



# Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

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## News

### Need Donated Items for the Regional Spe- cialty Raffle

We need items for our fundraising raffle at the Regional Specialty in September.

If you have any items, you can bring them to the July meeting, Eagle or August Greeley show and give them to Joanna Hughes or Dottie Schulte. You can also contact Joanna Hughes (jmhughes56@gmail.com) to donate. Let's fill the raffle table full of goodies!



### New AKC Title

AKC created a new title for therapy dogs - <http://www.akc.org/akctherapydog/>

Therapy dogs are dogs who go with their owners to volunteer in settings such as schools, hospitals, and nursing homes.

Several BMDCR club members do therapy visits with their dogs. An official AKC title might be of interest to them or to others who have considered doing therapy work.



### Herding Berners

BMDs are now an officially recognized breed for herding by the [ASCA](http://www.asca.org) (Australian Shepherd Club of America)!

The competitive dog sport in which herding dog breeds move animals around a field, fences, gates, or enclosures as directed by their handlers is called a *sheepdog trial*, *herding test* or *stockdog trial* depending on the area.



## President's Message

Hi! If you have been keeping up with club goings-on, you know that we have been busy and have had fun in the process. Several club members are celebrating their new draft titles, thanks to their performance at the May draft test, held at Patti Davieau's lovely place.

June also brought lots of activities. Thanks to Ron Abbott, there was the Pack Hike, and a couple weeks later there was the Draft Workshop and Match, thanks to Barry Solomon's and Bev Hilmes' excellent planning. It also brought our annual Berner picnic and play day, which we call BernerFiesta.

There are more activities to come, with our Regional Specialty on September 9 in Greeley, and the Fall Draft Test on October 8 and 9 in Loveland. The club sponsors lots of activities and we invite you to enjoy as many of them as interest you. You are always welcome.

For those of you who compete with your Berners, we encourage you to come to the meetings and boast about your successes. The club will be holding a Brag Session each time we meet. A \$1 donation for each brag will buy you opportunity to sing the praises of your favorite Berner, and have an audience to celebrate with you! Our next meeting is Sunday afternoon, July 24, at the Alameda East Veterinary Hospital. I hope to see you there. For more details, see the Upcoming Meetings section of the Newsletter.

As always, don't hesitate to let me know what is on your mind. This is YOUR club and we want it to serve YOUR interests. Find me ringside at the shows or email me at [mary.guy@q.com](mailto:mary.guy@q.com). And if you would like to get more involved in club activities by volunteering, let me know what interests you and I will put you in touch with other members who have similar interests.

See you soon,

Mary Ellen Guy



June 5, 2011 Kenosha Pass Pack Hike with our best buds Watson, Legend, Milo, Steiger, Kismet, and Smokey.

## Upcoming Meetings/Special Events Schedule

### Meetings

#### July Meeting

Sunday, July 24, 2011

Alameda East Veterinary Hospital  
[9770 East Alameda Avenue Denver, CO 80247](http://www.alamedavet.com)

- 12:00 noon for the board meeting
- 1:00 pm for the general membership meeting
- 2:00 pm presentation by Jennifer L. Fick, DVM DACVS of Alameda East Veterinary Hospital on orthopedic diseases and treatment options in Berners.

**\*Note\*** This is a people-only meeting.

### Special Events

#### Canine First Aid Class

Saturday, October 15, 2011

[7155 West Montview Lane, Littleton, CO](http://www.bmdcr.com)

The BMDCR will host a pet first aid class on October 15th at Bob and Lou Tuckers home, 7155 West Montview Lane, Littleton, CO.

The class will run from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. The cost is \$45.00. A certificate of completion is available for an additional \$8.00.

The class will cover such basic issues as CPR, choking, bleeding, bandaging, poisons, burns, muzzling, snake bites, and what to have in your first aid kit. The Red Cross first aid book will be available at cost.

Please bring a snack or light lunch item to share with the class.

The class is limited to 20 attendees, so if you would like to attend, please contact Candy McDanal at [mcdanaljc@msn.com](mailto:mcdanaljc@msn.com) ASAP.

**\*Note\*** This is a people-only class.



#### BMDCR Regional Specialty

- Friday, September 9, 2011
- Island Grove Regional Park Greeley, CO
- [Premium List Information](#)

#### Fall Draft Test

- Saturday & Sunday, October 8 & 9, 2011
- 8158 Woods Rose Lane Loveland, CO

For more information on any of these events please go to the [BMDCR website](http://www.bmdcr.com).

For information on shows in your area and around the US, go to <http://www.onofrio.com/>.

## Rescue Alert



Bear is a four year old male and a bundle of love. He is friendly and easy going. Unfortunately, his previous owner could not care for him anymore. His handsome face is asymmetrical (probably from birth) and gives him a cute expression but does not pose a health problem. He may have a joint issue in one rear knee and he needs a teeth cleaning. He is in foster care and doing well. His foster mom reports he is sweet, affectionate, and gets along well with everyone.



See the [Rescue Info](#) page for more information the BMDCR Rescue process and to sign up as a foster or adoptive parent. If you can help Bear find a Forever Home, call Ann Rutherford at 303-697-0258 or send an email to [bobandann25@msn.com](mailto:bobandann25@msn.com).

## Rescue News

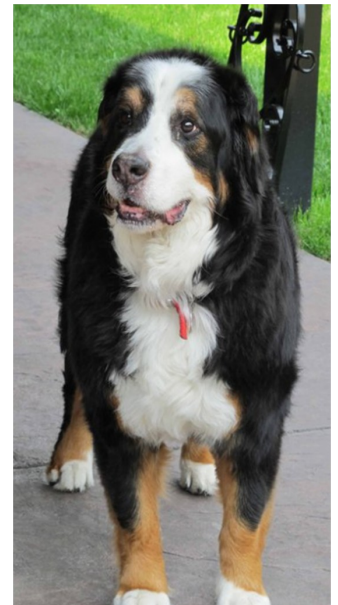
"Old dogs, like old shoes, are comfortable. They might be a bit out of shape and a little worn around the edges, but they fit well."

- Bonnie Wilcox



Great news! 5 year old Sam has found a new Forever Home!. Thanks for everyone's interest and concern.

In early June, rescue had a sweet, 8-1/2 yr old neutered male named "Scotia" who was looking for a new home. With the great network of BMDCR members and friends, he found a Forever Home within two weeks!



## Ask The Experts

### Avoiding Heat Related Injuries in Dogs—Nate Baxter DVM

**Cooling:** Evaporative cooling is the most efficient mean of cooling. I cool with the coldest water I can find and will use ice depending on the situation. The best way is to run water over the dog, so there is always fresh water in contact with the skin. When you immerse a dog in a tub, the water trapped in the hair coat will get warm next to the dog, and act as an insulator against the cool water and cooling stops. If you can run water over the dog and place it in front of a fan that is the best. Misting the dog with water will only help if you are in a dry environment or in front of a fan. Just getting the dog wet is not the point, you want the water to be cool itself, or to evaporate.



For MOST situations all you will need to do is get the dog in a cooler environment, i.e. shade, or in the car with the air conditioning on high (driving around so the AC is more efficient).

**Watching temperature:** If you feel your dog is in danger of heat injury, check its temp and write it down. Keep checking the temp every 3 minutes. I recommend to get a rectal glass thermometer. The digital ones for the drug store I have found to be very unreliable. Don't forget to shake it down completely each time, sounds silly, but when are worried about your companion, things tend to get mixed up. This is VERY IMPORTANT\*\*once the temp STARTS to drop, STOP ALL COOLING EFFORTS. The cooling process will continue even though you have stopped. If the temp starts at 106.5, and then next time it drops to 105.5, stop cooling the dog, dry it off, and continue monitor-

ing. You will be amazed how it continues to go down. If you do not stop until the temp is 102, the temp will drop way too low. I cannot emphasize this point enough.

**Hydration:** When the dog is so heated that it is panting severely, only let it have a few laps of water. Water in the stomach does not cool the dog, you just need to keep the mouth wet so the panting is more effective.

Do not worry about hydration until the temp has started down. A dog panting heavily taking in large amounts of air and water is a risk of bloat. Once the temp is going down and panting has slowed to more normal panting then allow water. The dog will rehydrate itself after temp is normal. If the dog has a serious problem and even though you have gotten the temp normal, get the dog to a vet, as it can still need IV fluids and some medication.



The best method of treatment is prevention. Learn to watch your dog, and see the changes in the size of the tongue, and how quickly it goes down. Learn your dogs response to the different environments, and be careful when you head south where the differences in temp and humidity can effect the dogs. Another very important point: Do not wet your overheated dog to cool it then put in a tight or enclosed crate. Remember, evaporation cannot take place in a tight space, and the crate will quickly turn into a sauna.

An item that is popular with some BMDCR members is a cooling jacket which is useful in the dry Colorado climate. You can make one yourself, or purchase one from a store. Also always remember to bring plenty of water for yourself and your dog when you are out and about.

### Show News! By Lou Tucker

#### \*Terry All Kennel Club\* 4/10/2011



WD/BW Prairefires the Song Remains the Same Owner – Sharon Johnson

RWD Classiques Midnite Serenade (Cooper) Owner – Patty Awe linger

RWB Prairefire’s Perfectly Happy Owners – Joanna Hughes & Sharon Johnson

#### \*Central Wyoming Kennel Club\* 5/28/2011

RWD/BBY Springs Joy of Driving Owner - Nancy Fuselier DVM

WD/BOS Springs Paving the Road Ahead Owner – Nancy Fuselier DVM

SEL Springs Woodland Moose CD,RE (Moose) Owner – Nancy Fuselier

#### Junior Showmanship

2nd Place Open Intermediate - Mary Bugg & CH Mardi Gras Ruby Slippers RN

#### \*Laramie Kennel Club\* 5/29/2011—5/20/2011

WD/BW Prairefire’s The Song Remains The Same Owner – Sharon Johnson

RWD Mountainair’s Lima Bean RE,RN Owners- Elisabeth Dennehy, Wm Rogers & Darcy Babb

RWB Funatic True Blue Moon Owner – Christine Mann

SEL Springs Woodland

Moose CD,RE (Moose) Owner – Nancy Fuselier DVM

WD/BW Mountainair’s Lima Bean RE,RN Owners -Elisabeth Dennehy, Wm Rogers & D.Babb

RWD Prairefire’s Music of the Night Owners – Beck & Bob Sharis & Sharon Johnson

RWB Prairefire’s Hidden Treasure at Tanzanite Owners – Sharon Montville & S. Johnson

SEL CH GCH He’s The Man of Woodmoor CD,RN (Angus) Owners—Sara & Randy Karl & Dottie Schulte

#### Junior Showmanship

2nd Place Open Intermediate - Mary Bugg & CH Mardi Gras Ruby Slippers RN

#### \*Flatirons Kennel Club\* 6/11/2011—6/12/2011

WD/BW Prairefire’s Winter Hawk of Snowy Pines Owner – Sharon Johnson

RWD Prairefire’s The Song Remains the Same Owner – Sharon Johnson

WB Black Bear California Dreamin’ Owners – Penny-Turilli & Sara Karl

BB GCH Hired Gun From Zanzebern CD,OAP,OJP (Marshall) Owners- Val Horney & L.Ebnet

BOS CH Mountainair’s

Journey Home Owner – Darcy Babb

RWD Prairefire’s Winter Hawk of Snowy Pines Owner – Sharon Johnson

RWB Funatic True Blue Moon Owner – Christine Mann

BOS GCH Hired Gun From Zanzebern CD,OAP,OJP Owners – Valerie Horney & Lisa Ebnet

SEL CH Mountainair’s Journey Home Owner – Darcy Babb

#### \*Colorado Springs Kennel Club\* 6/11/2011— 6/12/2011

RWD Prairefire’s Winter Hawk of Snowy Pines Owner – Sharon Johnson

WB/BW Funatic True Blue Moon Owner – Christine Mann

RWB Prairefire’s Hidden Treasure at Tanzanite Owners – Sharon Montville & S. Johnson

SEL CH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten Owners – Michael & Beverly Hilmes

SEL CH Springs Woodland Moose CD,RE (Moose) Owner – Nancy Fuselier DVM

#### Junior Showmanship

3rd Place Open Intermediate - Mary Bugg & CH

"I love a dog. He does nothing for political reasons."  
- Will Rogers

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## Show News! Continued

Mardi Gras Ruby Slippers RN	Mardi Gras Ruby Slippers RN	Rally Advanced B – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg Score 90	Dashing To The Rescue CD,RE,NDD, (Dash) Owners Alice Gordon & Steven Clark
WD/BW Prairefire’s Winter Hawk of Snowy Pines Owner – Sharon Johnson	<b>*Flagstaff Kennel Club* 6/11 &amp; 6/12/2011</b>	CH Wagontale’s Sing Me A Miracle RE,CD,ANDD, DD, BDD (Smokey) Owners – Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples	BMDCA National Specialty 4/6 Novice B, Score 184.5 High Scoring Dog with ILP/PAL
RWD Prairefire’s The Song Remains the Same Owner – Sharon Johnson	BB/G1 CH GCH Lorien Dells Sword of Elendil (Narsil) Owners – Joe & Kim Giannoni	Rally Advanced B Score 87, Rally Excellent B Score 83, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Leg toward RAE	4/6 Rally Ex B Score 94, 4/6 Team Obedience – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
WB Prairefire’s Hidden Treasure at Tanzanite Owners – Sharon Montville & S. Johnson	BB/G2 (same)	Wagontale’s Radiant Camber (Camber) Owners – Alice Gordon & Steven Clark	Flatirons Kennel Club 6/4 Beginner Novice – Score 194, 1st Leg
RWB Prairefire’s Perfectly Happy Owners – Joanna Hughes & Sharon Johnson	<b>PERFORMANCE WINS / NEW TITLES</b>	<b>*Flatirons Kennel Club* 6/4/11</b>	6/5 Beginner Novice – Score 194, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg
SEL CH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten Owners – Michael & Beverley Hilmes	Brighteye Wilani Sweetest Tabu CD,RN, BNDD (Zeta) Owner - Stephanie Biksacky	Beginner Novice Score 195.5 New Title CD	CONGRATULATIONS TO BMDCR MEMBERS AND THEIR SPECIAL BERNERS ON THE AW-SOME ACCOMPLISHMENTS!!!!!!
SEL CH Springs Woodland Moose CD,RE (Moose) Owner – Nancy Fuselier DVM	New Title – CD (Companion Dog) Earned in 3 shows, titled BMDCA 2011 National	BMDCA National Specialty – 4/6 Rally Ex B Score – 72, Novice B Score -187 2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg,	Please send your show results to Lou Tucker by the 20th of the month to get into the next newsletter. <a href="mailto:bltdog@msn.com">bltdog@msn.com</a> .
<b>Junior Showmanship</b>	<b>*Mountain States Obedience Trial* 5/08/2011</b>	4/4 – Passed both legs of Herding Capability Test – Earned New Title – HCT	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Open Intermediate - Mary Bugg & CH	CH Wagontale’s Whodunnit? RN,CD (Watson) Owners – Pam & Barry Solomon		

## Junior Members & 4H Accomplishments

Junior Members Molly and Corey Ramlet with their rescue Berners Maybelle and Rubye achieved the following wins at the K-9 Kapers 4-H Club Match in DeKoevend Park, Centennial CO on 6/18/11.

- Molly Ramlet & Maybelle (5 yr. old rescue)
  - Sub Novice A Obedience – 3rd Place Score 168
  - Rally Novice A Score 87-Participation Ribbon
- Molly Ramlet & Rubye (2 yr. old rescue)
  - Novice Junior Showmanship - 2nd Place score 95 (out of 100 points)
- Corey Ramlet & Maybelle
  - Sub Novice A Obedience 2nd Place Score 177
  - Rally Novice A Score 86 Participation Ribbon
- Corey Ramlet & Rubye
  - Novice Intermediate Showmanship 1st Place Score 96

## New BMDCR Members



We have the following Voting and seven Sustaining membership applicants to be voted on at the July 24, 2011 meeting.

### Voting Member

#### Applicant:

**Patty Wellinger** 1120 Waco St. #E, Aurora, CO 80017. H.Ph.# (303) 283-9949, WPh.#(303) 871-6470. E-mail: pwelling@law.du.edu. She owned Jessie, a BARC Rescue dog before and now Classique's Midnight Serenade (M, 8/16/2009) from Dawn Gabig. Patty has been a sustaining member of the club since 2007. She wants to become a voting member to have more input in the club activities. She has been the Secretary for one of our club draft tests; she is helping with draft trophies for this fall test; she has helped with the CGC tests; she has donated raffle items and for the Furry Scurry, and been an obedience steward for our specialties. She trains and shows her dogs in conformation,

rally and obedience. Additionally, her interests are health issues, herding, draft, and therapy work. Sponsors are Elaine Witulski and Lori Kennedy.

### Sustaining Member

#### Applicants:

**Kirstin Gillespie** 277 Hooks Lane, Basalt, CO 81621. H.Ph.# (970) 927-5271. W. Ph.# (970) 379-8727. E-mail: Kirsting@comcast.net. Kirstin and her family have West Wynd's On the Mtntail, (Bridger), (NM, 9/8/03) and West Wynd's Streets of Laredo (Austin), (NM, 10/31/04), both from Susan German; and also CH Wagontale's Simply IrresistiBelle (Isabella, SF, 3/26/07) from Stacy Temples. Kirstin originally joined the BMDCR on 1/23/2005. She wants to rejoin because of her love of the breed and she wants to learn more and to help out and to meet like-minded people. She can share her enthusiasm and the skills she has and she can help financially. She and Isabella recently

attended the draft seminar weekend. Her other interests are health issues, therapy work and backpacking. Sponsors are Pam Solomon and Valerie Horney.

**Mary Ann Marszalek** 5034 Ladies Tresses Pl., Broomfield, CO 80023. H.Ph.# (303) 464-1392. W. Ph.# (303) 506-2415. E-mail: maryannm@gene.com. She owns BlueMoon's Galileo, Leo, (NM, 5/17/10) from Christine Mann. Mary Ann wants to join to learn more about the breed and to find some play companions for her dog. She and Leo recently attended the draft seminar weekend. She trains her dog in obedience and she is also interested in tracking, agility and therapy work. She would like to help out with the club where needed. Sponsors are Christine Mann and Valerie Horney.

**Larry Parachini** 56 Meadow Lark Trail, Gunnison, CO 81230. H.Ph.# (970) 641- 8720.

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"I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me they are the role model for being alive."  
- Gilda Radner



E-mail: LawrenceParachini@msn.com. Larry has a new puppy, Wagontale's A Magical Wizard, Ozzie, (M, 1/4/2011) from Stacy Temples. He has attended the draft test weekend and the club meeting in May 2011. He is training his dog in obedience and he is mostly interested in having a family pet. He had Goldens for 45 years prior. Sponsored by Howard Ramsdell and Pam Solomon.

**Pam Swisher** 5276 Deer Ridge Lane, Fort Calhoun, NE, 68023. Cell # (402) 990-2779. H.Ph.# (402) 573-9541. W.Ph.# (402) 905-3436. Pam and her husband have Rosewood's Dexter (NM, 1/1/04) from Nancy Stewart; CH Summit's Vivi Plays the Poet Game, (SF, 4/11/05), from Sandy Dunaway; CH Horton Bay's Weather Report, (F, 7/15/07) from Lori Jodar and their new puppy Plainsong's Ruby Red Cloud, (F, 8/7/10) from their first litter. Pam is already helping with our 2013 national specialty preparations

and she can help out where needed. She had Cockers and mixed breeds before. She trains and shows in conformation, drafting, obedience and rally for the past 7-10years, and she is also interested in health issues and breeding. She has had one BMD litter. She is a NE Kennel Club Board member and has been a member of the Heartland club since 2006 and the BMDCA since 2004. Her sponsors are Sandy Dunaway and Sharon Keefer.

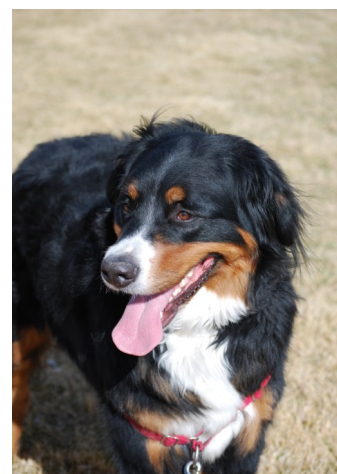
**Susanne Thompson** PO Box 1140, Nederland, CO 80466. Ph.# (303) 449-2584. E-mail: arfcows@gmail.com. Sue and her husband Howard are retired dairy farmers from New York. They have Happy (SF, 9/5/2007) and Peaches, (SF, 6/11/2009), both from Sue Brightman of Arundel Kennels. They have trained their dogs in obedience for the past 40 years and their dogs have CGCs and are therapy dogs. Sue is also interested in health issues and possibly carting. They attended Saturday of the May 2011 draft test. Sue wants to join to learn more about Colorado breeders and to go to

events. Her sponsors are Jeanne Stanwood and Dottie Schulte.

**Elizabeth Watkins** 10046 Crestview Drive, Morrison, CO, 80465. H.Ph.# (303) 697-0691. E-mail: lizmwatkins@gmail.com. Liz owns Wagontale's Yeti, (M, 12/10/09) from Stacy Temples. She wants to join to be a more informed owner. She has attended dog obedience classes and club draft training events. Liz's sponsors are Candy McDanal and Pam Solomon.

**Nancy Winegar** 123 Park Avenue, Pine, CO, 80470. HPh.# (281) 813-7319, WPh.# (720)874-3 5 4 5 . E-mail:nancywinegar@yahoo.com —Nancy has Wagontale's Winter Rose CGC (F, 9/21/2009) from Stacy Temples. She wants to join the club to increase her knowledge of the breed and to meet other Berner people. Nancy has attended our regional and the national specialty this spring. She is willing to help out and can serve on a commit-

tee. She trains her dog in obedience and rally and her dog is shown in conformation by her breeder. She is also interested in health issues, agility, herding and backpacking. Her sponsors are Pam Solomon and Alice Gordon.



## Membership Corner

Willkommen

Bienvenue

As you are aware, the BMDCR is sponsoring the BMDCA National Specialty in Loveland, Colorado in 2013. We would love you to get involved and be a part of this! It will be a huge, exciting, and fun event, and the club will need a lot of people to help with all the jobs that need to be done. The BMDCR Board would like to have more new club members and to encourage participation from existing club members.

The membership committee needs help with outreach to new members and old members to get them more involved and to see where people might volunteer their time to help out the club. If you have any ideas or some time and you are interested in helping with the membership drive please contact Stacy Temples at [satemples@aol.com](mailto:satemples@aol.com). It would be terrific if you could help in any way. If you are interested in helping with the 2013 show committee, contact Dottie Schulte at [DottieS911@aol.com](mailto:DottieS911@aol.com). Your club needs you and your energy and enthusiasm!

Do we have your email address? BMDCR encourages you to go green and change your subscription to soft-copy! Email us at [bmdcrookies@gmail.com](mailto:bmdcrookies@gmail.com) if you want to switch!

## Braggs-n-Wags!



- Wagontale's Vivace "Viva" (pictured on left) earned her CGC on June 3, 2011. Angela Eaton with Clicker Joy was her evaluator. Viva is very proud of her ribbon and is, indeed, a good canine citizen! Vicki, Chuck and Cooper Chesser are her very proud family!
- I'm proud of my girl Amber winning SEL Bitch both days at the Colorado Springs Kennel Club shows June 11 & 12. Not the BIG prize but recognition and points towards her Grand Championship! Tailwags, Beverly
- Zuzu's Petals RA CD NJP NAJ NDD earned her NDD at the National Specialty test #2 and now meets requirements for a BMDCA working dog. Vicky Hall
- Murrey (Kennedy's Murren) BMDCA National Speciality in Del Mar. Rally Advanced 1st place, and he also achieved his Rally Advanced Title Team Obedience 3rd place. Heartland Bernese Mountain Dog Club Draft Test May 28—Murrey passed Novice Draft for his 3rd leg towards his advanced title. Lori Kennedy
- Milo is in his third month of Agility, and is loving it! He's even getting the hang of the chute and the teeter-totter which is no small feat for a 90# dog!

## Tasty Treats!

Now that summer is in full swing, we thought it would be fun to share some recipes and ideas that will help keep your pup cool.

### What Can You Freeze for Your Dog?

- **Vegetables & Fruit**—Yep, plain ol' veggies like green beans, squash and sweet potato are fun to freeze and give as a cold treat. Just as fun are icy cool bananas, strawberries and apples.
- **Chicken & Beef Broth**—This should be a staple in your doggie pantry. It makes for great home-made dog treats, like the [chicken broth biscuit](#) recipe, but it is also a base ingredient for many chilly dog treats. Broth that is low in sodium is preferable to use for all of your dog treat recipes.
- **Fruit Juices**—You can use fruit juices for cold treats on a hot day. It's best to use juices that are lower in sugar. For example, look for juices that list "no added sugar".
- **Yogurt**—Another base ingredient, is plain low fat yogurt. You'll find many ways to mix this into your frozen dog treats.
- **Baby Foods**—These make a nice addition to a cool snack. Use organic fruit or vegetable blends for added flavor.

### Tips & Techniques

- **Ice Cube Trays**—When using ice cube trays to freeze treats for your dog, you may want to buy a set just for him. You can make them a different color or style than the trays your family uses. There's nothing worse than putting a chicken broth ice cube in your glass of water!
- **Cupcake Liners**—You can use paper or silicone liners instead of ice cube trays to freeze treats. Once frozen, let them sit at room temperature for a few minutes. Then simply tear away the paper liner, or pop it out of the silicone, and watch your dog enjoy her treat.

Keep in mind, any time you're warm, your dog most likely is, too. So, when you come back from a long walk, hanging out by the pool or really working up a "*pant*" by competing in agility or fly-ball, remember, homemade frozen dog treats are sure to hit the spot.

### Frozen & Cold Dog Treat Recipes:

[Frozen Recipe Dog Treats](#)—Peanut Butter & Jelly Smoothie Pops

[Dog Ice Cream](#)—Tempting Peanut Butter & Carob Swirl

[Dog Food Treat](#)—Use Your Dog's Wet or Dry Food

[Ice Cream for Dogs](#)—Meaty Treats for Your Little Carnivore

[Homemade Dog Treat Recipes](#)—Frozen Meatballs

[Dog Ice Cream Recipe](#)—Pumpkin Pops are a Refreshing Treat

Note—if you're looking for a quick puppy snack, stop by your local Good-Times—they have tasty treats for your pup called "PawBenders" made with vanilla custard, peanut butter and a dog cookie!



## BMDCA National Specialty Coming to Colorado in 2013

The countdown is on to our 2013 national specialty. . .one year and eleven months! We have a location, a theme/logo (artwork is in process), conformation, obedience and rally judges and a show superintendent. So far, we are right where we need to be on the timeline. It takes an incredible amount of time, energy, and people to put on an event of the size. Although we have the majority of our chairperson positions filled, our committee still has a few openings. And we have some committees with only a chairperson and no members. So we are soliciting your help.

Committee chair positions still open are:

- Photo contest
- Fundraising (getting sponsorships)
- Hospitality

Committees that need members and their chairpersons are:

- Ways and Means (Lou Tucker)
- Banquets (Diane Sylvester from Lone Star)
- Grounds (Randy Karl)
- Vendors (Sherri Mangin)
- Parades (Bev Hilmes)

Please contact Dottie Schulte (dotties911@aol.com) if you are interested in joining the National Specialty team. If you don't think that you have the time to join the planning team, but would still like to help out—save the dates May 13-18, 2013. We will need various helpers throughout the week when it arrives. The fun you will have and the friends you will make while working on the specialty will far outweigh the work that you will put in. Hope to see you there!

## BMDCR Store

Check out all of the cool stuff available at the [Shop The Rockies Site!](#) What a wonderful place to pick up all your favorite Berner stuff—and support the club at the same time!! \*New\* Go green with your own BMDCR water bottle! Get a summer “Swiss at Heart” shirt, or save big bucks on Pirates of the Carriberner or Octoberfest shirt or sweatshirt—only \$10! Get them while you can!



"Do not make the mistake of treating your dogs like humans or they will treat you like dogs."  
- Martha Scott

# Photo Gallery—Berners are Beautiful!



To submit a photo of your favorite Berner for the newsletter, please contact Buffy Snider at [bmdcrookies@gmail.com](mailto:bmdcrookies@gmail.com).

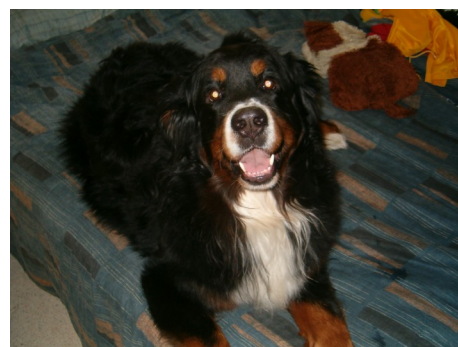


## In Loving Memory

### Reckon

(Berghaus CDN Dead Reckoning 7-3-06 to 5-4-11 Epiglottic Retroversion and Laryngeal Paralysis)

Our beautiful, black faced boy has left us all too soon. We miss our Smoochie's nudge kisses, his attempts to hatch our son out of bed in the morning, his "wake -up paw", and playing monster under the covers with his Daddy. We remember him as bouncy and wiggly and cuddly and funny and as a really GOOD dog. He enjoyed every single flake of snow, snooting through it for treasure and coming back to the house covered in it. One day, we will get to hug him again, and we will never stop.



### Simon

Bred by Patti Davieau, and loving companion of Tobey, Simon would have been 12 years old on his next birthday. He will be greatly missed.



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## BMDCR Spring Draft Test 5/22/2011 - Black Forest, CO



We would like to send out a sincere thank you to all of the participants, judges and willing workers who helped make the Spring BMDCR draft test a huge success. Below is a list of all of the passing teams and dogs who participated in the Spring Draft Test.

### \*Open Brace Team\*

- GCH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzebern CD,OJP,OAP,MDD,ANDD,ABNDD (Marshall) Owned by Valerie Horney & Lisa Ebnet & CH Wagontale's Sing Me A Miracle CD,RE,BNDD,DD,(Smokey) Owners-Barry & Pam Solomon & Stacy Temples **NEW TITLE – BDD**

### \*Open Draft\*

- Wagontales Oberland Bergsteiger CD,DD,WPD (Steiger) Owner-Ron Abbott

### \*Novice Draft\*

- Dashing to The Rescue CD,NDD, RE (Dash) Owners- Alice Gordon & Steven Clark **2<sup>nd</sup> Leg**
- CH Wagontale's Sing Me A Miracle CD,RE,BNDD,DD (Smokey) Owners – Barry & Pam Solomon & Stacy Temples **NEW TITLE – ANDD (Advanced Novice Draft Dog)**
- Starlight's Bright Nighttime Star (Kitley) Owners – Angela & Kirk Hanson
- GCH Loriendells Sword of Elendil (Narsil) Owners Kim & Joe Giannoni 5/23/2011

### \*Open Draft\*

- Wagontales Oberland Bergsteiger CD,DD,WPD (Steiger) Owner-Ron Abbott
- CH Wagontales Sing Me A Miracle CD,RE,BNDD,DD (Smokey) Owners-Barry &
- Pam Solomon & Stacy Temple **2<sup>nd</sup> Leg**
- Mountainair's Lima Bean BN,RE,NDD (Wellington) Owners-Elisabeth Dennehy, Wm Rogers & Darcy Babb

### \*Novice Brace\*

- GCH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzebern CD,OJP,OAP,MDD,ANDD,ABNDD Owners – Valerie Horney & Lisa Ebnet
- CH Wagontale's Sing Me A Miracle CD,RE,BNDD,DD, Owners-Barry & Pam Solomon & Stacy Temples **4<sup>th</sup> Leg**

### \*Novice Draft\*

- Dashing To The Rescue CD,NDD,RE (Dash) Owners Alice Gordon & Steven Clark **2<sup>nd</sup> Leg**
- Texas Stars Zippty Do DA (Hannah Jane) Owner – Jerri Mitchell
- Wish Upon a Texas Star (Hope) Owner – Jerri Mitchell
- GCH Loriendells Sword of Elendil (Narsil) Owners – Kim & Joe Giannoni
- Starlight's Bright Nighttime Star (Kitley) Owners – Angela & Kirk Hanson
- Braveheart's Toy Story CD,RN NDD (Buzz) Owners-Jeanne Stanwood & M.Lloyd

“No matter how little money and how few possessions you own, having a dog makes you rich.”

- Louis Sabin

**\*\*Photos!\*\***

**BMDCR Spring Draft Test 5/22/2011, Draft Retreat 6/18/2011—6/19/2011 & Berner Fiesta 6/19/2011—Patti Davieau's Home in Black Forest, CO**

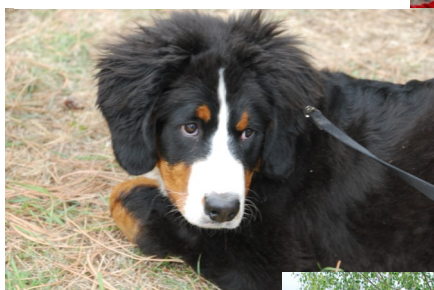
Here are some photos from the Spring Draft Test, Draft Retreat, and Berner Fiesta, taken by Buffy and Mike. If you would like to see additional photographs from these and other events, please visit their website: <http://bearandbeecreations.smugmug.com/Animals/BMDCR>



Three cheers for Candy McDonald who won a great prize pack from another great sponsor All Things Bright and Biothane! [www.allthingsbiothane.com](http://www.allthingsbiothane.com)



Congrats to Tom the Bouvier des Flandres who won the beautiful cart donated by our event sponsor Stewart's Carts. [www.stewartsdogcarts.com](http://www.stewartsdogcarts.com)



## Board Meeting Minutes—May 22, 2011 Patti Davieau's Home in Black Forest, CO



"If a dog will not come to you after having looked you in the face, you should go home and examine your conscience."  
- Woodrow Wilson

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 1:20 pm on May 22, 2011.

**Present:** Board members Mary Ellen Guy, Sara Karl, Helen Karl, Candy McDanal, Lori Kennedy, Phil Schafer & Alice Gordon. Also present Stacy Temples, Buffy Snider and Sharon Keefer.

**Approval of Minutes:** Alice moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the April/May 2011 newsletter. Motion seconded by Helen. All in favor, motion passed.

**Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have \$13,703.70 in checking, \$5,271.74 in the savings/rescue account, and the CD value is \$6,765.08.

Regarding taxes, Sara sent the last year of financial statements and we're fine. We just have to file the 1099 with the IRS. The accountant Sara hired will file it for us this year, and then Sara will file after that. For Colorado tax we don't have to do any filing, they don't distinguish between the various 501 statuses. We currently aren't paying sales tax.

### Committee Reports

**Membership:** We reviewed the new application that Phil and Stacy put together. The biggest issues we have had in the past were missing sponsors, missing signed code of ethics, and incorrect fees. Phil felt the instructions were separate from the form... So his goal was to put them together and correct issues that may have led folks to have problems.

The following suggestions and discussions took place:

A suggestion was made to remove the questions about US citizenship and occupation. Stacy pointed out that we must keep the occupation question as it's in our by-laws.

There are no requirements for the application by the AKC.

Some other changes suggested by Stacy (in tan on the copy of the application provided by Phil) were about stud service and how any puppies were sold. Alice feels that we should keep in stud service, since we have the question "have you ever bred a litter?" Phil suggested combining the two questions into one. We thought we could also add in 'Bernese Mountain Dog' to that new, combined sentence, then we

can remove "what breeds" question. We then debated the relevance of the other two questions about selling puppies. Many feel the other two aren't relevant. Stacy feels we can remove "how do you sell your puppies", and possibly change the registration. The group felt we should change "did you register with the American Kennel Club" to include "litters".

These changes were agreed:

Add "Have you ever provided stud service" to the question "Have you ever bred a litter of puppies". Add "litters" to the question "Did you register with the AKC?"

Change the "Please indicate the categories ..." question to include "listed in the directory".

Delete the question that says "do you train your dogs?" and follow up questions.

Keep the question "clubs you belonged to", but change to read "Are or were you a member.". Delete effective dates portion.

We agreed to delete the question on US citizenship, and retain the question on occupation.

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In the Code of Conduct replace the signature line per Phil’s email.

Add the question “Have you sold puppies through a broker, auction or pet store?”

Delete the question “Do you want your dogs listed in the membership directory”.

Remove the “Additional \$5 fee” for mailing the newsletter.

On the question “list breeds you own now”, remove the “owned in the past” portion.

Keep “do you show your dogs” and follow up questions.

Remove the questions “How many litters?” and “What breeds?”

Remove the question “Have you ever been a handler or judge...”

Combine questions of membership in other clubs current and past and remove question on effective dates.

Keep question on being an officer in a club, and the offices but remove “dates of service”.

Keep question on suspension.

Sara moved to approve

changes, Helen seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Stacy will work with Sandy Dunaway to get the new form on line and have it set up to be filled in on line and automatically emailed to Sandy.

**Ways and Means:** Sharon has nothing to report.

**2011 Regional Specialty and 2013 National Specialty:** In the interest of time, Mary Ellen will cover at the General Membership Meeting.

**Draft Committee:** Nothing to report.

**Website:** Mary Ellen had discussions with Buffy, Candy and Phil and Sandy. We need to deal with multiple points of entry for new people. Let’s think this one over and come back to it at the next meeting.

**Unfinished Business**

**Dog First Aid Class:** Candy asked if we had results back from the poll that we posted on the Yahoo group. Sharon will need to follow up on the survey, communicate back to the board and then the board will make a decision via email.

**New Business**

**Newsletter:** Buffy is here today with a series of questions:

What is the correct timing of the newsletters, there seems to be some confusion? When should the newsletter come out? The feeling is the newsletter should come out prior to the meeting date. Bylaws say it must come out at least 10 days before the meeting. Upon discussion the Board felt that we should shoot for the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month.

For submissions then, the deadline should be two weeks before the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Is there an interest in having the minutes reported in the newsletter as a summary of the action items, and publish the full minutes on the website? After discussion, we decided to table this decision and think it over.

**Greeley Kennel Club Shows:** Sara would like the club to write to the Greeley KC and ask to have a morning show time for BMDs or be inside. Mary Ellen and Alice will work on this together.

**AKC Compliance:** Alice brought up AKC compliance requirements for the year. Do we know where we stand in meeting our requirements? Alice will get the info and send to board members to see where we are and what we might need to do this year.

**Nose Work Program -** Phil has been talking to a Nose Work instructor about possible program in association with one of our meetings. This sounds like a good idea for a meeting after the Berner Fiesta.

**Fundraising for 2013:** Sharon and Sara are brainstorming a fundraising event for the National. They would like to set up a Myra Savant seminar next year in the Denver Area. She charges \$400 for 2 days. Normal charge is \$125 per person. She needs 6 months notice. We should run it by the 2013 committee and set it up to vote on in July.

**Next Meeting:** The July Board meeting will be held July 24<sup>th</sup> at Al and Laura’s home.

**Adjournment:** The Board Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

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"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion."  
- Unknown

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 3:40 pm on May 22, 2011.

**Present:** 17 voting members (a quorum), 3 sustaining members, 0 junior members and 2 guests.

**Approval of Minutes:** Phil moved to approve the minutes as printed in the March/April newsletter. Sara seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

**President's Report:** Mary Ellen introduced Buffy Snider to the membership. Buffy is taking on the responsibility of Newsletter Editor. For submissions, please email her at avamp-slayer@gmail.com.

**Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have \$13,703.70 in checking, \$5,271.74 in the savings/rescue account, and the CD value is \$6,765.08.

### Committee Reports

**Membership:** During the Board meeting today we reviewed and updated our membership application form. This should be up and running on the website in a month or so.

One item for the membership to vote on: A change to

accept an "on line" signature for our application so as to eliminate the need to have a hard copy mailed in. Val Horney asked that it was clear that filling in your name constituted a signature. Phil has spelled that out clearly on the modified application. Phil motions that we accept this change, Sara seconds, all in favor, motion passed.

Stacy felt that we aren't getting lot of applicants. We need more, especially with the 2013 National coming up, and we should think about a membership drive. Several ideas came up during this discussion:

- Stacy suggested a club ambassador program. The ambassadors could contact new members as they join and extend a personal invite to club meetings.
- Stacy also challenged the breeders in our club to get their puppy owners involved. Another idea might be getting someone to go through the membership list and do some cold calling to invite people to Club meetings.
- Sherry Mangin points out that it's not easy to get involved. It's impor-

tant to ask people specifically for help. She also feels that it's important to have fun things for people to get involved with and meet people.

- Alice suggested a 3 person committee for the Ambassador Program. The club felt this was a good idea. Volunteers for the committee are Vicki Chesser, Alice Gordon, and Sherri Mangin.
- Jeanne Stanwood suggests that sponsors need to take more ownership for their new people.
- Sara suggested that we may want to think about name tags also. We could have the secretary be the keeper of the name tags and bring them to the meetings. Alice suggests stickers with our logo.
- Sara suggested that we should go back to doing brags at the end of the meeting. We would put money in a hat, along with your name, for each brag and at the end of the meeting the winner gets the brag money.

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**Ways and Means:** Everything continues to be available on line and we will have a Ways and Means table again at the Draft Clinic in June. Sharon hints that there may be some exciting new products available for the Regional Specialty.

**Draft committee:** The committee will start working on the spring test soon. Lou has a suggestion about doing something new for the advanced awards – like a medallion, or perhaps a different ribbon. Lou will look into the options and report back. The next draft test is October 8th and 9th near Loveland. Val Horney, Nancy Van Horne and Fay Benson are the judges.

**2011 Regional Specialty:** Joanna Hughes is chairing the raffle. Let her know if you are available to help or if you have any donations for the raffle. This is our biggest money makers each year. If you’d like to help with Ways and Means (which is really part of the same table with the Raffle), let Sharon Keefer know.

The Premium list deadline is June 8<sup>th</sup>. Please get your information to Dottie Schulte by then in order to have the following in the

Premium: Sponsors and Trophy Donor; information on the reception (cost and where to send reservations) by this deadline; an advertisement to solicit raffle items. For the catalog the deadline is July 15<sup>th</sup>. This includes advertisements and special notices, (about \$25 per page). Sara does need trophy donors. Please see her if you’d like to sponsor a trophy.

**2013 National Specialty:** Sharon Keefer has volunteered to be the Berner U liaison. We still volunteers for these posts – need someone to head up fundraising and corporate sponsors; judge’s hospitality, RV reservation process, photo contest, and volunteers to serve on all the committees. The BMDCA has approved these events – Top 20, additional rally and obedience trials, a third draft test and a 2<sup>nd</sup> herding trial and a Versatility Showcase. The process for selecting a Superintendent is underway and a decision will be made shortly.

**Berner Fiesta:** is being held in conjunction with the Draft Clinic. We need to contact Beverly Hilmes to see if she can expand the food to cover Berner Fiesta. We should talk to Barry Solomon as well (Stacy will do this), then we’ll figure out where we go from there and wrap up via email.

**Fundraising for 2013:** Sharon and Sara are brainstorming a fundraising event for the National. They would like to set up a Myra Savant seminar next year in the Denver Area. She charges \$400 for 2 days. Normal charge is \$125 per person. She needs 6 months notice. We should run it by the 2013 committee and set it up to vote on in July.

**Next Meeting:** The July Board meeting will be held July 24<sup>th</sup> at Al and Laura’s home.

**Adjournment:** The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alice Gordon.

If you have an article, recipe, news, or other item that you would like to see in a future newsletter, please send a note to Buffy Snider at [bmdcrookies@gmail.com](mailto:bmdcrookies@gmail.com)

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## The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies Fast Facts

- Founded in October 1987, the BMDCR is comprised of people who love Bernese Mountain Dogs.
- The BMDCR serves the states of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, and Wyoming.
- The BMDCR has been officially recognized as a regional club by the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America since 1989.
- The BMDCR achieved status as an AKC licensed club in 2007, and hosted their first independent specialty show that same year.
- BMDCR members are fanciers involved in breeding, showing, service and performance activities, as well as those whose Bernese are cherished family members.



**Providing a source of education and support  
for fanciers of Bernese Mountain Dogs**

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## Keeping In Touch...

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies is striving to keep in touch with its existing members, and reach out to new ones. Here are some of the ways we're working to connect with you!

- **Website**—[www.bmdcr.org](http://www.bmdcr.org) \*Please note, to review the Members Only section of the website, you must have the member password. If you are a member, and need the password, please send a message to [bmdcrookies@gmail.com](mailto:bmdcrookies@gmail.com).
- **Facebook**—[Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies](https://www.facebook.com/BerneseMountainDogCluboftheRockies)
- **Yahoo Groups**—<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/BMDCRockies/> \*Please note, you must obtain permission by the moderator to join this group.
- **Email**—Informational emails and Newsletters will come from [bmdcrookies@Gmail.com](mailto:bmdcrookies@Gmail.com).