



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

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**Next Meeting:
Sun, July 23
Haney Park, Littleton**

**Board Meeting
following the A/AO Match
at 11 AM**

**General Meetng
at 12 Noon**

(see page 5 for more details)

2006 Vaccine Update

The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) vaccine task force has updated the recommendations for vaccine administration to provide veterinary practitioners guidelines to use when making decisions about appropriate care of canine patients with respect to currently available vaccines.

The underlying principles in the 2006 edition are: Vaccination is a medical decision and a medical procedure that should be individualized based on the risk, lifestyle and geographic location of the individual animal. Vaccines are categorized as core, noncore or optional, and not recommended. Core vaccines are: canine parvovirus, canine distemper virus (CDV) (MLV) or (rCDV), and rabies. Noncore vaccines include distemper-measles (D-MV), parainfluenza virus, bordetella, borrelia burgdoferi (Lyme disease) and leptospiria.

An extended vaccine interval is reasonable, safe, and effective in preventing most infectious diseases. There is a strong recommendation that core vaccines be given every 3 years (after the initial puppy series) with the understanding that there are published studies suggesting a duration of immunity of certain vaccines for up to 7 years. Comprehensive data about the use of titers to help limit the numbers of vaccinations and minimize potentially harmful reactions is included in the document. Tables in the document define specific intervals and rationale for a puppy vaccination schedule as well as for adult canines.

Veterinary practitioners must proactively report adverse events. The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 has mandated reporting of certain adverse events following vaccinations in children to ensure the safety of vaccine distribution in the United States. Currently there is no similar federal or uniform state mandate to report adverse events in animals. Practitioners may report voluntarily to the USDA or report to the vaccine manufacturer. The 2006 guidelines support a proposal that manufacturers be required to maintain a detailed record of every adverse event reported to their companies and provide summary reporting to the USDA Center for Veterinary Biologics at specified intervals. A vaccine adverse event is defined as any undesirable side effect or unintended effect associated with administration of vaccine. This includes but is not limited to injury, toxicity, or sensitivity reaction associated with use of a vaccine, whether or not the event can be directly attributed to the vaccine. Adverse events include swelling and edema, particularly of the muzzle,

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face and ears, allergic reaction, collapse, polyarthritis (lameness), vomiting, fever, respiratory distress, fever, lethargy, and neurologic or behavioral changes. Reporting will allow for detection of reactions not reported in initial safety studies done on vaccines as well as detect increases in adverse reactions that have previously been identified. Long term, reporting will improve the safety of vaccine administration.

Decisions surrounding vaccination of client-owned pets should include discussions with the human clients and be documented in the medical record. Veterinary practitioners must be aware of emerging diseases, changes in the incidence of known diseases, and adverse events associated with vaccine administration in order to educate their human clients on necessary vaccinations, risks and benefits so informed decisions regarding the health of their pets can be made.

Additional and separate guidelines are presented for animals entering in or residing in shelters, recognizing that they are at higher risk for communicable diseases and immunizations need to be more comprehensive to minimize the spread of disease in this population.

The guidelines and recommendations are not intended as standards of care or as dictating a protocol or course of treatment (our disclaimer!). But valuable information is included which can help all canine owners partner with their veterinarian to make informed decisions regarding the health of their pets. The entire document can be viewed at www.aahanet.org/About_aaha/vaccine_guidelines06.pdf

BMDCR Membership Column - July/August 2006 **Stacy Temples**

I hope you are enjoying your summer! There are not any new applicants this month.

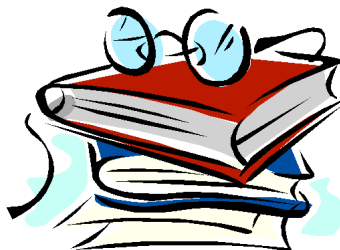
Please welcome our newest sustaining member to the club.

Berit Campion, Box 3645, Aspen, CO 81612. Ph.# (970) 920-3431. (E) bcampion@mac.com.

New Addresses:

Lynne Robinson
55 Ponderosa Pl
Hewitt, NJ 07421
973-506-4123
lynnerobinson@mac.com

Susan VanDeMark
P.O.Box 368
Buffalo Creek, CO 80425



Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies

Officers

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| President | Valerie Horney |
| Vice President | Lou Tucker |
| Treasurer | Sara Karl |
| Secretary | Sharon Keefer |

Directors

Gail Brooks
Dr. Laura Haupenthal
Phil Shaffer
Elaine Witulski
Nadja Torling

Newsletter Submissions

Dottie Schulte
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Membership Applications

Stacy Temples
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BMD Breed Contact Information Line

Karen Baru
303-841-9262

Meetings

Unless members are otherwise notified, meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of January, March, September and November at Laura and Al's house at 5614 S. Ivy Ct. in Greenwood Village. Board Meetings start at 11:30 AM and the General Meetings start at 1 PM. From I-25 North or South, exit on Orchard Rd. Go west about one mile and turn right onto E. Orchard Drive. Take the third right onto S. Ivy St. which turns into S. Ivy Ct. 5614 S. Ivy Ct. is the tan house at the end of the street.

Meeting Minutes - May 28, 2006

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2006

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board was called to order at 11:30 am on May 28, 2006.

Present:

Val Horney, Sharon Keefer, Phil Shaffer, Nadja Torling, and Elaine Witulski.

Absent:

Gayle Brooks, Laura Haupenthal, Sara Karl, and Lou Tucker.

Approval of Minutes:

Phil moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting as published in the May/June 2006 newsletter. Sharon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report:

Sharon reported that the club received a letter from Pets Educating People, LLC introducing their organization as an educational group whose purpose is to change the pet industry through education and positive reinforcement. They seek to change the current American trend toward commercial breeders. They are establishing two programs. The first is an annual Breeder Choice Awards presentation which will reward top, dedicated breeders in the United States by breed, as voted on by breeders, vets, pet owners and other members of the pet industry. Their second program is to create a table top book entitled *When Puppies Talk* (see www.breederschoiceawards.com to nominate a breeder). Two pages will be dedicated to each breed. The Board discussed that information about response to both projects should come from BMDCA. Sharon will so notify Pets Education People and pass the letter on to BMDCA.

Treasurer's Report:

Val reported from Sara that the club has positive balances in the checking and rescue accounts.

Unfinished Business:

Calendar of Events/Deadlines: Sharon showed the Board how the calendar function of the BMDCRockies yahoo group can be used for events and tasks, and be accessible to all group members. Sharon will continue developing the calendar to include all meetings, events, local show entry deadlines, club task deadlines, etc. with reminder notices automatically sent to members 7 days before the event/deadline.

A Match: Since the July 5th deadline for entries for the A Match on July 23rd is so close to the July/August newsletter publication date, Sharon will email the Premium List to Dottie so she can email it to everyone on the newsletter subscription list now. After discussing options for BMDCR providing lunch at the A Match and club meeting on July 23rd, a motion was made by Phil that BMDCR provide lunch (Subway sandwiches and soft drinks) for members and match entrants, and that \$7.00 be charged for others wanting lunch. Seconded by Nadja. Motion passed.

Membership Survey: Nadja reported that only 1 response has been received so far for the membership survey. She will post it on the BMDCRockies yahoo group and Phil will post it on

the website, <http://www.bmd.org/bmdcr.html>

New Business:

Newspaper Ad: Since Bernese Mountain Dogs continue to be listed for sale in area newspapers, the Board discussed running the club ad as has been done in the past. Val will contact Karen Baru about placing the ads again.

Fundraiser for purchased dogs: Three club members recently rescued **two** intact female Bernese Mountain Dogs advertised for sale by purchasing the dogs then turning them over to BMDCR Rescue. The Board reviewed the policy on what BMDCR can contribute toward obtaining abused or intact animals likely to be bred, which is \$200. Val moved that BMDCR pay \$200 each for these **two** dogs being turned over to Rescue. Seconded by Sharon. Motion Passed (4 in favor – Sharon, Val, Nadja, and Elaine; 1 opposed – Phil). Separate fundraising efforts have been posted to the BMDCRockies yahoo group for these two rescue dogs. Both girls have already been spayed by member Dr. Rae Valentine.

Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs: Information about the letter received from this organization was published in the April/May newsletter. The fee for BMDCR to join this group is \$75 and BMDCR would need to send a delegate to their annual meeting held in conjunction with the February shows in Denver. Motion was made by Sharon to join and to advertise the delegate position in the next newsletter. Seconded by Elaine. Motion passed.

Sponsorship for all membership levels: Discussion of this issue was postponed until the next meeting when Sara Karl can be present since this would involve a bylaws change and Sara is still overseeing our AKC licensing process. Any bylaws changes at this time could delay that process.

Pacific Northwest judges/breeders forum: This is an event being held in conjunction with the Pacific NW regional specialty. It was suggested that BMDCR could consider a similar seminar on the Sunday following our October Draft Test since Mary Alice Eschweiler (BMDCA Judges Education Chairman) will be here judging our draft test. This idea was left for further discussion at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 pm by Val Horney.

Minutes submitted by: Sharon Keefer

General Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2006

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 1:10 pm.

Present:

9 voting members.

Since a quorum was not present (holiday weekend), the only business was an announcement of the two female Bernese Mountain Dogs in Rescue.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm and the group moved outside for the program, and excellent presentation by Val Horney on "Grooming the Bernese Mountain Dog." Thank you Marshall, Bud, and Henry for being superb demo dogs.

What We Learned at Val's Grooming Seminar

At the last meeting Valerie taught the meeting attendees how to groom our Berners. We learned a lot...



Thank You

I wanted to thank everyone who helped with donation's for the two rescue girls. First a big thanks to Rae Valentine who did spay both girl's at her cost; and she has been doing that for rescue for the past few month's. It sure helps keep our cost down, and is such a large help.

I want to personal thank everyone for donation's:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sharon & Mark Johnson | Martha Rosner |
| Linda Adams | Mary Gervais |
| Cathy Davis | Johnathn Weston |
| Barb & Keith LeTourneau | Cindi Falcone |
| Lou & Bob Tucker | Joanna Hughes |
| Ron Abbott | Willie & Loren Miller |
| Robert Anema | Kathy Crawford |

Every penny helped so much. The rescue girl's are in Winter Park, Co with MJ Berendes

Patti Morgan
BMDCR Rescue Chair

Dear BMDCR members,

I want to give a big THANKYOU to Sharon Keefer & her therapy dog, Joy, who came to visit me while I was in the hospital at Swedish. You can't imagine how much that lifted my spirits! And I loved the stuffed BMDCR therapy dog! It has been very comforting to me. I'm sure our therapy dog members in the club can vouch for how worthwhile this work is. I know how it personally benefitted me! Thanks also to all who sent their good wishes and called to see how I'm doing.

I'm coming along and hope to see you in the near future!

Sincerely,
Karen Baru

BMDCR July Meeting (please note change from usual location)

Sunday July 23rd
Haney Park
Rampart Range Road
Littleton, Colorado

Meeting to be held following completion of the A/AO Match
Approximate times are 11 AM Board Meeting, 12 N General Meeting

BMDCR will purchase lunch for all club members attending and all non-member participants of the A/AO match. For all others lunch is \$7.
Please contact Valerie Horney (valhorney@comcast.net) or 303-484-4062 by Monday July 17th if you are planning to be there for lunch.

Directions to Haney Park, Rampart Range Rd. Littleton, CO 80125
(adjacent to Roxborough State Park)

From C-470 take Wadsworth (CO121) exit South to Waterton Canyon Rd. (approx 4.2 miles. Turn Left on Waterton Canyon Rd, go approx. 2 miles to Rampart Range Rd. Right on Rampart Range Rd. go 2.5 miles to Haney Park. Keep to the right past the Roxborough State Park entrance. A sign saying Roxborough Foundation will be on the right. Parking lost is on left.

Help Wanted

The nominating committee for the 2007-2008 BMDCR board will be selected at the July meeting. If you are interested in being on the committee (especially if you are unable to attend the meeting) please contact Valerie Horney (valhorney@msn.com or 303-367-5059).

Obedience stewards needed for BMDCA Regional Specialty September 8th in Greeley, Colorado. Contact Ron Abbott (phippisa@aol.com) if interested.

Got Raffle Items?

The BMDCR is in need of raffle items for our Regional Specialty in September. The raffle (thanks to Patti Morgan, Jane Sorrick and Toby Pitchford) was a huge money maker last year. If you have any Berner or dog related items that you would like to donate please contact Patti at (719) 494-0148 or Davieau@aol.com. Arrangements can be made for pick up.

Upcoming Events for Fall 2006

Saturday October 14th
Draft Test
Cherry Creek Reservoir, Aurora, Colorado
Judges: Mary Alice Eschweiler and Fay Benson
Draft Test Chairperson: Jeanne Stanwood (stanwood@earthlink.net)
Draft Secretary: Elaine Witulski (ecwitulski@sprintmail.com)

Sunday October 15th
Breed Study Forum with AKC judges Mary Alice Eschweiler and Sara Karl
Time and location to be announced

SHOW REPORT Valerie Horney

From our California members:

3/26/06 Del Sur Kennel Club

BB Wagontale's Incoming Tide, owned by Jennifer Zaayer & Stacy Temples

6/3/06 Pasadena Kennel Club Supported Entry

BB Wagontale's Incoming Tide, owned by Jennifer Zaayer & Stacy Temples

CH Wagontale's Champagne on Ice NA owned by Kathy Gray & Stacy Temples

Novice Jumpers With Weaves Preferred 2nd place, 3rd place, 1st place

NEW NOVICE AGILITY JUMPERS PREFERRED

Novice Standard Preferred three 1st places

NEW NOVICE AGILITY PREFERRED

Novice Jumpers with Weaves 1st place

NEW NOVICE AGILITY JUMPERS

Wagontale's Looking Up, owned by Robin Windlinger & Stacy Temples

Novice Jumpers with Weaves Preferred two 2nd places

NEW NOVICE AGILITY JUMPERS PREFERRED

Novice Standard Preferred 2nd place

Rally Novice 4th place

BMDCA Specialty

CH Tiptop's Night Muzik CD "Mozart", owned by Dottie Schulte

3rd leg Rally Novice

NEW RALLY NOVICE TITLE (now he is an RN like his mommy)

BMDCA Draft Test, Heartland Club

5/27/06 CH Tiptop's Night Muzik CD "Mozart", owned by Dottie Schulte

Novice Draft Dog

NEW BMDCA VERSATILITY DOG

Flatirons Kennel Club

June 3 & 4, 2006

WD/BW Lorien Dell's Sugar Daddy, owned by James Warino

RWD Wagontale's Norsk Uller, "Ulli", owned by S Temples & H Ramsdell

WB Prairiefire's Hat Trick, "Milan", owned by Sharon Johnson

RWB Prairiefire's Mind Your Manners, owned by B & B Shuris & S Johnson

BOS CH L-Sin's Thin Blue Line, "Mona", owned by A & B Dailey & S Leo

BB CH Nashem's Play It AGain Sapphire, "Rufio", owned by L Wood & S Karl

Summit Joy of the Rockies "Rocky", owned by Matt and Robin Hall

3rd Leg Obedience Novice A (three trials, three legs) First Place

New Companion Dog Title

WD Lorien Dell's Sugar Daddy, owned by James Warino

RWD Kinvarra's Black Diamond, owned by Sandra Kemper & Patricia Hughes

WB/BW Prairiefire's Mind Your Manners, owned by B & B Shuris & S Johnson

RWB Prairiefire's Hat Trick, "Milan", owned by Sharon Johnson

BB CH L-Sin's Thin Blue Line, "Mona", owned by A & B Dailey & S Leo

OS CH Nashem's Play It AGain Sapphire, "Rufio", owned by L Wood & S Karl

Fargo Moorehead Kennel Club

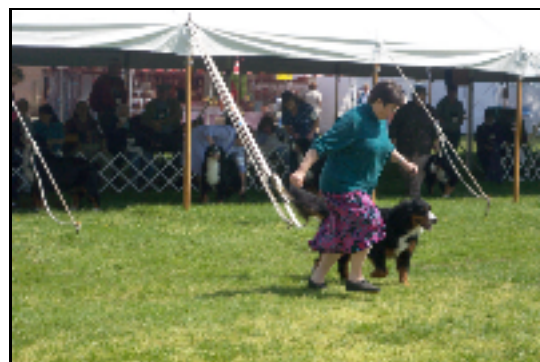
June 3 & 4, 2006

WB/OS Wagontale's Magical Morgan "Morgan", owned by S Temples & Ramsdell

RWB Wagontale's Inkantation "Inka", owned by S Temples & H Ramsdell

RWB Wagontale's Magical Morgan "Morgan", owned by S Temples & HRamsdell

Some of our members at the National Specialty



Flagstaff Kennel Club

WB /BW Mountainairs Did You Miss Me, "Missy", owned by Darcy Babb
NEW CHAMPION

Colorado Springs Kennel Club

June 11& 12, 2006

WD/OS Lorien Dell's Sugar Daddy, owned by James Warino

RWD Kinvarra's Black Diamond, owned by Sandra Kemper & Patricia Hughes

WB Lorien Dells Haribou Gummi Bear, owned by Lynn Wood & B & M Pfeiffer

RWB Kinvarra's Island Girl, Pat & Neal Hughes

BB CH L-Sin's Thin Blue Line, "Mona", owned by A & B Dailey & S Leo

WD/BW/OS Wagontale's Norsk Uller, "Ulli", owned by S Temples & H Ramsdell

RWD Lorien Dell's Sugar Daddy, owned by James Warino

WB L-Sin's Milagro Repeat Ofender owned by A& W Daily & Sindi Leo

RWB Prairiefire's Mind Your Manners, owned by Bob & Becky Shuris & S Johnson

BB CH L-Sin's Thin Blue Line, "Mona", owned by Anne & Bill Dailey & Sindy Leo

Springs Lady Molly CD, "Molly", owned by Nancy Fuselier

2nd Place Open A

3rd Place Rally Novice B

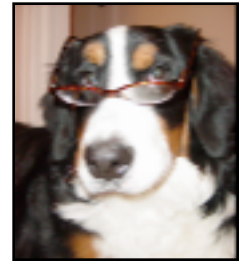
Qual leg Rally Novice B

Wagontale's Lady of the Lake "Legend", owned by P & B Solomon & S Temples

1st place Rally Excellent

1st place Rally Excellent

Ask Bernice



The Berner Advice Column

Bernice is taking her annual summer vacation. She'll be back in the next issue.

BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB of THE ROCKIES A/AO MATCH

Sunday July 23, 2006

Haney Park

Rampart Range Rd

Littleton, CO 80125

8:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sanctioned by the American Kennel Club

Judge:

Conformation & Obedience: Mrs. Michelle Bergstraser

Conformation:

Puppy (6mo to 12 mo), American Bred and Open
Classes divided by sex

Obedience:

Novice, Open and Utility

Judging begins at 9:00a.m. No dog that is an AKC champion may be entered. No dog with an AKC UD may be entered. Dogs with AKC CDX titles may compete only in Utility. This show is for Bernese Mountain Dogs ONLY.

Trophies:

Breed Prizes

Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed,
First through Fourth in classes: Rosette
Best of Breed: Bernese Picture Frame
First in each class: BMDCR Medallion

Obedience Prizes

High In Trial, First through Fourth, Rosette
High In Trial: Bernese Picture Frame
First in Each class: BMDCR Medallion

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Range Rd. Right on Rampart Range Rd. go 2.5 miles
to Haney Park. Keep to the right past the Roxborough
State Park entrance. A sign saying Roxborough
Foundation will be on the right. Parking lot is on left.

Chris Dawson of Chris Dawson Photography and his BMD Eiger will be at the match on Sunday. Chris is a resident of Roxborough and has attended several BMDCR functions. A portrait sitting was donated by CDP for the 2005 regional.

BMDEA Regional Specialty

September 8, 2006



**Conformation including Maturity
Obedience Trial
Veteran and Puppy Sweepstakes**



Judges

Mr. Charles McWilliams (Conformation)
Ms. Susan Oviatt (Obedience) Ms. Jean Pero (Sweepstakes)

Show Secretary

Robert Miller
15281 West Archer Drive
Golden, CO 80401-5076
millerdogshows@mac.com

Show Chairman

Dottie Schulte
DottieS911@aol.com

Trophy Donations

Sara Karl
karl3106@adelphia.net

Companion Events

Evergreen Kennel Club All Breed Shows
September 9th and 10th

Want to be a part of the Specialty?

Contact Dottie or Sara as above or one of the committee chairpersons:

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| Chief Ring Steward | Phil Shaffer | pshaffer@bmd.org |
| Obedience | Ron Abbott | phippisia@aol.com |
| Hospitality | Sherrri Mangin | painterlady53@yahoo.com |
| Raffle | Patti Morgan | davieau@aol.com |

There will be a get together at Dottie's after the show so plan to come over.

Regional Specialty Trophy Donations

Have you won some nice trophies in the past? Remember how nice that felt? Give that feeling to someone else!

Still available at this time:

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| BOB | \$35 |
| Best of Winners | \$30 |
| Reserve Winners Dog and Bitch | \$20 each |
| Award of Merit | \$15 |
| Regular Classes 1st through 4th | \$25 |
| High In Trial | \$35 |
| Obedience classes 1st through 4th | \$25 |
| Best of Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweeps | \$20 |
| 1st through 4th in Veteran Sweeps classes | \$10 |
| Best of Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweeps | \$20 |
| 1st through 4th in Puppy Sweeps classes | \$10 |

Indicate your first, second and third choice for sponsorship:

1st _____

2nd _____

3rd _____

Name: _____

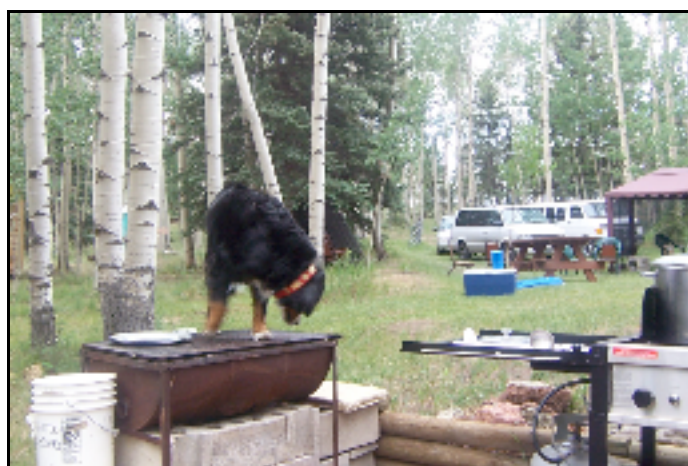
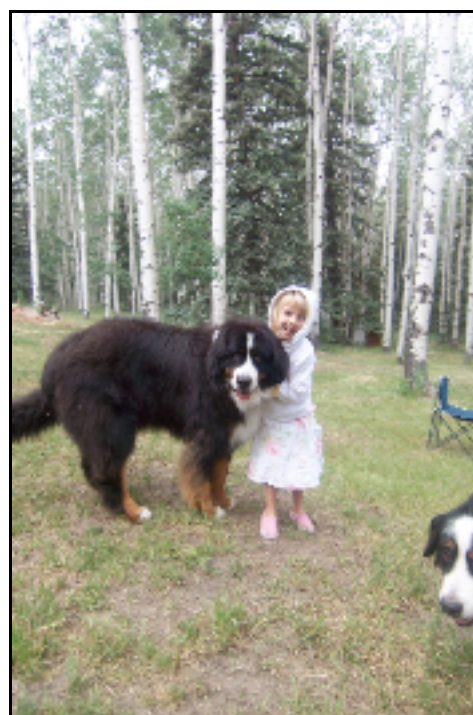
Address _____

Phone & email _____

Send to:
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Colorado Springs, CO 80918
719-534-9056
karl3106@adelphia.net

2006 iBerner Fiesta!

A big thank you to George and Lynn Wood for hosting a fabulous Berner Fiesta.



In Memoriam



Hank

April 23, 1998 - May 17, 2006

He died in my arms.... as he had lived - with dignity, gentleness, and love surrounding him.

....Grieve not, nor speak of me with tears, but laugh and talk of me as if I were beside you.... I loved you so. twas heaven here with you.

Jeanne

Chester

Oh Spring's Chesterfield
February 10, 2000 - June 15, 2006

Thank you for the wonderful times: the hikes, the shows and the "sweetness" you showed everyone you met. Will miss you terribly.

Nancy, Dailey, Mary,
Panda and Mac



Ripple

We never dreamed when this baby alligator came into our lives, how he would fill it. His "youthful exuberance" was sometimes more like a tidal wave than a ripple, but his love came in buckets and always outweighed it. Ripple was my best friend, my partner, my teacher, and always my "baby dog". I cherished every minute of his time here and hope to live up to a portion of the love he gave me. It was an honor to support him in his activities. His sense of humor and huge working heart will be our strength to go on. We will love him forever, as unconditionally as he loved us. He has gone on to play with others who have gone before him; we will see him in a little while in the still waters where he awaits our arrival. I bet the tracking is just great in Heaven.

Fay, Doug, John, and Christopher Benson and Porter

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