



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

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Homeopathic Remedies for Insect Bites and Stings

Homeopathic remedies can be useful for relieving the pain and swelling of insect bites and stings. If a person is allergic to the venom of a stinging insect, or if a bite is from a poisonous spider, emergency medical attention is needed right away. (Remedies can still be used, to reduce the early trauma and to help recovery.)

Aconitum Napellus: This remedy can be helpful if a person feels fearful or panicked after being stung. Cutting, stabbing, or burning pain may be felt, along with swelling, tingling, or numbness. Aconitum should be used immediately, while symptoms are intense, and can be followed by another remedy, as indicated.

Apis Mellifica: If a bite or bee sting causes puffy, tender swelling that is pink or red and hot to the touch, this remedy may be helpful. The area stings and burns, and cold applications bring relief. (If a person is allergic to insect venom, especially bee-stings, Apis may help to reduce the swelling of the passages, given as first aid while on the way to emergency medical care.)

Cantharis: This remedy may be indicated if a bite or sting results in intensely burning, scalding pain. The area of inflammation is red, and blisters may develop.

Carbolicum Acidum: This remedy is usually indicated in first-aid situations, while medical help is being sought. The person feels sick and weak, and may have trouble breathing, with a dark or reddish face that looks pale around the mouth.

Hypericum: This remedy is known for its soothing effect on injuries to nerve-

rich body areas. It is also useful after puncture wounds, including bites and stings. Shooting pains or pains with numbness and tingling often are experienced when Hypericum is needed.

Ledum Palustre: Swelling that extends some distance from the bite, often with a bluish tinge, a feeling of cold and numbness, and aching pain, suggests the use of this remedy. If the swollen part seems cold, but the application of ice or cold water brings relief, Ledum is strongly indicated.

Urtica Urens: Reddish blotches that burn and itch intensely (like a nettle sting) after insect bites may be relieved with this remedy. It is also a useful remedy for hives that sting and itch.

Homeopathy Dosage Directions

Select the remedy that most closely matches the symptoms. In conditions where self-treatment is appropriate, unless otherwise directed by a physician, a lower potency (6X, 6C, 12X, 12C, 30X, or 30C) should be used. In addition, instructions for use are usually printed on the label.

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Next Meeting:

Sunday, September 26

Letter from the President

I want to wish everyone a great summer, I hope in your travels if it might be for a dog show or a vacation that it's always a safe trip. I hope to see you at some of our club activities this summer.

Rescue has had a few dogs come into the program; Phil Shaffer is the foster home for Mr. Biggs and he seems to be doing great. He has a wonderful temperament, but he does have some hip problems but with the TLC that Mr. Biggs is getting from Phil I am sure he will be just fine in time.

Patti Morgan

2004 BMDCR Membership Directory

The 2004 BMDCR Membership Directory has been mailed. If you did not receive a copy, please contact Stacy Temples, Membership Chair, 970-493-3714.

Thank you Stacy for the new hot pink directory!

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Many homeopathic physicians suggest that remedies be used as follows: Take one dose and wait for a response. If improvement is seen, continue to wait and let the remedy work. If improvement lags significantly or has clearly stopped, another dose may be taken. The frequency of dosage varies with the condition and the individual. Sometimes a dose may be required several times an hour; other times a dose may be indicated several times a day; and in some situations, one dose per day (or less) can be sufficient.

If no response is seen within a reasonable amount of time, select a different remedy.

For more information, including references, see http://www.vitacost.com/science/hn/Homeo/What_Is_Homeopathy_hm.htm

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Be part of the excitement of the highest altitude dog "race". K9-4K August 7, 9:30 AM

Join Mary Gervais and Toby and Tessa in the K9-4K in Frisco on August 7th! Fun race, walk or run, with prizes and party afterward.

Where? Starts at Frisco Town Hall on West Main Street, Frisco at 9:30 with registration starting at 8:30 (\$25 day of race). Follows the bike path at the base of Mt. Royal through aspen and pine groves, past a small lake, and loops back through neighborhoods. Drawings, prizes, and music at Town Hall follow it. All Berners should meet in front of Town Hall at 9:20 to do the race together!

Pre-race registration is \$22 if received by July 25. Go online to <http://Vail.net/~laps> to find registration form. You will need to supply a copy of rabies vaccination when you send in your form. If you cannot get this online, send a copy of rabies certificate, your name, dog's name and breed, your phone number and address to LAPS, POB 2512, Frisco, Co 80443.

RSVP to Mary Gervais at 970-453-0674 so I have a head count for the luncheon. Please just leave message if we are not home.

All proceeds benefit League of Animals and People of the Summit, a group functions for the welfare of animals in our county. A current project is to establish more dog off-leash areas. The temperature in Frisco in August has rarely exceeded 80 degrees, so it will be cool in the morning.

Please share European style lunch with Gervais' after the race, at 291 Shekel Lane, Breckenridge. Bring a salad or a dessert to share, and some cheese to eat with bread. Hosts will supply breads and beverages. (Highway 9 towards Breckenridge, right after passing Breckenridge golf course sign, go left on Fairview Blvd—right across from the chain-saw bears—, the go left again on Silver Circle, then right on Shekel Lane and go .3 miles. Easier, just follow us from the race).

Hope to "race" with you!



CRAFT DOG—CALLING ALL BERNESE ARTISANS

Admit it. Your love of Bernese Mountain Dogs spills over into other areas of your life. You take dog crates with you to the car dealership so you can select a van that fits your BMDs. You spend months searching for non-slip, non-stain, non-scratch tile flooring in tones of black, blue, and russet. You don't buy greeting cards anymore because you'd rather spend hours designing one on your computer that features a photo of your adorable new BMD puppy. And after losing out on that awesome Berner quilt in the National Specialty raffle, you ran home and designed your own.

Not you? We think it is. We hear rumors of a weaver in Castle Rock who spins berner fur, a fancier in Fort Collins whose Dad carves wooden BMDs, and a full tannenbaum of hand-made BMD Christmas ornaments in a neighboring state.

Share Pictures of Your Crafty BMD Creations

Send a digital picture of your Berner art with a description, and we'll publish it in this new feature of the *BMDCR Messenger*, "Craft Dog." To get the yarn ball rolling, here's one submitted by Sharon Keefer of Littleton, Colorado:

Super Quick Baby Berner Socks

These really are super-quick-to-knit socks, and they make a great gift for berner friends who are expecting (a human baby). They are knit on size 7 double-pointed needles with worsted weight yarn (that's sweater yarn, not tiny baby yarn).



I adapted a pattern by Dilys Sutherland found on the web to mimic Bernese Mountain Dog feet. The rust color was the hardest to match – I came close to dragging my dog into the yarn store! The fuzzy white yarn made the toes extra soft and cuddly.

If you would like a copy of the adapted pattern, including exact yarn brands and colors names, e-mail me at sharonkeefer@comcast.net.

Boost Your Dog Show Karma

Sponsor a Trophy at the 2004 Regional Specialty

Sponsors are still needed for these classes

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|----------------------------------|------|
| Puppy Dogs (9-12 months) | \$25 |
| Twelve-to-Eighteen Month Dogs | \$25 |
| Bred-by-Exhibitor Dogs | \$25 |
| Puppy Bitches (6-9 months) | \$25 |
| Puppy Bitches (9-12 months) | \$25 |
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| Stud Dog Class | \$25 |
| Brood Bitch Class | \$25 |
| Brace Class | \$25 |
| Awards of Merit | \$20 |

Puppy / Junior Sweepstakes

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| Best in Puppy / Junior Sweeps | \$35 |
| Best of Opposite Sex | \$30 |
| Puppy Dogs 6-9 months | \$25 |
| Puppy Dogs 9-12 months | \$25 |
| Junior Dogs 12-18 months | \$25 |
| Puppy Bitches 6-9 months | \$25 |
| Puppy Bitches 9-12 months | \$25 |
| Junior Bitches 12-18 months | \$25 |
| <u>Obedience</u> | |
| Highest Scoring Dog | \$50 |
| Highest Combined Scoring Dog | \$35 |
| Highest Scoring Dog 7+ Dogs | \$30 |
| Obedience Brace Class | \$25 |
| Obedience Veterans Class | \$25 |

Junior Showmanship

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| Novice Junior Class | \$25 |
| Novice Senior Class | \$25 |
| Open Junior Class | \$25 |
| Open Senior Class | \$25 |

Veterans Sweepstakes

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|---------------------------|------|
| Best of Opposite Sex | \$30 |
| Veteran Bitches 7-9 years | \$25 |
| Veteran Bitches 11+ years | \$25 |

General Trophy Fund \$Any

To make a donation, please contact:

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Show News

— Valerie Horney —

Flatirons Kennel Club

May 29, 2004

WD/BW

Wagontale's Great Grey Wizard, "Gandalf"
owned by Pam & Barry Solomon and Stacy Temples

RWD

Prairiefire's Torch O'Kinvarra
owned by Sharon Johnson and Devon Ellison

WB

Nashems Dreamboat of Sapphire
owned by Carol Arbuthnot and Sara Karl

RWB

Blumoon Journey to Chimoloo, "Chimo"
owned by Jeanne Stanwood and Christine Mann

BB

CH Classique's Rhinestone Cowboy, "Cody"
owned by Ann Dailey and Bill Dailey

May 30, 2004

WD

Valentines' Built ot Last V Bev's
owned by Dan & Rae Valentine

RWD

Wagontale's Great Grey Wizard, "Gandalf"
owned by Pam & Barry Solomon and Stacy Temples

WB/OS

Marben's Tuckernut Belle
owned by Robert Persons

RWB

Prairiefire All Kinds of Fun
owned by Sharon Johnson & Sarah & Tony Ramirez

BB

Prairiefire's Bedtime Story, "PJ"
owned by Sharon Johnson

Colorado Springs Kennel Club

June 5, 2004

WD/BW

Wagontale's Great Grey Wizard, "Gandalf"
owned by Pam & Barry Solomon and Stacy Temples

RWD

Valentines' Built ot Last V Bev's
owned by Dan & Rae Valentine

WB/OS

Summit's Look Heart No Hands
owned by Jacqueline Schuck and Sandy Dunaway

RWB

Sapphire's Gotta Dance to Brnrliebe
owned by Kerri Nielsen & Christina Ohlsen

BB

CH Lorien Dell's Hansel the Sumo
owned by G & S Brooks, G & L Wood

June 6, 2004

WD

Valentines' Built ot Last V Bev's
owned by Dan & Rae Valentine

RWD

Prairiefire's Torch O'Kinvarra
owned by Sharon Johnson and Devon Ellison

WB/BW/OS

Wagontale's Mirabelle
owned by Stacy Temples

RWB

Nashem Merimac Made in Heaven
owned by Shelly Walker and Sara Karl

BB

Prairiefire's Bedtime Story, "PJ"
owned by Sharon Johnson



Yellowstone Valley Kennel Club

June 15, 2004

WD/BW

Wagontale's Great Grey Wizard, "Gandalf"
owned by Pam & Barry Solomon and Stacy Temples
NEW CHAMPION

WB/OS

Wagontale's Mirabelle
owned by Stacy Temples

BB

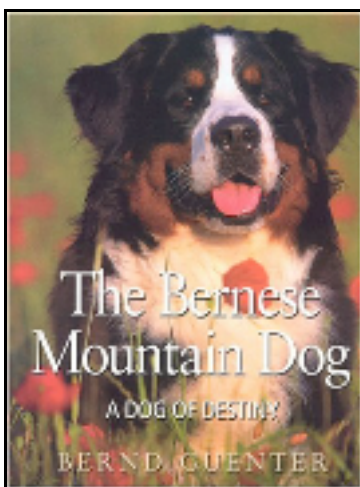
CH Classique's Rhinestone Cowboy, "Cody"
owned by Ann Dailey and Bill Dailey

June 16, 2004

WB/OS Wagontale's Mirabelle
owned by Stacy Temples
NEW CHAMPION

BB

CH Classique's Rhinestone Cowboy, "Cody"
owned by Ann Dailey and Bill Dailey



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Yo!
Heads Up



Karen Baru

SHOWS & MATCHES

7/31-8/1

AKC Agility; Colorado KC, National Western Event Center, Denver
Trial Secretary: Carol Makowski, 303-665-9007,
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8/7-8

AKC B/OB, Buckhorn Valley KC; CSU Oval, Ft. Collins
Trial Secretary: Onofrio

8/14-15

AKC B/OB, Greeley KC, Island Grove Park, Greeley
Trial Secretary: Onofrio

8/22

B/OB Fun Match, Friends of Mals, Arapahoe Community College,
Littleton; Barbara White 303-688-6502; Ob@8:30; Conf@9:00

8/22

N/OB Sanctioned B Match, Plum Creek KC; Redstone Park,
Highlands Ranch; Marty 303-646-3094, mkrenek@aol.com
Reg@9:00; judging@9:30.

9/3

BMDCR Regional Specialty, Greeley Co; Island Grove Park
Conf, Sweeps & Ob.
Show Secy: Robert Miller/Sara Karl, Showchair, 719-534-9056

9/4-5

AKC B/OB; Evergreen KC, Greeley
Trial Secretary: Onofrio

9/18-19

AKC B/Ob, Grand Valley KC, Grand Junction
Trial Secretary: Onofrio

9/24-26

AKC Agility, Terry-All KC, Adams CFG, Brighton, CO
Trial Secretary: Deb Ascher, 970-532-3124, LookoutGld@aol.com

9/26

AKC Tracking TD Test, Mountain States DTC, Chatfield State Rec
Area, Littleton, CO

RCC - What is it?

Our newsletter editor has pointed out that a lot of new members and perhaps other members don't know about the role of a RCC representative. RCC = Regional Club Council is a group that is the liaison between their local club and the Bernese Mountain Club of America. Twenty six local clubs (including Canada) have a representative on the council.

Their duty as the RCC rep is to be the voice of their local club. We communicate via an e list and hold an annual meeting at the national specialty. Several of the BMDCA board members are also represented and chair a particular task force. The BMDCA president is also in attendance.

In the following report BMDCA board member Alison Jaskiewicz is chairing the task force on specialty rotations.

RCC REPORT & QUESTIONNAIRE by Lou Tucker

The BMDCA Specialty Task Force has been divided into mini-task forces to address specific issues. Task force member Alison Jaskiewicz is chairing the mini-task force addressing how specialties are rotated around the country (currently the zone system)

Nan Pixton (Regional Club Council) chair has agreed to join this mini-task force and our goal is to reach out to all the regional clubs via the RCC in order to review and assess this issue in depth. Your participation is deeply appreciated. In essence the regional clubs are members of this task force.

Our topic is specialty rotations. The goal is to seek and review All possible options. All of the RCC reps have been urged to take this discussion to the local clubs. As there will not be a BMDCR club meeting before the deadline of July 27, 2004 I have included a set of questions in this newsletter. Please take time to respond to the specific questions and either mail, email or phone me with your comments. I need to take (your) opinion as a member of the BMDCR back to the task force.

Background: Current Zone System -- The current BMDCA zone system consists of 5 zones built around regional clubs. The national specialty rotates through each zone every 5 years : one club may host, multiple clubs may host, a consortium of individuals may host or the region may decline hosting completely in which case the specialty would be held in conjunction with an all breed show.

There are several significant consequences to this zone system. Some zones have many clubs and some zones have fewer. Some zones are geographically compact and some are significantly spread out. As specialty planning requires a minimum of three years, particularly because potential sites book years in advance, a five year rotation means that each zone has only two years respite and recovery between specialties.

Prior to the current zone system the BMDCA had 3 loosely defined regions - east, mid-west and west through which the specialties ideally rotated. If no club in a particular region volunteered then host clubs were sought from all parts of the country

This approach was revised specifically because regional clubs were not volunteering and often specialty were "adopted" with persuasion, only 2 years before the event instead of the ideal 3 years.

Surely many other options have been discussed and debated across the country. Some of the possibilities are to expand the number of existing zones or to have no zones at all and open each year to bids from any region.

Please evaluate the pros and cons, advantages and disadvantages of the current and previous rotation systems . Your individual opinion is most valuable, I, then as RCC rep will pass along our thoughts and concerns to the task force.

Enclosed is a questionnaire with some specific questions to consider, but also feel free to present other options for consideration and evaluation. Please complete and send to Lou Tucker.

Membership

Membership

— Stacy Temples —

Please welcome the following new Sustaining club members approved May 16, 2004:

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The Adams have Quincy (M, 10/6/2000) from the Netherlands; and Callie, DeGrasso's Juffrouw V Faust, (F, 3/3/2004). They are interested in health issues and want to contribute to the health and good breeding of Bernese. They also want to meet other people who share the love of this great breed. They recently attended the Bernerfiesta where they were able to meet many club members. They can contribute in any way the club needs. They train their dogs in obedience and in the past they have owned a Cocker Spaniel, a Collie, a Dachshund and a Great Dane between them.

Sheri Mangin
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Sheri recently received Teaser (SF) from Sara Karl. She is interested in almost all aspects of owning Bernese and she wants to join the club to become involved with Berner activities and to learn more. She can help with whatever is needed. Sheri

attended the recent Bernerfiesta. She also owns Borzoi now and used to own Afghans. She trains her dogs in Obedience, Lure Coursing and Conformation, and she has never bred a litter of puppies. She is a member of the local Borzoi Club where she has been President, Secretary and on the Board, and Sheri was also a national Borzoi club member in the past.

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Jo Ann owns Angel, Sommerfeld's Hope (F, 3/31/2003) from Samantha Judge DVM. Jo Ann was a club member in the late 80's with her other 2 Bernese. She wants to join the club to have a social group with whom to share the health issues of the breed and other Berner interests. She knows Sandy Kramer. She can help as needed with events and she recently attended the Bernerfiesta. She trains weekly in obedience with her dog.

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Michelle recently lost her Bernese to cancer, Maggie from Douglas Knox, and she wants to add a new BMD to her family soon. She is interested in a family pet and she would like to join the club to be informed of Berner issues. She would like to help out with membership (Yeah!! ;-) and/or newsletters. She has also owned Border Collies in the past and has bred 9 litters of BC that were AKC registered.

Dean Allum
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They have Wilson, (M, 11/18/2003), from Patti Morgan. Dean is interested in carting and backpacking with his dog and wants to join the club to meet other enthusiastic owners and to walk in parades. He can help plan outings in the Colorado mountains. He is doing on-going training with Wilson and has also owned an Old English Sheepdog in the past.

New Address:
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COOKING WITH DOG HAIR

The proper way to cook with dog hair – Mary E. Wolley



Do you remember how embarrassed you were the last time you had company for dinner and when they dug several dog hairs from your best gourmet effort? This is because there is a right and a wrong way to cook with dog hairs.

First, we must remember each dish calls for a different variety. If you are unfortunate enough to own only one variety, I'm sure you can come up with a friend who will be willing to lend you the proper variety of hair or you could even order a rare variety, as they are light and easy to mail. There are many dishes that are basic to most menus and these can always be spiced up with the buff variety, which are especially useful when baking biscuits, pastries and yellow cakes. The black and tan hairs go well with fall dishes, Thanksgiving turkey, mince or pumpkin pies or even yarns. Black, of course is for your roasts, steaks, ribs and hearty dishes, including stews, which carry black hairs well.

Naturally chocolate color hairs will go well with most desserts, unless you serve a very light Jell-O type dessert, in which case go back to the silver buff. If you are especially interested in foreign foods, most varieties can be used in Mexican, Japanese and Chinese cooking. In fact, any nationality food will accept most dog hairs without hurting the flavor.

A good rule of thumb to remember which dog hairs go with which dish is--use them as you would a good wine--white wine and light hair with the delicate dishes, dark wine and dark hair with the more robust, heartier dishes. For a special touch to finish your meal with a flourish, add the long-forgotten finger bowls with a few hairs of assorted colors floating in them. Your guests will be astounded, and so appreciative of your unexpected elegance!

Thanks to Angie and Kirk Hanson for hosting the Berner Fiesta...
a great time was had by all!!!!



*Bernbrae's Althea v Valentine, "Althea" 09/12/98 - 06/22/04
euthanized/mesothelioma
Loved & missed by Rae & Dan Valentine*

*Francis Bailey on Lockout Mtn. "Bailey" 01/23/98 - 05/26/04
euthanized/cancer
Loved & missed by Jane Trexler & Karen Baru*

VwD Test

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club
of the Rockies
is offering the test for to
members for \$99.

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Board Meeting, May 16, 2004

Board Members Present:

Patti Morgan, Angela Hanson, Jeanne Stanwood, Amy Gonzales, Sharone Keefer, Laura Haupental

Board Members Absent:

Linda Ansfield, Sara Karl, Toby Pitchford

Meeting called to order at 11:48 AM.

Motion to approve minutes from Last Meeting (Laura 1st, Jeanne 2nd) motion passed.

Secretary report - No Report

Treasurer report - No Report

AKC accreditation - No Report, but Patti said there had been a meeting. We just don't know what was discussed.

Awards Banquet - No Report

Breeder Referral - No Report

Regional - No Report

Rescue Report - Patti Morgan

- New Rescue - Mr. Biggs. 15 months, neutered. Owners were very nice but dog has a lot of health issues. Very nice temperament. Missouri. Potential home is a Dr in Denver.
- When we get a rescue, we try to place them as soon as they can so it is not as stressful moving them around too much.
- There was a rescue committee meeting, but we do not have a report since no one from the meeting was at the board meeting.

Events - Patti Morgan

- Did dumb friend scurry furry. As a club, we gave \$250.00, they sent us a receipt.
- Dog wash in Lewisview. August 21st. If we can get enough volunteers, we could do it.
- We will be doing the canine walk in Breckenridge. Information will be in the next newsletter.
- Berner Fiesta - Will be at Angie's house. Information will be in next newsletter.
- Draft - Ready for fall test. Trying to get Douglas County Fairgrounds for spring test. We can do a fundraiser to raise funds for building rent. (Draft clinic?)

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Clinic - We will try to set up a draft clinic.

Education - Patti

- Patti is doing a booth next Saturday for our breed at Patti's vet. He is having a bunch of rescue groups in for this.
- Will do the both at the Colorado Springs show.
- Paws in the park. Saturday June 12 at Bear Creek Park in Colorado Springs. We are doing a booth at this. This is fund raiser for Dreampower Animal Rescue. Pre-registratinon at 9:30. Walk is at 10:30. Patti needs help.
- Aug 14, Black Forrest invited us to do the parade. We will do it again. Contact Patti Morgan if you are interested.

Ways and means - Patti

- We need to order some new stuff. Jackets (navy and gold), embroidered. Long sleeve demon shirts (denim or khaki). Long sleeve shirts. Shirt sleeve v-neck. Caps. Socks.

Cancer research - Fred Hutchens research center is looking into histio. It will be in the newsletter.

Logo - Need to find a better version of our logo for newsletter and other places.

Newsletter - can we take Laura's name and address out of newsletter. We need to make sure we get meetings in newsletters. Bylaws state has to be in writing 10 days before meetings. Put meetings on front box. Deadlines will be moved to the 15th. Newsletter comes out every other month. Next deadline is June 15. Newsletters should be put out on website.

Berner Fun day - agility, draft, obedience, conformation, packing with your dogs. August 21st or August 28th. (shoot for 4th weekend.) Need to organize. Lunch signups. Grooming.

Nominating Committee - Need to set one up for July

Berner Noel - December 12th. 11:30. Potluck.

Membership booklet. Has to get out. Was to be out last march. Send letter on this. Proposal. Also, don't want to discourage type of membership. Refer to 3 types of membership. Does not require substaining membership.

Need to change form to renew. Do it like the BMDCA. Angie proposal, Sharrone second. Angie bring sample to the next meeting. For people who don't renew, lets send out a survey of why they are not renewing.

Electronic stapler. - Jeanne to go get one.

Next Board Meetings: July 25th. Sept 26th. Nov 21.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:00 PM.

General Meeting, May 16, 2004

2:05 PM called to order (12)

Approved last meeting minutes - Val, 2nd Lou and Jeanne, motion passes

Secretary Report - none

AKC Accreditation - Karen, meeting last week to go over bylaws. Made changes that AKC wanted. Will be printed in next newsletter.

Public education - 3 in Colorado Springs (Paws in the park in Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs show)

Events - (Karen) Wrote letter to Longmont to complain about show conditions last year.

Regional - Val will be available to pick up judge and take to dinner.

Need new historian. Anyone who is interest, contact a board member. Will check with Nancy.

Membership - vote in as slate - Karen, Val and Jeanne second. Passes.

Newsletter - Deadline moves to the 15th of the month, starting in August.

RCC - (Lou) Good meeting in Texas. Lou will publish details in newsletters minutes in letters. Berne guard site has been improved. Lobbyists are forming a k-9 protection coalition.

Funding will be coming from many different groups. We paying Dr. Melcher till May. Then they come from k-9 coalition. 1.4 million hits last year on BMDCA website. Breed steward program up and running, if interested, sign up annually, must sign new code of ethics. Zones - issue is breakdown in communication within a specialty. 2007 should be started already; it is a 3 year commitment. Finances for specialty, need to submit a budget.

Rescue - Patti,

- New rescue just came in.
- Rescue that came in two months ago is doing very well.

Show news - No report

Ways and Means - will order new stuff and have it at the berner fiesta.

Rescue committee meeting - Lou, Phil, Nancy, Holly. Will update mission statement and forms. Another meeting June 12. Rescue application will change. All breed rescue network file, must deal with legal issues of adoption.

Furry scurry - Went well.

Draft Test - In fall.

Dog wash, Aug 21 in Lewisville (outside of Boulder). Make \$5 per dog. Have to have volunteers. Will not do it.

Aug 6th - Dog walk. Will put information in next newsletter.

Ads in paper. Karen will put them in every quarter.

NEW BUSINESS

Aug 14th black forest parade.

Information on histio. Passed around, will put in newsletter.

Aug 28th, berner fun day, agility, rally, obedience, pack dog, conformation, grooming.

Newfoundland club had a draft test at Cherry Creek. They may open it up to different breeds. We will get the information.

Need Help, organizing the draft clinic.

VetGen laboratory in Michigan - have had some issues with this lab. Have been conflicting reports, from one sample. Changed their mind on what results were. There have been two other dogs that results have been changed from this lab.

Does anyone know where we send cancer samples? Is there a registry normal? UC Davis is not doing it anymore. Berner guard is working on repository and database.

Done - 2:45 PM.

High Fives and Cheers to Patti and Dante.

Dante was nominated for the 2004 American Kennel Club Award for Canine Excellence (ACE). He was honored for their contributions as a therapy dog. The letter of nomination from the AKC states, " We greatly appreciate your joining with the AKC in saluting the dogs like yours that contribute immeasurably to the lives of individuals across the country. Whether they serve as Law Enforcement dogs, Search and Rescue dogs, Service dogs, Therapy dogs or Companion dogs, we greatly appreciate the invaluable role dogs play in our lives." The AKC will announce this year's ACE winners in July. Dante and Patti. . . our fingers and paws are crossed for you.

Announcements

Black Forest Parade in Black Forest, CO on August 14, 2004. We need dogs to pull carts and also anyone who wants to walk with their dogs. It is a great parade and we have a lot of fun. This year the theme for the parade is the 75th Anniversary of the Black Forest Community Club. If you have questions or would like to be in the parade, contact Patti Morgan, 719-494-0148. Start time is 10:30 am. Staging time will start at 9:00am; the route is 1/2 to 1 mile depending on the sequencing.

Sara Karl needs volunteers to help with our Regional Specialty in September. If you can help, please contact her at 719-534-9056.

Next newsletter deadline is different: Aug 15th

Next meeting and future dates: July 25, September 26, November 21, December 12 Berner Noel at 11:30.

A Seminar: "Applied Principles of Structure and Movement" with breeder, trainer, lecturer, Janice Leonard. Presented by the Centennial Shetland Sheepdog Club of Greater Denver. October 9, 2004. At the Arapahoe County 4-H Building, 5804 S. Datura St., Littleton, CO 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Topics include: Structure and movement as it relates to your breed's standard, Techniques of evaluation, Do pictures lie?, Evaluating your dog, Applying evaluation to puppies, litters and your breeding program. This is a hands-seminar with your dog. \$60.00 for the full day session, continental breakfast, lunch and snack breaks included. Send registration (includes your name, address, phone, email, breed and age of dog) to Fred John, Treasurer CSSC, 2275 S. Eagle Ct., Aurora, CO 80014. For additional information contact: Beverly Sack 303-777-2278 or Mary Hays 303-368-4491. Make checks payable to CSSC of Greater Denver, Inc.

From Lynne Robinson...

Here is a new spin on the question we all hear: "Is that a St. Bernard?" According to genetic researchers at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and at the U of Missouri Vet School, the answer is an unequivocal "No!"

An article published in Science (May 21, 2004, pp. 1160-1164), reports that there are four broad categories of purebred dogs, judging from their genetic structure. Bernese have genetics that are most similar to Mastiffs, Bulldogs, Boxers, Bullmastiffs, Perro de Presa Canario, Rottweilers, Newfs, German Shepherds, French Bulldogs and Mini Bull Terriers. St. Bernards have genetics more in common with Irish Wolfhounds, Greyhounds, Borzoi, Collies, Shelties, Tervs, and Belgian Sheepdogs. So, there you have it! They're no Saint.

Doggie Websites To Check Out. . .

<http://k9joy.com/dogarticles>

Berner Fun Day – August 28th

A day of learning and fun with our Berners

Beginning Draft – Introduction to drafting. Includes equipment introduction, how to start your dog and overview of the draft tests.

Intermediate Draft – Work with a person to get your dog hooked up to a cart and pulling. Ways to teach your dog the different draft commands. If you have a cart of harness, please bring them with you. Bring treats.

Beginning Agility Seminar – How to get your dog started in agility. Includes what you need to know before you start, ideas on how to train different obstacles, try out a few obstacles with your dog. Bring treats.

Beginning Tracking – How to get your dog started in tracking. Will actually do some tracking with your dog. Please bring flat buckle collar or harness, long line 10-12' (not flexies), hotdogs.

Grooming – How to groom your dog for the show ring.

Handling – Introduction to the conformation ring. What classes are there, how to handle your dog in the ring.

How to build a cart – Instructions and plans on how to build your own cart for drafting. Includes cart building plans.

Backpacking with your dog – Talk on taking your dog backpacking.

Run throughs – We will offer run throughs in draft, agility and obedience. \$5.00 for first run, \$3.00 for all runs after. Rally course will also be set up, but there is not cost associated with it.

CGC Test – You and your dog will be able to take AKC's CGC (Canine Good Citizen Test). Please go to the AKC website, www.akc.org, for information on the website.

Spinning Seminar – Learn to spin your dog's hair into scarves or other unique items. You will get a spindle with this class. Limit is 6 people per class. There are two classes during the day, please specify the class you want to attend.

Please send sign-up sheet and check (made out to BMDCR), by August 20th, to:

Angela Hanson
13765 New Discovery Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80908

For more information, please contact Angela Hanson at 719-494-0473 or starlightbmd@att.net

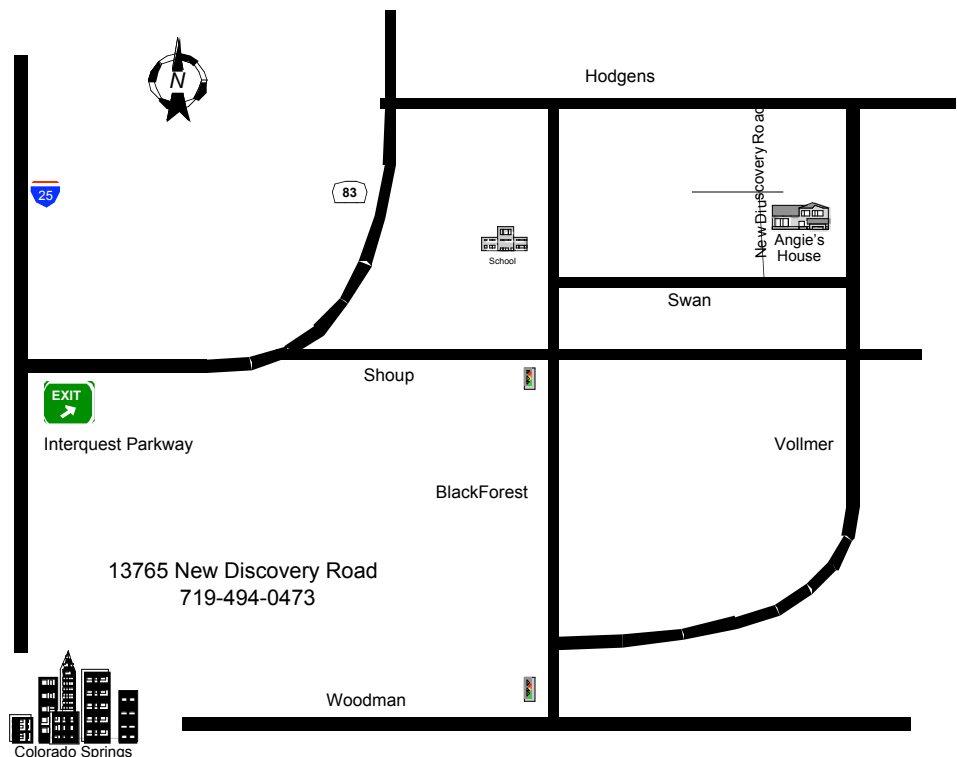
Note: Coffee, juice, pasties and fruit will be provided for breakfast.

Note: Indicate, on sign-up form, if a vegetarian sandwich is required.

Lunch is available. See sign-up form.

| Time | Draft | Agility | Obedience | Conformation | Other |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|---|
| 8:00 | Beginning Draft Seminar | | | | |
| 9:00 | Intermediate Draft Seminar | Run-Throughs | Novice Runs Open Runs | | CGC Test |
| 9:45 - 10:00 BREAK | | | | | |
| 10:00 | Advanced/Runs | | | | Beg. Tracking Seminar Spinning Seminar |
| 11:00 - 11:30 LUNCH BREAK | | | | | |
| 11:30 | | Beg. Agility Seminar | | | |
| 12:30 | | | | | Backpacking With Your Dog |
| 1:30 | How To Build A Cart | Run Troughs | Utility Runs Novice/Open Runs | | CGC Test |
| 2:30 | | | | Grooming Seminar | Spinning Seminar |
| 3:30 | Adv. Draft/Run-Throughs | | | Handling Seminar | |

Location of Fun Day:
13765 New Discovery Road, Colorado Springs, CO, 80908



RCC Questionnaire

- a) Would our club volunteer to host or co-host a specialty within the current zone system? If yes, why? If no, why not?
- b) If our club has participated in a zone specialty did you feel pressured to do so?
- c) Does the current zone system offer sufficient flexibility?
- d) Has the current zone system enabled our club to be more prepared and ready to manage the task of hosting a specialty because we know when our turn is coming?
- e) Does the current zone system rotate back to each zone too quickly? Is a five year rotation too short -- too long?
- f) Would we prefer a longer zone rotation with more zones, understanding that would place fewer clubs within each zone and possibly more pressure to host?
- g) Would our club volunteer to host with open countrywide bidding for each year?
- h) What factors would this club consider vital to deciding to host a national specialty?
- i) Would our club volunteer to host a national specialty alone or always prefer to co-host or be a part of a multi-club consortium?
- j) If co-host or consortium is your preference what do you consider a reasonable geographic distance between clubs for a successful collaboration?
- k) Are you as a member of the BMDCR willing to host or co-host a future national specialty?


Please do not feel limited in any way by current or past practices as we seek a workable solution for all our clubs and members. This is a wide open discussion.

Thanks in advance for your participation. Please email or mail to Lou Tucker at bltdog@msn.com or 7155 W. Montview Ln., Littleton, CO 80125, 303-791-4425.

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| Seminars With Dog | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------------|-------|
| Draft Seminars | Cost | # people | Total |
| Beginning Draft | \$15.00 | | |
| Intermediate Draft | \$15.00 | | |
| Discount for taking Both | (\$5.00) | | |
| Do you have a cart (Y/N) | | | |
| Do you have a harness (Y/N) | | | |
| Agility Seminars | | | |
| Beginning Agility | \$15.00 | | |
| Tracking Seminars | | | |
| Beginning Tracking | \$15.00 | | |
| Seminars Without Dog | | | |
| Conformation Seminars | Cost | # people | Total |
| Grooming | \$10.00 | | |
| Handling (actually with dog) | \$10.00 | | |
| Other | | | |
| Backpacking with your dog | \$5.00 | | |
| Spinning Seminar (specify time) | \$10.00 | | |
| How to build a cart | \$10.00 | | |
| Run - Throughs | | | |
| | Cost | # run-throughs | Total |
| CGC Test | \$15.00 | | |
| Draft | \$3.00 | | |
| Agility | \$3.00 | | |
| Novice Obedience | \$3.00 | | |
| Open Obedience | \$3.00 | | |
| Utility Obedience | \$3.00 | | |
| Ralley Obedience | \$0.00 | | |
| First Run is \$5, so add \$2 | \$2.00 | | |
| Lunch | Cost | # people | Total |
| Sandwich, chip, desert & drink | \$6.50 | | |
| TOTAL: | | | |

AUGUST 22, 2004
SAN LEANDRO CHABOT REGIONAL PARK
SAN LEANDRO, CA

BMDCA NOW WELCOMING ALL AKC BREEDS TO THEIR DRAFT PROGRAM!

ALL BREED DRAFT MATCH

Conducted under the draft regulations of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America—regulations available at www.bmdca.org (under "Working/Training")

DATE: Sunday, August 22, 2004
LOCATION: San Leandro Chabot Regional Park
(San Leandro CA)
CLASSES: Novice, Open, Brace Novice, Brace Open
JUDGE: Kathe Vasquez
COST: \$15/entry (note: brace is one entry)
DEADLINE: Aug. 15, 2004

QUESTIONS? NEED MORE INFORMATION?
NEED DIRECTIONS TO COME CHEER ON
THE TEAMS?

Please contact the match chair:
Koryn Beyer 530.925.6582
kbeyer@comcast.net



Name _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Dog's Name _____ Breed _____ Weight (if entering open/open brace) _____

Class _____

Send entry form and fee (check payable to Sierra West BMDC) to:

Koryn Beyer
SWMDC
214 Kennedy Drive
St. Helena, CA 95677

ENTRY DEADLINE IS AUGUST
15, 2004.

OCTOBER 15, 2004
SAN LEANDRO CHABOT REGIONAL PARK
SAN LEANDRO, CA

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DATE: Friday, October 15, 2004
LOCATION: San Leandro Chabot Regional Park
(San Leandro CA)
CLASSES: Novice, Open, Brace Novice, Brace Open
JUDGES: David Denis, Alison Jaskiewicz
Marjie Cherry (apprentice)
COST: \$25/entry (note: brace is one entry)

Premium lists available from the test secretary:
Ann Ghiorso (650.358.0511; aghiorso@att.net)

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America is now welcoming all AKC breeds to participate in our draft program and earn BMDCA Draft titles! Sierra West is proud to offer the first West Coast All Breed Draft Test, and we look forward to seeing other breeds join our banners in the ring, celebrating this wonderful sport.

For more information on the BMDCA Draft Program and the test regulations/requirements, please visit www.bmdca.org (Draft information can be found under the Working/Training link).

From Papillons to Pyrenees, —everyone is welcome! And even if you don't enter, come out and cheer the teams on, and learn more about BMDCA Draft! We'll be having a big BBQ celebration after the test—more information is available in the premium list.

► ENTRIES CLOSE SEPT. 29, 2004. ◀

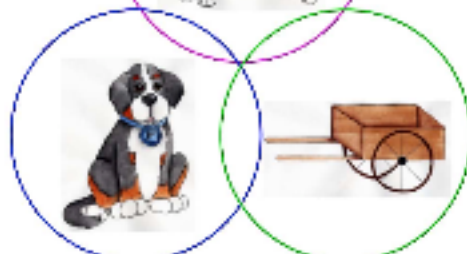
Sierra West



JUDGES:
Conformation: Debbie Wilkins
Sawyer: David Denis
Obedience: Alison Jaskiewicz

Draft Judge:
David Denis
Alison Jaskiewicz

Sierra West BMDC Regional Specialty



Let The Games Begin!

October 15, 2004—BMDCA Draft Test
October 16, 2004—Sierra West BMDC Regional Specialty
October 17, 2004—Supported Entry, Del Valle Kennel Club
October 18, 2004—All breed Show, Del Valle Kennel Club

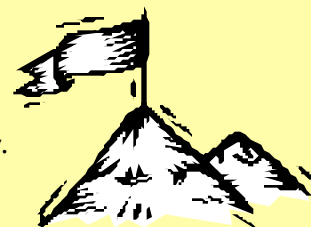
PUT YOUR WORKING DOG TO THE TEST WITH THE BERNER TRIATHLON!
A special trophy to any dog who passes the Friday draft test, and on Saturday places in a conformation class and receives a qualifying score in obedience!

For more information or to be put on our mailing list for the planning book and premium list, please contact Regional Specialty Show Chair Karlye Reed at 925.944.2407 or kareewe@xnet.com.

Regional Specialty and all breed shows to be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, CA; the draft test will be in Livermore, CA, less than 20 miles from the Fairgrounds.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH!!

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies invites you to our 5th Regional Specialty. Come and join us for a weekend of Berner Fun in Colorado!



Friday, September 3rd

BMDCA Regional Specialty
Island Grove Park
Greeley, Colorado

Judges
Conformation and Junior Showmanship: Mr. Carmen Battaglia

Obedience: Mrs. Linda Scanlon

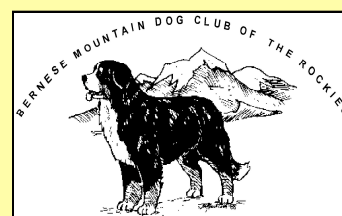
Puppy and Veteran Sweeps: Mrs. Lisa Ebnet

Show Secretary:
Robert Miller
15281 West Archer Dr
Golden, CO 80401
303-278-8384
millerrobert@mac.com

Trophy Donations:
Sharon Keefer
519 W. Aberdeen Ave
Littleton, CO 80120
SMKeefer@aol.com

Plan to attend the Evergreen Kennel Club All Breed Shows on Saturday, September 4th and Sunday, September 5th in the same location.

Superintendent is Jack Onofrio, www.onofrio.com



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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