



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

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Cranial Cruciate Ligament Rupture

Rupture of the cranial cruciate ligament is the most common orthopedic condition found in dogs. Breeds most susceptible are large and giant breeds but it can be seen in mixed and small dogs as well. The cruciate ligaments-which are part of the dog's knee joint-connect the femur with the tibia and act to stabilize the joint. The front ligament is known as the anterior or cranial cruciate ligament (CCL). The rear ligament is known as the posterior or caudal cruciate ligament. Because the caudal cruciate ligament rarely gets damaged, the main focus of this article will be the CCL.

Although CCL ruptures in humans are usually a result of trauma, this is not the case in dogs. In the majority of canine cases, the condition occurs through the disintegration, degeneration and wearing out of the ligament. Causes of CCL ruptures, or tears, may be either acute or chronic. The ligament may be partially or completely torn. Prior theories about CCL tears assumed them to be exclusively an age-related degenerative process. However, most recent data has shifted the prevalence to a younger population of animals. It is theorized that this may be related to breeding changes resulting in genetic predisposition to this condition.

Traumatic injury can occasionally be the cause of acute CCL rupture, however the problem may become chronic if left untreated. Once dogs

have torn the CCL in one knee, nearly all will tear the CCL in the other knee. This will occur within the first year or two after the first rupture in roughly 75% of the afflicted dogs.

Prompt recognition of a potential tear or rupture is important to avoid long-term disability for the affected dog. Primary signs of a CCL tear are:

- Pain and limping on the rear leg-sudden, intermittent or constant
- Non-weight bearing on the hind limb and/or lameness after activity
- Large, firm swelling on the underside of the knee (seen in about 75% of cases)
- Knee clicking which indicates a tear of the stabilizing cartilage within the knee joint (the meniscus), which occurs in up to 70% of cases

If you suspect your dog may have a CCL tear, the first step is to have your veterinarian conduct a simple examination to detect mechanical instability and to rule out other problems. The veterinarian may also choose to xray the knee to screen for arthritis, or perform a joint tap (arthrocentesis), to remove and analyze fluid from the knee. Exploratory surgery is sometimes necessary to confirm the diagnosis.

Relative to management, dogs
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Public Education Upgrades

Thank you so much to Kevin Kaul who donated his time to build our club an 8 panel permanent educational display. He did a great job and we appreciate his efforts.

Now we need help from our club members. Karen Baru is soliciting pictures of Berners showing, working, playing and loving. Also, she would like pictures of Berners post-surgery for orthopedic problems such as ACL tears and other surgeries or health problems that would demonstrate the problems in our breed so that potential owners are aware of their inherent problems. Please send your photos to Karen along with a SASE. After they have been scanned for graphics, they will be returned.

Also, if anyone would like to volunteer to be the creative talent behind the display please contact Karen as she is in need of some ideas.

If you have photos or are willing to help, contact Karen at 303-841-9312, 7765 E. War Bonnet Trail, Parker, Colorado 80138 or Karbaru@aol.com.

Waggin' "Cart" Wheels Wanted

The Good Samaritan Pet Adoption Center is again sponsoring the 2nd annual Waggin' Wheels Classic, Sunday Sep. 28 at Bible Park, Yale & Pontiac St. Denver. The event will be from 9:00 - 1:30 and we should arrive about 10:00 a.m. Last year members of the BMDCR along with their dogs participated by giving cart rides to children.

Beth Springer, Good Sam. director has promised to publicize the carting more and expects a better turnout. We had a great time last year. Anyone wanting to participate again in helping out this animal welfare organization and showing off the working ability of our Berners contact Lou Tucker at bltdog@msn.com or call 303-791 4425. It's a nice outing for the dogs and "free lunch" for the handlers.

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– Any member is welcome to join in any of the above committees.
Just contact the respective chair and express your interest. –

Submit All Membership Applications To:

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Fort Collins, CO
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BMDCR Breed Contact Information Line:

Karen Baru
303-841-9312

BMDCA Regional Specialty

Friday, September 5, 2003

Island Grove Park • Greeley, Colorado

Judges

Conformation and Junior Showmanship:

Mrs. Joan P Anselm

Obedience:

Ms. Patricia Maynard

Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes:

Ms. Deborah A. Miller



Show

Chairperson:

Sara Karl
3106 Westwood Boulevard
Colorado Springs, CO
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Show

Secretary:

Robert Miller
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California 2003



Where's the dip?



Lathi... A true Bernese Beach Dog



Bud awaits his recall

Membership Report - July 2003

— Stacy Temples —

Please welcome the following New Sustaining Members to the BMDCR. Their applications were approved May 4, 2003.

For your Directories:

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The following people are Sustaining Member Applicants who will be voted on at the July 2003 meeting.

Jason & Stacey Bearden
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Stacey.Bearden@uch.edu.

The Beardens own Summit's Bear Necessities (Gus), M, (7/26/01), from Classique's Frankly My Dear and Triad's Wish Upon A Star, bred by

Sandy Dunaway. They are interested in drafting and therapy work and they want to join the BMDCR to meet new people and for the social activities. They also own a Golden Retriever and have met some club members at the Chatfield State Park.

Gayle Brooks
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303-443-9140
Gaylebrooks@aol.com.

Gayle and her husband own 4 Bernese Mountain Dogs: Bromley, SF, (5/7/91); Wagontale's Everest Lhotse, NM, (7/14/99), bred by Temples & Ramsdell; Summit's Meru Tashi Delek, SF, (9/18/2000), bred by Dunaway; and Lorien Dell's Hansi the Sumo, M, (11/7/02), bred by L. Wood. She wants to join the BMDCR at this time because she has a show dog and is interested in breeding, conformation, obedience, health issues, backpacking and drafting. She can volunteer in any area as needed.

Kate Errett
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Durango, CO, 81301
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Kate owns CH Best Bet's trouble in Paradise, M, (3/16/01), bred by Linda Morton. She is interested in health issues, breeding, conformation, obedience, agility, therapy work and backpacking. She want to support the improvement and protection of the breed. She has owned Rotties, GSDs and was previously a member of the Rottweiler Club of America. She has trained and shown her dogs in obedience and conformation over 30 years. She is currently also a BMDCA member.

Haley Hayes
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Golden, CO, 80403

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and

230 Spivey Ridge Cr.
Jonesboro GA, 30236,
678-610-9287.

Haley owns Summit's Cameo Appearance, F, (2/9/03), from Classique's Rhinestone Cowboy and Triad's Wish Upon A Star, bred by Sandy Dunaway. Haley is a self-employed race car team management person. Haley doesn't own a Berner yet but has been doing her research for about 6 months. She & her husband live part time in Georgia and part time in Colorado. Her interests are health issues, obedience and conformation. She wants to join the club to gain knowledge about the breed so she will be prepared to have a Berner join her family. She has attended a few meetings and a few shows in the area. She is willing to volunteer in any capacity. In the past she owned a Jack Russell Terrier and trained him in obedience and agility for 4 years, along with being a member of the Sunshine State Terrier Club.

Kerri Nielsen
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Kerri is a long time breeder and owner and trainer of Cocker Spaniels and now she has her first Bernese; Sapphire's Gotta Dance to B'Lieb (Marty), F, (12/12/02), bred by Carol Arbuthnot. She is interested in health issues, conformation, obedience, breeding, agility, and draft and she wants to be a part of all the fun things the club does. She knows many club members and she is willing to help at shows and functions. She has been an active member of the SCKClub as President, Vice President and Board member; also a member of the American Cocker Spaniel Club of Greater Denver and the BMDCA. She shows her dogs in conformation, agility and obedience and has shown other people's dogs, (Bernese and Poodles) at shows.

Jeffrey Rubeck
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Jeffrey owns Lexy, F, (10/11/01) from Budapest who is their family pet. They are interested in joining the club for socializing for them and their dog. They have also owned a Husky, a Golden and a Llasa Apso. We also have as a Voting Member Applicant:

Angela Hanson
13765 New Discovery Rd.
Colorado Springs, CO 80908.
719-494-0473

Canine Semen Freezing Clinic

CLONE Colorado
August 2, 2003
8 AM – 4 PM

Discounted semen freezing fees:
First time at CLONE Colorado
(includes first year of storage):
\$250

Additional freeze for dogs who
have already had semen frozen
at CLONE Colorado:
\$150

Must have copy of kennel club
registration, microchip or tattoo
number if applicable and copy
of DNA certification (sample kits
are provided and can be
completed at time of freeze)

Reservations are required.

Contact Dr. Milan Hess at
Colorado Veterinary Specialists
for more information or to make
a reservation (303) 794-1188.

starlightbmd@att.net.

Sponsors are Christine Mann and Patti Morgan. Angela moved here from Idaho where she has been a member of the INWBMD Club and the ICC Kennel Club. Her dogs are CH Sandusky's Meipaw NAJ, CD, NA, F, (1/28/99), bred by S. Ongemach; and Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime, F, (9/26/02), bred by E. Pearson and J. Dreaney. She wants to be actively involved in a BMD club and to be involved with activities with others who enjoy their Bernese. She would like to help out on committees, with activities and wherever she can help. Her interests are conformation, health issues,

obedience, breeding, agility, tracking, draft, therapy work, and backpacking. She has trained and shown her dogs for 12 years and also been an obedience and agility judge for fun matches in the Idaho kennel clubs.

Directory updates:

Terri Dittmer New E-Mail
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The end.



2nd Annual Paws for Charity Day

August 2nd, 2003 • 12 PM - 4 PM

Animal ER

(at the northwest intersection of County Line & Broadway)

Bring your four legged friends down for FOOD-PRIZES-FUN and help support some of our local animal charities (like the Colorado Guide Dogs for the Blind, Colorado Greyhound Adoption and local breed rescue groups).

What's Happening:

Reduced Rate Microchip Clinic • "Meet the Breeds"

Pet Photos • Alternative Medicine information

Canine Good Citizen test

Agility & Obedience Demonstrations

All pets must be on leash and current on vaccinations to attend

BMDCR will have a booth at this event. If anyone would like to help (and bring your dog) contact Karen Baru at 303-841-9312 or Karbaru@aol.com

Regional Club Council Report

— Lou Tucker ☐—

The RCC delegates have responded to a draft test survey questionnaire. The reason for the survey was to determine if the regional clubs holding draft tests found the event to be self-supporting.

The overwhelming consensus was the clubs do not make money on the tests, some barely breaking even. ☐ All clubs responding did other events/activities to support the draft tests. They also said that they would continue to hold tests as this is a very integral part of the heritage of the Bernese Mountain Dog. ☐

Phil Atkinson, BMDCA draft chair, gave the following comments: ☐...The one theme I'd like to amplify is that among those hosting tests, the feeling of necessity for these tests, even in the face of losing money, even in the face of low entry numbers, is quite strong. I suggest the reason for this is that drafting defines who and what we are. It is our heritage. Perhaps only a minority of BMDCA members are active in Draft, but without them and the Draft program, the breed and breed standard would lose its history, its sense of purpose, and arguably its very soul. This sets Draft apart from agility, obedience, tracking, herding, etc. Were agility terminated by the AKC, there would be a great furor over the loss of something that was fun. But in the end, the only thing lost would be a sanctioned event that was fun for handlers and dogs alike. There would be no reflection back on the BMD, the BMD culture, sense of

purpose, history, heritage, etc. What ever the policy of the Alpenhorn, we must be careful not to place Draft on equal footing with other events. The price the BMDCA charges (or doesn't) for Draft Test announcements reflects the BMDCA's commitment to its heritage and its recognition of the Draft program as keeper of its soul."

The Lobby Fund and support for the fund is another issue that is being discussed by the RCC members. A brief summary of the March 2003 activities headed by Dr. Melcher was presented.

Dr. Melcher assures us that within the constraints of the Animal Welfare Act, Animal Care wants to go to the limits of their authority and use that authority and their hold on licensed dealers to clean up dog auction failures in selling unhealthy, underage, disabled, or undocumented dogs. He relates that ☐ what the Bernese Mountain Dog Club has accomplished can be measured in an improvement within Animal Care to pay attention to what dog auctions are doing to the extent that there is an improvement and it can be credited to the partnership and relationship between the BMDCA and Animal Care. Dr. Melcher noted that this is a remarkable accomplishment of a group of citizens joined together by their interests in their own breed club to improve the lot of auction dogs of all breeds. He is impressed with the intelligent vigilance of the Club Members to improve the lives of dogs by pressuring the bureaucracy to be alert to help. He notes that the long

awaited finalization of the rule to start the inspection of dogs in the U.S. on air carriers from abroad is still pending. He did state that, to the extent that Bernese puppies are coming into the U.S. underage, "We should be very demanding of Animal Care to inspect even now". He encourages anyone who can give us information to please pass it on to the Lobby Task Force so appropriate action can be taken.

After researching the Montana collie case with Animal Care and the Montana state veterinarian, Dr. Melcher reports that the transportation of 160 dogs from Alaska through Canada ☐ was stopped at the border of Montana, resulting in charges of inhumane treatment. ☐ The trial resulted in a "hung jury". However two motions have been made: First, the right of the County Attorney to retry the case and secondly, the make up of the jury. The owners of the collies will be charged based on the humane treatment law.

☐ The BMDCR is having a raffle of a BMD collage print by Janet Wissman to support the lobby fund. This beautiful 18 x 30 matted print was donated by a BMDCR member. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the Berner Campout, the Berner Fiesta or from club pres. Patti Morgan. The cost of the tickets are \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00. The drawing will be at the Berner Fiesta August 2. Please help support this worthwhile cause.

Meeting Notice

September 28th

Board Meeting 11:30 AM • General Meeting 1 PM

Veterinary Referral Center of Colorado

3550 South Jason Street, Englewood, Colorado (just east of Sante Fe and Hampden)

• BMDCR Sponsored Draft Test •

Thursday, September 4

Judges
Steve Dudley
Patti Morgan

Roland Moore Park
Prospect and Shields
Fort Collins, Colorado

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Draft Stewards Needed

Contact Ron Abbott or Valerie Horney if you would like to help

Litter Box

Born: June 21, 2003
2 Boys, 4 Girls

Breeders:
Wagontale Bernese, Fort Collins, CO
Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell
970-493-3714
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SIRE: AKC/CKC CH Ahquabi's Bank On It CKC CD (Teller) WP959965003, CKC#1076776
DNA#V211521, Born: January 28, 2000
GDC18906, Hips Excellent, EL12N, OFA 10022 Good Hips, EL 2933, CA282/32M/C-PI (Cardiac)
CERF BMD 1938/02-32, vWD Free by parentage

DAM: CH Wagontale's Daphne (Daphne) WP92677501
DNA #V224424 Born: July 8, 1999,
CERF1582/2003-43, GDC Hips Excellent, EL, SH #17732 OFA Hips 6146 Excellent, EL02626
CA313/21F/C-PI (Cardiac), Thyroid Normal (MSU 2002), VW56/42F-PI (vWD clear)

Board Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2003

Place: Veterinary Referral Center of Colorado, 3550 S. Jason St., Englewood, CO

Board Attendees: Patti Morgan (president), Nancy Fuselier (vice president), Tobey Pitchford, Jeanne Stanwood, Amy Gonzalez, Ron Abbott (taking notes in place of secretary Sharon Montville); a quorum of board members was present.

Also present: Stacy Temples (membership chair)

Call to order: 11:38 am.

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes: due to publication time constraints on the part of the new newsletter editor, and computer problems experienced by the secretary, minutes were not published in time for this meeting; therefore, no vote of approval was made.

Report of Secretary: no report (secretary absent).

Report of Treasurer (Patti on behalf of Sara Karl): Roughly \$5,000 held in general fund, \$5,000 held in rescue fund, \$5,000 held in club CD's. 4 VWD test kits have been sold so far. Approximately \$185 profit from hospitality at the National Specialty.

COMMITTEE

REPORTS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Berner Campout and Associated events (Patti): A chair and help for events are needed. A check for \$97 has already been received by one person registering for all events. Jeanne offers to help, and Nancy offers to assist with draft run-throughs.

Sept. 4, 2003 Draft Test and Draft Committee (Ron): Preparations needed to be completed: final meeting on-site with Fort Collins Parks and Rec representative, travel and motel arrangements for Steve Dudley, provision of food/refreshments for

contestants and workers. Discussion - Steve might drive, and Steve and Patti could stay at Debbie Towndrow's, or other places of accommodation for Steve - the host hotel in Greeley (Best Western) and Motel 6 at I-25 & Hwy 14 (Stacy). Perhaps Lou Tucker can organize hospitality. One canopy would be good to have on-site at ring entrance.

Draft Committee Charter and Duties: Discussion - include in duties the selection of stewards and delegation of a head steward, and selection of a person to oversee hospitality (including lunches and morning refreshments), if needed.

Bernerfiesta (Jeanne): to be held August 2, 2003 at the Stanwood's.

Public Education (Patti for Karen Baru): An increase in advertisements by puppy mills has recently been noticed in Denver, and now the Colorado Springs newspapers.

MOTION: Run the BMDCR ad daily in the Denver paper at the special rate of \$54/mo thru August to help counter these ads. (Jeanne/Amy). Motion passed.

MOTION: Purchase the BMDCEW's Puppy Buyer's Guide, 200 pamphlets at \$.65 each for public education. (Ron) Motion passed.

Membership (Stacy): Requests that the charter and duties presented for the membership committee at the last meeting be approved. Five new sustaining members have applied.

MOTION: Approve the membership charter and duties as presented at the last meeting. (Ron). Motion passed.

MOTION: Approve the purchase of 100 additional Puppy Buyer's Guides for distribution at the discretion of the Membership Chair. (Nancy/Jeanne). Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Sept. 4, 2003 Draft Test (Stacy): 18 of the beautiful ceramic trophies

remain from past tests and will be used for the first fall draft test, and note cards remain which can be used as ring favors; the second fall draft test will require new trophies.

2004 National Specialty (Patti): Trophy fund update will be presented by Dottie Schulte at the general meeting.

Second fall draft test, 2003 (Patti): Judges Dino & Mary will likely drive together.

Spring, 2004 draft test (Patti): Do we want to hold one so close to the date of the 2004 National Specialty? Discussion - many club members will be deeply involved with the National. If club AKC accreditation not obtained in time, the club's ability to hold a Regional Specialty in 2004 (and any associated draft test) would be constrained. Jeanne will check out the possibility of using the new Douglas Cty. Fairgrounds for a test. If the two fall draft tests work well in 2003, this pattern might also be repeated for 2004.

Rescue (Patti): While 7 rescue dogs were processed in 2003, none have been handled so far in 2004. Rescue committee forms from 1993 were distributed for later inspection and comment.

Guests at general meetings: Stacy suggests maintaining a guest book to keep track of guests at meetings to assure they do not fall through the cracks.

LHS Fun Run/Walk (Ron): Will obtain the club public ed display from Patti after the meeting; still no volunteers for help for the May 10 event in Fort Collins - several names suggested.

Regular meeting location/ time of next meeting (Patti): Veterinary Referral Center will serve as our regular meeting location for the time being. The next meeting will be Saturday, July 5 at 4:00 pm in association with the Berner Campout at Christina Ohlsen's.

Fund-raiser idea (Nancy): Cheesecakes and Baklava by Ana's Cakes and Pastries, priced at \$16 (15 pieces of baklava), \$15 (6" cake) or \$27 (9" cake). The club's share per sale would be \$6, \$5 and \$7 respectively; club members to obtain pledges and money from people to whom items sold, delivery at Bernerfiesta (icechest required for transport to customers).



Meeting adjourned.

General Meeting Minutes May 4, 2003

Place: Veterinary Referral Center of Colorado, 3550 S. Jason St., Englewood, CO

Voting Members Present: Ron Abbott, Nancy Fuselier (vice president), Amy Gonzalez (taking notes in place of secretary Sharon Montville), Valerie Horney, Sandy Kramer, Patti Morgan (president), Tobey Pitchford, Dottie Schulte, Phil Shaffer, Jeanne Stanwood, Stacy Temples, Lou Tucker. A quorum of voting members was present.

Call to order: ? pm.

Approval of Previous General Meeting Minutes: due to publication time constraints on the part of the new newsletter editor, and computer problems experienced by the secretary, minutes were not published in time for this meeting; therefore, no vote of approval was made.

Report of President (Patti): See Board minutes.

Report of Secretary: No report (secretary absent).

Report of Treasurer (Patti on behalf of Sara Karl): See Board minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards Banquet: no report.

Breeder Referral (Phil): Phone

numbers in puppy mill ads in newspaper can be Googled to discover address of person placing ad.

September 4, 2003 Draft Test (Ron): Rolland Moore Park, Fort Collins - same site as 1998 fall draft test. Final meeting on-site with Fort Collins Parks and Rec representative. Posting of ad in Alpenhorn needed by May 15 - host hotel for Regional Specialty might be suggested in ad (Best Western, 701 8th St., 970-353-8444). Lou Tucker volunteers to organize lunch and early morning food. Stacy noted that leftover trophies and ring favors should be sufficient.

October 4, 2003 Draft Test: This test will be held at Patti Morgan's house. Sara Karl and Sharon Montville are chair and secretary, respectively. Dino Candelaria & Mary Dowski will judge.

Membership (Stacy): There are five new sustaining members applying: Laura Dargurz, Robyn Loffredo, Keena Metcalf, Noah Pene, Rama Pfannenstein.

MOTION: Accept these new members as a slate. (Dottie/Val) Motion passed.

Stacy reported that 100 of 300 copies of new puppy buyer's guide to be purchased by club to be distributed by membership as appropriate; current membership consisting of 58 voting, 4 junior and 112 sustaining members, 174 total; non-renewals listed in newsletter.

Newsletter (Jeanne): Next issue to be with Dottie's help due to Jeanne's being out of state. The deadline is June 20, items to be submitted to Dottie.

RCC (Lou): Most clubs were represented at meeting at National Specialty. The Lobby Task Force fund is at \$5,350, Light One Candle at \$6,105. Lobbying efforts concentrating upon enforcement of existing laws have been effective. The current fee for lobbyist is \$2,500/mo - more money is needed for this effort; does

the club want to do a fund-raiser, or make a monthly donation?

Show News (Valerie): No report.

Ways and Means (Patti/Dottie): Do we want new merchandise for the Regional Specialty? Dottie noted that if merchandise provided, Nancy Carrington is willing to use new sophisticated stitching machine to sew logos, etc. - Dottie will follow up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nancy Fuselier will assist with the draft run-through to be held in association with Berner Campout; Ron willing to also help if in area.

The BMD will be featured in the July Dog Fancy Magazine this summer. The BMDCA has a full-page ad and BMDCR has an ad in the classifieds. Expect an upswing in interest in the breed.

NEW BUSINESS

A club ad will run daily through August in the Denver newspaper due to an increase in puppy mill ads.

2004 National Specialty Trophies (Dottie): will present letter soliciting donations nationally.

MOTION: That the BMDCR will provide \$70 for Reserve Winners Dog, \$60 for Obedience Open and \$25 for Novice Draft Dog. (Tobey/Ron) Motion passed.

LHS Fun Run/Walk (Ron): Saturday, May 10, 8-1p, 5K run, 3K walk; Ron & Obie to definitely be there - other volunteers?

Fund-raiser idea (Nancy): Cheesecakes and Baklava by Ana's Cakes and Pastries - see details in Board minutes.

Patti noted that a Berner article from Runner's World, will be submitted to newsletter.

Patti stated that the next meeting will be at Berner Campout on Saturday, July 5.

Meeting adjourned.



Mark Your Calendar

DRAFT TEST

September 4, 2003

BMDCA Draft Test
Roland Moore Park, Fort Collins

EVENTS

August 2, 2003

Bernerfiesta
(see information in this newsletter)

August 2, 2003

2nd Annual Paws for Charity Day
(see information in this newsletter)

SHOWS & MATCHES

August 9 and 10, 2003

Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club AKC All Breed Shows
Colorado State University Oval, Fort Collins

August 16 and 17, 2003

Greeley Kennel Club AKC All Breed Shows
Island Grove Park, Greeley

August 30 and September 1, 2003

Cheyenne Kennel Club AKC All Breed Shows
Frontier Park, Cheyenne, Wyoming

September 5, 2003

BMDCR Regional Specialty
Island Grove Park, Greeley

September 6 and 7, 2003

Evergreen Kennel Club AKC All Breed Shows
Island Grove Park, Greeley

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under the weight of 15 pounds can often receive conservative treatment - specifically, six weeks of absolute cage rest. In this case, the body is allowed to create its own scar tissue to secure the joint. However, dogs weighing more than 15 pounds almost always need surgery to stabilize the joint so they can be returned to optimal function and slow the development of arthritis development. Despite more aggressive management, all dogs with CCL tears will develop some level of arthritis.

Regarding surgical treatment, there are numerous techniques available. Which one to use depends on the surgeon's preference, the age of the dog, and the cost the owner is willing to assume. However, they are all classified into two categories, intracapsular which involves replacement of the ligament, and extracapsular, which uses large sutures or other structures around the knee for stabilization. Should your dog incur a CCL tear, it is important to discuss all surgical options in order to decide which is best for the health and lifestyle of your pet.

Regardless of the type of surgical technique, there is a fairly extensive rehabilitation period required after the procedure. "Worst case scenario" for your dog typically takes twelve weeks with your pet being strictly confined to the house for six weeks, with short leash-walks for bathroom purposes only. This is followed by six weeks of increasing distance on leash-controlled walks. Some surgical techniques require a shorter period of rehabilitation, but all include a period of time when activity is restricted for your pet.

As you can see, CCL ruptures can affect the mobility and comfort level of your dog as they age (not to mention the affects on your pocketbook as procedures run from \$1000 to \$2000!). Although there are no clear measures to prevent CCL tears, owners can "stack the deck" in favor of their dog not incurring a CCL tear by being aware of these risk factors:

- Obesity: more weight borne by the knee causes more stress on the CCL
- Limited activity/inactivity can

result in less muscular control around the knee joint

- Long term use of corticosteroids, which weakens the ligaments
- Underlying disease conditions, such as Cushing's disease and immune-mediated joint diseases (malfunctioning immune system)
- Patella luxation — the sliding, popping of the kneecap out of position (seen mostly in small dogs)

And so the take home message is to keep your dog lean, active and healthy. And have your dog examined by a veterinarian as soon as possible should you suspect a CCL tear to (hopefully) prevent damage that may alter the physical functioning of your dog as well as subject them to unnecessary joint pain and arthritis as they age.



Bernerfiesta 2003

Hosts: The Nygaard's
424 Red Deer Road • Franktown, Colorado

August 2
12 Noon - 4:30 PM

Activities:

Great shopping at Ways and Means • Silent Auction
Rally Obedience Course • Draft Practice
5 acres with a large fenced yard for romping and playing

And much more...just bring your dogs and plan to spend an afternoon with some of your best friends (and make some more!) and look forward to a few suprizes.

What to Bring:

Family and Dogs
Blankets, chairs, X-pens or crates, shade
(there is some but storms knocked out some of the prime spots)
and water and bowls for your dog

Potluck dish to share
(please label container and serving utensils so they can be returned):

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| Last name | A-D | snacks and appetizers |
| | E-M | veggies/salads/side dishes |
| | N-Z | desserts |

Provided: Main dish, eating utensils and pop

Cost: \$6.00 per adult or child over age 10
\$2.00 for children under age 10
Pop or water 50 cents each

RSVP to Gretchen by July 27 with # of people and dogs to
303-663-1212 or grenygaard@starband.net.

Directions: from north or south take I-25 to exit 182 in Castle Rock; follow signs to hwy 86 east to Franktown. At the light in Franktown (intersection of 86 and 83) turn LEFT and proceed south for 1 mile to Russellville RD. Turn LEFT onto Russellville and proceed 2.5 mi to Red Deer Rd where you will turn LEFT again and drive 1 mile to 424(house is hidden from the road on the LEFT). The best parking may be on the diagonal on Red Deer, but we will leave the circle drive open for dropoff. (NOTE: for those of you coming from the Springs, don't be tempted to take hwy 83 north. They will be closing the road at Castlewood Canyon for bridge construction)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MONTY
ROSEWOOD FULL MONTY duCOEUR
8-1-99 TO 3-22-03

HE WAS OUR BEAUTIFUL BOY

HE LOVED LIFE

HE WAS ALWAYS HAPPY

HIS TAIL ALWAYS WAGGED

*HE ALWAYS HAD A STUFFED TOY IN HIS MOUTH BUT NEVER
DESTROYED A SINGLE ONE*

*HE LOVED TO JUMP UP AND GIVE US "HUGGIES" YET HE
WASN'T RUDE OR PUSHY ABOUT IT*

HE LOVED THE MOUNTAINS AND BEING AT OUR CABIN

HE LOVED JUST BEING NEAR US

HE WAS ABLE TO END UP ON OUR LAP WITHOUT US

EVEN KNOWING THAT IS WHAT WAS HAPPENING

JULE LOVED LYING ON THE FLOOR WITH HIM

HE HAD A WONDERFUL SMILE

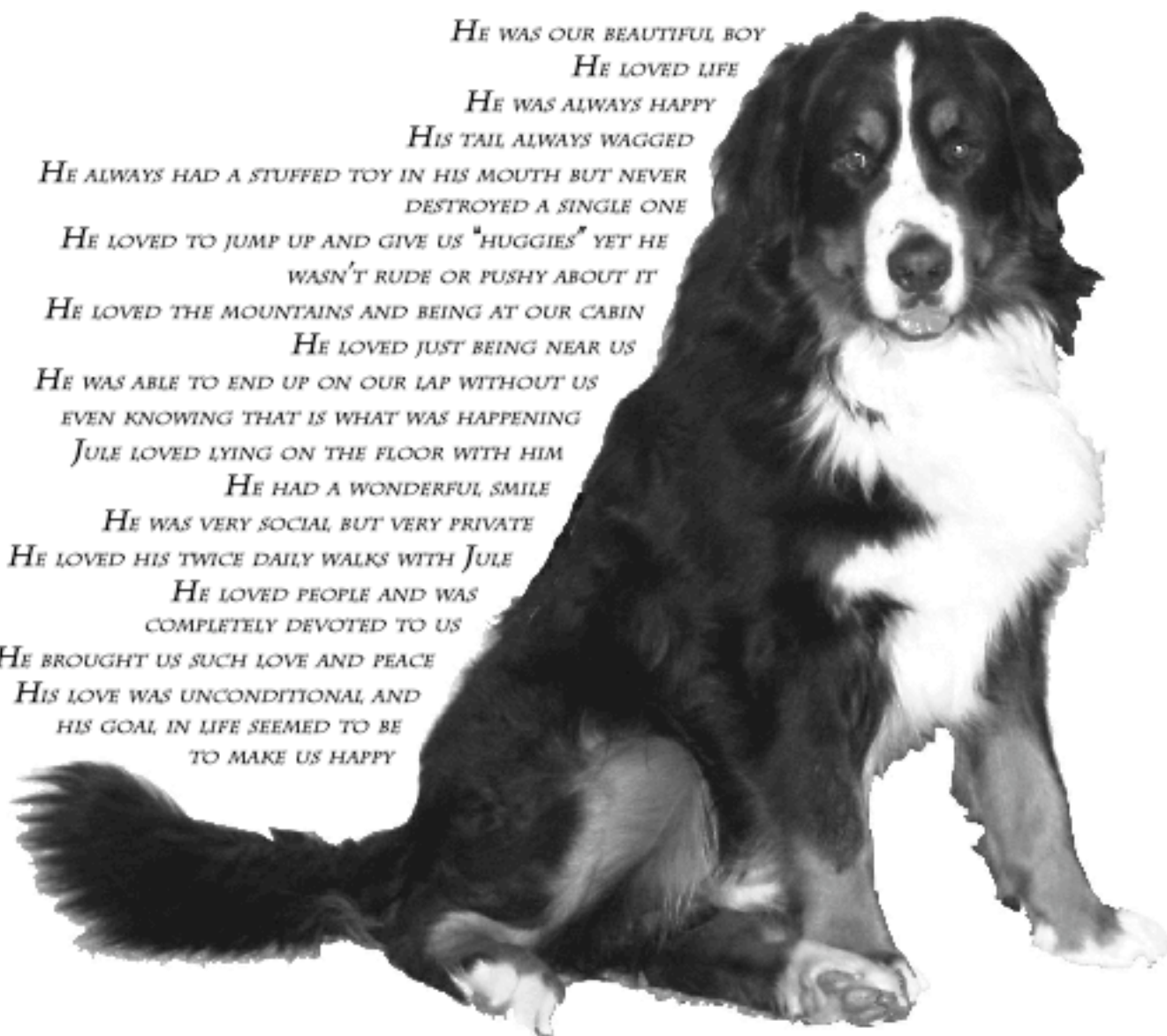
HE WAS VERY SOCIAL, BUT VERY PRIVATE

HE LOVED HIS TWICE DAILY WALKS WITH JULE

*HE LOVED PEOPLE AND WAS
COMPLETELY DEVOTED TO US*

HE BROUGHT US SUCH LOVE AND PEACE

*HIS LOVE WAS UNCONDITIONAL AND
HIS GOAL IN LIFE SEEMED TO BE
TO MAKE US HAPPY*



HE WAS THE SWEETEST DOG WE HAVE EVER KNOWN

MUCH LOVED AND MISSED BY OWNERS NANCY CARRINGTON & JULE VILMONT
AND "SIBLINGS" KATY AND SWEENEY TODD
AND BY PREVIOUS OWNERS RICK & LYNNE ROBINSON
MONTY DIED OF COMPLICATIONS FOLLOWING SURGERY WHILE BATTLING IMPA

Show News

— Valerie Horney —



2nd leg
CDX CH Springs Ripple in Still Water "Ripple"
owned by Doug & Fay Benson, 1st place Open A

1st leg CD CH Bluemoon's Bewitched, "Goosey"
owned by Christine Mann

May 5, 2003
2nd leg CD CH Bluemoon's Bewitched, "Goosey"
owned by Christine Mann

Sangre De Cristo Kennel Club

May 9, 2003
WD
Wagontale's Ivanhoe "Ivan"
owned by Stacy Temples

WB/BW/BOS
Mountainair's Crimestopper, "Kinsey"
owned by Darcy Babb

BB
CH Prairiefires Bedtime Story, "PJ"
owned by Sharon Johnson

May 10, 2003
RWD
Wagontale's Ivanhoe "Ivan"
owned by Stacy Temples

WB/BW/BB
Ochsnerhof's Anni, "Anni"
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

BOS
CH Classiques Rhinestone Cowboy, "Cody"
owned by Ann Daily and Dawn Gabig

May 11, 2003
WD/BW
Wagontale's Ivanhoe, "Ivan"
owned by Stacy Temples

RWB
Mountainair's Crimestopper, "Kinsey"
owned by Darcy Babb

BB
CH Classiques Rhinestone Cowboy, "Cody"
owned by Ann Daily and Dawn Gabig

May 12, 2003
RWD
Wagontale's Ivanhoe, "Ivan"
owned by Stacy Temples

RWB
L-Sin's Mountainair Navy Blue, "Navy"
owned by Darcy Babb

BB
CH Ochsnerhof's Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

Durango Kennel Club

May 16, 2003
WD
Lorien Dells Bilbo Baggins
owned by Elaine Sheridan, George & Lynn Woods

RWD
Demetux Afterberner for Takeoff, "Ace"
owned by Linda Ansfeld & Philip Keenan

WB/BW/BOS
Ochsnerhof's Anni, "Anni"
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

RWB
Lorien Dell's Prairie Dawn
owned by George & Lynn Woods

BB/Group 2
CH Ochsnerhof's Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

May 17, 2003
WD
Lorien Dells Bilbo Baggins
owned by Elaine Sheridan, George & Lynn Woods
New Champion

RWD
Demetux Afterberner for Takeoff, "Ace"
owned by Linda Ansfeld & Philip Keenan

WB/BW
Lorien Dell's Prairie Dawn
owned by George & Lynn Woods

BB
CH Ochsnerhof's Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

BOS
Lorien Dell's Luthien Tinuvial "Lu"
owned by George & Lynn Woods

May 18, 2003
WD
Demetux Afterberner for Takeoff, "Ace"
owned by Linda Ansfeld & Philip Keenan

WB/BW/BOS
Lorien Dell's Prairie Dawn
owned by George & Lynn Woods

BB/Group 3
CH Ochsnerhof's Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

Central Wyoming KC, Laramie Kennel Club

May 23, 2003
WD/BW
Demetux Afterberner for Takeoff, "Ace"
owned by Linda Ansfeld & Philip Keenan
New Champion

WB/BOS
Spring's Lady Molly CD, "Molly"
owned by Nancy Fuselier

RWB
Demetux By Your Leave Sir
owned by Linda Ansfeld and Philip Keenan

BB
CH Ochsnerhof's Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

May 24, 2003
RWD
Blumoon's Mountain Grown, "Folger"
owned by Christine Mann

WB/BW/BOS
Travois Casting Spells, "Charms"
owned by Debbie Manning & Karen Baru

RWB
Ochsnerhof's Anni, "Anni"
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

BB
CH Ochsnerhof's Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

May 25, 2003
WD
Blumoon's Mountain Grown, "Folger"
owned by Christine Mann

RWB
Ochsnerhof's Anni, "Anni"
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

WB
Prairiefires Legend Lucia Night
owned by B & R Shuris, A Fitzgerlad & S Johnson

BOS
CH Triad's All night Serenade, "Alie"
owned by Karen Baru

BB
CH Ochsnerhof's Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

May 26, 2003
WB/BW
Prairiefires Legend Lucia Night,
owned by B & R Shuris, A Fitzgerlad & S Johnson

RWB
Travois Casting Spells, "Charms"
owned by Debbie Manning & Karen Baru

BOS
CH Triad's All night Serenade, "Alie"
owned by Karen Baru

BB
CH Ochsnerhof's Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

Fargo Moorhead Kennel Club
May 30, 2003
WD/BW
Wagontale's Ivanhoe, "Ivan"
owned by Stacy Temples

May 31, 2003
WD/BW
Wagontale's Ivanhoe, "Ivan"
owned by Stacy Temples

June 6, 2003
RWD
Wagontale's Ivanhoe, "Ivan"
owned by Stacy Temples

Flatirons Kennel Club
May 31, 2003
RWD
Summit's As Wild As the Wind
owner Sandy Dunaway & Tracey Keith

RWB
Lorien Dell's Prairie Dawn
owned by George & Lynn Woods

BOS CH Triad's All night Serenade, "Alie"
owned by Karen Baru

BB
CH Prairiefires Bedtime Story, "PJ"
owned by Sharon Johnson

Group 2
3rd leg CDX
CH Springs Ripple in Still Water "Ripple"
owned by Doug & Fay Benson, 4th place Open A
New BMDCA Working Dog Excellent Award, New
Companion Dog Excellent

June 1, 2003
WD
Kinvarra's Chieftain, "Connor"
owned by Pat Hughes

RWD
Summit's As Wild As the Wind
owner Sandy Dunaway & Tracey Keith

WB/BW
Prairiefires Legend Lucia Night,
owned by B & R Shuris, A Fitzgerlad & S Johnson

WD
Kinvarra's Chieftain, "Connor"
owned by Pat Hughes

RWD
Summit's As Wild As the Wind
owner Sandy Dunaway & Tracey Keith

BB
CH Classiques Rhinestone Cowboy, "Cody"
owned by Ann Daily and Dawn Gabig

Southern Colorado Kennel Club
June 7, 2003

WD
Summit's As Wild As the Wind
owner Sandy Dunaway & Tracey Keith

RWD
Kinvarra's Chieftain, "Connor"
owned by Pat Hughes

WB/BW
Prairiefires Legend Lucia Night
owned by B & R Shuris, A Fitzgerlad & S Johnson

RWB
Summit Look Heart No Hands
owned by Sandy Dunaway & Jacqueline Schuck

BOS
CH Triad's All night Serenade, "Alie"
owned by Karen Baru

BB
CH Prairiefires Bedtime Story, "PJ"
owned by Sharon Johnson

June 8, 2003
WD
Kinvarra's Chieftain, "Connor"
owned by Pat Hughes

WB
Lorien Dell's Prairie Dawn
owned by George & Lynn Woods

RWB
Northwoods Dee-o-Gee
owned Mary Richards

BOS
CH Triad's All night Serenade, "Alie"
owned by Karen Baru

BB/Group 3
CH Ochsnerhof's Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler



Bud and Ready . . . California Dreamin'

BMDCR Club Information

Meetings

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies holds regular meetings on the fourth Sunday of January, March, September and November, unless members are otherwise notified. There is an educational program followed by a business meeting. All programs begin at 2:00 p.m., and the business meeting about an hour later. Location of meetings will be announced each newsletter. Do not bring dogs to these meetings.

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. Please mark your calendars to reserve these dates for 2002. There may also be additional events – club-sponsored fun matches, club fund-raising activities, our supported entry or regional specialty, breeders showcases, or other all-breed events open to Berners – held at other times during the course of the year. You will be notified of these events through the newsletter.

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.

The newsletter is sent free of charge to all BMDCR members in good standing and to other regional Berner clubs that send us their newsletters. 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.

At the September 22, 1991 general meeting, our club voted to follow the format used by the BMDCA for all Litter Box advertising in our newsletter. 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. The statement, 'elbows negative for dysplasia,' appearing on OFA certificates issued before institution of the OFA elbow registry, may be used." (October 1991 Alpenhorn) BMDCR Breeder Referral guidelines were modified by vote of the General members on November 18, 2001.

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.

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