



# MOUNTAIN DOG MESSENGER

NEWSLETTER OF THE BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG  
CLUB OF THE ROCKIES

March / April 2005

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## Upcoming Club Events

3/5/05.....Eye Clinic  
 4/23/05.....Draft Test

Next Meeting:

**March 27, 2005**

11:30 Board Meeting  
 1:00 General Meeting  
 2:00 Speaker

Place:

5614 S. Ivy Ct.  
 Greenwood Village, CO  
 (directions on back page)

## *BMDCR Draft Test*

*Springtime in the Rockies Draft Test*  
*April 23, 2005*

*Haney Park, Rampart Range Rd.*  
*Littleton, Colorado*

*Judges: Fay Benson and Ruth Nielsen*

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*Entries close April 13, 2005*

## **Dog Sense from Jeanne Stanwood**

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

-Anonymous

Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.

-Ann Landers

If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went.

-Will Rogers

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.

-Ben Williams

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.

-Josh Billings

## FUTURE MEETING PROGRAMS

For the **March Program (after our general meeting)** our speaker will be Heidi Elliott from the Denver Dumb Friends League, one of America's preeminent animal welfare organizations. Heidi will present a talk describing the League's mission, challenges and programs with an emphasis on dogs. We all know the problem we face with puppy mills and the DDFL's perspective on the dog over population problem will be of interest to every Berner owner. Also, contrary to some opinion, the DDFL is happy to work with pure-breed clubs in the interest of improving dog's lives.

### **Program for May Meeting**

"Congenital Heart Disease Screening with an Emphasis on Subaortic Stenosis (SAS)" presented by Carroll Loyer, DVM, Diplomate ACVIM (Cardiology)

Dr. Loyer is a Board-Certified Veterinary Cardiologist in practice with his associate, Dr. Julie Martin, at the VRCC Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Hospital. To read Dr. Loyer's biography, go to [www.vrcc.com/cardiology\\_bio\\_main.shtml](http://www.vrcc.com/cardiology_bio_main.shtml).

#### **Club Officers**

President.....Val Horney  
Vice President.....TBD  
Secretary.....Angela Hanson  
Treasurer.....Sara Karl

#### **Directors**

Linda Ansfield Sharon Keefer  
Phil Shaffer Elaine Witulski  
Laura Haupenthal

#### **Memberships**

For a membership application or information on becoming a member of the BMDCR, please contact:

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Fort Collins, CO 80522

#### **BMDCR Breed Contact**

##### **Information Line:**

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303-841-9262

#### **Newsletter Editors**

Angela Hanson  
(starlightbmd@att.net)  
Sharon Keefer  
(sharonkeefer@comcast.net)

**May 7th - Denver Dumb Friends League Furry Scurry!!!** The website is at [www.ddfl.org](http://www.ddfl.org) There was a BMDCR group that met and went last year!

### **BMDCR CERF Eye and Heartworm Clinic Saturday March 5, 2005**

The Veterinary Eye Clinic  
7630 W. 39th Ave  
Wheat Ridge, Co.

Eye Exam: \$20.00

#### **For an appointment contact:**

**Nancy Fuselier DVM**  
**(719) 531-7366**  
**by Friday, March 4th**

It is time again for our annual eye and heartworm clinic. Appointments will be taken from 8 am to 3 pm. Allow for at least 45 minutes for the entire visit because the dog's eyes must be dilated. Please bring your dogs AKC registration number and microchip or tattoo number to complete the forms for CERF.

We will provide a form indicating the heartworm test results for you to take back to your veterinarian.

#### **Directions:**

**From the south:** take I-25 to exit 209 AB (6th Ave), Go west on 6th Ave about 3 miles to Wadsworth, Go north on Wadsworth to 39th Ave, turn left at 39th Ave, The clinic is on the corner of Wadsworth and 39th.

**From the north:** Take I-25 to I-70, Go west on I-70 to Wadsworth, go south on Wadsworth to 39th, turn right at 39th.

## MEMBERSHIP

- STACY TEMPLES -

Hello Everyone! I hope you are all enjoying the spring snow. The official renewal deadline for 2005 membership has past. Below is the list of people who did not renew.

### 2005 Non Renewals

Jaime & Dave Arnold, Ina Bernard, Stacie Bianco & Douglas Foster, Kristen Buechner, Lori Campbell, Paul & Sonia Chizzo, Barbara Clark, Stacy & Ami Clay, Carole Dlugasch, Jean Gottenborg, Heather Hutto, Tyler Irwin, Aaron, & Agnes Jacks, Meris Lerner, Jason & Nicole Leverone, Robyn Loffrdo, Sue Lugdon, Debbie Manning, Lydia McNeese, Arden & Marilyn Merckle, Susan Merriman, Leanne Nakashima, Malcolm Packer, Toby Pitchford, Daniel & Denise Prewitt, Maria Schmitt, Kevin Shipley, Jared & Eileen Slattery, Jane Sorrick, Marie-France St. Pierre & Michael Witkowski, Heather Swanson, Alice Warino, Darlene Weinheimer, Michelle Hurni, Dean Allum, Michelle Rees & Colin Rittgers, Ellen Shaeffer

The following New Voting Member Applicants will be Voted on after each applicant attends the required two BMDCR Club meetings, according to the new club bylaws. New Member Sustaining Applicants to the Club Will be voted on at the March 2005 meeting.

### Voting

**Nadja Torling**, 2707 W. 35th Ave., Denver, CO 80211, Ph.# (303) 433-4879. (E) henry.dog@comcast.net Nadja and her husband Ryan Johnson have been Sustaining members of the club since 2001. She is sponsored by Dottie Schulte & Valerie Horney. She owns Wagontale's Henry Happy Hour CGC and Wagontale's Lilla Labolina CGC. She is starting her own business as a dog trainer after working as an apprentice trainer for the past few years. She used to be a BMDCR newsletter co-editor and was responsible for graphic design and layout. She shows her dogs in conformation, obedience and trains in drafting too. She is also a national club member.

### Sustaining

**Michael Mann**, 2942 Sugarloaf Road, Boulder, CO 80302, Ph.# (303) 443-2837, (E) bluemoonbmd@earthlink.net Michael is a former voting member who joined the club in 1990. He is sponsored by Jeanne Stanwood & Doug Benson. He and his wife Christine have bred over 12 litters of Bernese under the kennel name Blue Moon. They have trained and shown their dogs in conformation, drafting and obedience for over 15 years. Michael was the BMDCR Membership Chair from 92-94; and he has been very involved as a volunteer with national and regional specialties and with the club's draft tests since the club beginnings. He is also a national club member.

**Catherine & Dr. Steven Jay Ayres**, 1741 Crestridge Dr., Greenwood Village, CO, 80121, Ph.# (303) 761-0234 The Ayres do not own a BMD yet. They are neighbors of Jean Gottenborg. They would like to learn more about the breed and be able to socialize with their dog when they get one. They can volunteer as needed and have owned mixed breeds, Shelties and Beagles in the past.

**D. Diane Seymour**, 4161 S. Pennsylvania, Englewood, CO 80113, Ph. (303) 709-3826. (E) ddianeseymour@yahoo.com Diane is a teacher who would like to have a BMD and who wants to learn more about them first. She heard about us through our website and she can help the club by setting up activities and fostering dogs. Her interests are owning a family pet, health issues, obedience, therapy and search and rescue. She owns a Cocker Spaniel now and has owned a Newfoundland in the past. She has trained in obedience and therapy for 6 years.

**Chris Manley**, 1203 East Third Avenue, Denver, CO 80218, Ph. (303) 504-0500. The Manley's own a male named Bowden Manley, (9/6/04) bred by D Clay Mowdy from OK. The sire is Gage's Jacob and the dam is Mowdy Ranch's Mountain Silky. Chris heard about the club on the internet and wants to join to learn more about their family pet. He has not been a member of a dog club or bred a litter before.

## New Members

Please welcome the following New Sustaining members who were approved at the January 23, 2005 awards meeting. We hope to see you all soon.

### **Jane Trexler**

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# MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY MEETINGS

## January 23, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Angie Hanson, Sharon Keefer, Val Horney, Elaine Witulski, Laura Haupenthal, Linda Ansfield, Phil Shaffer, Sara Karl  
General Members Present: Al Beers

Meeting Start: 10:02

**Motion** (Sara Karl) to approve board meeting minutes from last board meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laura. Approved by all. Motion passes.

**President report** - None

**Secretary report** - None

**Treasurer report** - Positive balance in all 3 accounts (checking, rescue and 180 day CD). We don't put the rescue funds into a CD because we never know when we need them. Rescue pretty much balances out between what comes in and what goes out.

**AKC Accreditation** - Everything has been sent to the AKC. Sara has not heard anything back from the AKC.

**Public Ed** - Running new ad in Denver Post. Meet the breed at Feb show.

**Regional Specialty** - Committee meeting after today's brunch. We have approval from the BMDCA. We have our judges: Clay Cody is for the regular classes. We are sharing the obedience judge with the other clubs. Sweepstakes judge is Janis Church-Stadler

**Newsletter** - Next deadline is Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to put newsletter deadline in bold so people notice it.

**Membership** - Sara had a couple of questions on some renewals. Not sure if one person had renewed last year. Had two couples that we are not sure if the 1 spouse is a member. Sara will check with Stacy.

Discussion on \$5.00 charge for opting to have the newsletter sent via Postal Service versus on-line. This was new with the current renewal period. Previous years, the club did not charge to receive the newsletter via Postal Service. One reason for the charge was the cost of printing and sending out the newsletter. **Motion** (Linda) that for the next renewal period, we will remove the \$5.00 charge. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil.

Oppose: Laura, Angie. Approve: Sharon, Val, Elaine, Linda and Phil. Motion passes. **Motion** (Phil) to add two boxes to application and renewal forms to allow members to specify how they want to receive the newsletter. The choices will be: Postal Service or On-Line. 2<sup>nd</sup> Elaine. All in favor. Motion passes.

Vice President Appointment - **Motion** (Laura) to appoint Lou as vice-president to serve out the remainder of this year. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sara. All approved. Motion passes.

## **New Business**

Request to define our meeting area. Board decided that if we decide to have a meeting outside the greater Denver Metro area, we will have the general membership vote on whether we can move that meeting outside the Greater Denver Area.

Future club meetings will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of odd number months.

For the board and general meeting minutes, we will adopt the BMDCA process. **Motion** (Phil) The secretary will e-mail the minutes to the board members for review. The board will have 1 week from receipt of minutes, to submit any corrections or clarifications. Timing must be adhered to so that the meeting minutes make it into the next newsletter. 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda. All in favor. Motion passes.

AKC has changed how they run their CGC program. Angie was the clubs tester. Board still wants a tester and will pay Angie's \$30.00 fee to remain licensed. Club will offer the CGC test at next regional. **Motion** (Sara) to pay 30 fee for Angie to continue to be a CGC tester for the club. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon. All in favor. Motion passes.

Meeting End: 11:05

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## January 23, 2005 General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Start: 12:27

Introduction of new board members: Elaine Witulski, Val Horney, Phil Shaffer

**Motion** (Sara Karl) to approve general meeting minutes from last general meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laura. Approved by all. Motion passes.

**President report** - None

**Secretary report** - None

**Treasurer report** - Positive balance in all 3 accounts (checking, rescue and 180 day CD).

**Awards Banquet** - Sara Karl thanked everyone for coming. AKC accreditation - New constitution and by-laws have been sent in. We have not heard back yet.

**Breeder Referral** - We currently have two litters on the list.

**Public education** - Ad in Denver post that we started today. Not many inquiries lately. There were 6 berner puppies in a store; when someone went over, there were two left. Need a standard packet that we could give to pet stores? Karen has disk with all the relevant BMDCA materials. Karen Baru can make it available so that other people can use it when needed.

**Events calendar** - In newsletter.

**Spring Draft Test** – Date is 4/23.

Need volunteers and trophy sponsors.  
Contact Patti Morgan.

**Historian** – Linda Adams is our new historian.

**Membership** – After renewal deadline (January 31, 2005) has passed, Sara will send all the renewal forms to Stacy Temples for archival filing. 45 voting members have renewed so far.

**Newsletter** – Next deadline is 2/15. Per member request, will look into increasing the size of the fonts used in the newsletter.

**RCC** – Carmalita White is the new national liaison person.

**Rescue** – 2 (sister and brother) dogs will be coming in this week. They are imported, 4 years old, spayed and neutered. Patti will go up to Boulder to pick them up. We are required to place them together in order for the owners to give them to us.

Also, Darcy picked up a Berner mix from a shelter in Albuquerque. If anyone is interested, contact Darcy Babb.

**Show News** – None

**Regional specialty** – Committee meeting after today's brunch. We have approval from the BMDCA. We have our judges: Clay Cody is for the regular classes. We are sharing the obedience judge with the other clubs.

**Ways and Means** – None

**New members – Motion (Dottie Shulte) to approve members as a slate.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sharon Keefer. All in favor.  
Motion passes.

The board appointed Lou Tucker as our new VP. She will fill out the term and a new VP voted on in November.

**New Business**

\$5.00 charge for paper newsletter – Board decided to remove \$5.00 charge for next renewal period. Also, renewals and applications will contain two boxes so member can check which option they want for receiving the newsletter (postal

or on-line).

Request to define meeting area further. AKC had us specify the greater Denver area, so that in the future, a club can be formed in Colorado Springs or the Fort Collins area without having a region issue. Board decided to not come up with specific definition of greater Denver area, but to use AKC's. If we have a meeting outside that area, we will put it to a vote of the membership.

Meetings will be on the fourth Sunday of odd numbered months. In November, if 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday is Thanksgiving weekend, the meeting will be the Sunday before. 11:00 board meetings. 1:00 general meeting.

Board will follow BMDCA's review process for minutes. See Board meeting minutes for this process.

AKC has changed their CGC program. Evaluators now have to take a test and be licensed. Angie Hanson will go through this process to remain licensed, and BMDCR will pay the \$30.00 fee. Will offer the CGC test at the regional.

**Motion (Dottie) to approve up to \$100.00 to put a club ad in the national specialty catalog for this year.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sara Karl. All in favor. Motion passes. Sharon Keefer and Angie Hanson will put the ad together. It will include the veterans photo from our last regional specialty.

**Motion (Dottie) to have a draft test in the fall with the regional.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Baru. All in favor. Motion passes. Dottie Shulte will be chair. Elaine Witulski will be secretary. Nadja Torling would like to help out.

We will have a pot luck on the Sunday at the Denver, February shows. Bob and MaryAnne Persons will coordinate. Pot luck will be in the free grooming area where Sara, Sharon and others will have a large space set up.

Eye and Heartworm Clinic is Sat March 5<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Nancy Fuselier to sign up for a time.

Discussed forming a task force to look at how we use the internet and on-line communication in our club. Other Berner clubs seem to do a lot more on-line than we do. For example, some clubs sell their ways and means items on-line. **Motion (Dottie) to form this task force.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sara Karl. Sharon Keefer will chair until task force gets together and votes on chair. Other task force volunteers are Angie, Karen Baru and Phil. Suggest to ask Matt Hall. If anyone is interested, contact Sharon Keefer.

**Motion (Dottie) June of '06, we will pay 1.5 years dues to cover Jan '06 to July '07. This will be a one time necessity.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sara Karl. All in favor. Motion passes.

Mary Richards is on the board of the new Peak to Peak Working Dog Association. Karen Baru and Sharon Keefer have become members. PPWDA will work toward creating another dog show weekend, in Colorado, for working dogs. They meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at the IHOP at the Hampden and Sheridan. The club would like members to have 4 years of experience to become a member and you also must have attended two meetings. More info at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Peak-to-Peak/>.

At the February, Denver Dog Shows, there is a seminar on how to run dog shows, be a dog show chairman, etc.

**Motion (Phil) BMDCR to donate \$100.00 to the Denver Dumb Friend's League at their telethon. Also, the club would match, up to \$200.00, member's pledges for the Furry Scurry.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Dottie. All in favor. Motion passes. Last year, members raised \$750 for the Furry Scurry. BMDCR matched that up to \$200.00.

Eye and heart clinics at Feb shows.

**Motion (Phil) adjourn.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sara Karl. Meeting adjourned at 1:25.

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SHOW NEWS

**Castle Rock (Jan 15-16)**

Questa (Brighteye R Questa Win) received her first Novice Jumper Preferred Leg.

**Pikes Peak Obedience Club (June 29-30)**

Kylee (Rogel's many stars of nighttime) Qualified in all 4 of her agility runs at this trial. This was her first agility trial and she was in the Novice Preferred classes for both standard and jumpers. She place 2nd in both standard and jumpers on Saturday and 1st in both classes on Sunday.



and our winner is ...

**CKC (Feb 19)**

Questa received her second Novice Preferred Jumpers Leg and first Novice Preferred Standard leg. She received a first place in jumpers and a second place in standard.



**2005 Regional Specialty Show**

BMDCR will again host a BMDCA Regional Specialty Show in conjunction with the Evergreen Kennel Club All-Breed Shows at Island Grove Park in Greeley. The Regional Specialty will be held on **Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**. The EKC shows will follow on Saturday and Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

BMDCR's **Fall Draft Test** will be held on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at the same location (to be confirmed). **CGC Testing** will also be offered on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Judges** for the Regional Specialty Show will be Mr. Clay Coady (Conformation and Junior Showmanship), Mrs. Janis Church-Stadler (Veteran and Puppy Sweepstakes), and Ms. Susan Oviatt (Obedience Trials).

A special event will be offered this year to recognize Bernese Mountain Dog therapy dogs. All who enter the **Salute to Therapy Dogs** will be presented with a beautiful patch that can be sewn onto the vests of these special working dogs. Dogs in the Salute to Therapy Dogs do not have to be entered in other events to participate.

Another first this year will be the inclusion of **Rally** competition at the EKC shows on Saturday and Sunday.

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Watch for more Regional Specialty updates in *The Messenger*. And consider contributing to the success of the show by donating a raffle item and sponsoring a trophy! Trophy sponsorship can be a wonderful tribute to special Berner friend, and this raffle is a fabulous fundraiser for BMDCR.

**To Sponsor a Trophy  
Please Contact**

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**karl3106@adelphia.net**  
**719-534-9056**

**To Donate a Raffle Item  
Please Contact**

**Patti Morgan**  
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**2005 Show Committee**

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- Hospitality ..... Dottie Schulte
- Obedience Chairman ... Lou Tucker
- Raffle / Ways & Means.. Patti Morgan
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- Advertising ..... Sharon Keefer  
Angela Hanson
- Special Event for Therapy Dogs .....  
Sharon Keefer  
Chris Mann
- Draft Test ..... Dottie Schulte  
Elaine Witulski
- CGC Test ..... Angela Hanson

IN MEMORY OF



Blumoon's Broadway Joe NDD DD CGC  
7/7/00 to 1/10/05  
4 years, 6 months and three days of joy  
Euthanized: Anaplastic hematopoietic round cell  
tumors. (acute liver failure)  
Mr. Pretty Paws  
JoeJoe  
Joseph  
SlowJoe  
BigBad Joe  
Hey Handsome  
And always, always: Mr. Happy  
So sadly missed: Jeanne, Rip, and Ben Stanwood



CH Tanzenbar Dante Rush CS HIC NDD BNDD DD BDD TDI GCG  
"Dante"  
7/20/93 - 1/6/05

**BMDCR Information** (club website: <http://www.bmd.org/bmdcr.html> )

**Meetings:** The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies holds 6 meetings per year in the odd number months. Location, date and time of the meetings are announced in each newsletter. The club also holds an annual banquet, berner fiesta and berner noel each year.

**Directions to Meeting:** From I-25 North or South, take the Orchard Road (Exit 198). Go West 1.2 miles and then take a right onto Orchard Drive. Go 0.1 miles and take a right onto S Ivy St. S Ivy St turns into S. Ivy Ct. House is at the end.

**Classified Advertising/Display Advertising:** The BMDCR newsletter accepts classified ads. Classified advertising should be sent to the newsletter editor. The editor may edit the ad in order to fit it in the newsletter. Rates are as follows: Full Page: \$25, Half Page \$15, 1/4 Page: \$10, Business Card: \$5. Full and half page ads include the use of one photo. Additional photos cost \$10 each. Checks should be made out to the BMDCR.

**Newsletter deadline:** The BMDCR newsletter is published bi-monthly. All articles, reports and ads must be received by the editor on the 15th of February, April, June, August, October, and December for the next month's issue.

### **Yearbooks**

The yearbooks are finally available. They are \$42.00 plus \$4.00 if you want it shipped to you.

Contact Patti Morgan at 719-494-0148, if you would like a yearbook.

### **NEED a VwD TEST FAST?**

**But don't want to pay \$140?**

**Or wait for a clinic to close out?**

**The BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF THE ROCKIES is offering the test for \$110 available immediately.**

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