasher one day, just to look around. We used to say she was going to win the "NoBelle prize" because she was such a busy little girl. She was also a little sweetheart, because as wild and gentle as she could be, she was super gentle with the baby puppies that followed. One day I looked outside to see Belle at six months of age had figured out a way to raise the puppy fence and



Belle of the ball.

let out one single puppy who she was sitting with quietly. That little pink ribbon puppy turned out to be our Sofie who I think she made a point of saying "Pick this one." Belle and Sofie were only 6 months apart (aunty and niece in the dog world) and they were forever friends until we lost Sofie this past November at age 11 1/2 years. Now Belle is the main matriarch here and she does try and keep the younger ones in line, mainly with her sassy bark.

Belle is still doing quite well at 12 years of age, although in October 2007 she suffered a nearly paralyzing spinal stroke that she amazingly has since recovered from. A regimen of enzymatic therapy (WoBenzyme) and acupuncture along with her normal raw meaty bones diet helped get her back on her feet again. She is our energizer Berner!. She still goes out for her now slower daily walks around the farm with all the youngsters and no matter how much I scold her, she insists on doing her "pigpen mud bath roll" out in the soft dirt, at least a couple of times a day. She does need a little help getting through a crowd of dogs over a slick floor these days.

Belle has been such a huge part of our beginning breeding program and she gave us a solid foundation to build on. We are deeply grateful to the breeders and

owners who shared her parents with us in the beginning. She has produced very strong orthopedics (100 percent clear hip ratings) in her kids and grandkids so far and an



Party guests waiting for cake.

uncanny working ability in her offspring. Among her many working titled offspring is her daughter Hannah who has been named the number one Bernese in Novice A obedience in the Delaney rankings. Mirabelle (out of Samantha Judge's beautiful boy Ben who is also going strong at 13 1/2 years of age) is the one of Belle's beautiful daughters we chose to breed forward with. Mira finished her championship from the Bred-By class and she's the mother of 2 regional specialty winners, along with working titled dogs and champions and others pointed and in training along the way. Belle has created quite a legacy. We are so grateful and honored to have her in our home and as part of our Wagontale beginnings. We hope she has a few more birthdays ahead to help her celebrate.

Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

If you would like your senior (age 10 years or over) honored in the Messenger please send a note and picture to dotties911@aol.com.

**BMDCR Membership Column:
January/February 2009
- Stacy Temples -**

Please welcome the following new Sustaining and Two New Junior Members whose applications were approved on November 23, 2008.

Sandy Ramlet
Corey (age 9) & Molly (age 7)
7426 S. Downing Circle West
Centennial, CO 80122
Ph.# (303) 734-9272
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New Voting Member Applicant:

Mary Ellen Guy
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Littleton, CO, 80125-9633
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E) mary.guy@q.com
Professor.

Sponsored by Sharon Johnson & Sara Karl. Mary Ellen recently moved to Colorado from Florida where she was an active member of the Chatahoochee Valley BMDC since 1993 and also a member of the BMDCA since 1993. She has been President, Vice president, Secretary, Treasurer and a board member at different times. She plans to help out wherever she can. She has shown in conformation for over 30 years, first with her Shelties then with her Bernese since 1993 and she has bred 11 litters under the kennel name Lemark. Breeding and Conformation are her primary interests.

Attended the November 23, 2008 meeting. Pending second meeting attendance.

*A dog is an eternal Peter Pan,
a child who never grows old
and who therefore is always
available to love and be loved.*

Aaron Katcher



BMDCR Rescue Summary 2008

The past year was a busy one for our rescue committee. The club facilitated 8 adoptions, 4 girls and 4 boys. Six rescues were relinquished by their owners for a variety of reasons. Two rescues came to us through local shelters. Our approximate costs were \$1150 which included food during foster care, routine veterinarian care and spay/neuter. KUDOS go to rescue chairperson Ann Rutherford who arranged for foster care and permanent placements and to Nancy Fuselier DVM who was able to provide discounted vet care through her clinic. And additional thank you's to all club members who acted as foster parents, did home visits and donated funds to support our rescue efforts.

Many of you were able to meet rescue Hudson at the BernerNoel or had read about him in our last newsltr. As an update he is thriving in his new home. He has gained almost 25# since his placement and is coming into his own as a typical Bernese Mountain Dog and ruler of his home.



Bonding with new owner Stephanie.



A big change from his shelter pictures.

SHOW REPORT by Lou Tucker

ADDITIONAL SPECIALTY WINS 9/25/2008

None Regular Class :

1st Place Stud Dog - BIS Ch Nashem's Play It Again Sapphire (Rufio)

Owned by George & Lynn Wood, Sara Karl & Carol Arbithnot

1st Place Brood Bitch - Ch York Peppermint Patty (Snoopy)

Owned by Elaine Sheridan & Lynn Wood

TIMERLINE DOG CLUB 10/25/08

Novice A UKC 1st Leg

Rescue Me Baby (Jessie)

Owned by Patty Wellinger

PIKES PEAK HERDING ASSOC. 11/2/08

HI TEST (Ducks) Rescue Me Baby (Jessie)

Owned by Patty Wellinger

SOUTHERN COLORADO KENNEL CLUB "B" MATCH 11/07/08

Best of Breed Puppy in Match- Summit's Across The Universe V Joyful (Stellar 5 mo)

Owned by Sandy Dunaway & Sharon Keefer

SOUTHERN COLORADO KENNEL CLUB 11/08/08

WD - Oberland's Oh Bailey Come Home (Bailey)

Owned by Cindi Falcone

RWD - Wagontale's Sing Me A Miracle RN CD (Smokey)

Owned by Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples

BVT - CH Ahquabi's Bank On It (Teller)

Owned by Valerie Horney

Novice Junior- 4th Placement

Lena Marquardt & CH Tiptop's Night Musik CD RN

Owned by Dottie Schulte & Lena Marquardt

Rally Novice A - Wagontale's Radiant Camber (Camber)

Owned by Alice Gordon & Stacy Temples & Steven Clark, Score 85

11/09/08

WD - Oberland's Oh Bailey Come Home (Bailey)

Owned by Cindi Falcone

RWD - Wagontale's Sing Me A Miracle RN CD (Smokey)

RWB - Lorien Dell's Three's Company

Owned by Allen Campbell & Lynn Wood

BB CH Adesa's And The Beat Goes On (Bono)

Owned by Ann & Bill Daily & Bobbi & Bill Blewitt

Junior Showmanship

Open Junior - 2nd Placement : Mary Bugg & Springs Golden Sage

Owned by Nancy Fuselier

Novice Junior - 2nd Placement : Lena Marquardt & Tiptop's Night Musik CD RN

Owned by Dottie Schulte & Lena Marquardt

Rally Novice A - Wagontale's Radiant Camber (Camber)

Owned by Alice Gordon & Stacy Temples & Steven Clark, Score 92

NEW RALLY TITLE

Novice B CH Alderfer Baran AM Davieau CD NDD

Owned by Pattie Davieau

NEW OBEDIENCE TITLE & VERSATILITY DOG

TOWN & COUNTRY KENNEL CLUB, INC 11/13/08

WB - OS Wagontale's Lady Of The Lake RE CD (Legend)

Owned by Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples

RWB - Sommerfeld Julia of Wagontale

Owned by Stacy Temples & H. Ramsdell

BB - CH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzenbern NAP (Marshall)

Owned by Valerie Horney & Lisa Ebnet

TOWN & COUNTRY KENNEL CLUB, INC 11/14/08.

WB - OS Wagontale's Lady of the Lake RE CD (Legend)

Owned by Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples

NEW CHAMPION & VERSATILITY DOG

RWB - Sommerfeld Julia of Wagontale (Julia)

Owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

BB - CH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzenbern NAP (Marshall)

Owned by Valerie Horney & Lisa Ebnet

CANADIAN VALLEY KENNEL CLUB 11/15/08

W-OS Sommerfeld Julia of Wagontale (Julia)

Owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

RWB Wagontale's Princess Alexandria (Lexi)

Owned by Jerry & Candy McDanal, S.Temples

BB - CH Ebnet's Hired gun From Zanzenbern (Marshall)

Owned by V. Horney & Lisa Ebnet

11/16/08

W-BB Wagontale's Princess Alexandria (Lexi)

Owned by Jerry & Candy McDanal & Stacy Temples

RWB- Sommerfeld Julia of Wagontale (Julia)

Owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

COUNCIL BLUFFS KENNEL CLUB 11/15/08

BW - BBY Blumoon's Jade To Order (Jordy)

Owned by Meris Lerner & C. Mann

RWD - Summit's Across the Universe v Joyful (Stellar)

Owned by Sandy Dunaway & Sharon Keefer

BB - Adesa's And the Beat Goes On (Bono)

Owned by Ann & Bill Daily & Bobbi & Bill Blewitt

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11/16/08

WD - Prairefire Strkhnd Country Boy

Owned by Joan Carter & Sharon Johnson

RWD - Summit's Across the Universe v Joyful (Stellar)

Owned by Sandy Dunaway & Sharon Keefer

RWB - Blumoon's Meco Ascent (Meco)

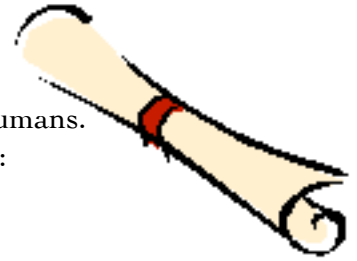
Owned by Mike & Chris Mann

BB - Adesa's And The Beat Goes on (Bono)

Owned by Ann & Bill Daily & Bobbi & Bill Blewitt



BMDCR 2008 Titles



Another busy year for BMDCR member dogs and their humans.
Honored this year for their dedication and work are:

Mountainairs Genuine Draft "Miller" owned by Darcy Babb
1/5/08 Champion

CH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzebern BNDD "Marshall" owned by Valerie Horney and Lisa Ebnet
1/19/08 Novice Agility Preferred
4/4/08 Draft Dog
4/4/08 Novice Brace Draft Dog
12/27/08 Open Brace Draft Dog
NEW BMDCA VERSATILITY DOG

Rescue Me Baby "Jessie" owned by Patti Wellinger
2/16/08 Rally Novice
11/2/08 Herding Instinct Test (Ducks)

Wagontales Sing Me A Miracle "Smokey" owned by Pam & Barry Solomon and Stacy Temples
2/18/08 Rally Novice
6/29/08 Companion Dog
7/08 Canine Good Citizen

CH Wagontale's Incoming Tide "Ti" owned by Jennifer Zaayer and Stacy Temples
2/27/08 Novice Draft Dog
4/12/08 Novice Brace Draft Dog
NEW BMDCA VERSATILITY DOG

Wagontale's Oberland Bergsteiger NDD, CD "Steiger" owned by Ron Abbott
4/8/08 Draft Dog

CH Kaibab's Another Round CD, BNDD3 "Bud" owned by Valerie Horney
4/4/08 Novice Brace Draft Dog (for another round)

Am/Can CH Ahquabi's Bank On It Am/Can CD, BNDD "Teller" owned by Valerie Horney
4/4/08 Novice Brace Draft Dog

Wagontale's Lady of the Lake CD, DD, RAE "Legend" owned by Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples
4/4/08 Novice Brace Draft Dog
9/27/08 Open Brace Draft Dog
11/14/08 Champion
NEW BMDCA VERSATILITY DOG

Lorien Dell Haribo Gummi Bear "Duce" owned by Lynn & George Wood, Brigit and Mark Peiffer
4/5/08 Champion

Summit's Starry Starry Knite owned by Sandy Dunaway and Sharon Keefer
4/6/08 Champion

Wagontale's Nordic Legend "Donner" owned by Jennifer Zaayer and Stacy Temples
4/12/08 Novice Brace Draft Dog

Santera Blazing Springs RN owned by Nancy Fuselier DVM
4/13/08 Companion Dog

BMDCR 2008 Titles

Lorien Dells Glamoring Foe Hammer "Hogan" owned by Bruce & Becky Finger and Lynn Wood
6/6/08 Champion

Prairiefire's Mind Your Manners owned by Bob & Becky Shuris and Sharon Johnson
6/29/08 Champion

Nashems Good Day Sunshine "Sunny" owned by Sara Karl and Carol Arbuthnot
8/16/08 Champion

CH Brighteye Angel Fire RE, NDD "Angie" owned by Stephanie Biksacky
9/13/08 Companion Dog
NEW BMDCA VERSATILITY DOG

Brighteye Wilanie Sweetness RE "Walter" owned by Stephanie Biksacky
9/13/08 Rally Excellent

CH Sandpiper A Legacy of Wagontale "Parker" owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell
9/27/08 Novice Draft Dog

Brighteye Gran Moccasin T'Fil "Moxie" owned by Elaine Witulski and Deb Hotze
9/27/08 Novice Draft Dog

CH Aldefer Baran Am Davieau "Baran" owned by Patti Davieau
9/27/08 Novice Draft Dog
11/9/08 Companion Dog
NEW BMDCA VERSATILITY DOG

CH Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime CD, RE, OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP "Kylie" owned by Angela & Kurt Hanson
9/27/08 Novice Draft Dog

Wagontale Henry's Happy Hour CD, RE, DD "Henry" owned by Nadja Torling and Ryan Johnson
4/26/08 Novice Agility Preferred
10/12/08 Novice Jumpers with Weaves Preferred
NEW BMDCA WORKING DOG

Wagontale's Radiant Camber "Camber" owned by Alice Gordon & Steven Clark and Stacy Temples
11/9/08 Rally Novice

Springs Woodland Moose RN owned by Nancy Fuselier DVM
11/9/08 Companion Dog

BMDCR Help Wanted

Volunteers are needed for the BMDCR Independent Specialty—be a part of another spectacular event! Positions open are obedience chairperson, hospitality chairperson, chief ring steward, hospitality chairperson, grounds chairperson and ways/means chairperson. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved with our club as well as learn about the "show scene". Mentorship available. Contact Dottie Schulte (dotties911@aol.com) if interested.

Berner Noel

The day was cold and snowy but Bernese and their owners showed their "hardiness factor" with an impressive number attending the BernerNoel on December 14th.

Great company for two and four-leggeds, wonderful food and fun doggie gifts. . . a perfect start to the holiday season.

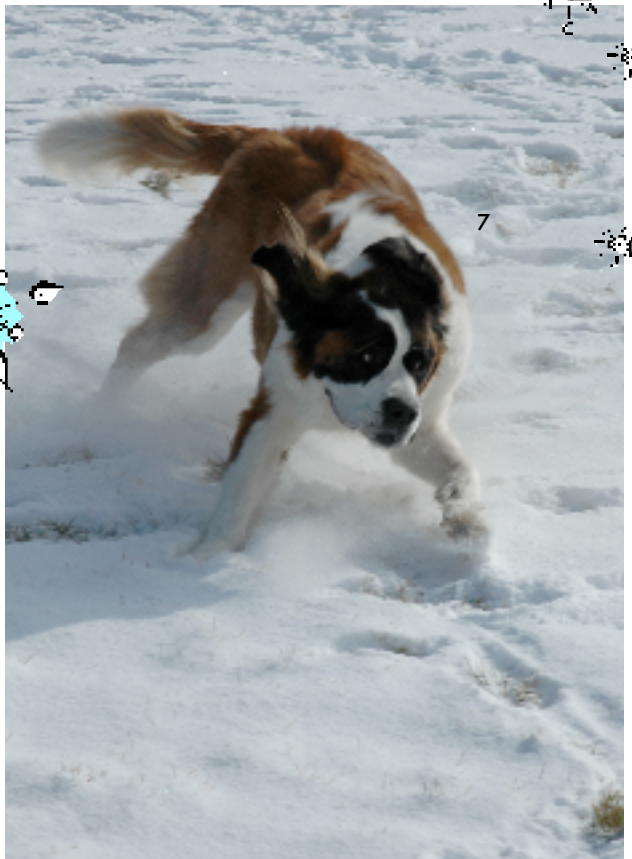
Many, many thanks to Laura and Al who opened their home (and yard) for the celebration.



Under the mistletoe



Snow angels



An equal opportunity Noel



Dashing through the snow

Meeting Minutes - November 23, 2008

Board Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 12:12 pm on November 23, 2008 at the home of Al Beers and Laura Haupenthal.

Present: Ron Abbott, Laura Haupenthal, Val Horney, Sara Karl, Sharon Keefer, Ann Rutherford, Pam Solomon, Elaine Witulski. **Absent:** Fay Benson. Also attending: Al Beers, Phil Shaffer.

Approval of Minutes: Ron moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting as published in the November/December 2008 newsletter. Ann seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Sharon Keefer reported that the club received a letter soliciting trophy donations for the 2009 Flatirons Kennel Club show.

Treasurer's Report: Sara Karl circulated profit and loss statements and reported positive balances in the club's checking, savings, and rescue accounts. Final accounting from the Independent Specialty show on September 5th showed a net profit of \$2,433.

Committee Reports:

Rescue Committee: Chairman Ann Rutherford reported that 8 dogs were placed through BMDCR Rescue this year to date. Ann has follow-up on all of them; all are doing well. Ann received a call this month about a rescue dog in Casper; that dog had been adopted already.

Unfinished Business:

Rescue Forms: Just one form in the packet needs final content review. Ann and Sara will resolve this form.

Website Update: Val has discussed the website update with current webmaster Phil Shaffer, who made several good suggestions for the new site. Phil is changing the ownership of domain name bmdc.org to the club with Treasurer Sara Karl as the contact person. Sharon will draft a Request-for-Proposals to issue to potential website developers. Updates of the BMDCR brochure and business cards will wait so they can match the look of the new website.

Ann moved to create a standing Website Committee. Motion seconded by Ron. Motion passed. was created. Sharon was appointed chairman pro tem. Sara, Pam, and Val volunteered for the committee. All others interested in serving on this committee should contact Sharon Keefer.

New Business:

Awards Banquet: A coordinator is needed to arrange the

annual awards banquet in January. A volunteer will be sought in the general membership meeting to follow. Sharon will post a call for nominations for the Kathy Roth (founder's) Award on the yahoo group list.

2009 Meeting Dates: Meeting dates in 2009, following the 4th Sunday schedule, will be January 25, March 22, May 24, July 26, September 27, and November 22.

Adjournment: The Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:11 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Keefer.

General Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 1:25 pm on November 23, 2008 at the home of Al Beers and Laura Haupenthal. New and returning members were introduced.

Present: 15 voting members (a quorum), 2 sustaining members, and 4 guests.

Approval of Minutes: Lou Tucker moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting as published in the November/December newsletter. Alice Gordon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Same as Secretary's report above in today's Board Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Same as Treasurer's report above in today's Board Meeting Minutes. Additionally, Sara Karl reported that the net cost of the Fall Draft test was \$821 but that included \$400 in materials for building new equipment.

Committee Reports:

Rescue Committee: Nancy Fuselier reported that 8 dogs had been placed in new homes by BMDCR Rescue this year to date. She reiterated that caring for and placing these dogs requires cooperation of the rescue committee members, club members who foster rescue dogs, and veterinarians for care. With Nancy's clinic providing low cost treatment and spay/neuter services. none of the dogs rescued this year have cost more than the adoption fee.

2009 Independent Specialty Show: Dottie Schulte reported that the conformation and sweepstakes judges have been hired. She is working on hiring a different Show Secretary for 2009, possibly Onofrio. Committee members are needed, especially a Rally Chairman, Obedience Chairman, Assistant Show Chairman, and

Ways and Means staff. Contact Dottie to volunteer, The 2009 show date is September 4th, the Friday of Labor Day weekend.

Election: Voting was unanimous to elect Pam Solomon as President, Sara Karl as Treasurer, Ann Rutherford and Jeanne Stanwood as Board Members effective January 1, 2009. Voting was also unanimous to admit new sustaining and junior members Sandy Ramlet and Corey and Molly Ramlet.

Unfinished Business:

Spring Draft Test: Christine Mann and Jeanne Stanwood are Draft Test Chairman and Secretary for the Spring Draft Test to be held at Cherry Creek State Park.

New Business:

Awards Banquet: A coordinator is needed for the BMDCR Annual Awards Banquet in January. Pam Solomon, Alice Gordon, and Dottie Schulte volunteered to serve as the Kathy Roth Award Committee. Alice also volunteered to prepare the certificates for 2008 title and award winners. Names of dogs who earned titles or other achieved other accomplishments in 2008 should be submitted to Dottie Schulte. The tentative date for the banquet (and next meeting) is January 25, 2009.

Website Committee: Earlier today, the Board created a standing Website Committee. Sharon Keefer is chairman pro tem. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact Sharon.

Meet the Breeds at Denver Shows: Alice asked if BMDCR participates in the Meet the Breeds event at the annual Denver cluster of shows in February. Participation is by invitation for selected breeds each year. BMDCR has participated several times in past years.

Updated Brochure and Business Cards: Members discussed trying to complete updating of the club brochure and business cards before the Denver shows in February, or at least by the National Specialty Show in April. The brochure and business cards updates are on hold pending the new design of the club website, so all can have the same look.

Adjournment: The General Members' Meeting was adjourned at 2:03 pm. Thank you to Al Beers and Laura Hauptenthal for hosting the Board and General meetings today.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Keefer.

POLYETHYLENE STORAGE CONTAINERS

Polyethylene storage tanks may be used for both water and gasoline storage. It is important, however, to note the difference in construction so that improper use is avoided.

Gasoline storage tanks are made from high-density polyethylene (HDPE) in combination with a barrier layer of polyamide or ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer. The barrier layer is added to prevent emissions of fuel vapor through the walls of the container. In addition to the barrier layer, other additives such as UV stabilizers are used to improve the long-term outdoor survivability of the plastic. And finally, some gasoline containers use a cross-linked grade of HDPE to further enhance chemical resistance. Cross-linking involves further chemical additives to the base HDPE.

Gasoline storage tanks are NOT approved for potable water supply storage (drinking water) due to the presence of these barrier materials and chemical additives. These materials and additives violate the FDA's standards and will not achieve certification. The FDA considers some of the constituents of these additives to be dangerous to living creatures.

Water storage containers, on the other hand, are molded from food grade polyethylene (either low density or high density - LDPE or HDPE respectively). Food grade HDPE meets specifications contained in FDA regulation 21CFR177.1520 (c) 3.1 and 3.2 and so may be used as an article or a component of articles intended for use in contact with food and/or drinking water. In essence, the food grade polyethylene materials lack the chemical additives and barrier materials required to meet the fuel emissions standards for gasoline storage containers.



The important message to remember is that each container should only be used for its intended application. Storing potable water in a fuel storage container (even if never used with gasoline, etc.) may leach harmful chemicals into the water. Drinking this water could be hazardous to someone's health as defined by the FDA.

Likewise, storage of gasoline in a water storage container could lead to excess gas emissions (fumes) permeating through the walls and into the room. In addition, over long times the container may eventually crack and leak due to missing stabilizers.



**BMDCR
AWARDS BANQUET
SUNDAY, JAN. 25, 2009
11:00 AM - 2:30 PM**

**MARIE CALLENDER'S
RESTAURANT & BAKERY**

51 w. Dry Creek Court
Littleton, CO
(Broadway & Dry Creek)

RSVP to Lou Tucker
bltdog@msn.com, 303-791-4425

COST:
\$22.00 adults
\$7.50 children



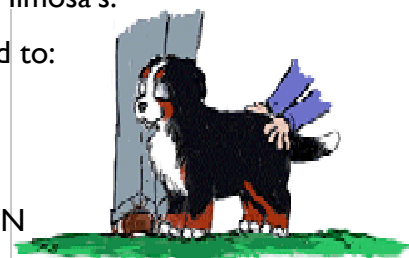
SUNDAY BRUNCH - Waffle & pastry bar, meats, eggs, salmon, burrito's, pasta and more. Beverages served at the table - include juice, coffee, tea, champagne & Mimosa's.



Send your nomination for the Kathy Roth Award to:
Dottie Schulte - DottieS911@aol.com or
Pam Solomon - avalonpam@yahoo.com
Deadline - Dec. 30, 2008

**SEND AWARD CERTIFICATE INFORMATION
TO DOTTIE SCHULTE**

Make Banquet Checks to BMDCR - Mail to : Lou Tucker
7155 W. Montview Ln. Littleton, CO 80125



☛ I Rescued A Human Today

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her.

I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid. As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.

As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life.

She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my

head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship. A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well.

Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes.

I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors. So many more to be saved. At least I could save one.

I rescued a human today.

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 OAF, GDR, 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 GDR, OAF, OVC numbers for hips and elbows, including the letter rating and age in months at evaluation.

Classified

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 Publication

Deadlines for

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.