












# Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

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## Here's My Insurance Card. . . WOOF!

Thanks to new high-tech care, our pets can now live a longer, healthier life. Availability of diagnostic procedures such as MRI, CT scan, endoscopy, and ultrasound give owners many options to determine what might be causing their pets' health problem. Treatments such as chemotherapy, dental repairs and more effective medications are now considered standard treatment for our doggies' ailments. But the high price that comes with these procedures and treatments may leave us feeling less peppy than our pups. The cost of veterinary care can force owners to make tough choices between the health of their pets and the size of their pocketbooks. One option to cure what could ail our bank accounts: pet insurance. For anywhere from \$99 per year to just over \$500 per year, you can enroll your dog into an insurance plan that could cover up to 90% of certain services related to injuries, emergencies and illnesses. Cost is dependent on the age of the dog and the level of coverage that you choose (just like human insurances!).

A review of the internet listings indicates four primary pet insurance policies. Three are designed to function as indemnity insurance policies, which restore financial loss within the limits of the policy in the case of an unforeseen accident or illness. These policies provide

reimbursements directly to pet owners for a comprehensive list of veterinary services. Some offer "riders" that cover preventative, and routine care as well, for our pets. The fourth policy functions as an HMO, giving discounts for care if you take your pet to a veterinarian in an approved network of animal care providers.

Veterinary Pet Insurance provides two levels of coverage, the VPI Superior Plan, which provides the highest pay outs available for this plan, with an annual benefit maximum of \$14,000 and a deductible of \$50 per incident. Their VPI Standard Plan pays an annual benefit maximum of \$9,000 with the same deductible. For an additional \$99 per year, you can add Vaccination and Routine Coverage to either of these plans. This benefit can cover a variety of services such as physical exam, fecal testing, deworming, teeth cleaning and spay/neuter. Limits are placed on the amount reimbursed for these services (i.e. spay/neuter and teeth cleaning is about \$65, heartworm

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*"The cost of veterinary care can force owners to make tough choices between the health of their pets and the size of their pocketbooks."*

February 20, 2003

Dear BMDCR Members:

Thank you for including an announcement in your last newsletter for the Congenital Heart Disease screening and OFA Heart Clearance Clinic at the Rocky Mountain Classic Dog Shows. Our cardiologists, Dr. Carroll Loyer and Dr. Julie Martin, screened 69 dogs at the show, including 10 Bernese Mountain Dogs. The Bernese Mountain Dogs did well, but 11 (16%) of the total dogs screened, failed upon cardiac auscultation. Dr. Loyer and Dr. Martin concur with the Colorado Kennel Club and OFA in support of increased efforts to screen breeding animals for congenital heart disease. We are very pleased that Colorado Kennel Club plans to have us return annually to offer screening at the Rocky Mountain Classic.

I am proud to be a member of the BMDCR, a breed club that actively promotes health screenings to ensure the health of future generations of dogs.

Sharon Keefer,  
Practice Administrator

Veterinary Heart and Lung  
Specialists

Veterinary Referral Center of  
Colorado  
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## Congratulations to Karen Baru

The recipient of the  
2003 Kathy Roth Award

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– Any member is welcome to join in any of the above committees.  
Just contact the respective chair and express your interest. –

### Submit All Membership Applications To:

Stacy Temples  
PO Box 2490  
Fort Collins, CO  
80522-2490

### BMDCR Breed Contact Information Line:

Karen Baru  
303-841-9312



# Mark Your Calendar

## **CANINE GOOD CITIZEN TEST**

### *March 2*

Canine Good Citizens Test  
11:00-1:00 @ Blue Springs & Katydid Dog Training Center.  
Proof of Rabies Vacc. is required. Cost -\$5.00.  
For info, call 303-741-0466, 303-985-2882 or 303-794-9246.

## **SHOWS & MATCHES**

### *March 8-9*

UKC ABC/O Trial, High Plains KC  
Elbert Co. Fairgrounds, Kiowa  
Conformation & Obedience  
Event Secretary: Pat Walsh, 719-392-0432;  
[PWALSH2001@msn.com](mailto:PWALSH2001@msn.com)

### *March 8-9*

All Breed AKC Conformation & Obedience  
Finney County Fairgrounds, Garden City, Kansas  
(superintendent Onofrio)

### *March 15-16*

International European Style Dog Shows  
Island Grove Park, Greeley, Colorado  
[www.internationaldogshow.com](http://www.internationaldogshow.com), 503-316-9160

### *March 29-30*

Scottsbluff KC, Mitchell, Nebraska  
All Breed AKC shows @ the Scottsbluff County Fairgrounds. (superintendent Onofrio)

### *April 4-6*

Sunflower Cluster, Wichita, Kansas  
At Kansas Coliseum  
Conformation, Obedience, and Agility  
Also Lure Coursing & AKC Herding  
(BMDs not eligible) (superintendent Onofrio)

### *April 12-13*

Terry-All Kennel Club All Breed AKC shows  
Adams County Fairgrounds (superintendent Onofrio)

### *April 27*

Friends of the Mals, All Breed Fun Match  
Arapahoe Community College  
Registration @ 7:30-9:00 a.m. Obedience begins @ 8:30,  
Conf ormation begins @ 9:00.  
(Will be cancel if inclement weather.)

### *April 24-27*

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America National Specialty  
West Coast Long Beach Hotel, Long Beach, California

## **AGILITY**

### *March 8-9*

Front Range Agility Association  
Jefferson County Fairgrounds  
303-622-6976

## **SEMINARS**

### *April 26-27*

Pat Craig Trotter, AKC Judge and author of "Born to Win".  
On anatomy, motion, type vs. soundness, Breeding.  
At Bill Reed Middle School Auditorium in Loveland,  
Cost is \$125 for 2 days includes snacks, drinks & lunch -  
deadline is April 13th. Contact Renee Jarrett [970-667-8293](tel:970-667-8293), [razchaunce@aol.com](mailto:razchaunce@aol.com) or Pam Morton 303-452-8734

## **CLINICS**

### *March 15*

CERF Eye & Heartworm Clinic sponsored by BMDCR  
For appointments call Nancy Fuselier DVM,  
719-531-7366

### *March 22-23*

Conformation Handling Clinic sponsored by Roaring Fork Kennel Club, conducted by Bill Lauderdale.  
Contact Carole Kreis [970-927-9674](tel:970-927-9674), [carole@sopris.net](mailto:carole@sopris.net)  
for more info.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A BERNER-FILLED SUMMER WEEK-END**

Berner Camp Out and Activities  
*Ohlsen's Ranch in Rye, Colorado*

Friday, July 4th  
Clicker Training with  
Vicki Kirkland @ 1PM

Saturday, July 5th  
BMDCR-Sponsored Draft Clinic  
Hike with your Berner  
Evening Cookout

Sunday, July 6th  
Rally Obedience  
Demonstration and Practice  
Agility Practice

More details (places to stay for non-campers, info on meals, directions, etc.) to follow in the next newsletter.

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medications \$15) and owners must choose which services they would like covered (i.e. policy reads either spay/neuter or teeth cleaning, but not both; heartworm test or heartworm medication, but not both). There are maximum allowances for vaccines as well, such as \$10 for rabies, \$8 for bordetella or \$9 for parvo. By going on-line, you can get a quick quote for your dog based on age, geographic area of residence and desired coverage (my 8 year old male would be \$512/year for the VPI Superior Plan with the Vaccination and Routine coverage and \$313 for the Standard Plan and Routine Coverage; my 2 year old male was \$338 for the Superior Plan and \$233 for the Standard). VPI offers a 5% multi-pet discount from the cost of the total for all pets insured (this is included in the quote for my boys).

Premier Pet Insurance offers a three-tier coverage ranging from Basic to Value to Choice plans. Per incident limits are \$1,500, \$3,500 and \$5,000 respectively with annual policy limits \$8,000, \$11,000 and \$13,000. There is an annual deductible of \$100 regardless of the plan type. Differences between the plans includes the type of coverage for routine, health maintenance care with the Choice plan providing the most comprehensive services. Policy inclusions and exclusions are well-defined on their website. Pets considered ineligible for coverage include those with arthritis, auto immune deficiency, diabetes, cancer, seizures, and untreated hip dysplasia. They also cover dogs only from the age of 8 weeks to 8 years but state that, should you insure your pet within these age limits, coverage may be renewable for older dogs. This policy also offers a 10% multi-pet discount.

Offering only "catastrophic" coverage is PetCare Insurance Company. Their philosophy is that routine care (vaccinations, yearly exams) are a budgetable expense. Their policy is designed to provide for more comprehensive expenses that

pet owners cannot budget for, protecting owners from the high cost of the unexpected or unforeseen. They have a three-tier policy with the lower level, QuickCare, offering accident protection for anything from motor vehicle accidents to poisonings to foreign body ingestion. Their next level is QuickCare Gold, which offers complete coverage for accidents and illnesses. This policy covers not only accidents but also illnesses related to 12 illness categories (such as heart, nervous system, ears, etc). This plan also covers boarding kennel fees should your pet require overnight care, "accidental death coverage" which reimburses for the cost of your pet should they die from injuries as a result of an accident and "recovery costs" to pay for advertising and rewards should your pet go missing. Their QuickCare Senior policy is designed to cover illnesses common to our older pets such as heart disease, stroke, and cancer. It also pays for a variety of injuries that may be incurred by our older companions as well as euthanasia costs. The latter two policies also offer trip cancellation fees should you need to cancel a trip because your pet requires life-saving medical treatment within one week of your scheduled departure. Be aware that both the QuickCare Gold and the QuickCare Senior have a "surcharge" for certain breeds, and the Bernese Mountain Dog is listed as a "select breed".

Pet Assure is the only pet HMO product available. For \$99 per year, owners will receive 25% off of veterinary care if this care is provided by an "in network" veterinarian. Although there are no exclusions, pets must go to only veterinarians who participate in this plan in order to receive the discount

(there were 13 listed on their website in the Denver/Boulder metro area). The disadvantage is that you may not be able to see the veterinarian with whom you have an established relationship nor are there provisions made for specialty care, so services such as orthopedic care or cancer care would most likely not be eligible for the discount.

Regardless of which plan you

choose, investigate the exclusions carefully before signing up. Your pet may not be eligible for coverage for certain problems such as pre-existing illnesses or problems related to a pre-existing injury, congenital or hereditary defects or diseases (such as hip dysplasia, patellar subluxation), elective procedures, anal gland

expression or removal, breeding or conditions related to breeding, diseases preventable by vaccine, behavioral problems, or intestinal parasites. Some policies will deny coverage for anterior cruciate ligament damage if it occurs within the first twelve months of policy coverage. So read the policy carefully to determine inclusions and exclusions as well as maximum amounts for coverage before purchase. In addition to studying the policy, be sure to check if the insurer is licensed (especially in your state) or if it is underwritten by a larger firm. VPI is the only insurer who is licensed in all 50 states and it is underwritten by National Casualty Company, which also underwrites many insurance policies pertinent to humans such as health, auto and home. Premier Pet lists no company as underwriter and excludes about 12 states to include Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Nevada and South Dakota.

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A list of dogs earning titles in 2002 has been presented in January/February newsletter. The following is an addendum to this list:

### *Bernbrae's Althea v Valentine*

Rae and Dan Valentine  
10/06 Canine Good Citizen

### *Blue Moon's Emmy Award*

Chris Bierman  
Therapy Dog-Delta Society Pet Partner

### *Brighteye Searching Emily*

Ina Bernard  
10/06 Canine Good Citizen

### *Classique's Rhinestone Cowboy*

Ann Murphy Daily  
11/17 Champion

### *Deerpark's To B or Not To B'lieb*

Laura Haupenthal and Alvin Beers  
10/06 Canine Good Citizen

### *Ch. Eur-Am's My Katja CD*

George and Lynn Wood  
04/26 Novice Draft Dog

### *Kaibab's Annapurna v Pinnacle*

Jeanne Johnson and Eden Jonas  
10/06 Canine Good Citizen

### *Lorien Dell's Mystic Chanter*

Jean and Mark Clayton  
10/06 Canine Good Citizen

### *Pioneer's Raven v Krugerrand UD, OA, OAJ, DD*

Vicky Hall  
04/-6/02 Novice Agility  
05/16/02 Utility Dog  
08/24/02 Novice Agility Jumper  
09/15/02 Open Agility  
10/19/02 Open Agility Jumper  
BMDCA Working Dog Title  
BMDCA Working Dog Excellent Title

### *Stardust's Solid Granite*

Ken and Melissa Rice and Linda Jaska  
09/22 Champion

### *Summit's Oh-be-Joyful*

Sharon Keefer and Sandy Dunaway  
08/18 Champion

### *Travois Forza del Destino*

Laura Haupenthal and Alvin Beers  
10/06 Canine Good Citizen

### *Travois Perfect Storm*

Kayla Boortz and Karen Baru  
11/30 Champion

### *Ch. Dallybecks Maia v Wilderness CD, NDD HIC*

Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell  
2002 BMDCA Top Producer (Champions)

It was a stellar year for BMDCR members, with 61 dogs earning new titles, 3 new BMDCA Versatility Dog titles and 2 new BMDCA Working Dog titles and 1 new BMDCA Working Dog Excellent Title. Again, congratulations to all new titleholders and their owners for jobs well done.

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PetCare is underwritten by Lincoln General Insurance and states that coverage is not available in all states but does not define these locations. Should they be unlicensed and go bankrupt, you would be financially out of luck.

Sound interesting???? Well pick up a pencil and paper, your last years vet bills and go to the company websites to do some insurance shopping so you can determine if insurance might be beneficial for you and your pet(s).

Veterinary Pet Insurance:  
[www.petinsurance.com](http://www.petinsurance.com)

Premier Pet Insurance:  
[www.ppins.com](http://www.ppins.com)

PetCare Pet Insurance:  
[www.petcareinsurance.com](http://www.petcareinsurance.com)

Pet Assure:  
[www.petassure.com](http://www.petassure.com)

Or call your insurance broker for your home, auto or other insurances you might carry. Some may have a policy available for your pet (Fidelity Investments does — they offer a variety of human insurances and list pet insurance as an option).

Having insurance on these family members may give some peace of mind that we can make decisions, should there be an unforeseen illness or injury, based on what is best for our pet rather than what is best for our checking account.

## **BMDCR Meeting Notice**

**Sunday, March 16, 2003**

**Veterinary Referral  
Center of Colorado  
3550 S. Jason St.  
Englewood, CO.**

*(just east of Sante Fe & Hampden)*

**Board Meeting:  
11:30 AM**

**Tour of the Center:  
1:00-2:00PM**

**General Meeting:  
2:00 PM.**

# *Woodmoors Barri von Kreuzberg CD, DD, CGC, BNDD - "Barry"*

May 26, 1991--February 18, 2003

Deeply loved and grieved for by Ron Abbott

*May the sky ever be azure  
May the air ever be crisp  
May the sun ever be warming  
May the breeze ever be gentle  
May the snowpans and rivulets ever be refreshing  
May the pikas and pipets every be beckoning  
May tundra sedges and grasses every be restful  
. . . on the spirit-alpine of your eternity!*

*Lead on my good, dear friend - I shall someday follow!*



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*It was mid morning December 2, 1993. I was on my way to pick up a "strange looking Berner" as a foster dog from the Canon City Humane Society. I got there 8 hours before they were going to put her down. I was on my knees on the floor waiting for them to bring her from the back. When she saw me she broke loose from the handler and hit me hard enough to knock me onto my back. She proceeded to stand on me and lick my face. There was no way I could foster this wild beast - she was mine!*

*She was 9 months old; a 28" 55 pound bundle of frightened energy. She was as filthy as a dog could get and covered with ticks. She had been beaten and locked in closets and sheds. She was a sight for sore eyes. Her first owner called her Berner Dog. I can't imagine what her second owner called her.*

*She finally became known as Kody Noel, my Christmas dog! She grew into an 80 pound protector of her family. She brought love, laughter, and loyalty to her family every day of her life.*

*Nine years and two weeks after that fateful day in Canon City she is out of my care and into the hands of God.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF KODY NOEL  
FEBRUARY 28, 1993 TO DECEMBER 17, 2002

YOU WILL BE DEARLY MISSED

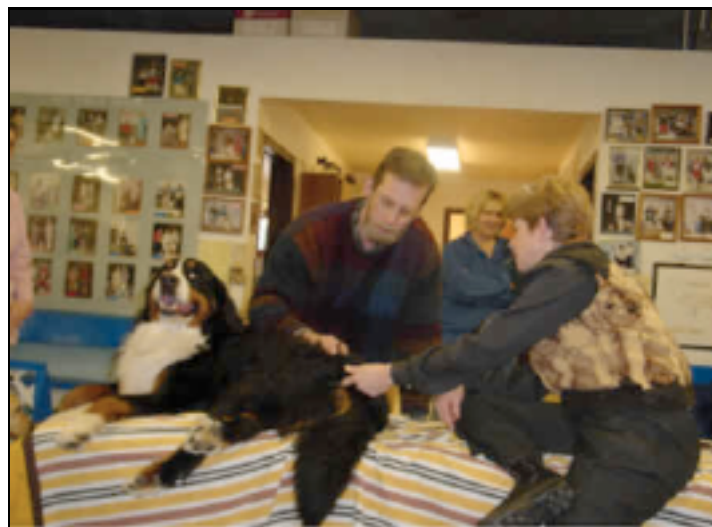
Sandy Kramer and Abbey Ann

# Massage Seminar Fun, Helpful and Profitable

About 40 dog owners and their canine companions attended the Canine Massage Seminar on January 11th and 12th. There were varied sizes and breeds represented as club member Debbie Towndrow presented topics such as the value of massage, indications and contra-indications for massage, stretching and warm up exercises, evaluation of movement and discomfort as well as techniques to facilitate pain relief, muscle relaxation and owner/pet bonding.

Participants left with using new terms such as "efflirage", "petrissage", and "tippotment" along with new techniques and knowledge for helping their pets not only relax but improve their general well-being. Club profit was about \$1,500 once expenses were paid.

Thank you to Patti Morgan who organized the seminar, Elena Clement who helped with lunches, Debbie Towndrow for a terrific presentation and to all club members who attended, for loving their pets enough to learn these techniques.



## Board Meeting Minutes January 20, 2003

*Location:* Old Neighborhood Inn, Arvada

*Attendees:* Patti Morgan, Nancy Fuselier, Sara Karl, Sharon Montville, Ron Abbott, MJ Berendes, Amy Gonzalez, Tobey Pitchford.

*Also present:* Stacy Temples, Howard Ramsdell, Phil Shaffer, Lynn Wood.

Called to order at 11:25 am.

### MOTIONS MADE DURING THIS MEETING:

*Motion:* Amend minutes of last meeting, to remove the reference to executive session and replace with "discussion" and include who made the motion and seconded it. (Nancy/MJ) - all in favor.

*Motion:* To reconsider the motion approved in the last meeting regarding the Membership Committee, with Stacy Temples remaining as Membership Chair. (Nancy/MJ) - all in favor.

### MEETING:

The very first action was the motion made by Nancy Fuselier, who did not attend the December 2002 Board meeting, to amend the Board minutes of that meeting (see motion above).

### INTRO/REPORTS:

*Introduction of New Board Members:* Treasurer Sara Karl, and Directors Amy Gonzalez and Tobey Pitchford. Welcome!

*Secretary Report:* Sharon gave an update on her AKC Accreditation progress. She has copied pages from the scrapbook to use as supporting documentation for the History presentation.

*Treasurer Report:* Sara has obtained the accounting software from former treasurer Cindy Still (she is still working on getting everything to work). She announced the checking balance and rescue balance. Also, she

announced that the club gained almost \$1,500 profit from the Massage Seminar. A BIG thank you is owed to Patti Morgan who organized this seminar and provided all the hospitality, and of course to Debbie Towndrow for her services. (There is a small discrepancy between Patti's and Sara's profit calculations, which they will work to resolve - about \$60.)

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

*AKC Accreditation:* Already covered by Sharon in Secretary Report. Sara added that the September 2003 Regional is the LAST we will be allowed to hold under the auspices of the BMDCA.

*Massage Seminar:* Patti reported we had a great turnout. Ron Abbott added that some people had expressed interest in an Advanced Seminar.

*Fall Draft Test:* Ron reported on some of the issues he had with the Fort Collins park he had reserved as the site. The Risk Management person had indicated Ron would need to apply all over again, with the certificate of insurance. Ron contacted the Police Department and they don't care since there will be no roads blocked, extra traffic control, etc. The Park and Rec contact, Bill Worthy, who approved the original application is also not concerned. It is, however, important to have a copy of the certificate of insurance on site the day of the test. Also, we should add a note of this, and a sample copy of the certificate of insurance, to the Draft Secretary Box. Bottom line is: we are fine. There is no need to re-apply but future tasks are to get the insurance certificate, and apply to the BMDCA at least 6 months before the test date (Secretary Note: this deadline is March 4, 2003 - since Christine Mann is no longer Draft Chair, we can't hand it in in person anymore.)

*Regional Specialty:* Sara does not have an obedience judge yet. Also, she needs a member of the club to volunteer to be Obedience Chair.

*2003 National Specialty Catalog:* We will have a full page ad. Mary Rogers is working on it. The deadline is Feb. 15.

*CERF Clinic:* Nancy has set up the annual CERF/heartworm clinic for March 15 at Dr. Hammond's office. Eye exams are \$20, heartworm exams are \$18, per dog. Info is in the January newsletter.

*Draft Clinic:* The date we discussed last time, May 17, conflicts with the Durango shows. Since there are people in Durango who have specifically requested a clinic, we need to consider a different date. Decided to bring it up at the General Meeting.

*Berner Fiesta:* Laura Hauptenthal volunteered at the last meeting. Mary Gervais has told Stacy Temples she would like to host it. Lynn Wood also said she would like to do it.

*Berner Campout:* Christina Ohlsen will host this in the summer, date not quite determined yet.

*Kiowa Puppy Mill Update:* The inspectors did not find anything major wrong but some fines were issued for better shelter.

*Donation to Light One Candle:* discuss at General Meeting.

### Membership Chair:

At this point, Stacy joined the meeting. The Board had voted unanimously at the last meeting to excuse her as the Membership Chair. Patti Morgan called her on December 10 to inform her of this decision. As the Board neglected to inform her in writing, there was no written documentation and Stacy chose to try to rectify the situation, and asked to make a presentation to the Board. This was allowed by the President in light of the failure to adequately document the situation.

Stacy read a written report that she provided to the Board at this meeting. Stacy reported that she has a directory ready. The last directory

was distributed in May 2001, and it is now mid-January 2003. The directory cost is \$1.45/copy and she will produce 175 for a total cost of \$255. Stacy reported she receives 10 calls per week from outside the Fort Collins area; she needs help from other areas to avoid long distance calls. Stacy stated she had asked for help with phone calls but did not receive it.

Stacy has two new initiatives. Phil Shaffer has made the membership application available on the BMDCR website. Karen Baru will include a membership form in her education packet.

Also, Stacy has asked Pam Solomon for help maintaining the current membership "database" which is basically the list of names and addresses (Secretary note: I have an Excel spreadsheet which includes the year that each member joined the club).

After finishing her report, Stacy asked for questions from the Board. Sara asked when she had asked for help and Stacy replied she had done this at the June meeting. Tobey Pitchford noted that she (Tobey) had in fact offered to help, and she has witnesses. Stacy was under the impression that Tobey was not comfortable with answering the phone; this was a misunderstanding and as a result, Stacy never sent any calls to Tobey.

Sara asked Stacy: when did you have perception of the problem in membership? Stacy's reply was that the first time she was aware of problems was December 10 when Patti called her.

Sharon asked Stacy if she thought that publishing a directory in September 1999, and then not until May 2001, with no directories since then, was adequate service to the membership. Stacy replied that she constantly sends out renewals. She mentioned that the function of membership was to get new members, collect fees and applications, and

print new applicants in the newsletter. In the past (but not in the past year because she has no time to do it) she would send new members a welcome letter, a copy of the bylaws, and a directory. Sharon repeated the original question which had not yet been answered. Stacy replied that the Directory is not the only source of member address/phone info because new member addresses are published in the newsletter. (Secretary note: this was not pointed out to Stacy at the meeting, but a member who joined in March 2002 would not have received the directory, so the only membership addresses available to this new member would be that of members who joined in June, September or December. Also, for those of us who provide services to the club which require mailing - such as draft and match secretaries, or board members who need to do special mailings - having to root around in the newsletters since May 2001 is not acceptable - and still does not identify who has renewed and who has not.)

At this point the motion to reconsider the decision of the last meeting was made by Nancy, and unanimously approved.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

*Newsletter Editor:* Patti reported that Dottie is resigning as the newsletter editor, as she does not have the time to edit it to the level apparently expected by some members. She is willing to do the next issue.

*Annual Committee Chair Reports:* There will be a new process requesting annual reports from all committee chairs. This is what the BMDCA does. There will be written communication to all committee chairs on this topic.

*Dues Checks:* Sara requested that membership forms and dues checks be sent to the Treasurer (Sara) first. Sara and Stacy will then coordinate on getting the applications to Stacy. Stacy agreed this was fine with her.

(Secretary Note: The BMDCA membership chair sends all approved membership applications to the BMDCA Secretary.)

*Meet the Breed:* February 15/16 at the Denver shows; Karen Baru will provide more information. Karen will need volunteers for Public Ed.

*All Breed Rescue:* Mary Ann Andrews will do a presentation for this group, at the Denver shows, with her rescue dog who has severe allergy problems.

*Berner Noel and Berner Fiesta:* It was noted by Phil Shaffer who was present, that in the past applications to host Berner Fiesta must be in by Berner Noel and applications to host Berner Noel must be submitted by Berner Fiesta. Sharon mentioned she thought that if there are multiple potential hosts, the names are drawn out of a hat. (Secretary Note: we have not really been following this policy in practice.)

Adjourned 12:20 pm.



## **General Meeting Minutes** **January 20, 2003**

*Location:* Old Neighborhood Inn, Arvada

*Attendees:*

*Voting:* Ron Abbott, Mary Ann Andrews, Karen Baru, MJ Berendes, Nancy Fuselier, Val Horney, Sara Karl, Sharon Montville, Patti Morgan, Phil Shaffer, Tobey Pitchford, Howard Ramsdell, Dottie Schulte, Stacy Temples, Bob Tucker, Lou Tucker, Elaine Witulski, Lynn Wood.

*Sustaining:* John Berendes, Mary Bugg, Sharon Keefer, Pamela and Barry Solomon.

*Guests:* John Andrews, Glenn & Deborah Hotze from Illinois.  
Called to order around 1:00 as people

were finishing eating brunch.

### MOTIONS MADE DURING THIS MEETING:

*Motion:* Approve minutes of last meeting (MJ/Tobey); passed unanimously.

*Motion:* To approve new members as a slate (Dottie/Phil): passed with none opposed.

*Motion:* To donate \$500 to the Light One Candle fund for the Lobbyist effort (Lou/Sharon): passed, none opposed.

### MEETING:

The motion to approve the minutes of the prior meeting was made, and passed (see above).

*Secretary Report:* Sharon gave an update on her AKC accreditation progress. She wants the presentation to be as good as possible, to try to reduce the number of matches we will need to hold during the process of becoming accredited.

*Treasurer Report:* Sara has obtained the accounting software from former treasurer Cindy Still (she is still working on getting everything to work). She announced the checking balance and rescue balance. Remember, financial details can be requested from the Treasurer if desired.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

*Awards Banquet:* Thanks to MJ Berendes for putting on the 2003 Awards Banquet. The food was great! Now - we need a volunteer to do the 2004 Awards Banquet. Please let Patti know if you are interested.

*Breeder Referral:* Phil has nothing new to report.

*Public Ed:* Karen Baru talked about Meet the Breed at the CKC shows coming up in February.

*Fall Draft Test:* Ron gave the site update; we are fine, we just need to be sure to have the insurance certificate on site the day of the test. Val

Horney needs to get the Draft Secretary Box from Jeanne Stanwood.

*Hospitality:* Ron will provide refreshments at the next meeting.

*Membership:* Stacy announced she is still the Chair. She has a directory ready to mail out. The membership application is online thanks to Phil. Karen Baru will also mail membership forms in the education packet. Tobey Pitchford will help with Southern Colorado calls. Stacy needs Denver volunteers. We have 73 sustaining members, 4 junior members, 46-47 voting members, and 65 non-renews (90-day lapse allowed in By-Laws). New members to vote on: sustaining member Esther Wilson of Montana, voting member Joan Carter of Elbert and her daughter, junior member Aubrey Carter. The motion to approve these members, passed with none opposed. Stacy introduced Pam Solomon who will help her organize the membership list.

*Newsletter:* Dottie does not have time to properly edit, so she is resigning. Dottie collects info and decides on content (Secretary note: and also deals with all the members who cannot submit their reports on time); Nadja Torling does the formatting.

### Regional Specialty:

Sara has a Trophy List for donations. IF TROPHIES ARE NOT DONATED, WE WILL NOT OFFER THEM. She needs volunteers for Ring Steward, Obedience Steward, and Obedience Chair. Karen Baru is the trophy chairman. Tobey Pitchford and Jane Sorrick are Hospitality chairs. Sara noted she would like some

fund raisers specifically for Specialties.

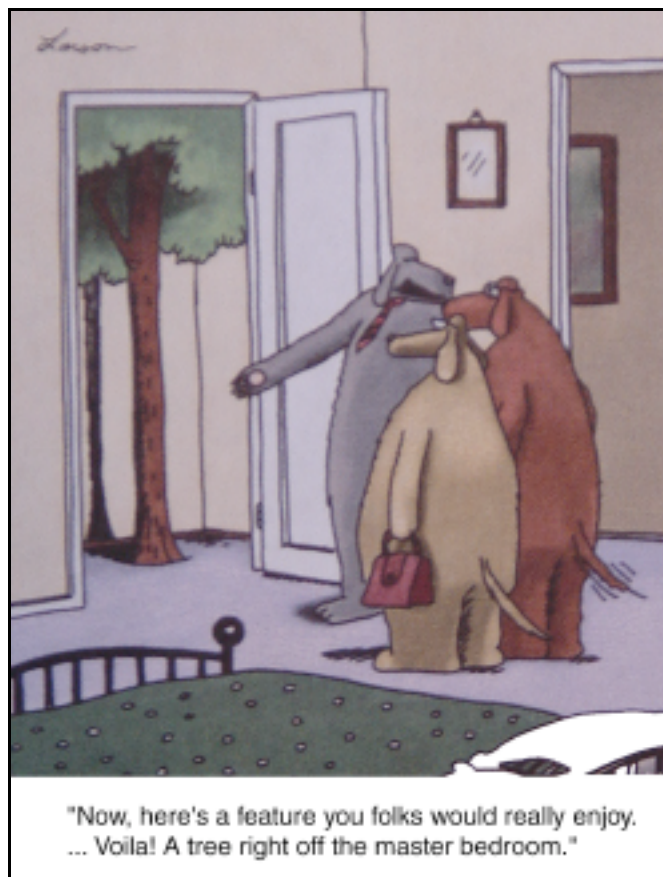
*Rescue:* Patti reported it has been quiet. Karen Baru looked at a "BMD mix" that was not.

*Ways and Means:* Business as usual.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

*AKC Accreditation:* Sharon had updated during the Secretary Report. Glenn Hotze of BMDDCNI offered some insight. Once you are sanctioned, nobody cares anymore. The AKC gave the new Illinois club the same status as the Wisconsin club they had split off from. They had to do 2 A/OA matches. A small entry qualifies!! They do not advertise these matches - small is good, the point is to prove your club knows the procedure. Thank you Glenn for some great advice!

*Massage Seminar:* Patti reported multiple breeds were represented and the club made about \$1,500 profit. Thank you Patti for again being a major force in getting funds into this club (in addition to hosting Barktoberfest which also was profitable).



*CERF/Heartworm Clinic:* Nancy set it up for March 15 at Dr. Hammond's - \$20 per eye exam, \$18 per heartworm test. She has a signup sheet. Thank you Nancy for promoting the health of our dogs (year after year).

*Draft Clinic:* We need to come up with another date since May 17 conflicts with Durango shows. Crestmoor Park on Monaco was suggested as a possible site. No date was decided on.

*RCC:* Lou Tucker noted the excellent lobbyist article in the newsletter. At the last meeting we had said we would vote at this meeting, on a donation. The motion to donate \$500 for the Lobbyist, passed with none opposed.

*All-Breed Rescue:* Mary Ann Andrews will give a presentation for this group with Kesha, on Saturday, Feb 15 from noon-1:00 pm at the CKC show. Mary Ann will talk about the challenges they have faced due to Kesha's severe allergies. Mary Ann emphasized - she's not cured, she's maintained. Also, this is a high needs dog who needed an experienced BMD owner.

Lynn Wood gave an update on Aara who was also rescued within the past year. Lynn had originally placed her in a home which should have been perfect - but it did not work out and after 2 years she was turned in to Rescue. Lynn says she is now truly in a happy home.

*Berner Fiesta:* We have 3 possible hosts: Laura Hauptenthal/Alvin Beers, Mary Gervais, and Lynn Wood. A drawing will be held.

Karen Baru gave a plug for CERF. Her dog Corky had red eyes which turned out to have a viral cause; the typical vet would not have been able to diagnose this.

**NOTE FROM TREASURER SARA KARL:** When you write a check to the BMDCR, please note what it is for, on the check!!

**NEXT MEETING:** March 16, location to be announced.

Adjourned at 2:10 pm.

# Heartland Bernese Mountain Dog Club invites you to:

## CLINICS & ACTIVITY DAY

Saturday, May 24th

Private Training Lessons of any kind with M Shirley Chong • CGC Test with M. Shirley Chong  
Veterinary Chiropractor, Dawn Bromley DVM • Canine Massage Therapists, Jessica Briggie & Megan Hood  
Microchip Clinic - Home Again  
Pot Luck Dinner • Raffle

## DRAFT TEST

Sunday, May 25th

Judges: Patti Morgan & Linda Thomas

Chair for both Days:  
Shannon Cihlar  
(320) 283-5378  
[kscope@runestone.net](mailto:kscope@runestone.net)

Secretary & Premium Lists:  
Kathy Berge  
11872 Highway 349  
Indianola, IA 50125  
(515) 961-0654 or (515) 262-8535  
[KathyDVM@aol.com](mailto:KathyDVM@aol.com)

Training Lessons & CGC Test:  
Anita Schrodt  
[schrodt@mchsi.com](mailto:schrodt@mchsi.com)  
(641) 236-4709

Location: Well Mannered Dog Center  
700 Maple St., Grinnell, Iowa (50 Miles East of Des Moines)

Camping Available & Motels nearby • Directions: [www.shirleychong.com/pics/map.gif](http://www.shirleychong.com/pics/map.gif)

# Show News

— Valerie Horney —



## *Platte Valley Kennel Club* January 11 - 12, 2003

WD/BW/BB  
Summit's As Wild As The Wind, "Drifter"  
owned by Sandy Dunaway & Tracey Keith

## *California* February 1, 2003

3rd leg Novice Agility  
CH Wagontale's Cheyenne Sunrise NDD,  
"Cheyenne"  
owned by Kathy Gray and Stacy Temples  
NEW BMDCA VERSATILITY DOG

## *Hobbs, NM* February 1, 2003

BB  
CH Ochsnerhof's Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"  
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

February 2, 2003

BB  
CH Ochsnerhof's Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"  
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler  
Group 4

## *Plum Creek Kennel Club* February 14, 2003

WD/BW Spring's Rio Grande Mick "Mick"  
owned by Nancy Fuselier & George Clark

RWD  
Kinvarra's Chieftain  
owned by Pat & Neal Hughes  
Best in Show Puppy Groups

WB  
Prairiefire's Summer Fling  
owned by Sharon Johnson & Alisa Kice

RWB  
Wyatt's Lady V Ruschbode  
owned by Molly Hess

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

BOS  
CH Triad's All night Serenade, "Alie"  
owned by Karen Baru

February 15, 2003

WD  
Spring's Rio Grande Mick, "Mick"  
owned by Nancy Fuselier & George Clark

RWD  
Summit's As Wild As The Wind, "Drifter"  
owned by Sandy Dunaway & Tracey Keith  
Group 3 Bred By Exhibitor Groups

WB/BW  
Prairiefire's Summer Fling  
owned by Sharon Johnson & Alisa Kice

RWB  
Prairiefire's Legend Lucia Night  
owned by Sharon Johnson & B & R Shuris

BB  
CH Ochsnerhof's Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"  
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

BOS  
CH Triad's All night Serenade, "Alie"  
owned by Karen Baru

## *Colorado Kennel Club* February 16, 2003

WD  
Blumoon's Broadway Joe, "Joe"  
owned by Jean Stanwood & Christine Mann

RWD  
Travois II Travatino  
owned by Karen Baru & Fred & Cathleen Cannatero

WB/BW  
Travois Forza Del Destino, "Kismet"  
owned by Karen Baru & Laura Hapenthal & Alvin Beers

RWB  
Prairiefire's Legend Lucia Night  
owned by Sharon Johnson & B & R Shuris

BB  
CH Ochsnerhof's Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"  
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler  
Made the cut in Working Group

BOS  
CH Triad's All night Serenade, "Alie"  
owned by Karen Baru

Best Veteran  
CH Tanzenbar Dante Rush CD  
Group 4 Veterans Groups

February 17, 2003

WD/BW  
Summit's As Wild As The Wind, "Drifter"  
owned by Sandy Dunaway & Tracey Keith

RWD  
Best Bets Trouble in Paradise  
owned by Kate Errett and Bill Ball

WB  
Mountainair's American Way, "Justice"  
owned by Darcy Babb  
NEW CHAMPION

RWB  
Prairiefire's Time To Shine, owned by  
Patty & Frank Jakos & Sharon Johnson

BB  
1st place Veterans  
CH Eur-Am's Enough Already CD NA,  
"Ready"  
owned by Valerie Horney  
Made the cut in Working Group

BOS  
CH Bernerliebes Gem V D Falkenfluh,  
"Gem"  
owned by Pat Hughes

## LOBBY UPDATE

At the January general meeting, club members approved an expenditure of \$500 to assist with the lobby efforts related to puppy mills and puppy mill transportation that is being supported by the BMDCA (see front page article of the last newsletter). Dr. Melcher, the BMDCA lobbyist, has forwarded a report to all regional clubs on lobby activities in 2002. In summary, Dr. Melcher has worked with the USDA Animal Care division and the AKC to:

- Develop strong relationships between these groups and the BMDCA for a stronger voice on legislative issues,

- Promote activities of BARC, such as financial outlay and veterinarian care for auctioned dogs, to demonstrate our commitment to our breed,

- Relay of information to various groups relating to inhumane treatment of animals that BARC representatives have witnessed at auctions,

- Discuss current puppy mill auction issues to include conditions of puppy mills, transportation of animals from foreign countries,

- Successfully request an assessment of the health of a Bernese Mountain Dog puppy flying to the USA from overseas which begins groundwork for further inspection of dog transports by foreign airlines as well as raising the standards for animal transport.

Goals for 2003 include continued monitoring of the Animal Welfare Act, which could be problematic for responsible dog breeders as well as increase costs of the USDA to inspect kennels. The condition of dog auctions will also remain as a top priority item as well as beginning to investigate internet dog sales. Periodic updates will be published in our newsletter so we are kept apprised of legislative activities relating to the welfare of our breed.

# Membership Report - March 2003

— Stacy Temples —

Hello everyone. We are making some changes in how membership is managed. In the past we have waited until the spring or even summer to put out a directory as late renewals trickled in. Last year I was not able to get one published as other aspects of club membership were taking over. There has been a huge increase in the number of phone calls to membership and the club is steadily growing. It has become impossible to give each person that calls, the time they need and still be able to return every call left on my machine. Usually there are at least 10 calls a week and one day alone I had 16 messages. It has become overwhelming! The membership committee needs more than one person and preferably 3 or 4 to take care of different jobs. So I am asking for help!!! Please contact me if you want to be involved with the membership committee.

I'm very happy that Pam Solomon has agreed to take on the job of Membership Database Manager. Pam has been a database applications developer for a nationwide company for many years and she has also maintained and done mailings with an international membership database of over 500 members. Pam and I are working together to upgrade the current database program and hopefully make it usable with either PC or Macintosh format. Pam will then continue with database management.

In order to make it easier for people to get membership information and to become members we are making some other changes. Phil Shaffer has placed the information and club application, code of ethics form and renewal forms on our club website. This way people who learn about the BMDCR from the web can access it directly. Thank You! Phil!! Why didn't we think of this earlier? The phone calls to membership have decreased since this happened. Karen

Baru has agreed to include an application and membership information in the educational packet she mails out in response to our club's newspaper ads. I would still like help with phone calls, especially if you are in the Denver or Colorado Springs area and are willing to return local calls. Please contact me to help out with membership.

The 2003 directories were mailed in January this year. If you did not receive one, check to see if your name is listed below in the non-renews. Otherwise let me know if there is a problem. For those of you who have not renewed this is your last free newsletter. Please let me know if you are choosing to drop your membership so there is no question. If you want to renew, please send me the renewal form and your dues check ASAP. The renewal form can be found at our club web site <http://www.bmd.org/bmd/bmdcr.html>

#### *Non renewed for 2003:*

Darcy Babb, Ina Bernard, Chris Bierman, Andrea Boortz, Nancy Carrington, Amie & Steve Chitwood, Sharon Christopher, Kim Collins, Kathy Deyo, Mary Ann Fly, Kimberly Garrett, Susan German, Cheryl Gillpatrick, Jean Gottenborg, Michele Hobbs, Jeanne Johnson, Samantha Lovett, Tracy McCandless, Nancy McKenna, Charity McLaughlin, Arden & Marilyn Merckle, Christina Ohlsen, Elizabeth Owen-Russell, Ted & Beth Shaw Randolph, Lynne & Rick Robinson, Mary Rogers, Todd Snyder, Patricia Wellinger, Jolene Whitney, John Worrell & Christine Bohan.

*Please welcome our new members:* Esther Wilson from Montana as a new Sustaining member and Joan Carter as a Voting member and her daughter Aubrey as a Junior member from Colorado. Their memberships were approved at the January 2003 meeting.

The following people will be voted on at the March 2003 meeting.

#### *New Voting Member Applicant:*

Sharon Keefer,  
519 Aberdeen Ave.  
Littleton, CO 80120-2711  
303-795-7938  
[SMKeefer@aol.com](mailto:SMKeefer@aol.com)

Sharon has been a sustaining member since March 2001. Her sponsors are Karen Baru and Jacqueline Schuck. Sharon is the owner of CH Summit's Oh-Be-Joyful (F,9/18/00) and Summit's Climb Evry Mountain (F,7/26/01) from Sandy Dunaway. She shows her dogs in conformation.

#### *New Sustaining Member Applicants:*

Melissa Rice  
74 Yarrow Lane  
Keystone, CO 80435  
970-262-9212  
[kenrrice@hotmail.com](mailto:kenrrice@hotmail.com)

Melissa is retired and is the wife of Ken Rice who is also a BMDCR member. They own two dogs, Stardust Solid Granite (M,3/20/01) and Stardust key West (M,7/27/02), both from Linda Jaska in Texas. They show their dogs in conformation and are beginning in obedience. She is also interested in health issues, and therapy work. They owned Collies many years ago. They have never bred a litter of puppies and they are members of the BMDCA too. Melissa says she wants to keep aware of the issues concerning the breed, to learn more and to meet people with the same interests. Also she can help as needed since she and Ken are retired now. (Note: Melissa's name was published in the directory already as an error.)

Carolyn Marriner  
PO Box 400  
Cotopaxi, CO 81223  
719-942-4487

Carolyn is a retired CPA who owns two dogs from Lynn Wood. Her dogs are Lorien Dell's Sweet Mistreater (F,4/25/00) and Lorien Dell's Seven Ravens (M,11/7/02). She wants to participate in club activities and to meet other breeders and owners. She also owns Dachsunds and has owned Rescue Greyhounds and Jack Russell Terriers in the past. She can help at

summer events as her schedule allows. She trains and shows her dogs in conformation and obedience. She is also interested in breeding, agility, and therapy work. She has bred 2 litters of AKC registered Dachshunds and 2 litters of non AKC registered JRTerriers. She has been a member of the BMDCA since 2001.

Heidi & Dane Elliott  
7817 S. Forest St.  
Centennial CO, 80122  
720-488-5688

[heidi.elliott@firstdatacorp.com](mailto:heidi.elliott@firstdatacorp.com)

They work in marketing and are owners of Hobnobins Michelle My Bell (Misha) (F,3/28/02) from Michelle Hobbs. They are interested in obedience, search & rescue, tracking, therapy work and backpacking. They want to meet other people with Berners and are willing to be part of committees and to help plan events.

Kristin Crow  
3440 Windmill Dr. #6-4  
Fort Collins, CO 80526  
970-282-3565

[kristinanddennis@msn.com](mailto:kristinanddennis@msn.com)

She is self-employed and does not currently own a BMD but she is interested in health issues, obedience, carting, and therapy. She hopes to get a Berner in the near future and would like to start learning any information she can. She used to own an Alaskan Malamute. Kristin is willing to help the club with promotion and volunteering.

#### *Membership Updates:*

Lindsey Nygaard, daughter of Gretchen Nygaard and former junior member is now an adult Sustaining member of the BMDCR.

#### DIRECTORY ADDITIONS/CHANGES

The following people have renewed for 2003 so please mark your directory accordingly. "(03)"

V = Voting  
S =Sustaining

Robert Anema-S, Teresa Dominguez-S,  
Craig Harrison-S, Maris Lerner-S,  
Christine Mann-V, Gretchen &  
Lindsey Nygaard-SS, (See their new

address below.) Cindi Rodman-V,  
Jeanne Schoech-S, Susan VanDeMark-S and  
Lynette Weaver-S.

#### CHANGES

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970-523-0946  
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Susan VanDeMark  
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207-883-3423 (Home)  
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Gretchen & Lindsey Nygaard  
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Sonora, CA 95370  
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Sharon Keefer  
303-795-7938 (Home)

Lynette Weaver  
[Lynette.Weaver@starband.net](mailto:Lynette.Weaver@starband.net)

Laura Haupenthal  
[22wizards@msn.com](mailto:22wizards@msn.com)

People who want their newsletter by e-mail only:

Based on what was written on their renewal forms, the following people no longer want to receive the newsletter by regular snail mail. Dottie will be sending them out by e-mail only to the people listed below. If this is in error please let me or Dottie know. Thanks.

Jaime & Dave Arnold, Doug & Fay Benson, John & MJ Berendes, Jean Clayton, Kevin & Elena Clement, Cathy Davis, Terri Dittmer, Sandy Dunaway, Nancy Fuselier, Amy & Ruben Gonzalez, Robert Griffith, Valerie Horney, Eden Jonas, Sara Karl, Sharon Keefer, Tim & Sandy Kemper, Sharon Montville, Denise & Daniel Prewitt, Veronica Ross, Jeni Shelton, Jared & Eileen Slattery, Barry & Pam Solomon, Jeanne Stanwood, Sid & Liz Steinweg, Gail Todaro, Nadja Torling & Ryan Johnson.

## CLASSIFIEDS

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### CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'! TRANSPORTATION SCHEMIN'!

Cindy Still and Sharon Montville are driving to the 2003 National Specialty in California. We are going in Cindy's van and have room for more. Human passengers share gas money; canine passengers traveling "solo" will be well-cared for and transported for a fee. Please contact Cindy for details at 495-7147.

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### HELP WANTED

Newsletter co-editor needed. Work from home with only a few short trips to Kinkos and the post office. Responsibilities include collecting information from club members for publication, writing articles for member education, printing and mailing of newsletter. Formatting done by co-editor who has expertise in graphic publications, is flexible and very creative. Must have computer capabilities. Contact Dottie Schulte or Patti Morgan if interested.

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## BMDCR- SPONSORED CERF EYE and HEARTWORM CLINIC

**Saturday, March 15**

Eye Exam: \$20  
Heartworm Test : \$18

For appointments call:  
Nancy Fuselier DVM  
719-531-7366

*Veterinary Eye Clinic*  
Dr. Todd Hammond  
7630 West 39th Avenue  
Wheat Ridge, Colorado

South of I-70, just west  
of Wadsworth on 39th Avenue



**Mary Bugg making strides at the Colorado Kennel Club show.**

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## **BMDCR Club Information**

### **Meetings**

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies holds regular meetings on the fourth Sunday of January, March, September and November, unless members are otherwise notified. There is an educational program followed by a business meeting. All programs begin at 2:00 p.m., and the business meeting about an hour later. Location of meetings will be announced each newsletter. Do not bring dogs to these meetings.

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. Please mark your calendars to reserve these dates for 2002. There may also be additional events – club-sponsored fun matches, club fund-raising activities, our supported entry or regional specialty, breeders showcases, or other all-breed events open to Berners – held at other times during the course of the year. You will be notified of these events through the newsletter.

### **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.

The newsletter is sent free of charge to all BMDCR members in good standing and to other regional Berner clubs that send us their newsletters. 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 OFA, GDC, 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.

At the September 22, 1991 general meeting, our club voted to follow the format used by the BMDCA for all Litter Box advertising in our newsletter. 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 GDC, OFA, OVC numbers for hips and elbows, including the letter rating and age in months at evaluation. The statement, 'elbows negative for dysplasia,' appearing on OFA certificates issued before institution of the OFA elbow registry, may be used." (October 1991 Alpenhorn) BMDCR Breeder Referral guidelines were modified by vote of the General members on November 18, 2001.

### **Classified Advertising/Display 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 Deadlines 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.

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