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Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

BMDCR Awards Banquet & Meeting

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****Please notice updated date and location****

When: Sunday, January 29, 2012 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM

**Where: C.B. POTTS RESTAURANT & BREWERY (C-470 & Broadway)
43 W. Centennial Parkway, Highlands Ranch, Co 80126**

What: A Classic Breakfast Buffet will be served including beverage.

- The buffet will be set up in our banquet room.
- Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase from your server.

Cost: Adults - \$22.00 Kids 3-11yrs \$9.00

R.S.V.P to Lou Tucker Email: bltdog@msn.com Phone: 303-791-4425

R.S.V.P. Deadline*: January 23, 2012

***Reservations a must! You must reserve a spot to attend the banquet. All BMDCR members and guests are welcome to attend!**

Please mail banquet checks (made payable to BMDCR) to:

Lou Tucker
7155 W. Montview Ln
Littleton, CO 80125

Award Certificates

To celebrate your Berner's accomplishments, send us the particulars to get an Award Certificate!

- Send Award Certificate Information to Alice Clark at alice-ann8@hotmail.com
- Include Dog's AKC and Call Name, Title(s) earned, Date(s) Title was earned and Owners Name.
- **Deadline for submission is January 15th – No Exceptions**

Slide Show

A retrospective of the past year in the life of the dogs in the BMDCR!

- Send photos for slide presentation to Buffy Snider bmdcrocks@gmail.com
- Candid shots, event photos, Berners at work and play
- **Deadline for submission is January 15th – No Exceptions**

Meetings

There will be a brief board meeting before the banquet at 10:15 AM. The General Membership meeting will be held after the banquet.

Ways and Means

Support the club and make a purchase from Ways and Means at the meeting! There will be coffee, 2012 calendars, and great apparel!

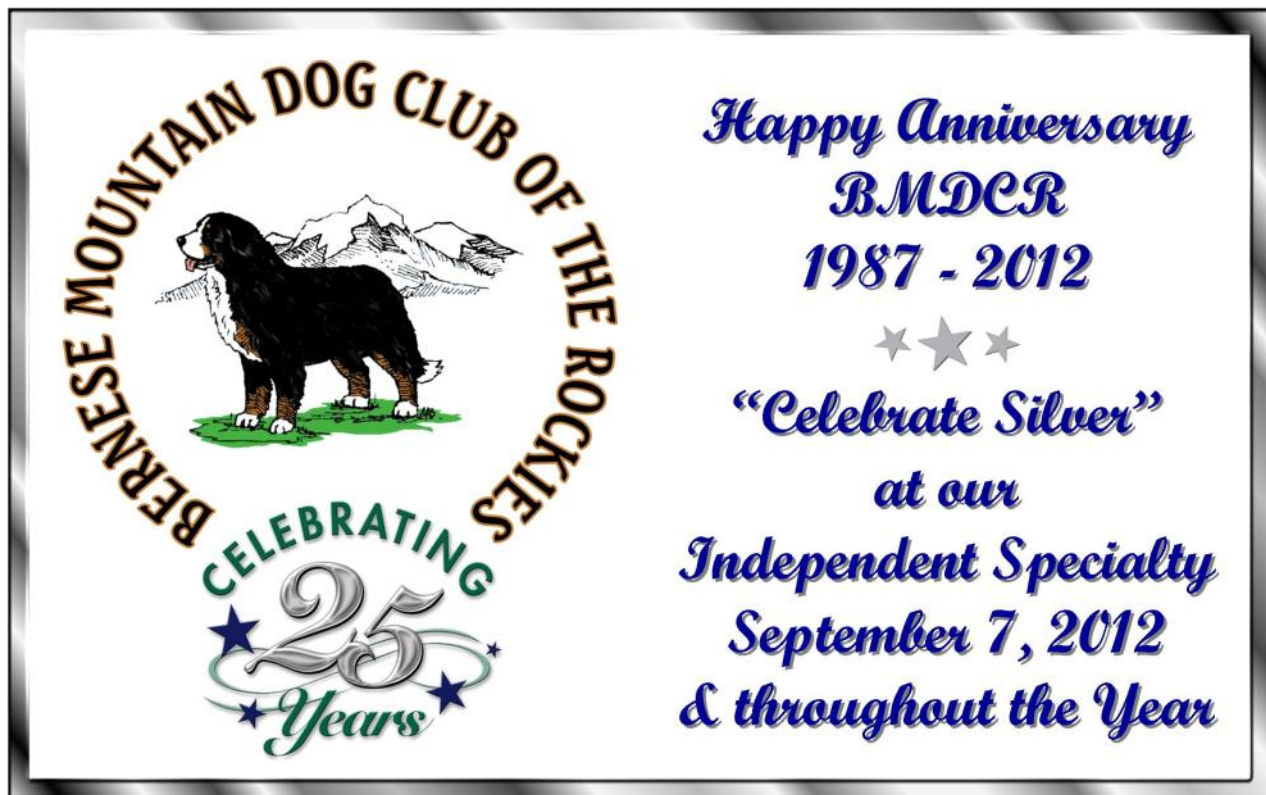
President's Message

Happy New Year!

It's that time of the year, when we make resolutions and promise ourselves we will do better this year than last. Ever wonder what your dogs' resolutions are? Well, I puzzled over mine and this is what I came up with: Lily, who fetches the newspaper every morning, has a bad habit of eating a good portion of the news before she gets it to me. I'll bet her resolution is to wait until I've read the news before she takes a bite. And for Diva, who really, really knows she should come when called, but just can't break free from what she's doing – I'll bet she has resolved to come when called. And for Ripley, who just loves to flush rabbits hiding in shrubs but forgets to watch which way they run so he can give chase, I'll bet he resolved to pay attention when the rabbit hightails it. And Switzer, whose job it is to look imposing when strangers come around but who is too friendly to scare anybody, has probably resolved to take growling lessons.

Here's wishing everyone a year filled with good fun, good friends, and happy dogs -- whether or not they keep their resolutions.

Mary Ellen Guy
President



Upcoming Meetings/Special Events Schedule

January Awards Banquet & Meeting **See page 1 for more details.**

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Spring Draft Test **See more information on page 5.**

Save The Date: Saturday April 21 and Sunday April 22, 2012

Location: Adams county regional park picnic pavilion A

Times: TBD

BMDCR Independent Specialty “Celebrating Silver—BMDCR’s 25th Anniversary”

Save The Date: September 7, 2012

Location: Greeley, CO

BMDCA National Specialty

Save The Date: May 7–12, 2012

Location: Gettysburg, PA



Watson, Legend and Smokey striking a pose for the 2012 Berners of the West calendar!

Show News! By Lou Tucker

Southern Colorado Kennel Club
11/12/2011

WD/BW DeLi's Lemark Believe It Or Not (Ripley) Owners-Dr. Mary Ellen Guy&L. Ostermiller

RWD Berntiers Rough Rider (Rider) Owner – Christine Mann

WB Prairefire's Happy As A Lark Owner Sharon Johnson

RWB Prairefire's Perfectly Happy Owners – Joanna Hughes & Sharon Johnson

BB CH Mountainair's Soul Blue Sapphire Owner – Darcy Babb

SEL GCH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten Owners – Beverly & Michael Hilmes

Southern Colorado Kennel Club
11/13/2011

WD Berntiers Rough Rider (Rider) Owner – Christine Mann

RWD DeLi's Lemark Believe It Or Not (Ripley) Owners-Dr.M E. Guy and Lilian Ostermiller

WB/BW Memories Mariquita V RatCliff Owners-Tracey Hyatt &C.Burlile & Jennifer Necker

RWB Wagontale's A Magic Belle Owners – Stacy temples & Howard Ramsdell

BOS CH Mountainair's Soul Blue Sapphire Owner - Darcy Babb

SEL GCH Hired Gun From Zanzebern CD NFP AXP OJ (Marshall) Owners-V.Horney &L.Ebnet

SEL GCH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten Owners – Beverly & Michael Hilmes

Council Bluffs Kennel Club Inc. 11/19/2011

RWD Shadowdance JJ Cale V Plainsong Owners – Richard File & Pam Swisher

WB Prairefire's Whirled Peace Owner – Sharon Johnson

BOS GCH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten Owners – Beverly & Michael Hilmes

Council Bluffs Kennel Club Inc. 11/20/2011

RWD Shadowdance JJ Cale V Plainsong Owners – Richard Rile & Pam Swisher

WB Plainsong's Virtuoso V Summit Owners- Sandy Dunaway & Sharon Keefer& Pam Swisher

RWB Prairefire's Whirled Peace - Owner – Sharon Johnson

BOS GCH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten Owners – Beverley & Michael Hilmes

PERFORMANCE & DRAFT WINS

*** Flatirons Kennel Club Agility Trial *** 11/6/2011

Kennedy's Murren (Murrey) Owned by Lori Kennedy
NEW TITLE – NJP (Novice Jumpers w/ Weaves-preferred) NEW TITLE – BMDCA WORKING DOG !!

ASCA Rally 11/29/2011

Classique's Midnight Serenade (Cooper) Owned by Patty Wellinger 2nd Leg Score 199 Second Place

BMD Club of the Greater Twin Cities Draft Test 10//22 – 10/23/2011

10/22/2011 OPEN CLASS CH Wagontale's Sing Me A MiracleCGC CD, RE,ANDD,ABNDD

(Smokey) Handled by Barry Solomon Passed in DD (draft dog) & BDD (brace draft dog)

Show News! Cont'd

10/23/2011 OPEN CLASS Smokey - Handled by Barry Solomon Passed in DD & BDD

NEW TITLE = MASTER DRAFT DOG – MDD

10/23/2011 NOVICE CLASS CH Wagontale's Whodunnit? CGC, CD,RA,NDD, (Watson)

Handled by Pam Solomon Passed in Novice Draft

NEW BMDCA VERSATILITY DOG

Southern Colorado Kennel Club 11/12/2011 – 11/13/2011

CH Wagontale's Lady of the Lake CD,RAE,DD,BDD (Legend) Handled by Pam Solomon

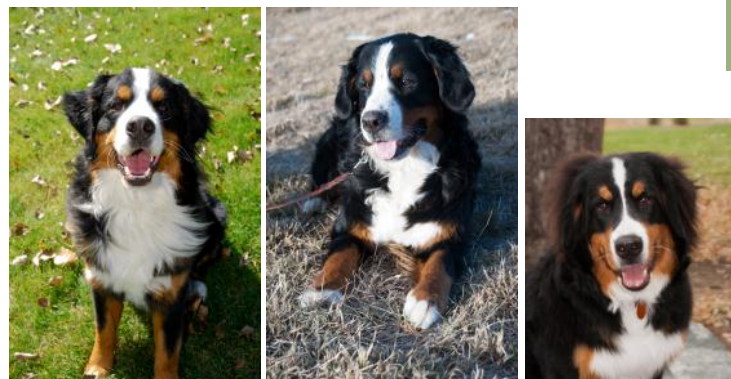
Beg. Novice B – 11/12 Score – 190 1st Leg, Beg. Novice B – 11/13 Score – 188 2nd Leg

Grand Valley Kennel Club 10/12/2011

CH Mountainair's Lima Bean BN,RE,DD,CGC (Wellington) Owners-Elisabeth Dennehy, William Rogers & Darcy Babb

Obedience Novice A Score – 190 1/2 First Place 3rd Leg NEW TITLE – CD (Companion Dog)

NEW BMDCA TITLE – VD (Versatility Dog)



Spring Draft Test

Plans are in motion for the Spring Draft Test—and we hope you'll block out the date now, so you can attend this year! Putting on a Draft Test takes a lot of work, so don't be afraid to volunteer!

Here is the scoop:

When: April 21/22, 2012

Where: Adams county regional park picnic pavilion A

Draft Chairperson: Lori Kennedy (murreymom@yahoo.com)

Draft Secretary: Vicky Chesser

Draft Judges: Steve Likevich, Nancy Fuselier, DVM, Barry Solomon

Committee Heads: Trophies (Patty Wellinger), Stewards (Buffy Snider)

We still need volunteers! Please contact Lori Kennedy for more information, and to sign up to help.

You can go to the BMDCR website for a quick and easy way to donate funds for trophies!

1. Go to www.BMDCR.org
2. Click on the Calendar tab at the top of the page
3. Click the Donate button, and fill in the Pay-Pal information.

Berners... The world's cutest dogs!

Braggs-n-Wags!

I have show news about Amber!

At the Dallas shows, Amber was awarded:

December 9 -Friday - Best Opposite Sex

December 10 - Saturday - Best of Breed

December 11 - Sunday - Best Opposite Sex

At the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando, December 18, Amber made the cut as judge pulled her last for his top ten of the twenty in the ring and, even more exciting, we have just learned Amber has been accepted by the Westminster Kennel Club for it's big show next Valentine's Day, February 2012!

THANKS!

~ Beverly Hilmes

In Loving Memory

Isaak (5/19/05—11-16-11)

This year New Mexico BMDCR member Tracey Hyatt had to say goodbye to Issak who had lost his battle with cancer. He will be sadly missed.



THE DOGS WHO HAVE SHARED OUR LIVES

The dogs who've shared our lives.
 In subtle ways they let us know
 their spirit still survives.
 Old habits still make us think
 we hear a barking at the door.
 Or step back when we drop
 a tasty morsel on the floor.
 Our feet still go around the place
 the food dish used to be,
 And, sometime, coming home at night,
 we miss them terribly.
 And although time may bring new friends
 and a new food dish to fill,
 That one place in our hearts
 belongs to them...
 and always will.

---Linda Barnes ---

Do we have your email address? BMDCR encourages you to go green and change your subscription to soft-copy! Email us at bmdcrookies@gmail.com if you want to switch!

Membership Updates—Stacy Temples

Please welcome to the BMDCR the following new members approved at the November 2011 meeting.

New Sustaining Members:

Debbie Garvey, Highlands Ranch, CO. Ph.# [\(303\) 798-9034](tel:3037989034). E-mail: d.garvey@comcast.net.

Margaret Kooda, Idaho Falls, ID. Ph.# [\(208\) 520-9804](tel:2085209804). E-mail: mkooda@yahoo.com.

Priscilla Young, Park City, UT. Ph.# [\(435\) 655-7169](tel:4356557169). E-mail: fresillasl@yahoo.com.

We also have a new application for membership from Patricia Tackett from Balch Springs, TX. Look for her bio in the next newsletter.



Proof that Berner's have a sense of humor!



Board/Membership Meeting Minutes—November 20, 2011 Al and Laura's House in Denver, CO



Aimee dressed for success!

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 12:00 pm on [November 20th, 2011 at the home of Al and Laura](#)

Present: Board members Mary Ellen Guy, Sara Karl, Helen Karl, Laura Haupenthal, Candy McDanal, Joanna Hughes, Lori Kennedy & Alice Gordon.

Approval of Minutes: Helen moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the November/December 2011 newsletter. Motion seconded by Sara. All in favor, motion passed.

Secretary's Report:
Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$17,558.08 in checking, \$5,272 in the savings/rescue account, and the CD value is \$6,771.76.

Committee Reports

2011 Regional Specialty and 2013 National Specialty – There is nothing to report this month.

Unfinished Business

Nothing at this time.

New Business

Newsletter – Buffy has suggested to the Board that we may want to consider paid newsletter ads. Alice had a concern about the additional space this might take, increasing the cost to mail and the size of the file for members on dial up. Buffy felt she could find space, about a half page for a Craig's List type ad at about \$10 – 15 per ad. The question then came up, what parameters do we want to put around ads in the newsletter? The Board felt that it should be open to anyone, not just members. The ads need to be sent to Buffy 2 weeks before the newsletter cutoff date and a check must be sent to Sara. Sara suggested \$5 per issue, per ad. We would not accept ads for puppies, or stud dogs. There was a suggestion to include re-homes, and it would be nice to have them in a separate section titled re-homes. We should put in some language that this is not part of the rescue program, to clarify that this is not covered by the club's rescue insurance. There was then a discussion that maybe it was better to put re-homes on the website. But we could put a little

section in the newsletter to point it out that this will be on the website. Sara will check with Sandy and Sharon to see that they agree with this.

An additional newsletter issue – Buffy needs the schedule for next year to know when each issue should come out. After discussion it was agreed that the cut off needs to be the 15th of every month for submissions, unless otherwise announced.

Additionally, Buffy asked what is the cost for a non-member cost to receive the newsletter. Alice will check the minutes and get back to Buffy.

Berner Calendar – The 2012 version that Buffy and Mike are doing is already in production. Sharon is willing to put these on our Ways and Means web page. The BMDCR would buy these from Buffy. Buffy will get in touch with Sharon to add these to our ways and means site.

For the 2013 version we will need to think about having a lottery for which dogs get into the 2013.

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Spring Draft Test – An email was received from Jennifer Brightbill, National Draft Chairperson, saying our entry fees are below the norm. Most clubs are charging \$35 – \$40. We're charging \$30. Lori motioned to increase to \$35, Helen seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Also, our entry limits are low. We've been doing 20 and 22, but we can do 24.

Another suggestion from Lori was around the lunch - the local Newfoundland test included the food in the entry fee. Sara has talked to Dottie and Lou about just discontinuing food. Lori then suggested we just do breakfast.

We need a new results board. The last one got ruined at the fall draft test. Lori will ask for someone to help with this for spring. For trophies, we'll ask for Paypal donations to help. Lori will use the same trophies that the Newfie club used for this upcoming spring test. Mike and Buffy have volunteered to be the grounds people. We will need volunteers for set up and take down since we'll be in a public park.

Awards Banquet – Lou is willing to organize the Banquet at Marie Callender's again this year. It would be Sunday, January the 22nd. Alice will do the certificates again. We also need somebody for table favors and to organize the Kathy Roth award. Lou suggested we should put together something to explain what the Kathy Roth award is. Lori volunteered to do this and to organize the award. There was a suggestion to put a poster board display together explaining it, and listing who's received it in the past. A question came up; can someone who's received it in the past receive it again? Lori feels we should put together a committee to work through this. Buffy volunteered to do the slide presentation. Alice will review last year's discussion about who can receive awards (with regards to co-owned dogs). We need to send out a blast to everyone prior to the newsletter about the banquet and asking for RSVPs. We will also put a notice on the website.

Rescue – We discussed Phil's request for \$642 that he is out of pocket for a rescue earlier this year. Bear

was unable to walk one morning, so foster mom took him to CSU. Ann feels that nothing unnecessary was done. Phil paid for the CSU visit which was \$456. Phil then did a follow up with his vet. There was also an ophthalmologist visit as he had a distorted skull and bulging eyes. Alice motioned to reimburse Phil. Laura seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Phil is picking up a Berner and Berner/Pyr mix from a puppy mill that has 145 dogs. Both are unaltered females. To get the Berner we had to agree to take the mix as well. PACFA closed the operation down. The owner said if any of the dogs went to rescue or a shelter he would shoot them first. The issue before the board is to pay for the shots and spay of the mix. It's felt that we shouldn't cover this with club funds, but we can ask for private donations. Alice questioned that if this man says he won't give to rescue, how can BMDCR take these dogs if they're not signed over to us. That seems to be a risk for the club. If there's no signed club paperwork we cannot adopt them out. We are

asking Ann to communicate that at this point the foster mom is not covered by the club. If Phil can get the dog signed over to him legally, and someone vets this, then he can sign over to our rescue.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting is in conjunction with the Awards Banquet.

Adjournment: The Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:03 pm. Motioned by Sara, seconded Laura.

General Meeting Minutes—November 20, 2011 Al and Laura's House in Denver, CO

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 1:15 pm on November 20, 2011 at Al and Laura's home in Greenwood.

Present: 16 voting members (a quorum), 2 sustaining members, 0 junior members and 1 guest.

Approval of Minutes: We did not ask for approval of the minutes at the general meeting.

President's Report:

Congratulations to Lori for chairing this Fall's Draft Test and to all those who passed. Thanks to Candy for organizing the First Aid Clinic and to Lou for hosting.

At board meeting we approved including paid ads in our newsletter. See Board Meeting minutes for further detail.

Secretary's Report: Alice updated the group on some of the changes to Rally and Draft regulations that will be going into effect in 2012. Also the AKC has changed the divisions for Conformation and Colorado is now going to be with Texas and Oklahoma. The Group realignment is also coming. The Working

Group is being split into 3 different groups.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$17,558.08 in checking, \$5,272 in the savings/rescue account, and the CD value is \$6,771.76. Sara doesn't have a report yet on the financials for the Draft Test or Regional Specialty.

Committee Reports

Spring Draft Test – Lori is going to chair again, see Board Meeting minutes for details. Lori needs a volunteer to put together a results board. The Spring Draft Test is April 21st and 22nd, Judges will be Steve Likevich, Barry Solomon and Nancy Fuselier. The test will have a western theme. We need volunteers to help with set up and take down.

Rescue – We have a Berner/Pyr mix that is coming from a puppy mill. We are passing a bowl to donate to cover her shots and spaying. See board minutes for details. It would be about \$50 to spay at Boulder Humane, with shots costing about \$75. Val moved that we donate money from the general fund to cover the costs. There was then a discus-

sion around whether or not this is a precedent that we want to make? Alice asked what would happen to the funds we collect in excess of the spay neuter? Ann suggested that the excess goes to Janet Walker, who has done a lot of fostering for us. Everything that Phil is doing is in his personal capacity.

Every year Ann submits a report to BMDCA for the Alpenhorn. This year she's featuring a dog that came into foster at 8 ½ years of age. He was giving up because of health issues. Ann met him again on Friday, and they just had a birthday party for him, he's very happy and the family is very happy too.

We also placed another dog a couple weeks ago. Ann has had a couple of other calls. One was a dog with dog aggression issues, and one was aggressive to people. Ann helped the dog aggressive dog to find another home, but not through the club.

Barry updated us on his friend Mike who is home from Afghanistan and the dog in Afghanistan that they were trying to get back to the States. He was matched back with his han-

dler and returned to the US. Mike wanted to thank everyone for their support.

Alice and Dottie reported on the Berners that Animal House in Fort Collins rescued. They came from a backyard breeder and have shyness and socialization issues. Alice and Dottie are fostering 2 of the 3 dogs.

2013 National – The budget is done and goes before the National Club Board in December – this will allow us to get our seed money in January. Ballots are out for sweeps judges. We're still working on the logo, it should be avail in December. We are on track with everything. We have a photographer (Dawn Gabig) and we're looking at videographers. All the committee chairs are filled. If you'd like to help out, let Dottie know and she'll connect you with the appropriate chair. We're looking to cut our costs so we're looking to rent our equipment locally (mats and ring gates for conformation and obedience). If you'd like to help out with this talk to Dottie. Our superintendent will be Ba-Ray.

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2012 Regional – We have judges, Mary Alice Eschweiler with Ron Horn doing Sweeps & Juniors, Carol Lynn Evans will be our Obedience judge and Karen Lamb is doing rally. We still need rally, raffle, grounds and chief ring stewards. Dottie would also like to put it out that she would not like to chair in the future, so maybe someone would like to be her assistant so she can mentor him.

Election of Officers and Board

There were no nominations from the floor, the following were all elected: Vice President Lori Kennedy, Alice Clark Secretary, Vicki Chesser, Helen Karl and Barry Solomon for Board Members. Sara moves to approve the slate, Laura seconds. All in favor. All voted in.

Election of New Members

Debbie Garvey, Margaret Kooda, Priscilla Young (all sustaining). All approved by the membership.

Unfinished Business

Health Clinic – There are a lot of holes in the info in Berner Garde, mainly death dates and cause of death. In addition, a lot of testing is not done on dogs. The Health

Clinic is an event to bring attention to these issues and hopefully gather more data for Berner Garde. Val feels that the BMDCR should subsidize some of the tests, DNA, VW, DM, etc. We could offer a \$10 discount on each kit to members who need to have one of these tests done. She also suggested that we offer a \$1 donation to Berner Garde for each dog that has its missing information completed. Val was thinking we could do this at Berner Fiesta. She was hoping we could maybe enlist Nancy and Stacy and other vet tech people to do the blood draws to make submissions to the Berner repository. We'd have to have a sign up list so we have the appropriate # of kits on hand. Alice suggested that we could also do a mailing to get Berner Garde information and maybe a mailing prior to Berner Fiesta to explain the health issues. The proposed discount is limited to BMDCR members. Sharon thinks we might be able to get a Cardiac clinic done as well. Stacy and Alice volunteer to help out. This could also be a health education event to cover our AKC requirements.

New Business

Annual Banquet – to be held at Marie Callender's on January 22nd. This will also be a regular meeting date. The Buffet would start at 11:00. Buffy will put an email blast out. We need someone to do table favors. Candy volunteered to do table favors. We would like to get a committee together to revisit the Kathy Roth Award... can past nominees receive it a second time is one of the questions to address. Dottie offered to join that committee. We'd also like to put together a display for the banquet as well.

Berner Noel will be at Al and Laura's December 11th. See the assignment for the food to bring in the newsletter. Send RSVPs to Buffy. Keep your dogs on lead and be considerate of Al and Laura's neighbors. Watch for steel lawn edging. If the weather is very inclement we'll probably have a communication prior to the caroling event.

Caroling at Aspen Grove Shopping Center will be on December 11th as well. Meet at about 10:45 at Aspen Grove by the fountain and then we will carol around the shopping cen-

ter. We have the "Von Tuckers" to accompany our singers. Holiday décor is appropriate.

Sharon brought coffee today for sale and fleece vests.

RCC – BMDCA members have received a link to participate in an on-line survey. If you are having troubles, try deleting the period at the end of the web address. There's also a survey for non- BMDCA members. Sara will forward to the Yahoo list.

Berner Calendar – Buffy has created a 2012 calendar that you can buy through our website.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be an abbreviated meeting held on January 22nd in conjunction with the Awards Banquet at Marie Callender's in Littleton.

Adjournment: The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alice Gordon.

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies

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NEWSLETTER

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The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies Fast Facts

- Founded in October 1987, the BMDCR is comprised of people who love Bernese Mountain Dogs.
- The BMDCR serves the states of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, and Wyoming.
- The BMDCR has been officially recognized as a regional club by the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America since 1989.
- The BMDCR achieved status as an AKC licensed club in 2007, and hosted their first independent specialty show that same year.
- BMDCR members are fanciers involved in breeding, showing, service and performance activities, as well as those whose Bernese are cherished family members.



**Providing a source of education and support
for fanciers of Bernese Mountain Dogs**

Keeping In Touch...

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies is striving to keep in touch with its existing members, and reach out to new ones. Here are some of the ways we're working to connect with you!

- **Website**—www.bmdcr.org *Please note, to review the Members Only section of the website, you must have the member password. If you are a member, and need the password, please send a message to bmdcrookies@Gmail.com.
- **Facebook**—[Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies](https://www.facebook.com/BerneseMountainDogCluboftheRockies)
- **Yahoo Groups**—<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/BMDCRockies/> *Please note, this group is for members only and you must obtain permission by the moderator to join.
- **Email**—Informational emails and Newsletters will come from bmdcrookies@Gmail.com.