



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

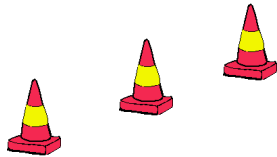
Next Meeting:

**Sunday July 27th
at Al & Laura's**

Board Meeting: 11:30 AM

General Meeting: 1:00 PM

**Program: 2 PM
Rally Obedience 101**



Meetings

Unless members are otherwise notified, meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of January, March, May, July, 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.

It seems I have heard of more dogs than usual having bloated in the past several months. My now 8 year old Mozart bloated last October and it was one of the most frightening experiences that I have had with any of my dogs. Thanks to information that I had read (and retained!) and to the quick thinking of Lou Tucker, he had an excellent outcome. So I wanted to do a review of bloat by including an article from the BMDCA website written by Pat Long.

Gastric Dilatation-Volvulus; Bloat

By Patricia Long
June, 1997, Updated January, 2008
Edited by Dr. Kathy Berge, DVM

Have you ever eaten too much at a family gathering? Remember that uncomfortable bloated feeling? All you did was sit down and relax for an hour or two, and you were ready for dessert. So why does everyone panic over bloat in their dogs?

Gastric dilatation-volvulus is an acute, life-threatening situation which requires immediate medical and surgical attention. Gastric dilatation means stomach distention or enlargement. This may or may not be accompanied by volvulus, or torsion, or twisting of the stomach on its long axis. Once the stomach twists, the stomach contents are trapped in place as the gas continues to build. As the stomach expands, it can press on major arteries and veins in the abdominal cavity, restricting blood flow and lowering blood pressure. Once this happens, the heart rate increases and the pulse becomes weak as the dog goes into shock. If the stomach swells enough, it can displace the spleen, cutting off circulation, and causing enlargement and even twisting of the spleen. With circulation for the stomach constricted, parts of the stomach wall can necrose, or die. All of this can happen over a period of hours, or even minutes. But once it starts, it needs immediate medical attention.

Classic symptoms of bloat include pacing, difficulty walking, panting, discomfort, agitation, depression, drooling, foaming or frothing at the mouth, unproductive vomiting or retching, distention of the stomach. The swollen stomach may be grossly large, and hard (tympanic) to the touch. If the dog is going into shock, the gums will appear pale or grey, and when they are depressed with a finger, the color will be very slow to return; the heart rate will be fast, but the pulse will be weak.

In theory, the treatment for bloat is simple. Treat the shock with IV fluids, decompress the stomach, and if the stomach has twisted, get it back into position. In reality, it gets more complicated. An x-ray will usually show if the stomach has rotated or not. If a tube can be put down the throat into the stomach, this is what is preferred. The stomach contents are emptied and the stomach is rinsed with water or a saline solution. If the dog cannot be tubed [the danger with entubation is that it can rupture the lower esophagus], then another possible procedure is trocarization, or inserting a large bore needle directly into the stomach wall. [The danger with this procedure is peritonitis from stomach contents leaking into the abdominal cavity and causing infection. For an untrained person, the danger is that the needle will be put into an enlarged spleen instead of the stomach, or the wall of the stomach will

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rupture because the stomach wall has stretched too thin.] Once enough gas has been released by the trocar, the dog can sometimes be tubed to further decompress and empty the stomach. The other procedure is to make an incision in the stomach wall in order to empty the stomach.

Surgery may be required to reposition the stomach, and if part of the stomach wall has necrosed, that part will have to be removed (resected). If the spleen has sustained enough damage, it will have to be removed. Once the dog has bloated, there is an extremely high probability that he will bloat again. To prevent the stomach from twisting, and to significantly reduce the probability of bloat recurring, the stomach should be tacked in place (gastropexy). Some dogs with a high degree of risk can have a gastropexy done before the dog ever bloats. The easiest form of this is a laparoscopic gastropexy. Using a laparoscope to see, small incisions are made, and the stomach is tacked at each incision site. Done on an outpatient basis, it could cost under \$400US. When surgery is required for bloat, it typically costs about \$1200US if there are no complications. With complications, stomach resection, splenectomy, (or if all this occurs afterhours and you are at the emergency vet clinic!) the cost can reach \$5000US.

Once a dog has bloated, there is a good chance that he will bloat again. He should be fed at least 2 times a day, avoid vigorous exercise for one hour before and two hours after eating. And always watch for signs of bloat, especially after any type of stress.

An ongoing study is being conducted at Purdue University by Dr. Glickman, and most of the current information about the risk factors and probability of bloat come from his extensive study, done mainly with Irish Setters. The dogs who are at greatest risk of bloat are the large, deep chested breeds. The greater the chest depth/width ratio, the greater the risk of bloat. Happy dogs are less likely to bloat. Factors linked to an increased risk are: history of belching and flatus, aggression toward people or other dogs, fast eating, fewer meals per day, less canned food, less table scraps, fewer snacks. Factors with NO correlation to risk are: dry food, dry food moistened with water, supplements, vitamins, multiple animal households, pre-existing disease, drug treatment, vaccines. The most recent finding in his study is that raising the food bowl actually

INCREASES the risk of bloat - the higher the dish, the greater the risk. Some of the common precipitating factors are: stressful event, change in feeding time, bigger meal than usual. Most cases of bloat occur between 6pm and midnight - 59.3% of the cases studied by Dr. Glickman occurred during that time period. The gastropexy greatly reduced the risk of recurrence of bloat, from 4% per month to 0.3% per month. In Dr. Glickman's study of 1934 dogs with GDV, he reports a death rate of 28.6% from gastric dilatation, and 33.3% from gastric dilatation-volvulus, and a lifetime recurrence rate of 80%, dropping to 3-5% with gastropexy.

As you can see from this collection, there are many different symptoms, and many different outcomes. One of the keys to helping a dog survive bloat is to know your dog. If he's not acting normal and you suspect bloat, go to the vet and have it checked. If your vet isn't sure, but you are, insist on having x-rays taken. Many cases of bloat followed surgery and/or stressful events. Always watch a dog carefully for the first 24 hours following any surgical procedure. If the dog has to remain at the vet's clinic, ensure that the dog will be monitored regularly around the clock. Otherwise, consider Dr. Laurel Cain's advice and move the dog to an emergency clinic where he will receive careful monitoring. Feed your dog at least twice a day. Minimize exercise before and after eating. And keep those guys happy!

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See this great Health site list for more links to bloat http://members.rogers.com/rcamken/BMD_Health_Info_Links.html

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BMDCR FALL DRAFT TEST

Saturday September 27, 2008
Fox Run Regional Park
Black Forest, Colorado



Judges: Nancy Fuselier and Mary Dowski

Draft test secretary: Dottie Schulte (dotties911@aol.com
for premium list and additional information)

Berner Fiesta 2008

Thanks Laura and Al for hosting the Bernerfiesta 2008. . .a chance for club members to visit, get some pets and puppy kisses.



BMDCR Membership Column July/August 2008 Stacy Temples

Reminder: The membership renewal fees deadline has passed. Please send yours in as soon as possible if you missed it. The forms were in last month's newsletter and can also be found online at www.bmd.org/bmd/bmdcr.html.

New Sustaining Members:
Please welcome our new sustaining members who were approved for membership at the meeting on May 18, 2008.

Kristin Price
PO Box 1445
Eagle, CO 81631
Ph.# (970) 328-2120
E) bpksl2@earthlink.net.

New Voting Members Applicants:
We also have two sustaining members who would like to change to voting membership to become more actively involved in club meetings. Both became new sustaining members on January 27, 2008.

Alice Gordon
1955 Sandalwood Lane
Fort Collins, CO 80526
Ph.# (970) 224-4160
(E) alicann8@hotmail.com
Sponsored by Pamela Solomon & Valerie Horney.
Has attended the required number of meetings.

Lori Kennedy
9630 E. Colorado Avenue
Denver, CO 80247-3013
Ph.# (303) 641-0138
(E) lkck@comcast.net.
Sponsored by Dottie Schulte and Valerie Horney.
Pending meeting attendance.

COMING THIS SEPTEMBER FROM THE PRODUCERS OF



THE 2008 INDEPENDENT SPECIALTY

PRESENTED BY THE BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF THE ROCKIES

IN ASSOCIATION WITH ROBERT MILLER DOG SHOWS (MILLERDOGSHOWS@MAC.COM)

ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2008 AT ISLAND GROVE PARK IN GREELEY, COLORADO

STARRING

KAREN ERICSON AS CONFORMATION & JUNIORS JUDGE BETH BAILY AS RALLY JUDGE
SUSAN OVIATT-HARRIS AS OBEDIENCE JUDGE CATHY BURLILE AS SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE

DIRECTED BY DOTTIE SCHULTE (DOTTIES911@AOL.COM)

FEATURING BMDCR CARIBBERNER GARB BY MAGGIE CRAWFORD AVAILABLE AT BEST-OF-WINNERS.COM

SHOWN IN CONJUNCTION WITH EVERGREEN KENNEL CLUB ALL-BREED SHOWS ON SEPTEMBER 6-7

SHOW REPORT by Valerie Horney

Mountain States Dog Training Club

May 5, 2008

1st leg Novice Obedience Wagontale's Sing Me a Miracle RN "Smokey", owned by Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples 179

Flatirons Kennel Club

May 31 & June 1, 2008

WD/BW Lorien Dells Glamoring Foe Hammer, owned by Bruce & Becky Finger & Lynn Wood

RWD Wagontale's Sing Me a Miracle RN "Smokey", owned by Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples

WB Prairiefire's Shutterbug owned by Sharon Johnson

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

BB CH Adesa's And The Beat Goes On "Bono", owned by Ann & Bill Daily, Bill & Bobbi Blewitt

Group 4

OS CH Lorien Dell Haribo Gummi Baer, owned by Lynn & George Wood, Brigit & Mark Peiffer

WD/BW Lorien Dells Glamoring Foe Hammer, owned by Bruce & Becky Finger & Lynn Wood

RWD Wagontale's Sing Me a Miracle RN "Smokey", owned by Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples

WB Prairiefire's Shutterbug owned by Sharon Johnson

RWB Funatic True Blue Moon, "True" owned by Christine Mann & Tuuli Yrjonen

OS CH Adesa's And The Beat Goes On "Bono", owned by Ann & Bill Daily, Bill & Bobbi Blewitt

BB CH Lorien Dell Haribo Gummi Baer, owned by Lynn & George Wood, Brigit & Mark Peiffer

Durango Kennel Club

May 16 -18, 2008

WB/BW/OS Mountaineer's Journey Home "Dallas", owned by Darcy Babb

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Colorado Springs Kennel Club

June 6 & 7, 2008

WD Lorien Dells Glamoring Foe Hammer, owned by Bruce & Becky Finger & Lynn Wood

New Champion

RWD Milagro's Angel in the Whirlwind v Adesa, owned Ann & Bill Dailey

WB/BW Prairiefire's Shutterbug owned by Sharon Johnson

RWB Sapphire's Fire n Ice, owned by Sharon Montville & Carol Arbuthnot

BB CH Lorien Dell Haribo Gummi Baer, owned by Lynn & George Wood, Brigit & Mark Peiffer

Group 4

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

From the Veteran's Class!

WD Wagontale's Sing Me a Miracle RN "Smokey", owned by Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples

RWD Milagro's Angel in the Whirlwind v Adesa, owned Ann & Bill Dailey

WB Blumoon's Quervo Gold "Rita" owned by Christine Mann

RWB Blumoon's Meco Ascent, "Meco" owned by Christine Mann

BB Nashem's Hes the Man of Woodmor "Angus", owned by Sara Karl

OS CH Lorien Dell Haribo Gummi Baer, owned by Lynn & George Wood, Brigit & Mark Peiffer

2nd leg Novice Obedience Wagontale's Sing Me a Miracle RN "Smokey", owned by Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples, 170.0

Flagstaff Kennel Club

June 7 & 8, 2008

WB/OS Mountaineer's Journey Home "Dallas", owned by Darcy Babb

BB CH Mountainair's Genuine Draft "Miller", owned by Darcy Babb

Group 3

WB/BW/OS Mountaineer's Journey Home "Dallas", owned by Darcy Babb

BB CH Mountainair's Genuine Draft "Miller", owned by Darcy Babb

Group 1

Yellowstone Valley Kennel Club

June 17, 2008

WB/BW Wagontale's Princess Alexandria "Lexi", owned by Jerry & Candy McDanal & Stacy Temples

Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club

June 28 & 29, 2008

WD Wagontale's Sing Me a Miracle RN "Smokey", owned by Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples

RWD Maine's4Ever Raisin Ruckus "Ruckus", owned by Jean Gottenborg

WB Prairiefire's So Far So Good "Reese", owned by Sharon Johnson
RWB Wagontale's Simply Irresistible "Isabella", owned by Stacy Temples
BB CH Lorien Dell's Sword of Elindel, "Narsil", owned by Joe & Kim Gianonne & Lynn Wood
OS CH Lorien Dell Haribo Gummi Baer, owned by Lynn & George Wood, Brigit & Mark Peiffer

WD B-Haven's Sherpa's Mountain Endeavor, Owned by Jill Byers
WB Prairiefire's Mind Your Manners owned by Bob & Becky Shuris & Sharon Johnson

New Champion

BB CH Lorien Dell Haribo Gummi Baer, owned by Lynn & George Wood, Brigit & Mark Peiffer
OS CH Mountainair's Genuine Draft "Miller", owned by Darcy Babb

3rd leg Novice Obedience Wagontale's Sing Me a Miracle RN "Smokey", owned by Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples 177.0
New Companion Dog

Board Positions Open for 2009-2011

Four positions for the BMDCR will be open for the coming year. These are president, treasurer and two board of directors. If you are interested please contact the chairperson for the nominating committee Valerie Horney (valhorney@comcast.net).

You will need to submit a brief biographical summary on why you are interested and your experience in BMDs by the end of August so it can be published in the September newsletter.

Voting will be at the general meeting in November and your term (which is two years) will begin in January. If you have questions about what is involved with the commitment you can also contact Valerie. This is a great way to learn more about our club and our dogs so please consider becoming more involved by participating on the board.

Help Wanted for the BMDCR

Foster homes are need for rescue dogs when they are taken in by our club. Enclosed with the newsletter you will find a foster home application. If you are interested in helping out with rescue by fostering a dog while they wait for their forever home please complete the application and return to:

Ann Rutherford
7292 Sourdough Drive
Morrison, Colorado 80465

Ways and Means Chairperson Needed

Responsibilities include managing inventory of items the BMDCR has for sale, organizing raffle and sales at the specialty and deciding items that would be profitable to sell and arrange for ordering. Contact Dottie Schulte dotties911@aol.com or Sharon Keefer joyfulBMD@mesanetworks.net if interested. This is a great opportunity to get to know most other club members (everyone wants to buy!) as well as give back your talents to our club.

Tips for Preventing Heatstroke

July is here and it's warm! Following are a few tips on keeping you dog cool and preventing heat stroke. If you suspect your dog has heatstroke, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Exercise your dog in the early morning or late evening; avoid mid-day activities.

Make sure that your dog has access to water and a shady area at all times.

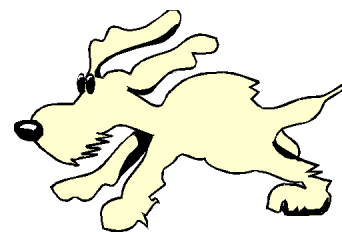
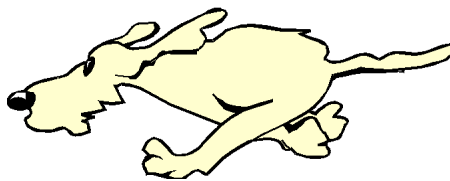
Never leave your dog in a closed vehicle – even for a minute.

Consider a wading pool for your dogs; the water can be kept cool by filling a water jug or plastic soda bottle with water, freezing it, and floating it in the pool. Make sure that the pool is not too deep for the dogs.

Apply SPF 15 sunscreen on tender areas on dogs with light pigment or thin hair; avoid zinc-based products in case the animal licks it.

Encourage liquid and calorie intake by mixing one jar of meat baby food with one jar of water. Freeze into ice cube treats .

Watch out for hot asphalt - it can cause second-degree burns on your dog's feet.



Meeting Minutes - May 18, 2008

Board Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 11:45a.m on May 18, 2008 at the home of Bob & Lou Tucker.

PRESENT: Val Horney, Sara Karl, Ron Abbott, Fay Benson, Laura Haupenthal, Ann Rutherford, Pam Solomon, Elaine Witulski . Absent: Sharon Keefer. Also present : Lou Tucker, taking minutes and Al Beers.

Approval of Minutes: Sara moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting as published in the May/June 2008 newsletter. Ann seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sara Karl reported positive balances in the club's checking, savings, and rescue accounts. She also reported that \$57.48 was made on the spring draft test. All of the bills may not have been submitted. Sue Sanvido did return her flight monies. Sara reported that membership renewals have been sent out. Upon receiving the renewals Sara will update email addresses and put together a list of those who want to receive the newsletter electronically and forward it to Dottie. The directory could also be sent electronically. An article will also appear in the next newsletter reminding people to update their information so it accurate in the database.

Committee Reports: Rescue - The rescue forms are near completion and will be presented at the July meeting

Website Taskforce - no update

Nominating Committee - Val reported that it is time to form the nominating committee. Openings will be for President and Treasurer plus 2 board positions, the terms of Ann Rutherford and Elaine Witulski are up. Val offered to chair the committee and will solicit committee members via the club e-list. An article will also be in the next newsletter asking for volunteers.

Unfinished Business: Meeting Location - Laura and Al have graciously offered their home again for meetings.

Bernerfiesta - Laura and Al have offered to host and need a few people to help organize. Laura also asked folks to be respectful of their home and yard, keep dogs off the retaining wall and pick up after dogs before leaving. The Bernerfiesta will be Sunday, June 15 - information will be posted online as the newsletter has already been published for May/June.

2013 Specialty: Sara reported that she is in the process of writing an article for the newsletter giving details of what is involved in hosting the National Specialty.

New Business: Trophy's for Sat/Sun Evergreen Shows - referred to general meeting

Specialty Reception - referred to general meeting

Newsletter subscription fee - referred to general meeting.

Meeting adjourned 12:40

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lou Tucker in the absence of Sharon Keefer.

General Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 1:05 on May 18, 2008 at the home of Bob & Lou Tucker.

Present: 13 voting members (a quorum) and 1 guest.

Approval of Minutes: Fay Benson moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting as published in the May/June newsletter. Ann Rutherford seconded. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report: Same as Treasurer's report in board meeting minutes.

Committee Reports: Rescue - The new forms will be available at the July meeting.

Website Update - no report. Valerie will call Phil and report back to membership.

Nominating Committee: Val reported that it is again time to form the nominating committee. Openings will be President & Treasurer and 2 board positions. The terms of Ann Rutherford and Elaine Witulski are over. Val offered to chair the committee and will ask for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. An article will also be in the next newsletter.

Unfinished Business: 2008 Regional Specialty - Dottie Schulte gave an update on the specialty. Pam Solomon is the rally chair, she will be checking to see if there is a cost for rally equipment. There will be an after show reception to include a cash bar. Dottie and Lou will be working with Kenny's catering to select a light food menu. Dottie has ordered rosettes from Evergreen Kennel Club for the Sat & Sun shows. Dottie made a motion to have BMDCR offer trophies for the Sat. & Sun. shows for BOB, BOS, WD ,WB, BOW and High Scoring for the amount of no more than \$250.00. Sara seconded, motion carried. Dottie then stated that Fidoughs would offer the trophies for Saturday. Elaine Witulski will be chairing the raffle and is looking for raffle donations and also people to help with the raffle. A plea will be in the next newsletter for raffle items and trophy donation sponsors.

Meeting Location - Laura and Al have again graciously offered their home for meetings.

Bernerfiesta - Laura and Al have offered to host the Bernerfiesta on June 15. (See board notes)

Election of New Members: Voting was unanimous to admit new sustaining member Kristin Price. Welcome Kristin !

Fall Draft Test: The fall draft test is scheduled for September 27th in the Monument area. Judges will be Nancy Fuselier and Mary Dowski.

New Business: Dottie reported that several people are requesting the club newsletter. It was discussed that the first copy would be sent complimentary, after that there would be a yearly fee of \$25.00. It was also asked if the issue date could be put on the masthead at the top of the page. After renewals are received Sara will update the list of members that want the newsletter sent electronically and send to Dottie.

Adjournment: The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 1:35.

After the meeting some members met at Chatfield for a dog walk and play time.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lou Tucker in the absence of Sharon Keefer.

BMDCR Hosting the 21013 National Specialty?

The BMDCA National specialty is in our region in 2013 and the BMDCR has the opportunity to host this event in Colorado. We have hosted two Nationals before one in 1992 and the other in 1997 so we have had plenty of time to recover from the last one! The club needs to vote on this as a group and the support of as many of the members as possible will be needed. Are you up to it? It is a tremendous amount of work but also very rewarding and FUN! Please come to the next meeting or let a BMDCR board member know how you feel. The areas that we will need support in are:

1. Show Chair: This is the person who is in charge of the whole operation and the AKC paperwork. They coordinate the meetings and oversee all the other committee. In the past this has been done by two people but can also be done by one.

2. Treasurer: Keeps track of all the finances and pays the bills in a timely manner

3. Hospitality: Organizes the morning coffee and judges meals and judges transportation, can be split into two areas with one person being in charge of Judges Hospitality and the other in charge of regular hospitality.

4. Ground: Makes sure all the rings are up and any tenting and parking issues are dealt with.

5. Trophies: Makes sure the trophies and ribbons are acquired and hopefully sponsored and paid for.

6. Chief Ring Steward: Is in charge of getting stewards for all events that are held i.e. Draft, Conformation, and Obedience Agility etc.

7. Grooming: Sets up grooming area does reserved grooming.

8. Obedience: is in charge of the obedience trial

9. Agility: is in charge of the Agility trial if we have Agility.

10. Draft is in charge of coordinating the draft test or tests

11. Raffle: Does a fund raising raffle

12. Ways and means: Designs, or arranges for someone to design a logo and select merchandise that will be sold with the logo. Arranges to have the booth manned at the specialty.

13. Publications: Planning booklet newsletter during the specialty etc

14. Tracking: is in charge of the tracking Test.

15. Vendor: Is in charge of the booths at the specialty

These are all more that one-person jobs so many volunteers will be needed. It is a great way to get more involved and meet Bernerfolk from all around the country.

BMDCR Club Information

Meetings

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies holds regular meetings on the fourth Sunday of January, March, May, July, September and November, unless members are otherwise notified. The board meetings take place at 11:30 followed by the general meeting at 1:00 followed by the program at 2:00 if scheduled. Location of meetings will be announced each newsletter. 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.

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. 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 OAF, GDR, 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. 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 GDR, OAF, OVC numbers for hips and elbows, including the letter rating and age in months at evaluation.

Classified 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 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.

Advertising/Display

Deadlines for