



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

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Fires and Friendship

As of the writing of this newsletter, there are currently thousands of acres burning in Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, California, Wyoming, South Dakota, Idaho, and Montana.

There has been a wonderful outpouring of support for the victims of the fires, and all of the people who have been forced to evacuate their homes. One of the most heartbreaking parts of losing your home, or having to evacuate quickly is the decision of what to do with your pets.

Here are some suggestions for how you can help the people and pets in need. We hope you will do you what you can to help, even if it's just sharing this information with others.

To help these organizations continue to provide care for displaced animals, we're asking you to please consider making a financial contribution directly through their websites:

Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region (www.hsppr.org)

If you need assistance rescuing pets that were left in your home when you evacuated, please call 719-473-1741 option 1 to speak to one of our Animal Law Enforcement Officers.

Humane Society of Boulder Valley (www.boulderhumane.org)

Wildfire evacuations issued Tuesday in Boulder County have been lifted! We are still providing temporary housing for seven evacuated pets and are assisting other local shelters experiencing wildfires in their areas.

PetAid Disaster Relief Fund (www.petaidcolorado.org)

Dumb Friends League (www.ddfl.org)

Larimer Humane Society (www.larimerhumane.org)

Pet Oxygen Mask Fund Raiser: (<http://surfdogricochet.com/Pet%20oxygen%20mask%20fundraiser.htm>)



President's Message

Hi everyone!

Three steps forward, two steps backward: At the July meeting we will revisit the discussion from the May meeting about how best to store and transport club materials, like draft equipment, hospitality supplies, and archival files. As the minutes will show, members voted in May for the club to purchase a trailer. Shortly after that meeting, however, enough members expressed concern about the wisdom of purchasing a trailer that it was clear we need to debate and discuss this matter further. This will be an important agenda item for the meeting so please come and contribute your good ideas to how we can best store the equipment so that it is convenient when needed and so that we can get it where it needs to be for all of our events.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting, July 22nd at Lori Kennedy's. See you there.
Mary Ellen

Come Celebrate With Us At Berner Fiesta!

What: Summer party and Pot-Luck in a county fair theme, and a celebration of all things Berner!

When: Sunday, July 22nd at 1:30 pm (Following the Board and Membership Meetings)

Where: 9630 E. Colorado Ave. Denver (Near Parker Road and Iliff)

This year's Berner Fiesta will feature Canine Good Citizen Testing, a Rally demo, and more. We will be grillin' up chicken, brats and burgers and will have non-alcoholic drinks.

Schedule of Events:

1:00pm—General Membership Meeting

1:30pm—Welcome & Meet, Greet & Eat!

2:30pm—Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Testing*

3:30pm—Rally Demo (following the CGC Testing)

*If you would like to participate in the CGC Test, please bring your dog on a regular leash (not an extendable one). The cost is \$8.00 to test, and an additional \$8.00 if you want a certificate. You can sign up ahead of time, or on the day. To study up on the CGC: http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/training_testing.cfm

POT LUCK—We ask that you please contribute to the party by bringing something in the following categories according to the first letter of your last name:

A-J: chips, dips, appetizer or veggie tray

K-Q: sides and salads

R-W: desserts, fruit

Looking forward to a fun filled day with Berners, food and friends!

Note: Please bring a chair, as seating will be limited.

Please contact Lori at 303-641-0138 to sign up for the CGC, or if you need directions to the party.

Upcoming Meetings/Special Events Schedule

July Meeting

Date: Sunday, July 22, 2012

Board Meeting Time: 12:00 pm / **Membership Meeting Time:** 1:00 pm

Location: Lori and Don's Home: 9630 E. Colorado Ave. Denver

Berner Fiesta!

Date: Sunday, July 22, 2012

Time: 1:30 pm (Following the Board and Membership Meetings)

Location: Lori and Don's Home: 9630 E. Colorado Ave, Denver, CO

3rd Annual Draft Clinic *See flyer for more information*

Date: August 10-12, 2012

Location: Patti's House: 10180 Shoup Road, Black Forest, CO 80908

September 23, 2012 - Meeting

Date: Sunday, September 23, 2012

Board Meeting Time: 12:00 pm / **Membership Meeting Time:** 1:00 pm

Location: Laura and Al's House: 103 Blue Heron Court, Greenwood Village, CO

Fall Draft Tests

Date: October 6-7, 2012

Location: Germania Park, 5243 S. Murray Parkway Ave, Murray, Utah

Entries Close: Wednesday September 26, 2012, 7:00 PM

Secretary: Vicky Hall—1910 South 1700 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84108 Ph: 801-486-7141

eMail: ravhall@aol.com

Judges: Kathe Vasquez & Eden Jonas

The test site is conveniently located in the Salt Lake City area, and it is Columbus Day weekend so as a bonus some of you may have the day off on Monday the 8th.

BMDCR Independent Specialty "Celebrating Silver—BMDCR's 25th Anniversary"

Date: September 7, 2012

Location: Island Grove Park, Greeley, CO

Entries close August 22, 2012. Show Chairman: Dottie Schulte

November 18, 2012 - Meeting

Date: Sunday, November 18, 2012

Board Meeting Time: 12:00 pm / **Membership Meeting Time:** 1:00 pm

Location: TBD

Upcoming Meetings/Special Events Schedule

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December, 2012 - Berner Noel

Date: TBD

Location: TBD

December, 2012 - Carts and Caroling

Date: TBD

Location: TBD

May, 2013 - Dumb Friends League Furry Scurry

Date: May 4, 2013

Location: Washington Park, Denver, CO

*Contact Buffy Snider for more information on joining the Bernese Mountain Dogs and Friends team.

2013 BMDCA National Specialty "Rendezvous in the Rockies"

Date: May 13-18, 2013

Location: The Ranch Events Complex and Embassy Suites Hotel, Spa, and Conference Center, Loveland, CO

For more information, visit the website: <http://bmdca.org/specialty/2013/index.php>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BMDCA2013>

Show Chairman - Dottie Schulte - dotties911@aol.com

Conformation Co-Chair - Sara Karl - karl3106@comcast.net

Performance Co-Chair - Stephanie Biksacky - dogwoman67@q.com

****Please Note**:** Room reservations are selected by lottery. To be considered for the lottery, the reservation form and credit card authorization form must be **postmarked no later than July 27, 2012.** (UPS, Fed-Ex, USPS) No Fax or phone reservations will be accepted.

UPDATE: As it appears that some Alpenhorn subscribers may not receive their magazines (one of the sources of the hotel registration forms for the 2013 National Specialty) for a few weeks yet, the 2013 Committee has decided to extend the deadline for submissions from "postmarked by July 6th" to "postmarked by July 27th".

Of course you can always go online to the 2013 website and print the forms from there!

Thank you,
Alice Clark

2013 BMDCA National Specialty Hotel Liaison

Health Information—What You Need to Know About Bloat

Dear BMDCR Members,

We are very sad to report that BMDCR members Beverly and Michael Hilmes lost their two year old girl to bloat last week. Bloat is very hard to prevent, diagnose, and treat—so we hope this chart will help you know more about it.

Even though there are many differing opinions on how to prevent it—the most important thing you can do is know what is normal behavior for your dog—so that you can react quickly if you suspect something is wrong. The other VERY important information you should have is, the number and location of the closest 24-hour emergency veterinarian.

For a larger file of this chart, please go to the BMDCR Yahoo Groups site.

Quick Reference Guide For GDV BLOAT			Vet's Emergency Telephone Number...	
	What Is Happening	What The Dog Does	What You Should Do	Treatment
Stress ▶▶▶▶ Excitement ▶▶▶ Vigorous Exercise ▶▶▶▶ Large Meals ▶▶▶▶ Long Drink ▶▶▶▶ Swallowed Air ▶▶▶▶ Familial Tendency ▶▶▶▶	Stomach function is normal.	Dog behaves as usual.	Keep the dog quiet; Do not leave the dog alone; Give Antacid if your vet agrees.	During this period the dog may recover without going on to develop Gastric Volvulus.
	Gas accumulates in the stomach but the stomach does not empty as it should.	Seems slightly uncomfortable.	Be aware of Phase I symptoms.	
	Stomach starts to dilate. (Gastric Dilatation) Stomach twists. (Gastric Volvulus)	Anxious, restless, pacing; Trying to vomit-may bring up stiff white foam but no food; Salivating; Abdomen may be swollen.	Call your vet, tell him what you suspect and why. Take the dog to the vet without further delay.	During this period the dog may recover if your vet releases the pressure with a stomach tube.
PHASE I GDV				
	Blood supply to part of stomach is cut off. Stomach tissue is damaged. Portal vein, vena cava and splenic vein become compressed and twisted. Spleen becomes engorged. Shock begins to develop	Very restless; whining & panting; Salivating copiously; Tries to vomit every 2-3 min; Stands with legs apart & head hanging down; Abdomen swollen & sounds hollow if tapped; Gums dark red; Heart rate 80-100 beats/ min; Temperature raised (104°F)	Get someone to tell your vet you are on your way and why. Take the dog to the vet as quickly as possible.	During this period the vet will need to relieve the stomach pressure, start an intravenous drip and perform surgery to untwist the stomach.
PHASE II GDV				
	Spleen and stomach tissue become Necrotic. Shock now very severe. Heart failure develops. Shock now irreversible. Death	Unable to stand or stands shakily with legs apart; Abdomen very swollen; Breathing shallow; Gums white or blue; Heart rate over 100 beats/minute; Pulse very weak; Temperature drops (98°F)	Death is imminent. Get someone to tell your vet you are your way and why. Take the dog to the vet as quickly as possible.	As well as doing everything above, the vet will need to remove part of the stomach and the spleen. He will also need to use powerful drugs to counteract shock. It is no longer possible to save the dog's life.
PHASE III GDV				

2012 BMDCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

2012 BMDCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY - GETTYSBURG, PA May 7 – May 12

Wins & Placements of BMDCR Members & their Berners

Monday, May 7th

Draft Test Results Test #1 - Passed in Open Draft

Dashing to the Rescue CD BN RE ANDD DD (Dash) Handled by Alice Clark

Passed in Novice Draft

Wagontale's Radiant Camber CD BN RE NDD HCTs CGC (Camber) Handled by Alice Clark

Tuesday, May 8th Draft Test Results Test #2

Passed in Open Draft

CH Mountainair's Lima Bean CD DN RE DD CGC (Wellington) Handled by Beth Dennehy

Passed In Novice Draft Wellington & Beth Dennehy

Wellington earned his Master Draft Dog designation and has the prestigious title of

CH Mountainair's Lima Bean CD BN RE MDD CGC BMDCA VERSATILTY DOG !

Sweepstakes : Junior Dogs 15 – 18 Months

1st Place Nashems Homebrew (Homer) Owners – Dottie Schulte, Sara Karl, Helen Karl

Junior Bitch 15 – 18 Months

3rd Place Nashems Soul Sister (Hazel) Owners – Sara Karl & Helen Karl

Wednesday, May 9th

Futurity 12 – 15 Month Junior Dogs

1st Place Nashems Homebrew (Homer) Owners – Dottie Schulte, Sara Karl, Helen Karl

15 – 18 Month Junior Dogs

1st Place Lemark Briarcliff Steer The Stars - Murray & G.Johnson & Mary Ellen Guy

Thursday, May 10

Veteran Sweepstakes 7 – 9 Year Bitches

4th Place CH Lemark Seastars White Gloves (Lily) Owner – Dr. Mary Ellen Guy

Versatility Showcase

*Best in Versatility – GCH Nashems He's The Man of Woodmoor CD RN HT Owners –

Sara & Helen Karl & Dottie Schulte

Versatility Excellent Dogs Under 7 Years

1st Place GCH Prairefire Strkhnd Celebrity CDX TD OAP OJP Owners – Wendy Boehme & Sharon Johnson

Regular Dog Class 15 – 18 Month Dogs

2nd Place Nashems Homebrew (Homer) Owners-Dottie Schulte, Sara Karl, Helen Karl

Obedience

Novice B 4th Place Score 184 Dashing to The Rescue (Dash) Owners- Alice & S.Clark

* Highest Scoring ILP/PAL Dash Handled by Alice Clark

Show News! By Lou Tucker

***Seward County Kennel Club* 4/28 & 4/28/2012 (same wins)**

WD/OS Shadowdance JJ Cale V Plainsong - Owners Richard File & Pam Swisher

RWB Plainsong's Virtuoso V Summit Owners-Sandy Dunaway-Sharon Keefer, P.Swishe

WB/BW/BB Summit's Tres Jolie V Joyful (Jolie) - Owners-Sharon Keefer & S . Dunaway

***Central Wyoming Kennel Club* 5/25/2012**

WD De-Li's Lemark Believe It Or Not (Ripley) Owners-Dr. Mary E.Guy &L. Ostermiller

***Central Wyoming Kennel Club* 5/26/2012**

WD De-Li's Lemark Believe It Or Not - Owners-Dr. Mary E. Guy & L. Ostermiller

RWD Classique's Midnight Serenade BN,RN Owners- Patricia Wellinger & D. Gabig

***Laramie Kennel Club* 5/27/2012**

WD Gatekeeper Vom Gipfelfeur - Owner – Sharon Johnson

RWD Prairefire's Music Of The Night - Owners-Becky & B. Shuris & Sharon Johnson

RWB Nashem's Hey Soul Sister (Hazel) - Owners – Sara & Helen Karl

***Laramie Kennel Club* 5/28/2012**

WD/BW Gatekeeper Vom Gipfelfeur - Owner – Sharon Johnson

RWD De-Li's Lemark Believe It Or Not - Owners-Dr.Mary E. Guy & L. Ostermiller

WB/OS Nashems Hey Soul Sister - Owners – Sara & Helen Karl

RWB Prairefire's Hidden treasure At Tanzenite - Owners-Sharon Montville & S. Johnson

***Flatirons Kennel Club* 6/02/2012**

RWD Gatekeeper Vom Gipfelfeur - Owner Sharon Johnson

WB/BW Fortunela French Kiss V Schaetzend - Owner – Sharon Johnson

RWB Kasablanca's Mountair Midnight Blue - Owner – Darcy Babb

BB GCH Nashem's He's The Man Of Woodmoor CD RN HT (Angus) - Owners Sara & Randy Karl & Dottie Schulte

OS Ridon Hennet Highland Park - Owner – Christine Mann

***Flatirons Kennel Club* 6/03/2012**

WD Berntiers Rough Rider - Owner – Christine Mann

RWD De-Li's Lemark Believe It Or Not - Owners-Dr. Mary E.Guy & L. Ostermiller

WB/BW/OS NEW CH Plainsong's Virtuoso V Summit Owners - Sandy Dunaway, Sharon Keefer & Pam Swisher

RWB Blumoon's Goodnight Kiss - Owner – Christine & Michael Mann

BB GCH Nashems He's The Man of Woodmoor CD RN HT (Angus) – Owners Sara & Randy Karl & Dottie Schulte

SEL Ridon Hennet Highland Park - Owner Christine Mann

***Colorado Springs Kennel Club* 6/9/2012**

WD Berntiers Rough Rider - Owner – Christine Mann

RWD Gatekeeper Vom Gipfelfeur - Owner Sharon Johnson

WD/BW/BB Summit's Tres Jolie V Joyful – Owners Sharon Keefer & Sandy Dunaway

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RWB Fortuneia French Kiss V Schaetzend – Owner Sharon Johnson
SEL GCH Nashems He's The Man OF Woodmoor CD RN HT (Angus) Owners – Sara & Randy Karl & Dottie Schulte
SEL GCH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl (Amber) Owners – Beverly & Michael Hilmes
Juniors – Open Intermediate
1st Placement Mary Bugg & Springs Paving The Road Ahead

Colorado Springs Kennel Club 6/10/2012
WD New CH Berntiers Rough Rider Owner – Christine Mann
RWD Kaibab's High Mountain Moonshiner (Zeke) Owners – Barbara & Keith LeTourneau & Mary Ann Bowman
WB/BW/OS Summit's Tres Jolie V Joyful Owners-Sharon Keefer & Sandy Dunaway
RWB Prairefire's Hidden Treasure At Tanzanite Owners-Sharon Montville & S. Johnson
SEL GCH Lin Cars Special Dark Girl (Amber) Owners – Beverly & Michael Hilmes

Juniors – Open Intermediate
4th Placement Mary Bugg & Springs Paving The Road Ahead

Snake River Canyon KC of Idaho 6/12/2012 - 6/13/2012
BB GCH OS LorienDell's Sword of Elendil, (Narsil) Owners Kim & Joe Giannone

Pocatello Kennel Club Inc. 6/14/2012
WD Wagontale's A Magical Wizard Owners – Stacy Temples & Lawrence Parachini
OS GCH LorienDell's Sword of Elendil Owners – Kim & Joe Giannone

Pocatello Kennel Club 6/15/2012
WD/BW Wagontale's A Magical Wizard Owners – Stacy temples & L.Parachini
WB Wagontale's A Magic Belle Owners – Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell
BB GCH LorienDell's Sword of Elendil Owners – Kim & Joe Giannone

Eagle Rock Kennel Club 6/16/2012
WD Wagontale's A Magical Wizard Owners – Stacy Temples & L. Parachini
BB GCH LorienDell's Sword of Elendil (Narsil) Owners – Kim & Joe Giannone

Eagle Rock Kennel Club 6/16/2012
WD Wagontale's A Magical Wizard Owners Stacy Temples & L. Parachini
BBG2 GCH LorienDell's Sword Of Elendil Owners – Kim & Joe Giannone

Colorado Springs Kennel Club 6/24/2012
Ashflat Princess Graci (Graci) - New Rally Advanced Title
Kennedy's Murren (Murrey) - New Rally Excellent Title

Show News! By Lou Tucker

* PERFORMANCE WINS*

Classique's Midnight Serenade (Cooper) Owner – Patty Wellinger
5/5/12 Mountain States Dog training Club 2nd Leg Rally Advanced
5/6/12 Co Australian Shepherd Assn. 1st Leg, 1st Place Rally Advanced (ASCA)

Ashflat Princess Graci (Graci) Owned- by Lori Kennedy
5/26/12 Heartland BMDC Draft Test, Des Moines, Iowa Novice Draft Dog 2nd Leg
6/2/12 Flatirons Kennel Club Novice B Obedience 1st Leg Score 178.5, Rally Advanced 2nd Leg Score 92

CH Wagontale's Whodunnitt CD RA NDD (Watson) Owners – Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples
5/5/12 Mountains States Dog Training Club Rally Excellent B 3rd Leg New Title
5/26/12 Heartland BMD Draft Test Passed 1st Draft Dog New Title DD. Passed 1st Brace Novice DD New Title BDD

CH Wagontale's Sing Me A Miracle CGC CD RE ANDD ABNDD DD BDD (Smokey) Owners – Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples
5/26/12 Passed 5th Draft Dog test New Title MDD (Master Draft Dog)
Passed 6th Brace Novice Draft Dog Test BNDD
5/27/12 Passed 2nd Brace Draft Dog Test BDD

Congratulations to everyone!!



Congratulations Sharon Keefer and Jolie!

Board Meeting Minutes—May 20, 2012**Laura and Al's Home**

Meeting held at: Al and Laura's House

Board Meeting Called to order by Mary Ellen Guy at 12:04 pm

Board members present: Mary Ellen Guy, Joanna Hughes, Barry Solomon, Candy McDanal, Buffy Snider (guest) Lori Kennedy, Vicki Chesser

Approval of Minutes: Candy McDanal approved, Joanna Hughes second

Secretary Report: Alice Clark absent, no secretary report: Lori Kennedy and Vicki Chesser taking minutes for Alice today

Treasurer Report: Sara Karl absent via email from Sara: \$17,411.50 in checking, \$5280.27 savings, \$6776.77 in Certificate of Deposit.

Constant Contact: Buffy proposed signing up to Constant Contact to better keep members informed of BMDCR happenings. Not all members have Yahoo, nor want to. Buffy feels the Constant Contact will enable us to reach more members and to keep track of how many people click on certain links so we can monitor interest in activities. She also feels it looks more polished & gives the club a more professional look. Cost is \$200, annually. Mary Ellen read a letter from Sandy Dunaway who currently uses Constant Contact & says it's a powerful tool for the right audience; it's good to keep in touch and for marketing. The board had open discussion and decided not to pursue most of the Berner groups communicate via Yahoo and don't need the sophistication of Constant Contact at this time or the cost.

Survey & Membership: Mary wondered if there was an issue with the website or if we had gotten complaints (no comments). Laura suggested conducting a survey among members to determine what we might do to improve communication and encourage new members to participate in club activities. Buffy & Barry will work on a member survey. There was discussion on how an event featuring demonstrations from Berners featuring draft, agility, tracking etc., formerly known as "working dog day", could provide education and attract new members.

Vicki C will craft a letter to welcome new members; she & Joanna will contact new members by phone for welcome & encouragement to become active members. Also recommended was to have a 'mentorship' set up so we can refer new & existing members who express an interest in learning more about an activity to a specific person to help them get started. General agreement we need to reach out to our members; several comments about our being a very 'cliquey' club.

Club Trailer: Barry suggested nothing smaller than 10' and cautioning that over 10' requires a brake actuator. Rather than modular shelving, Lori recommended *e tracking* for organizing and storing items inside the trailer. 3 locations offered up for trailer storage: Mary's pasture; Lori also has outdoor storage room; Sharon has indoor storage (best choice since trailer will be protected from elements). Sara is the contact for insurance; Sharon says her insurance runs \$18/year. Board recommended and the club approved \$2500 as a cap for spending on trailer, insurance & licensing fees. Pros are that we can keep all draft equipment in one place and our equipment can be transported by one person, rather than splitting up items among members. This matter would then be brought up later at the general meeting today.

Member Meeting Minutes—May 20, 2012
Laura and Al's Home

Called to order by Mary Ellen Guy at 1:09 pm

Approval of minutes: Barry motion, Candy 2nd

Present: 17 voting members (a quorum), 1 sustaining members, 0 junior members and 1 guest.

Welcome New Members: Kelly Pickett, Lynette Weaver, Pat Tackett, Greta & Jani Ritschard, Lee Ann McCaslin

Preparing for the National: A big Splash was made for 2013 in Gettysburg featuring Steve and Alice's slide show and comments from club members at Saturday dinner. Ways and Means basically sold out and reorders have been made. Please help Dottie to have the National reflect our strong BMDCR. We now have a Facebook page for the National: Search BMDCR2013 and 'like'.

If anyone has any ideas for securing corporate sponsorships or vendors, please get with Dottie. Candy (banquet committee) give aways (water bottles)

Planning booklet for committee chairs will be ready by September.

Ways & Means: Sharon has reordered new items & water bottles w/logos; about \$6k sales at the Gettysburg show.

Report of Secretary: (nothing)

Report of Treasurer: \$17411.50 chkg; \$5280.27 svg; \$5280.27 savings, \$6776.77 CD, rescue account not set up.

Reports of Committees

Rescue: Ann says Theo will need a different foster family; he's not getting along well in his current situation. He will also needs about \$8k in surgery.

She has 2 females from a puppy mill; Theo's family might take one or both of the girls.

Hugh- a BARC boy is with Phil Shaffer and might be staying with him his birth date is 12/24/01.

2012 Regional: We still need trophy sponsorships; Sara will provide list. Joanna Hughes is doing raffle. Suggestions for raffle items: Kindle Fire, Dyson Vacuum, ipad, Dryer, grooming table. We need stewards. Motioned & approved: with a \$300 cap, BMDCA sponsors Best of Breed, High Score, Best Opposite.

2013 Regional: Regarding judge selection: should we continue as we are doing or set up a more formal selection process? Val: solicit information; reasons for having a particular judge. Sharon: will put out information via email or newsletter.

2013 National: Hotel reservation forms are available on the National Website, or email Alice Clark – alicann8@hotmail.com. Requests should be returned by July 6th in order to be included in the lottery. Forms received after that date will be added to the wait list.

2013 BMDCA National Trophy Donations: Beth (in absentia) has \$2k in trophy fund; still need sponsors for remaining trophies.

Member Meeting Minutes—May 20, 2012**Laura and Al's Home**

Fall Draft Tests: October 6 & 7, Germana Park, Murray UT. The 2 judges are Eden Jonas & Kathe Vasquez . Val suggested submitting our Draft Test information to other clubs' newsletters and Dottie suggested an ad in the Alpenhorn so we get more exposure for our Draft Tests.

3rd Annual Draft Clinic: July or August (think it's going to be August) at Patti's; will be decided this week by Barry.

Berner Fiesta: After discussions about locations and pricing, Lori volunteered her residence as the July 22 BMDCR meeting and combine it with the 2012 Berner fiesta. Lori can provide beverages; members will participate in pot luck.

Membership: Stacy sent in two for approval (voting) Barb Callen LeTourneau and (sustaining) Byron & Yoshi Petersen. Both were unanimously approved.

Unfinished Business: Barry submitted a motion to purchase a trailer for BMDCR draft equipment with a cap of \$2500; Val seconded the motion. Members approved. Barry will research sizes and prices of trailers with a side door and walk in back door. Vote: all in favor, no one opposed, no one abstained.

Next Meeting: July 22 at Lori & Don Kennedy's; combination meeting & Berner fiesta (pot luck). The September meeting will be at Al and Laura's.

Adjourned: 2:04 pm

Respectfully submitted: Lori and Vicki

3rd Annual Draft Clinic

We hope you will join us for a fantastic weekend down in Black Forest (near Colorado Springs) for a drafting clinic. Whether you're a novice, or a seasoned pro, this is the place to be if you want to hone your drafting skills!

For details on the event, and registration forms, please see Details link on the [BMDCR Calendar page](http://www.bmdcr.org/Calendar.html), or see the attachment that went out with this newsletter. (<http://www.bmdcr.org/Calendar.html>)

Dates: Friday evening through Sunday, August 10-12, 2012

Location: Patti Davieau's home in Black Forest, CO

Notes: Open to all breeds. A limited number of draft carts and harnesses will be available for participants To use during practice and demonstrations.

****Attention**** We are still in need of someone to help out with the food for the weekend. Please contact Lori Kennedy at murreymom@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer.

In Loving Memory

Donner

11/07/2004-04/12/2012

Wagontale's Nordic Legend CGC, BNDD, MDD, JHD-s

American Rottweiler Club Carting Intermediate and High in Trial, Best Cuddler, Swimmer, Fetcher ever.

Forever loved and missed by Todd and Jennifer Zaayer

Go softly sweet friend...



Stella

6/13/2010—6/25/2012

LIN CARS STELLA ARTOIS V BIERGARTEN

She was a silly, goofy girl I thought I'd have in my life for many years.

Lesson learned...don't take anyone of them for granted. We have no idea how long God has loaned them to us.

~Beverly



Membership Update

We are excited to be growing the group and encourage you to tell your friends about BMDCR!

Please welcome the BMDCR's newest Voting Member :

Barb Callen LeTourneau, Leadville, Colorado. E-mail: barb1625@yahoo.com

Also please welcome our new Sustaining Members:

Byron T Petersen & J. Yoshi Petersen, Sandy, UT, E-mail: bypshi2162@q.com

New Sustaining Member Applicants:

Adam Shapiro, Boulder, Colorado E-mail: adam@bernerlighting.com

Sponsored by Sara Karl and Dottie Schulte. Adam has two Bernese. Rita (F, 1/30/12) is from Sara Karl and Bob (M, 3/2/2011) is from unknown. He is interested in obedience, drafting and therapy work with his dogs. Adam doesn't show his dogs, nor has he ever bred a litter or been a previous dog club member.

Gail Marshall, Breckenridge, Colorado, E-mail: gmarshall@colorado.net

Her sponsors are Jeanne Stanwood and Ann Rutherford. Gail and Jack Rueppel own two Rescue Bernese, Clyde (M, 10/17/01) and Choxie (M, 2/14/06). They are interested in backpacking and want to join the club primarily for education. They can help out with whatever is needed. They don't show their dogs, nor have they ever bred a litter or been a previous dog club members.

Jessie Pellant, Lakewood, Colorado E-mail: jesspellant@gmail.com

Jessie and Josh are the proud owners of Milford, Wagontale's Golden Boy (M, 01/13/2011) bred by S. Temples & H. Ramsdell. Her sponsors are Vicki Chesser and Howard Ramsdell. Jessie is interested in carting and backpacking and therapy work. She had trained her dog in basic family manners but doesn't show her dog, nor has she ever bred a litter or been a previous dog club member. She wants to get involved with other Bernese members and come to club events.

Jean Dodds DVM Seminar

Announcing a Seminar with Jean Dodds, DVM

Featuring Updates on Thyroid Disease, Vaccine Issues & Nutrition

Sponsored By The Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Denver

When: Saturday, July 14, 2012 – Lecture Promptly Starts at 8:30am 4:30pm / 45 minute lunch break

Where: Arapahoe Community College, 5900 South Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, CO 80160-9002

Registration: Check-in starts at 8am – Register EARLY to reserve your space

Website: <http://rmhvma.org/2012/06/jean-dodds-dvm-seminar/>

Fees: \$65

Box Lunch: \$10

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2012 Denver Dumb Friends League Furry Scurry

Hi Everyone!

For the first year of the team “Bernese Mountain Dogs & Friends”, I think we accomplished quite a bit, had a ton of fun, and raised a lot of money (\$4560) for a wonderful cause! We couldn’t have done it without the generous support of the BMDCR and its members!

Last week our team of 17 awesome people was honored with a plaque for being one of the Top 15 fund raising teams! (We came in at 11 out of over 220 teams!)

Unfortunately we did not win the official Spirit award, but we know we were the best, no doubt about that! :)

Next year will be even better - so start planning for May 4, 2013! We hope you will join us as a team member (walker or non-walker)!

Go Team Berner!
Buffy & Milo



BMDCR Independent Specialty—Raffle Items Needed!

Please help us gather fantastic items for the raffle table at the Regional Specialty. This is a great fund raiser, not to mention a great chance to pick up some fun items if you buy tickets, to support the club!

Contact Joanna Hughes at 720-851-0402 or jmhughes56@gmail.com to let her know what you can donate. It doesn’t have to be big or extravagant—just think of something that you’d like to bid on! Also keep in mind we are looking for some ‘big ticket’ items like crates, beds, or a cart. This might be a good opportunity to ask your favorite business to donate some gift certificates or products—it’s a great way to market their company!



Joanna will be available at the Berner Fiesta to collect raffle items!

Rescue Update

Saba is still looking for her forever home...

She is a 3-1/2 year old female with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). She is very friendly and loving. She gets along great with people, dogs and cats. We are treating her IBD while she is in foster care and we will place her when her tummy is well controlled. She will probably need a family that can follow a disciplined feeding routine.



Handsome boy Chewie found a forever family in June, and as a bonus, a brother named Gunner to pal around with!



Lucky pup Bauer went to his forever home on June 27th, 2012. Another happy family!



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 if you want to switch!

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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**

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 *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 Buffy at 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, this group is for members only and you must obtain permission by the moderator to join.
- **Email**—Informational emails and Newsletters will come from bmdcrookies@gmail.com.