



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

March BMDCR Meeting Sunday , March 22

Board Meeting 12 Noon
General Meeting 1 PM

DRAFT PRACTICE WILL FOLLOW THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Bob and Lou Tucker's

7155 W. Montview Lane
Littleton, Colorado

From C-470, go south on Sante Fe for about 3 miles. At the sign "Titan Road 3/4 miles" get in the left turn lane and go left onto Lakeside Drive into Chatfield Estates. Turn at the first left onto Pineview the turn at the first right onto Montview Lane. House is about 3/4 of the way up Montview Lane on the left. Phone 303-791-4425 if you get lost.

Meetings

Unless members are otherwise notified, meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of January, March, May, July, September and November at Laura and Al's house at 5614 S. Ivy Ct. in Greenwood Village. Board Meetings start at 11:30 AM and the General Meetings start at 1 PM. From I-25 North or South, exit on Orchard Rd. Go west about one mile and turn right onto E. Orchard Drive. Take the third right onto S. Ivy St. which turns into S. Ivy Ct. 5614 S. Ivy Ct. is the tan house at the end of the street.

Key Facts about Canine Influenza "Dog Flu" from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention

It is prime season for human influenza "did you get your flu shot". But canine influenza has become concerning and the CDC has published the following information so pet owners will be informed about this epidemic in animals.

What is canine influenza "dog flu"?

Dog flu is a contagious respiratory disease in dogs caused by a specific Type A influenza virus referred to as a "canine influenza virus." This is a disease of dogs, not of humans.

What is a canine influenza virus?

The "canine influenza virus" is an influenza A H3N8 influenza virus "not a human influenza virus" that was originally an equine "horse" influenza virus. This virus has spread to dogs and can now spread between dogs.

How long has canine influenza been around?

The H3N8 equine influenza virus has been known to exist in horses for more than 40 years. In 2004, however, cases of an unknown respiratory illness in dogs "initially greyhounds" were reported. An investigation showed that this respiratory illness was caused by the equine influenza A H3N8 virus. Scientists believe that this virus jumped species "from horses to dogs" and has now adapted to cause illness in dogs and spread efficiently among dogs. This is now considered a new dog-specific lineage of H3N8. In September of 2005, this virus was identified by experts as "a newly emerging pathogen in the dog population" in the United States.

What are the symptoms of this infection in dogs?

The symptoms of this illness in dogs are cough, runny nose and fever, however, a small proportion of dogs can develop severe disease.

How serious is this infection in dogs?

The number of dogs infected with this disease that die is very small. Some dogs have asymptomatic infections "no symptoms", while some have severe infections. Severe illness is characterized by the onset of pneumonia. Although this is a relatively new cause of disease in dogs and nearly all dogs are susceptible to infection, about 80 percent of dogs will have a mild form of disease.

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Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies

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How does dog flu spread?

Canine influenza virus can be spread by direct contact with respiratory secretions from infected dogs, by contact with contaminated objects, and by people moving between infected and uninfected dogs. Therefore, dog owners whose dogs are coughing or showing other signs of respiratory disease should not participate in activities or bring their dogs to facilities where other dogs can be exposed to the virus. Clothing, equipment, surfaces, and hands should be cleaned and disinfected after exposure to dogs showing signs of respiratory disease.

Is there a test for canine influenza?

Testing to confirm canine influenza virus infection is available at veterinary diagnostic centers. The tests can be performed using respiratory secretions collected at the time of disease onset or using two blood samples; the first collected while the animal is sick and the second 2 to 3 weeks later.

How is canine influenza treated?

Treatment largely consists of supportive care. This helps the dog mount an immune response. In the milder form of the disease, this care may include medication to make your dog more comfortable and fluids to ensure that your dog remains well-hydrated. Broad spectrum antibiotics may be prescribed by your veterinarian if a secondary bacterial infection is suspected.

Is there a vaccine for canine influenza?

There are no canine influenza vaccines licensed in the United States for use in dogs at this time.

What is the risk to humans from this virus?

To date, there is no evidence of transmission of canine influenza virus from dogs to people and there has not been a single reported case of human infection with the canine influenza virus. While this virus infects dogs and spreads between dogs, there is no evidence that this virus infects humans.

However, human infections with new influenza viruses "against which the human population has little immunity" would be concerning if they occurred. Influenza viruses are constantly changing and it is possible for a virus to change so that it could infect humans and spread easily between humans. Such a virus could represent a pandemic influenza threat. For this reason, CDC and its partners are monitoring the H3N8 influenza virus "as well as other animal influenza viruses" along with instances of possible human exposure to these viruses very closely. In general, however, canine influenza viruses are considered to pose a low threat to humans. As mentioned earlier, while these viruses are well established in horse and dog populations, there is no evidence of infection among humans with this virus.

My dog has a cough what should I do?

Schedule an appointment with your veterinarian so that they can evaluate your dog and recommend an appropriate course of treatment.

Where can I find more information on canine influenza virus?

More information on canine influenza in pet dogs can be found in this article: Influenza A Virus "H3N8" in Dogs with Respiratory Disease, Florida in Emerging Infectious Diseases journal.

In addition, the following websites may provide additional information about particular animal diseases or conditions, or infection control practices:

- o CDC Healthy Pets Healthy People - www.cdc.gov/healthypets
- o American Veterinary Medical Association - www.avma.org
- o Association of Shelter Veterinarians - www.sheltervet.org

Awards Banquet

Thirty-five BMDCR club members gathered on January 25th at Marie Calander Restaurant to recognize and celebrate our club members and their dogs who had earned titles in 2008. Over 40 dogs received title certificates, an impressive number that demonstrates the dedication of our club members to maintain the breed standard as well as our commitment to retain the working abilities of our dogs. Long time club members Jeanne and Rip Stanwood were honored with the Kathy Roth Award for their years of service to our club as shown by their willingness to always help out at any club event, sometimes showing up without even being asked. Between the two Stanwoods, we have had draft chairpersons and secretary, draft stewards, specialty ring stewards, board members, newsletter editor. . .nearly every position that can be held within our club. We appreciate their contributions to the BMDCR.

Thank you to all party planners. . .Lou Tucker, Pam Solomon, Alice Gordon (who took over doing the certificates) and Fidoughs for the doggie treats.



Socializing with fellow Berner lovers.



Just sitting and waiting to toast the accomplishments of our dogs



New president and party planner Pam Solomon announces the awards for our dogs accomplishments from 2008



Rip Stanwood accepts the Kathy Roth award for he and wife Jeanne, long time BMDCR members and always supporters and helpers at club events

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test
Sponsored by The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies



May 17, 2009

**Cherry Creek Reservoir
Dixon Grove Picnic Area**

Judges Sue Sanvido and Fred Helmbold

**Test Secretary Patti Wellinger
pwellin@law.du.edu or 303-283-9949**

**Test Chairperson Christine Mann
bluemoonbmd@earthlink.com or 303-443-2837**

BMDCR Membership Column: March/April 2009
- Stacy Temples -

Please welcome the following new Voting Member whose application was approved on January 25, 2009.

Mary Ellen Guy
7065 W. Pineview Drive
Littleton, CO, 80125-9633
Ph.# (720) 344-0471
E) mary.guy@q.com.

New Voting Member Applicant
Beverly Hilmes, in Texas:
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Flower Mound, TX 75022-6340
HPh.# (817) 430-2850
CPh.# (214) 505-0122
Colorado information:
7 Ridge Road, Westcliffe
CO 81252-8518.
HPh.# (719) 783 0762.
E) Bernese4me@aol.com

Their current Bernese:

CH Crystal Creek's cruising Thyme (Jag),
(M, 4/29/2003) BG# 39210, from Dawn Letry.

CH Swisskiss The Sky's The Limit
(Skyler), (F, 3/18/2005) BG# 26596, from
Madelaine Knowles.

Swisskiss Love Walks In (Shiner) (M,
1/13/2008) BG# 57753, also from
Madelaine Knowles.

Lin Cars Special Dark Girl V Biergarten
(Amber), (F, 5/15/2008) BG# 60326,
from Linda Carney.

Beverly and her husband Michael (see
below) currently live in Texas and they
are planning to retire in Colorado.
They have been Bernese owners since
1996. They had a Rough Collie earlier.

They would like to join the club to meet
people and to enjoy the fellowship of
others who love this breed. They can
volunteer for committees and be active
and support the club. Beverly trains her
dogs in conformation and obedience.
She has not bred a litter before. Beverly
has been active in the Lone Star BMD
Club as a Secretary, a Director, a
President and as a V.P. She has also been
active in the BMDCA as a Texas breed
steward and as the BMDCA Public Ed.
Chair for 4 years. Both are sponsored
by Valerie Horney and Sandy Dunaway.
Attended the January 25, 2009 Awards
Banquet & Meeting. Application voted on
pending second meeting attendance

New Sustaining Member Applicant
Michael Hilmes - see above.
E) mlhilmes@aol.com

SHOW REPORT by Lou Tucker

1/3/09 Nolan River K.C.

W/BW Summit's Starlight Starbright "Addie"
Owned by Sarah Holbert & Sandy Dunaway

BB CH Summit's Lord Greystoke V Loriendell
Owned by Richard File & Sandy Dunaway

1/4/09

RWB Summit's Starlight Starbright "Addie"
Owned by Sarah Holbert & Sandy Dunaway

1/11/09 Columbine State Poodle Club

Agility Standard Open Preferred - 2nd place **NEW TITLE**
Wagontale Henry's Happy Hour CD RE OAP NJP DD "Henry"
Owned by Nadja Torling & Ryan Johnson

1/19/09 Longs Peak DTC

Rally Advanced A - 1st leg & 4th place 93
Rescue Me Baby RN
Owned by Patty Wellinger

1/17/09 - 1/19/09 LPDTC

3 First Place wins - scores 96,98,98 **Rally Novice Title**
Digby's Keep on the Sunnyside "Sadie"
Owned by Kristen Price

2/5/2009 Lost Dutchman Kennel Club

BB CH Nashems Play It Again Sapphire "Rufio"
Owned by Lynn & George Wood, Sara Karl & Carol Arbutnot

2/6/2009 Lost Dutchman Kennel Club

OS "Rufio"

2/7/09 Sahuro State Kennel Club

BB "Rufio"

2/8/09 Sahuro State Kennel Club

BB "Rufio"

2/12/09 - 2/16/09 DENVER CLUSTER

Rally Advanced - score 92 **NEW TITLE**
Wagontale's Radiant Camber CGC,RN
Owned by Alice Gordon, Steven Clark & Stacy Temples

Rally Novice **NEW TITLE**

CH Alderfer Baran Am Davieau "Baran"
Owned by Patti Davieau and Cathy Davis

Rally Advanced Excellent Legs 2/13, 2/14
CH Wagontale's Lady of the Lake RE, DD, BDD, CD
Owned by Pam and Barry Solomon and Stacy Temples

Agility Novice Fast Preferred - 3rd place

Wagontale Henry's Happy Hour CD RE OAP NJP DD "Henry"
Owned by Nadja Torling & Ryan Johnson

2/12/09 PEAK TO PEAK WRKG DOG ASSN of CO

Veteran Sweepstakes

BSV CH Prairefire's Bedtime Story "P.J."
Owned by Sharon Johnson

OSV CH Springs Sandia CD "Sandy"
Owned by Nancy Fuselier

WD Pinnacle's H-3 Like Nothing Else "Hummer"
Owned by Theresa Dominguez & Eden Jonas

RWD Springs Woodland Moose "Moose"
Owned by Nancy Fuselier

WB/BW/OS Prairefire's Worth My Weight in Gold
Owned by Christine Lancaster & Sharon Johnson

BPY Summits Drops of Jupiter V Joyful "Juno"
Owned by Sharon Keefer & Sandy Dunaway

BB CH Mountaineer's Genuine Draft
Owned by Darcy Babb

Junior Showmanship - Open Junior
1st Placement - Mary Bugg

2/13/09 PLUM CREEK KENNEL CLUB

BPY Prairefire's Wild West Show from Sundance
Owned by Michele Connally & Sharon Johnson

WD/BW Prairefire's Bright Flash
Owned by Randi & Terry Jarret & S. Johnson

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

WB/OS Loriendell's Sugar Plum Phantom
Owned by Gayle & Stan Brooks Lynn Wood & Bridget Pieffer

RWB Milagro's Light of Stars V Joyful Summit "Luna"
Owned by Ann & Bill Daily, Sharon Keefer & Sandy Dunaway

BB CH Ebnet's Hired Gun from Zanzebern NAP "Marshall"
Owned by Valerie Horney & Lisa Ebnet

2/14/09 PLUM CREEK KENNEL CLUB

WD/BW Pinnacle's Highlander
Owned by Bea & Lawrence Duncan & Eden Jonas

RWD Pinnacle's H-3 Like Nothing Else "Hummer"
Owned by Theresa Dominguez & Eden Jonas

OCTOBERFEST

Come Join Us September 4th, 2009

**BMDCR Third Independent Specialty
Island Grove Park, Greeley**



Judges

Sweepstakes
Conformation
Rally, Obedience and Juniors

Judy Mears
Gail Vogel
Linda Scanlon

Contact the show committee if you would like to help at the festivities

Show Chairperson
Assistant show Chairperson
Obedience Chairperson
Rally Chairperson
Chief Ring Steward
Assistant Ring Steward
Marketing and Logo
Grounds
Trophies
Morning & Judges Hospitality
Evening Reception

Dottie Schulte
Lou Tucker
Jeanne Stanwood
Alice Gordon
Rip Stanwood
Pam Solomon
Sharon Keefer
Bob Tucker
Sara Karl
Candy McDanal
JoAnna Hughes
Dottie Schulte
Lou Tucker
OPEN

Ways and Means

Help is needed for all committees (note Ways and Means chairperson is open!). Mentoring available. If interested in sponsoring a trophy contact Sara Karl (karl3106@comcast.net)

Attention all bernese tracking dogs! Is there a future for you in conservation? By Ron Abbott

The winter 2008 issue of Nature Conservancy magazine reports that dogs are beginning to be used in work contributing to the conservation of rare plant and animal species. Rogue, a Belgian sheep dog, has been trained to assist Oregon field biologists in surveys for Kinkaid's lupine, itself a threatened species and the sole food source for caterpillars of the even rarer Fendler's blue butterfly. Rogue air-scents the lupine within a defined search area, locates individual plants, and sits beside them until his human coworkers can catch up to him and record population data for the plant.

Plant species possess unique compounds which impart distinctive odors - think of the fragrance of marigolds and tomato plants which even humans can perceive. But that marvelous sense of smell possessed by our canine companions may hold even greater promise: some day not only individual rare plant species, but entire pristine ecosystem types may be discerned by trained conservation dogs keying on unique, complex odor signatures which only they can detect.

Through their sense of smell, our dogs already contribute to human lives by finding lost children and helping diagnose some forms of cancer.

Eventually dogs may also enrich our lives by assisting in protection of the diversity of life itself.





HIGH COUNTRY NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB
Serving Newf Fanciers in Colorado, Wyoming & New Mexico

2009 High Country Newfoundland Club Draft Tests Saturday and Sunday April 18th and 19th, 2009

All Breed Test Draft Test to follow Newfs on Sunday

* Specialty Carting - Saturday, April 18th
Open to all breeds

Memorial Park - 8001 W 59th Ave, Arvada CO 80001
Directly behind City Hall and the Arvada Police Department

Judges - Judi Adler - Sherwood Oregon
Sue Raney - Arvada, Colorado

Entries close at 6 pm, Wednesday, April 8, 2009
Earliest postmark for entries is February 1, 2009

This test is held under the NCA Draft Test regulations revised October 30, 1999.

Mail entries to:

Maria Rizzuto
HCNC Draft Test Secretary
3305 Beech Court
Golden, CO 80401
303-279-7343
mariarizzuto@comcast.net

Newfoundland Club of America Test limited to a maximum of 15 entries.
Specialty carting entries limited to 10 entries. All Breed entries limited to 10 entries.

Zen master Seung Sahn and several students were invited to stay at a fellow student's house in the country. The student had a large dog which spent time hanging around the porch, wagging its tail and barking at strangers. That evening, when everyone was sitting around the fireplace, the dog settled down next to Seung Sahn.

The master leaned over the dog and said: " Here's a question for you that no Zen student can answer. The Buddha said that all things have Buddha-nature. But when asked if dogs have Buddha-nature, Chao-chou said "Mu", which means no. So I ask you, do you have Buddha-nature?"

"Woof!" - the dog let out a mighty bark.

"Ah, you are wiser than Chao-chou!"



Mile High Rottweiler Club Draft Test

The Mile High Rottweiler Club is holding its carting test Sunday, April 26 at Boulder County Fairgrounds.

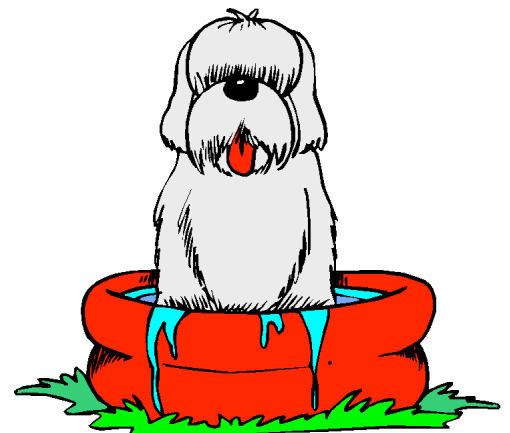
The premium should be posted on the MHRC website,
www.milehighrotties.org
in the next week or so.

Secretary is Kathy Howse,
rottngsd@yahoo.com.

Pupsicles

Summer will be here before we know it.
To help your furry friend cool down

Combine one cup plain yogurt, one ripe banana smashed and one quarter cup water in a blender or food processor till smooth. Pour into ice cube trays sprayed with a no-stick cooking spray and freeze. For a variation add crumbly bits from the bottom of the dog biscuits boxes!



Meeting Minutes - January 25, 2009

Board Meeting Minutes

A brief meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 10:30 am on January 25, 2009 at Marie Callendar's restaurant in Littleton.

Present: Laura Hauptenthal, Sara Karl, Sharon Keefer, Ann Rutherford, Pam Solomon, Fay Benson.

Approval of Minutes: Ann moved to approve the minutes of the November meeting as published in the January/February 2009 newsletter. Fay seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Deferred to general membership meeting to follow.

Treasurer's Report: Sara Karl circulated account statements and reported positive balances in the club's checking, savings, and rescue accounts.

Committee Reports and Unfinished Business: Deferred to general membership meeting to follow.

New Business:

Heart of Michigan BMD Rescue/Rehome Committee: This committee of the Heart of Michigan BMD Club is looking at establishing a separate BMD rescue organization. They have requested a copy of our bylaws. Secretary Sharon Keefer will send a copy to them.

March Meeting Location: Lou and Bob Tucker volunteered to host the next meeting on March 22nd at their home in Littleton.

Draft Practices: The Spring Draft Test hosted by BMDCR will be in mid-May. Practices sessions will start March 22nd following the meeting at the Tucker's house. A schedule and locations for subsequent practices will be developed.

Adjournment: The Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Keefer.

General Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 12:10 pm on January 25, 2009 at Marie Callendar's restaurant in Littleton. The group thanked Lou Tucker for arranging the brunch meetings and awards banquet location for today.

Present: 19 voting members (a quorum), 5 sustaining members, and 2 guests.

Approval of Minutes: Ron Abbott moved to approve the minutes of the November meeting as published in the January/February 2009 newsletter. Ann Rutherford seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Correspondence received since the last meeting included (1) a 2009 Judges Directory book from AKC (given to show chairman Dottie Schulte); (2) a flyer on the Myra Savant seminar "Canine Reproduction, Whelping and Puppy Intensive Care" hosted by the Rocky Mountain Bearded Collie Club on March 14-15th (copies available from Sharon Keefer); (3) a thank-you note from Peak-to-Peak Working Dog Association for donating to the trophy fund for their inaugural show on February 12th; (4) a flyer on a George Alston Handling Seminar being hosted by the Jefferson County Kennel Club of MO on March 21-22nd (copies available from Sharon Keefer). Sharon also reported that the BMDCRockies yahoo group has been updated to the current membership per the September 2008 directory and current newsletters. Currently there are 53 members in the yahoo group (of 94 in the club).

Treasurer's Report: Sara Karl circulated account statements and reported positive balances in the club's checking, savings, and rescue accounts.

Committee Reports:

2009 Independent Specialty Show: Chairman Dottie Schulte reported that the judges have been hired for our specialty on September 4th; we will share an obedience judge with the Rottweiler club. Several volunteers are still needed to fill show staff positions. A trophy donation sign-up sheet was circulated. The show committee will meet following the awards banquet today; their agenda includes finalizing the show secretary this year. The theme for this year's show is "Oktoberfest". Dottie moved that we place an advertisement in the National Specialty catalog and 2 ads in the Alpenhorn. Val Horney seconded the motion. Motion passed. Sharon Keefer will prepare these ads. Dottie asked if the club wants to have our Fall Draft test in conjunction with the specialty show or at a different date. Since our specialty is on Friday preceding Labor Day (and the Evergreen Kennel Club all-breed shows on Saturday and Sunday), it would be possible to hold a draft test on Labor Day. No decision reached.

Rescue Committee: Chairman Ann Rutherford reported that the club has cared for and placed 16 dogs over the last 2 years, plus 1 in 2009 already. Ann thanked Sara Karl for helping to finalize the current set of Rescue forms, Phil Shaffer for filling in when Ann is unavailable, and Nancy Fuselier for providing veterinary services for our rescue dogs, and all members who volunteer foster homes and evaluation help. New foster homes are always needed.

Unfinished Business:

Spring Draft Test: The Spring Draft Test will be held on May 17th at Cherry Creek State Park. Practice sessions will begin the afternoon of the March 22nd club meeting, at the Tucker's home in Littleton. A list of dates and locations for other practices will be posted via the BMDCRockies yahoo group.

New Business:

Membership: Mary Ellen Guy was unanimously voted in as a new voting member. Welcome Mary Ellen!

Newsletter: Editor Dottie Schulte circulated a list for members to verify how they prefer to receive the newsletter (e-mail or paper).

National Specialty Booth: Volunteers will be needed at the National Specialty show to help set up on Monday, April 27th, sell items April 27th - May 1st, and pack up on May 1st. A sign-up sheet for shifts will be circulated at the March club meeting.

Health Clinic: Dr. Nancy Fuselier is coordinating the health clinic for heartworm testing, and eye and cardiac clearances to be held on March 14th from 8am to noon at Dr. Hammond's clinic. Cardiac clearances by Dr. Karen Sanderson will be \$35, Eye clearances by Dr. Hammond will be \$30, and Heartworm tests are expected to be \$20. Details will be published in the newsletter.

Next Meeting: The March 22nd meeting will be held at the home of Bob and Lou Tucker in Littleton.

Adjournment: The General Members' Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm. The annual awards banquet followed. Thank you to all members who served on the banquet committee, including Lou Tucker, Dottie Schulte, Alice Gordon, and Pam Solomon.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Keefer.

BMDCR Club Information

Meetings

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Newsletter/Subscriptions

We welcome articles written by members on any topic of interest to Berner fanciers. We also reprint uncopyrighted articles from other publications such as the Alpenhorn, other regional club newsletters, the AKC Gazette, and other dog club newsletters as space permits. Newsletter subscriptions are available to non-members for \$25.00 per year. Checks should be made payable to BMDCR and sent to Stacy Temples, PO Box 2490, Ft. Collins, CO 80522-2490. Club members' name and/or mailing address changes should also be submitted to Stacy.

Litter Box Policy

BMDCR voting members who have paid the annual \$5.00 Breeder Referral Service fee will be entitled to free Litter Box advertising "for one or more litters" for the entire calendar year. Sustaining members may participate in the BR program if they are sponsored by 2 voting members who also have paid the Breeder Referral fee.

Rules for Listing a Litter

Litter must come from a member breeder or stud owner in good standing with the BMDCR who has paid the designated fee. The litter must be registrable with the AKC. Litter parents must have had hips and elbows x-rayed and submitted to the OAF, GDR, OVC or other recognized registry. Dams must be over 18 months of age. Litter owner must provide a 4-generation pedigree to buyers. Puppies must be sold with a health guarantee subject to veterinary exam within 48 hours of sale. Litter owner must have a complete entry in Berner-Garde by the time the litter is 12 months old. All ads must be limited to the following information: Sire, Dam, Whelping Date, and Breeder's name, address, and telephone number. In addition, "The only acceptable reference to joint conformation in Litter Box announcements are GDR, OAF, OVC numbers for hips and elbows, including the letter rating and age in months at evaluation.

Classified Advertising/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.