



# MOUNTAIN DOG MESSENGER

NEWSLETTER OF THE BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG  
CLUB OF THE ROCKIES

July / August 2005

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## Upcoming Club Events

9/8-9/05.....BMDCR Regional

### Next Meeting:

**July 24, 2005**

11:30 Board Meeting  
1:00 General Meeting

Place:

5614 S. Ivy Ct.  
Greenwood Village, CO  
(directions on back page)

## BMDCA Specialty 2005 - Gettysburg, PA



A couple of us decided to take a break from the specialty and spend some time ghost hunting on the battlefields of Gettysburg. Can you find the ghost orbs in this picture?

### How did club members do at the specialty?

Sapphires' Rhinestone April, "April", owned by Patti Morgan - BOS in Futurity. 3rd place in regular open class.

Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime NAP OJP, owned by Angela & Kirk Hanson - 1st place in 24" Novice Jumpers

CH Sandusky's Dazzling Meipaw CDX NA NAJ OAP OJP NDD BNDD, owned by Angela & Kirk Hanson - Received Versatility and Working Dog Awards.

CH Blue Moon's Brigette Bardough CD DD CGC Delta Society Pet Partner, owned by Chris & Michael Mann - Received Versatility award.

CH CT Spring's Ripple In Still Water CDX, DD, CGC, woned by Fay Benson - received his Tracking Dog Excellent Award (TDX) and his Companion Tracker (CT) award. Note: Ripple is the first berner to recieve the Companion Tracker award.

UPCOMING SHOWS, MATCHES & MORE

- KAREN BARU -

**July 9-10** Rally Obedience Seminar, Contact Zona @ 303-420-0123

**July 10** - Collie Club of Colorado All Breed Fun Match and Obedience Show & Go/ Boulder County Fairgrounds, Longmont,/\$6.00 per entry; registration for obedience & rally: 8:00-10:00; Judging begins at 9:00. Registration for conformation & Jr. showmanship: 10:00; Judging begins @ 11:00. For more info call: Peggy Heywood (970)353-6366 or Joann Romero (303)693-7725.

**July 16-17** - Roaring Fork KC All Breed AKC Show, Eagle County Fairgrounds; Show Secretary- Onofrio/www.onofrio.com

**July 24** - B Sanctioned Match - Evergreen KC; Morse Park-Lakewood. Reg.@8:00; judging @ 9:00. For more info call Joan (303)733-8428.

**July 30-31** - AKC Agility; Colorado KC, National Western Event Center, Denver. Trial Secy: Carol Makowski (303)665-9007/carolmakow@aol.com

**Aug 13-14** - AKC All Breed Buckhorn Valley KC; CSU Oval/ Secy-Onofrio.

**Aug 20-21** - Greeley KC All Breed Show; Island Grove Park, Greeley - Secy/Onofrio.

**Aug 27-28** - Cheyenne KC All Breed Show, Frontier Park, Cheyenne, Wy. /Secy-Onofrio.

**Club Officers**

President.....Val Horney  
Vice President.....Lou Tucker  
Secretary.....Angela Hanson  
Treasurer.....Sara Karl

**Directors**

Linda Ansfield Sharon Keefer  
Phil Shaffer Elaine Witulski  
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**Memberships**

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# YAHOO! *BMDCRockies\_Flash*

*News Flash.* BMDCR has created a yahoo group for club members. A yahoo group is a free tool for quickly connecting many members via e-mail. Additionally, a yahoo group is an easy way to share photos, look at the calendar of club events, poll member opinions, find documents such as driving directions, or even hold a live, online discussion.

The new BMDCR yahoo group is called *BMDCRockies\_Flash*. It is intended to be used when quick communications such as event reminders are needed between newsletters and meetings. The club's meetings, newsletter, and website will remain the primary communication modes, and official club business must be conducted in accordance with bylaws.

The usefulness of *BMDCRockies\_Flash* will be maximized if all BMDCR members join. Joining is easy! Controlling e-mails you receive from this group is easy, too. Go to [www.groups.yahoo.com](http://www.groups.yahoo.com) and type *BMDCRockies\_Flash* in the "Find a Group" box. Next click on the BMDCR logo and the "Join This Group" button. You will be given options for receiving individual messages, a daily digest, or to just look up messages whenever you choose. If you have any problems, e-mail [sharonkeefer@comcast.net](mailto:sharonkeefer@comcast.net) for help.

**MEMBERSHIP**

- STACY TEMPLES -

Hello Everyone! We currently have 156 club members; 56 Voting members, 98 Sustaining members and 2 Junior members.

The following New Voting Member Applicants will be Voted on after each applicant attends the required two BMDCR Club meetings, according to the new club bylaws. New Member Sustaining Applicants to the Club Will be voted on at the July 2005 meeting.

**Voting**

No new applicants

**Sustaining**

**RoseEllen Cannizzaro & Sam Stephenson**, 1321 E. 12th. Avenue, #4, Denver, Colorado, 80218. Ph,# (303) 861-5182, (E)zellen13@lycos.com. Roseellen and Sam have Winston, Nashem's Dream Weaver, (NM, 10/11/04) from Sara Karl. They are interested in health issues, drafting, packing, obedience and agility. They would like to get to know other owners who can help with questions so they can be great parents for their puppy. They would also like to come to club activities to get the dogs together. They would be more than happy to help promote the club activities. This is their first dog as adults. As children, I they grew up with a Black Lab mix, a Chihuahua and a Schnauzer. They are currently training in puppy obedience. They do not show their dogs, nor have they ever bred a litter, nor have they ever been members of a dog club in the past.

**New Members**

Please welcome the following new members who were approved at the May 2005 meeting. We hope to see you all at the upcoming Berner Fiesta on June 26, 2005.

**Voting**

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**NEED a Vwd TEST FAST?**

But don't want to pay \$140?  
Or wait for a clinic to close out?

The BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF THE  
ROCKIES is offering the test for \$99, to club  
members, available immediately.

Contact:  
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**2005 Regional Specialty**

**Raffle Fundraiser  
Items Needed**

**Please Contact  
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# MINUTES FROM THE MARCH MEETINGS

## May 21, 2005 Board meeting minutes

Board Members Present: Angela, Val, Sharon, Laura, Lou, Sara, Phil

Board Members Absent: Linda, Elaine

General Members: Patti Morgan

Meeting Start: 11:40

**Motion** (Laura) to approve board meeting minutes from last board meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lou. Approved by all. Motion passes.

**President report** - None

**Secretary report** - None

**Treasurer report** - Positive balance in all 3 accounts (checking, rescue and 180 day CD).

RCC (Lou) - RCC meeting was held at the national specialty on May 12<sup>th</sup>. One item the board discussed was getting our breeder list fixed that that national club has.

AKC Licensing (Sara): Received letter from ACK. BMDCR is approved for holding class A matches. After 2 qualifying A matches, 6 months apart, then can apply to hold shows. Maybe hold first A match at Regional Specialty on that Thursday.

Kathy Roth award - no update.

Calendar of events and deadlines of club stuff is still being worked on.

## **New Business:**

Starting a yahoo group for BMDCR. This will not be a chat group because there are plenty of berner chat groups out there. This group will be used for BMDCR announcements.

After a program or club event occurs, we should have a report of the program in the newsletter. Ask person putting on event/program to do report. This way people who were not there can know what took place.

Heart Clinic - We should have a heart clinic. Will look into doing it for the regional.

Rescue Policy - Every club member needs to know how the BMDCR does rescue. Board discussed the rescue policy and asked rescue committee to update and reword a few things.

Meeting adjourned: 1:10

## May 21, 2005 General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Start: 1:25

**President report** - None

**Secretary report** - None

**Treasurer report** - Positive balance in all 3 accounts (checking, rescue and 180 day CD).

AKC Licensing (Sara): Received letter from ACK. BMDCR is approved for holding class A matches. After 2 qualifying A matches, 6 months apart, then can apply to hold shows.

Katy Roth award - putting procedures in place for nominations and voting.

Phil Shafer, Dottie Shulte & Stacy Temples are working on a calendar of events and deadlines.

RCC report from Lou (regional club council) - Membership renewals are coming out in bulletin instead of alpenhorn. Areas RCC discussed were Rescue -, Specialty Task Force - rules, Club Insurance, Breeder Mentors.

**Motion** (Lou Tucker) to approve board meeting minutes from last board meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sara Karl. Approved by all. Motion passes.

Rescue Committee - Have new rescue from WY. Already Neutered, 3 years old. Need home. We have had 10 rescues so far this year. All rescues were dogs breed by non-club members. Revamping rescue policies. Always looking for rescue foster homes. Board reviewed rescue policy and had questions and asked for some changes.

Motion (Patti Morgan) - Elect new members as a slate. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sara Karl. Approved by all. Motion Passes. Election new members. Patti to accept as

quorum. Sara 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Yahoo list (Sharon Keefer) - Sharon is setting up a yahoo list for the club. The list will be used as a quick communications out in-between newsletters. No club business will be discussed (by-laws does not allow) and it is not a chat group. Sharon got a lot of positive feedback.

Furry Scurry - ~ 12 members attended. BMDCR matched up to \$200. Denver Dumb Friends League. Biggest dog walk in the country. Close to 7000 dogs. Walk around Washington park for two miles.

Berner Fiesta - Details in last newsletter. Need RSVPs, setup and tear down. Please contact Lou. Bring canopies.

Introductions of guests. Paul Gorden - would like to get a dog. Done quite bit of homework. Andrea Wiseman, Paul's wife. Vicki Gorden ( Paul's mother).

Program announcement - cardiologist talking about hearts in canines.

## **New Business**

Motion (Lou Tucker): Propose the club make a donation to the Berner Guardie in Jack Lytle's memory. Jack was a member of the BMDCA (southeast WI club), was very active in berner garde, did BMDCA membership handbook. Motion (Dottie Shulte): Donate \$200. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jacklyn Schuck. All in favor, motion passes.

BMDCA instituted a limited access breeder referral program to help facilitate people finding breeders. Our breeder referral will be looked at. Will table till we find out what is happening with the BMDCA program.

Sarah has received letter to become a judge. BMDs, Collies, and junior showmanship. Can accept assignments after July.

Patti, need donations for raffles at regional.

Meeting adjourned: 1:55

## SHOW NEWS

- VAL HORNEY -



## CONFORMATION &amp; OBEDIENCE



and our winner is ...

**Terry All Kennel Club**

April 16, 2005

WD Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzebern, "Marshall", owned by Valerie Horney &amp; Lisa Ebnet

RWD Nashems Play It Again Sapphire, "Rufio", owned by Lynn Wood &amp; Sara Karl

WB/BW Mountainair's Crimestopper "Kinsey" owned by Darcy Babb **NEW CHAMPION**

RWB Marben's Tuckernuck Belle "Tucker" owned by Bob &amp; Mary Anne Persons

BB CH Lorien Dells Bilbo Baggins "Baggins", owned by Elaine Sheridan &amp; Lynn &amp; George Wood

BOS Nashem's Razzle Dazzle V Th'Dell, "Dazzle", owned by Lynn Wood &amp; Sara Karl

April 17, 2005

WD/BW Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzebern, "Marshall", owned by Valerie Horney & Lisa Ebnet **NEW CHAMPION**

RWD Nashems Play It Again Sapphire, "Rufio", owned by Lynn Wood &amp; Sara Karl

WB Marben's Tuckernuck Belle "Tucker" owned by Bob &amp; Mary Anne Persons

RWB Wagontale's Inside Edge, "Christy" owned by Stacy Temples &amp; Howard Ramsdell

BB CH Kinvarra's Chieftain "Connor", owned by Pat &amp; Neal Hughes

BOS Nashem's Razzle Dazzle V Th'Dell, "Dazzle", owned by Lynn Wood &amp; Sara Karl

**Durango Kennel Club**

May 20, 2005

WD Bull Valley Sheriff of Mayberry "Andy" owned by Marcia Eckhardt &amp; Christina Ohlsen

RWD Wagontale's Norsk Uller, owned by Stacy Temples &amp; Howard Ramsdell

WB/BW Wagontale's Inside Edge, "Christy" owned by Stacy Temples &amp; Howard Ramsdell

RWB Travois Forza Del Destino "Kismet", owned by Karen Baru &amp; Laura Hauptenthal &amp; Al Beers

BB CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel "Jodel", owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

BOS CH Phantom's Run Lola Run, owned by Kate Errett &amp; Tom Nathan

May 21, 2005

2nd Place, 180, Nov A Obedience CH Best Bets Trouble in Paradise, owned by Kate Errett &amp; Bill Ball

WD/BW Bull Valley Sheriff of Mayberry "Andy" owned by Marcia Eckhardt &amp; Christina Ohlsen

RWD Wagontale's Norsk Uller, owned by Stacy Temples &amp; Howard Ramsdell

WB/OS Marben's Tuckernuck Belle "Tucker" owned by Bob &amp; Mary Anne Persons

RWB Travois Forza Del Destino "Kismet", owned by Karen Baru &amp; Laura Hauptenthal &amp; Al Beers

BB CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel "Jodel", owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

May 22, 2005

WD Bull Valley Sheriff of Mayberry "Andy" owned by Marcia Eckhardt &amp; Christina Ohlsen

RWD Wagontale's Norsk Uller, owned by Stacy Temples &amp; Howard Ramsdell

WB/BW Marben's Tuckernuck Belle "Tucker" owned by Bob & Mary Anne Persons **NEW CHAMPION**

RWB Travois Forza Del Destino "Kismet", owned by Karen Baru &amp; Laura Hauptenthal &amp; Al Beers

BB CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel "Jodel", owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

BOS CH Phantom's Run Lola Run, owned by Kate Errett &amp; Tom Nathan

**Flatirons Kennel Club**

June 4, 2005

WD/BW Summit's Seeing is Believing, owned by Sandy &amp; Breanne Dunaway &amp; Sharon Keefer

RWD Prairiefires Mastermind, owned by Sharon Johnson, Karen Treece &amp; Remo Pelletier

WB Summit's You Must Love Me, owned by Sandy Dunaway &amp; Sharon Keefer

RWB Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime NAP, OJP, "Kiley" owned by Angela &amp; Kirk Hansen

BB CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel "Jodel", owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

BOS Marben's Tuckernuck Belle "Tucker" owned by Bob &amp; Mary Anne Persons

June 5, 2005

WD/BW Summit's Seeing is Believing, owned by Sandy &amp; Breanne Dunaway &amp; Sharon Keefer

RWD Prairiefires Mastermind, owned by Sharon Johnson, Karen Treece &amp; Remo Pelletier

WB/OS Prairiefires Fun in the Sun, owned by Sharon Johnson &amp; Andrea Heinke

RWB Prairiefires Tsunami V Covenant, "Nami" owned by Donna Boyd and Sharon Johnson

BB CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel "Jodel", owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

GROUP 4

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**Colorado Springs Kennel Club**

June 11, 2005

WD Summit's Seeing is Believing, owned by Sandy & Breanne Dunaway & Sharon Keefer

RWD Nashem's Play it Again Sapphire, "Rufio" owned by Sara Karl and Lynn Wood

WB/BW/OS Sapphires' Rhinestone April, "April", owned by Patti Morgan **NEW CHAMPION**

RWB Prairiefires Fun in the Sun, owned by Sharon Johnson & Andrea Heinke

BB CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel "Jodel", owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

GROUP 4

June 12, 2005

WD/BW Prairiefires Mastermind, owned by Sharon Johnson, Karen Treece & Remo Pelletier

RWD Summit's Seeing is Believing, owned by Sandy & Breanne Dunaway & Sharon Keefer

WB Prairiefires Tsunami V Covenant "Nami", owned by Donna Boyd and Sharon Johnson

RWB Summit's Fur Elise, owned by Sharon Keefer and Sandy Dunaway

BOS Prairiefires Fun in the Sun, owned by Sharon Johnson & Andrea Heinke

BB CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel "Jodel", owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

**Flagstaff Kennel Club**

**Supported Entry**

June 11, 2004

BB CH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzebern, "Marshall", owned by Valerie Horney & Lisa Ebnet

Cut in Group

**Mountain States Dog Training Club**

May 8, 2005

2nd Place Veterans Obedience, 189.5 age 9.5, CT CH Spring's Ripple in Still Water, "Ripple", owned by Fay Benson

**Durango Kennel Club Rally**

Wagontale's Lady of the Lake "Legend", owned by Pam & Barry Solomon and Stacy Temples.

5/20: Novice Rally 1st leg & 1st place in class.

5/21: Novice Rally 2nd leg



**AGILITY**



**State College, PA (May 7-8)**

Kylee (Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime NAP OJP) qualified in 3 out of 4 runs. She qualified in 2 Novice Standard runs and 1 Novice Jumper runs with 2 - 1st places and 1 - 2nd place.

**Salt Lake City (May 28th)**

Kylee (Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime NAP OJP) qualified in both her Novice Standard and Novice Jumpers runs with 2 - 1st places. These were her final legs to receive her **Novice Agility (NA)** and **Novice Agility Jumpers (NAJ)** titles.



**OTHER BRAGS**

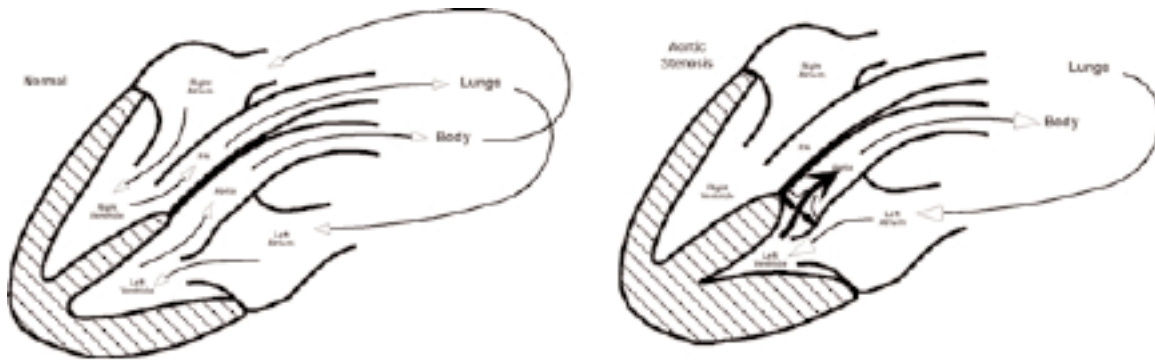


From: Jeanne Schoech

Hank has been selected by the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association to receive the "**Praise Your Pet**" award for the year 2004. I was totally unaware this was going to happen and am still absorbing it. He is one of three dogs honored in the state. One dog for saving owner from mt. lion, one dog for the work it is doing with cancer patients and Hank for what he did while working in schools. Frankly, there are so many dogs out there doing what Hank does - and even more so - I am humbled by this and just very grateful to be walking at his side.

## HEALTH

- SHARON KEEFER -



## Canine Cardiology for Breeders

Presented by Carroll Loyer, DVM, Diplomate ACVIM (Cardiology)  
at the May 22nd BMDCR Meeting

Synopsis by Sharon Keefer

There are a handful of congenital heart defects that occur in dogs. The incidence of these defects varies by breed. The heart defect of most concern in Bernese Mountain Dogs is subaortic stenosis (SAS). Bernese Mountain Dogs still are not high on any of the cardiology lists for any of the congenital defects (and we would like to keep it that way)!

SAS is a narrowing below the aortic valve. The aortic valve lies between the left ventricle and the aorta. Oxygenated blood is pumped by the left ventricle through the aortic valve then the aorta and out to the body. The narrowing that occurs with SAS is actually a fibrous ring of tissue. Surgery to remove the ring of tissue and balloon catheterization to stretch out the narrowing have not been successful in improving outcomes for dogs with SAS over treatment with drugs that ease the work of the heart to pump oxygenated blood to the body. The main symptoms of this obstructed blood flow is exercise intolerance, or sudden death. Depending on the severity of the SAS, cells of the heart are damaged over time, causing abnormal electrical activity and then arrhythmias which can lead to a heart attack and death. Dogs diagnosed with mild SAS may live a normal lifespan, often with minimally detectable exercise intolerance. Dogs diagnosed with severe SAS usually do not survive more than 3 years and die suddenly of cardiac arrhythmia.

Unlike other congenital heart diseases, SAS is progressive. This fact poses special problems for screening and diagnosis. SAS is usually detected as a heart murmur and is definitively diagnosed by echocardiography (heart ultrasound). It is important to bear in mind that heart murmurs are not specific and can be caused by several different conditions. An experienced veterinary cardiologist can auscult (hear with a stethoscope) the origin of the murmur within the areas of the heart, but will still require an echocardiogram for diagnosis. Because SAS is progressive, the age of the dog being screened, as well as the

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- SHARON KEEFER -

severity of the murmur, dictates follow-up.

Congenital cardiac screening for OFA clearance is done once, at or after the age of one year. Dr. Loyer does not pass or fail Newfoundlands for SAS until the age of 18 months because they are a slow growing breed. Bernese Mountain Dog may fall into that category, too. Prior to screening for OFA clearance, auscultation of puppies should always be included in the 8-week examination by a veterinarian. If the veterinarian hears a murmur at that time referral to a veterinary cardiologist is warranted, since some of these murmurs may be SAS while some may be innocent physiologic murmurs. Loud murmurs are rarely innocent murmurs.

SAS is considered to be of polygenic origin, with an autosomal dominant. In other words, multiple genes contribute from the dam and sire, and then happen to occur in combination for their offspring to have SAS. Dr. Loyer recommends that dogs who fail congenital cardiac screening (most often due to SAS) not be bred. Further, he recommends that a cleared sire and dam who produce an SAS puppy not be bred again to each other. If either sire or dam produce a second SAS puppy with a different breeding, that sire/dam should be neutered.

The association of veterinary cardiologists (American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine - Cardiology Specialty) is working to establish a database of congenital cardiac screening results similar to the CERF (Canine Eye Registration Foundation). This database could provide currently unknown statistics about the prevalence of SAS, at least for all dogs that do get screened. As the guardians of our breed, Bernese Mountain Dog clubs and breeders need to foster screening of all dogs so that accurate statistics and health pedigrees are available to ultimately eliminate SAS in Bernese Mountain Dogs.

*Dr. Carroll Loyer and his associate, Dr. Julie Martin, practice as the Veterinary Heart and Lung Specialists located at VRCC Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Hospital in Englewood, Colorado, (303) 874-2094. They also offer clinic hours one day each month in Colorado Springs, a cardiac screening clinic at the annual Rocky Mountain Cluster of Dog Shows, and occasional screening clinics for breed clubs. BMDCR and Dr. Loyer plan to hold a cardiac screening clinic for Bernese Mountain Dogs later this year.*

HEALTH CONTINUED

- ANGELA HANSON -

## **AKC Canine Health Foundation Funds Cancer Research**

**[Friday, May 13, 2005]**

### **Foundation Funds Cancer Research at the National Human Genome Research Institute (NIH)**

The AKC Canine Health Foundation has recently approved funding for a grant to map the gene responsible for malignant histiocytosis in the Bernese Mountain Dog. This \$200,000 grant has been made to Dr. Elaine Ostrander of the National Human Genome Research Institute at the National Institutes of Health, and Dr. Francis Galibert of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique in Rennes, France.

This grant was approved by the CHF Board of Directors contingent upon receiving matching funds from clubs and individuals involved with the affected breeds. The level of support has been overwhelming. Bernese Mountain Dog fanciers have contributed nearly \$40,000 to support this important research, including funds from the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America and the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northern California. Perhaps most poignant are the contributions made by Joye Neff and her group of "Berners Lovers." An individual who lost one of her first Bernese Mountain Dogs to MH, Ms. Neff has since spent considerable time and energy spreading the word and raising funds to help her beloved breed. In addition to this project, the Berners Lovers have funded research into soft-tissue sarcomas, mast cell tumors and osteosarcoma for contributions that total more than \$40,000. Additional sponsorship has come from the Flat-Coated Retriever Foundation and the Golden Retriever Foundation, the French Bulldog Club of America, and the Starlight Fund.

Malignant histiocytosis (MH) is an aggressive cancer that attacks the lungs, spleen, lymph nodes and/or liver. The disease typically progresses rapidly and spreads to additional organs. Currently there is no effective treatment (neither surgery nor chemotherapy are effective) and the disease is usually fatal. Patients initially present with lethargy, anorexia and weight loss. Other clinical signs depend on the organs affected, but can include respiratory difficulty, anemia and central nervous system abnormalities. Lungs are usually the primary location for tumors.

MH is a highly breed-specific cancer, affecting primarily Bernese Mountain Dogs, Flat-Coated Retrievers, Golden Retrievers and Rottweilers. This particular grant proposes to determine the genetic cause of the disease in Bernese Mountain Dogs, the ultimate goal to develop a genetic screening test and targeted therapies. Additionally, information from this research will be used to develop the same diagnostic and therapeutic tools for other affected breeds; and finally, the proposed research will benefit human health by defining the biology of histiocytic diseases.

For more information on the AKC Canine Health Foundation, please visit [\\_akcCHF.org\\_](http://www.akcCHF.org/)  
(<http://www.akcCHF.org/>)



## 2005 Regional Specialty Show Update

This year's BMDCA Regional Specialty Show in Greeley promises participants **4 full days of great events!**

The BMDCR Fall **Draft Test and Canine Good Citizen (CGC)** testing will be held on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at Bittersweet Park in Greeley. Judges for the Draft Test will be Nancy Fuselier and Eden Jonas. The CGC testers will be Angela Hanson and/or Patti Morgan.

On Thursday evening at Island Grove Park, BMDCR will offer an **"A" Match** for Bernese Mountain Dogs with Sandy Dunaway judging conformation and Angela Hanson judging obedience.

The BMDCA Regional Specialty Show will follow on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at Island Grove Park. In addition to the special event, **"Salute to Therapy Dogs,"** an extra non-regular conformation class called **Maturity** will be offered. Maturity rewards longevity and breeding by showcasing 3 or more generations of linear descendants from a stud dog or brood bitch. A ringside **celebratory pot luck dinner** will follow Friday's events.

Evergreen Kennel Club's All-Breed Show and Obedience Trials, including Rally Obedience this year, will be held at the same site, Island Grove Park in Greeley, on Saturday and Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Premium Lists for the Regional Specialty, Draft Test, and "A" Match will be mailed together to exhibitors at last year's Regional Specialty. Availability of the Premium Lists will be announced on the BMDCRockies\_Flash yahoo group and the Showberners and BMDBreeder's e-mail lists.

~Sharon Keefer, Show Chairman  
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## 2005 Regional Specialty Trophy Sponsors Needed

Reserve Winners Dog (\$25)  
Awards of Merit (\$20 each)  
Highest Combined Scoring Dog (\$50)  
Best of Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweepstakes (\$30)  
Best in Puppy/Junior Sweepstakes (\$30)  
Best of Opposite Sex in Puppy/Junior Sweepstakes (\$30)  
General Trophy Fund (any \$ amount)

### **\$45 for each of the following Conformation and Obedience classes**

Puppy Dogs 6-9 Months  
Puppy Dogs 9-12 Months  
Twelve-to-Eighteen Month Dogs  
Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs  
American Bred Dogs  
Open Dogs  
Puppy Bitches 6-9 Months  
Puppy Bitches 9-12 Months  
Twelve-To-Eighteen Month Bitches  
Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches  
Open Bitches  
Veteran Dogs 7-9 Years  
Veteran Dogs 9-11 Years  
Veteran Bitches 7-9 Years  
Veteran Bitches 9-11 Years  
Stud Dog Class  
Brood Bitch Class  
Maturity Class  
Novice A  
Novice B  
Open A  
Open B  
Utility A  
Utility B  
Obedience Brace Class  
Obedience Veterans Class

### **\$30 for each of the following Sweepstakes classes**

Veteran Dogs 7-9 years  
Veteran Dogs 9-11 years  
Veteran Bitches 7-9 years  
Veteran Bitches 9-11 years  
Puppy Dogs 6-9 months  
Puppy Dogs 9-12 months  
Junior Dogs 12-18 months  
Puppy Bitches 6-9 months  
Puppy Bitches 9-12 months  
Junior Bitches 12-18 months

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# ADVANCED CANINE REPRODUCTION

## AND

# PUPPY PEDIATRICS

a seminar by

Dr. Robert Van Hutchinson

July 16 9:00am to 5:00pm  
and July 17 9:00am to 2:00pm

Canine Solutions Training Center  
2815 North El Paso  
Colorado Springs, CO 80907  
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Continental Breakfast and Lunch included

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**Meetings:** The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies holds 6 meetings per year in the odd number months. Location, date and time of the meetings are announced in each newsletter. The club also holds an annual banquet, berner fiesta and berner noel each year.

**Directions to Meeting:** From I-25 North or South, take the Orchard Road (Exit 198). Go West 1.2 miles and then take a right onto Orchard Drive. Go 0.1 miles and take a right onto S Ivy St. S Ivy St turns into S. Ivy Ct. House is at the end.

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