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

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Awards Banquet News

This year's banquet was a great event! It is always so nice to get together as a club and celebrate our successes! Many thanks to Lou Tucker who had to scramble at the last minute when our venue canceled. We ended up at CB Potts in Littleton and have a wonderful time and a very tasty brunch!

Thank you to Sharon Keefer our Ways and Means wizard who had many great items for sale including a preview of the 2012 25th Anniversary items! Watch for these at upcoming events and on the [Shop The Rockies](#) site & don't miss out on picking up a bit of BMDCR history!

Before the meeting and during the meal there was a great slideshow of Berners throughout the past year, including the Berner Noel, presented by Buffy Snider and Mike Caruso.

The best part of the Banquet is always the Awards. A great big congratulations to everyone who was recognized for their achievements!

A special nod goes to Barry and Pam Solomon for being awarded the Kathy Roth Award—they are truly an asset to the BMDCR and to Berner owners everywhere. Thank you!!



President's Message

Hi everyone!

As I write this, I have just finished reading rescue stories in the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America's magazine, *The Alpenhorn*. One of the contributors is our own Ann Rutherford. The circumstances around each rescue vary, ranging from horrid to hopeful. Caring for the breed is a "comes with" for us and as members of this club, I hope each of you will go the extra mile. Help potential Berner owners understand what it takes to own a dog and give it a good life. It is tragic when someone acquires a cute puppy, only to discard it a year later when it is no longer little, cute, and cuddly. When people admire your Berner and tell you that they want one, tell them about not just the joys of loving a Berner, but also the lifelong responsibility and obligation that comes with ownership. We are the ambassadors for our breed. Let's go the extra mile.

See you ringside.

Mary Ellen Guy
President

Canine Health Clinic—March 17th

Once again the BMDCR is organizing a Health Clinic at The Eye Clinic in Wheat Ridge. We hope you will take advantage of this amazing opportunity to get your dog's eyes checked out by a specialist. Please call for an appointment ASAP—as the time slots are limited.

March 17, 2012 - Health Clinic - CERF, Heartworm Testing, and MSU BMD Repository Blood and DNA collection at The Eye Clinic 7630 W. 39th Ave Wheat Ridge, CO 80333

Appointments will be scheduled from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Dr. Todd Hammond, D.V.M. M.S. AVCO will do the eye exams and provide the CERF certifications. Dr. Nancy Fuselier, D.V.M. will do the heartworm tests and provide heartworm medication prescriptions for those who want them. Eye exams require about an hour total time at the office. Please bring your dog's AKC registration number and microchip or tattoo number to complete the forms for CERF. Appointments are required for the CERF exam. Please contact Dr. Fuselier at (719) 531-7366. Heartworm tests can be done on a drop in basis.

Eye Exam \$30.00 Dr. Todd Hammond

Heartworm Test \$20.00 Dr. Nancy Fuselier

CASH OR CHECK ONLY FOR BOTH TESTS

Upcoming Meetings/Special Events Schedule

March Meeting

Date: Sunday, March 25, 2012

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

Location: : Bob and Lou Tucker’s House
[7155 West Montview Lane, Littleton, CO](#)

Health Clinic **See more information on [page 2](#).**

Date: Saturday March 17, 2012

Location: The Eye Clinic
7630 W. 39th Ave Wheat Ridge, CO 80333

Times: 8:00 am—12:00pm **By Appointment Only**

Contact: Dr. Fuselier at (719) 531-7366

Spring Draft Test **See more information on [page 13](#)**

Date: Saturday April 21 and Sunday April 22, 2012

Location: Adams county regional park picnic pavilion A

Times: 7:00am—5:00pm

Entries Close: Monday April 9th at 6:00pm

Canine First Aid and CPR

Date: Sunday April 29, 2012

Location: TBD

Contact: Buffy Snider (303) 604-6920 by April 5th to reserve a spot.

Denver Dumb Friends League Furry Scurry

See more information on [page 11](#).

Date: Saturday May 5, 2012

Location: Washington Park, Colorado

Contact: Buffy Snider (303) 604-6920 for more information

BMDCA National Specialty

Date: May 7–12, 2012

Location: Gettysburg, PA

BMDCR Independent Specialty “Celebrating Silver—BMDCR’s 25th Anniversary”

***Save The Date*:** September 7, 2012

Location: Greeley, CO

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Show News! By Lou Tucker

Congratulations to all of the Berners who participated in shows in January and February! As usual, many honors were awarded to our awesome dogs, including five new titles!

***Peak to Peak Working Dog Assn of CO* 2/16/2012**

Sweepstakes

BSS Wagontale's Golden Bells- Owners – Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

OSS Miabis Save The Last Dance For Krystal Hi - Owners – Kristina Wickitzer&Kerri Kent

Veteran Sweepstakes

BSV GCH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzebern CD,NFP,AXP,OJ - Owners-Val Horney &L.Ebnet

Regular Classes

WD/BW Indian Ivanhoe From Orsina's Land (Kuza) - Owner – Valerie Horney

RWD Nashems Homebrew (Homer) Owners – Dottie Schulte, Sara Karl & Helen Karl

WB/OS/BBY Nashems Hey Soul Sister (Hazel) - Owners – Sara & Helen Karl

RWB Miabis Independence- Owner – Kerri Kent

BB GCH CH Nashem's He's The Man OF Woodmoor CD,RN - Owners – Sara & Randy Karl & Dottie Schulte

SEL GCH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzebern (Marshall) - Owners – Valerie Horney & L.Ebnet

SEL CH Horton Bay's Weather Report (Sunny) - Owners- Pam & Kevin Swisher

Junior Showmanship

Novice Junior – 2nd Placement Fiona Hughes & Kinvarra's Dancing Star

***Plum Creek KC of Colorado* 2/17/2012**

BPY Summit's Legend In The Making V Cope Owners- Amy Fitzgerald, Sandy Dunaway, E & K Woodhull

WD/BW Miabi's All You Need Is Love - Owner – Kerri Kent

WB Plainsong's Ruby Red Cloud (Ruby) - Owners – Pam & Kevin Swisher

RWB Nashems Hey Soul Sister (Hazel) - Owners – Sara & Helen Karl

BB GCH Lorien Dell's Sword of Elendil NDD (Narsil) - Owners – Kim & Joe Giannoni

OS CH Horton Bay's Weather Report (Sunny) - Owners – Pam & Kevin Swisher

Junior Showmanship

Novice Junior 2nd Placement Fiona Hughes & Kinvarra's Dancing Star

***Plum Creek Kennel Club* 2/18/2012**

WD Miabi's All You Need Is Love - Owner- Kerri Kent

RWD Gatekeeper Vom Gipfelfeur - Owner – Sharon Johnson

WB/BW/OS/BBY Nashem's Hey Soul Sister (Hazel) - Owners – Sara & Helen Karl

RWB Plainsong's Ruby Red Cloud (Ruby) - Owners – Pam & Kevin Swisher

BB GCH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzebern (Marshall) - Owners – Val Horney & L. Ebnet

***Colorado Kennel Club,Inc* 2/19/2012**

WD/BW Gatekeeper Vom Gipfelfeur - Owner – Sharon Johnson

RWD Miabi's All You Need Is Love - Owner – Kerri Kent

WB Prairefire's Perfectly Happy - Owners – Joanna Hughes & Sharon Johnson

SEL/BOBOH GCH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzebern - Owners – Val Horney & L.Ebnet

OS CH Horton's Bay Weather Report (Sunny) - Owners – Pam & Kevin Swisher

Show News! Cont'd***Colorado Kennel Club Inc.* 2/20/2012**

WD/BW Miabi'a All You Need Is Love - Owner – Kerri Kent

RWD Gatekeeper Vom Gipfelfeur - Owner – Sharon Johnson

WB Wagontale's A Magic Belle - Owners – Stacey Temples & Howard Ramsdell

RWB Nashems Hey Soul Sister (Hazel) - Owners – Sara & Helen Karl

BB GCH Nashems He's The Man of Woodmoor CD RN Owners Sara & R. Karl & D. Schutle

OS CH Horton Bays Weather Report (Sunny) - Owners – Pam & Kevin Swisher

New Grand Champion

SEL GCH Lorien Dell's Sword of Elendil (Narsil) - Owners – Kim & Joe Giannoni

SEL CH Lorien Dell's York Peppermint Patty - Owners – Elaine Sheridan & Jim Meigs

BVT/G1 GCH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzebern CD, NFP, AXP, OJ (Marshall) - Owners – Valerie Horney

& Lisa Ebnet

Junior Showmanship

Open Intermediate 3rd Placement Mary Bugg & Ch Mardi Gras Ruby Slippers

Performance Wins

***Longs Peak Dog Training Club* 1/14/2012 – 1/16/2012**

Classique's Midnight Serenade (Cooper) - Owned by Patty Wellinger

1/14/12 Rally Novice, 1st Leg score 93

1/14/12 Beginner Novice Obedience 2nd Leg. Score 196 1st Place

1/16/12 Rally Novice, 2nd Leg score 93

1/16/12 Beginner Novice Obedience 2nd place, score 187 **NEW TITLE**

***Plum Creek Kennel Club* 2/18/2012**

Cooper - Owned by Patty Wellinger **NEW TITLE** – Rally Novice RN

**GDSCWT Club Agility Trial* 01/02/2012*

1st leg: open Jumpers Preferred Kennedy's Murren (Murrey) - Owners Lori & Don Kennedy

***Longs Peak Dog Training Club* 1/14/2012 – 1/15/2012**

Wild Card Novice 3rd Place Kennedy's Murren - Owners Lori & Don Kennedy

Beginner Novice Obedience 2nd Leg Ashflat Princess Graci (Graci) - Owners Lori & Don Kennedy

***Colorado Kennel Club* 2/19/2012 – 2/20/2012**

Wild Card Novice 1st Place Kennedy's Murren (Murrey)

Rally Excellent B 2nd Leg

Rally Advanced 1st Leg Ashflat Princess Graci (Graci) – Owners Lori & Don Kennedy

Beginner Novice Obedience **NEW TITLE** Graci

***Colorado Australian Shepherd Association Show* 2/25/12**

ASCA Rally Novice 3rd Leg Classique's Midnight Serenade (Cooper) Owner-Patty Wellinger

NEW TITLE

***Golden Spike Dog Obedience Club trial at Farmington, UT* 1/27/12**

Zuzu's Petals! CA RA NA NAJ NJP NF NDD—Owner Vicki Hall

Open Agility Jumper **NEW TITLE**

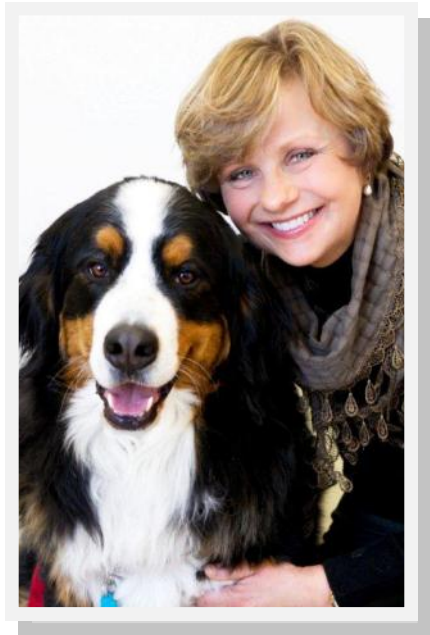
Brags-n-Wags!

Leo Gets a Job!

On February 26, Mary Ann Marszalek and Leo passed the Delta Society's Pet Therapy Evaluation. This was their second attempt, and this time, they were well prepared. Leo did an outstanding job and won the hearts of the evaluators and all who met him that day.

After registering with Delta Society, Mary Ann and Leo will begin working with K9c.a.r.e.s, a local non-profit organization founded and directed by Carolyn Corbett. K9c.a.r.e.s provides Animal-Assisted Therapy and Animal-Assisted Activities in Denver and surrounding areas through client organizations such as police departments, courts, libraries, hospitals, hospice, nursing homes, family shelters and child advocacy organizations. Initially, Mary Ann and Leo will be visiting hospitals such as the University of Colorado and the VA in addition to nursing homes.

Leo is very excited about his new job and looks forward to bringing joy to people of all ages.



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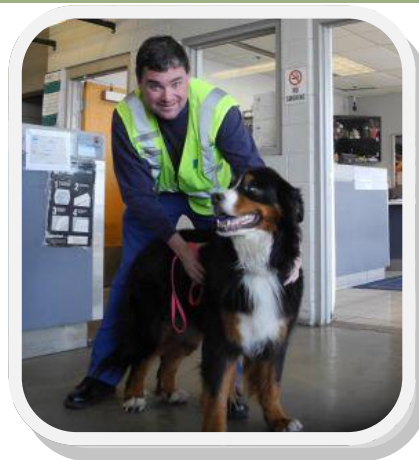
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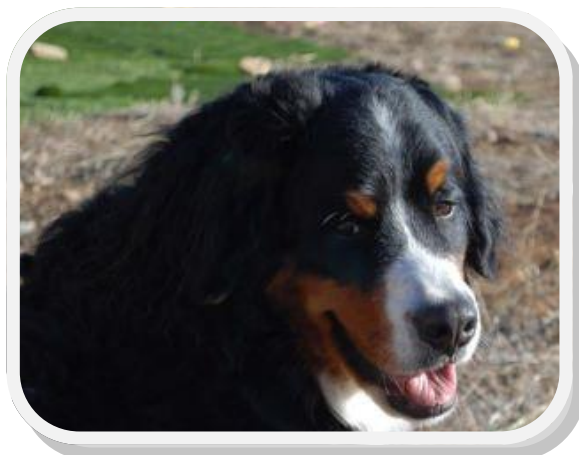
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Rescue Update

2/18/12—BMDCR helps another Berner find his way home! Hank's owner was away and his home was broken into. He was stolen, but five months later police made an arrest in Kansas and he began his trip home to Michigan. BMDCR member Sandy Dunaway drove him to Denver and Christine Mann donated a crate. Then it was a short flight to Grand Rapids and a very happy reunion with his family.



2/11/12—Rescue is looking for a foster home where "Anoki", a 3 year old male, can recovery from surgery without any dog roommates or children. "Anoki" will be neutered but his testicles are undescended so the procedure will be slightly more complex than usual. He is good with people but lacks social skills with other dogs and needs some basic manners training. If you can help this guy out on his way to a forever home please call Ann at 303-697-0258 or bobandann25@msn.com.



3/4/12—Bear who was originally up for adoption last June is now looking for a new Forever Home. He is now approximately 5 years old. The people that were fostering him are no longer to keep him.

If you can help this sweetheart out on his way to a forever home please call Ann at 303-697-0258 or bobandann25@msn.com.



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Board/Membership Meeting Minutes—January 29, 2012 CB Potts in Littleton, CO

Board Meeting Minutes – January 29th, 2012

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 10:15 am on [January 29th, 2012 at CB Potts in Littleton.](#)

Present: Board members Mary Ellen Guy, Lori Kennedy, Vicki Chesser, Alice Clark, Candy McDanal, Joanna Hughes and Barry Solomon. Guest was Dottie Schulte.

Approval of Minutes: Joanna moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the November/December 2011 newsletter. Motion seconded by Lori. All in favor, motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Sara was not present, but gave ME the following report. We have \$16,765.30 in checking, \$6776.77 in the savings/rescue account, and the CD value is \$5278.30. Sara sent reports from the fall draft test and regional specialty. The draft test profited \$150. The fall regional we lost \$862.09. There was some question among the members on the reasons why we would have lost money on the fall regional, but the reports were not easy to understand.

Committee Reports

2012 Regional Specialty – All the Committee Chairs are filled except for Grounds. Bev is putting together fancier dinner menus since this will be our 25th anniversary. The first menu was \$45-50. But we'd like to keep it around 25. Dottie asked if the club would subsidize something – say dessert and a table favor, or something like \$10 a person. Mary Ellen asked if we can wait to make this decision until we've reviewed the results from 2011 Regional and determined why we lost money. Dottie also asked would the club be willing to donate the BOB and HIT trophies in honor of our club members for the last 25 years.

The discussion moved to trophy donations and how to encourage them. Various ideas were brought up – a mailing to get more responses or a tear-off in the newsletter. It was also suggested that we should try to get memorials associated with 25 years (people or dogs). An annual trophy fund was another idea (as opposed to mention only for specific event). We also talked about adding a spot on the annual renewal form to donate to an “annual trophy” fund. It was asked if we can set up Pay Pal to designate funds for the annual trophy fund.

Alice needs to send in the AKC Compliance paperwork.

2013 BMDCA National Specialty - There is nothing for action by the board.

Unfinished Business

Spring Draft Test – Steve Likevich is coming from Ohio, he prefers to stay with someone. Is it ok to throw that out at the general meeting? Does the Board agree with doing a prepaid box lunch for draft test? The Board agrees.

Draft Retreat – Barry would like to split the responsibilities for the Draft Camp. He would like to focus on the educational portion and have someone else help with the logistics. Alice and Lori volunteer to do the logistics. Alice motions we do a draft retreat this year, Lori seconds. Mary Ellen motions Alice and Lori co-plan, Candy seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

Fall Draft Test – Utah is willing to do this again for 2012.

Board/Membership Meeting Minutes—January 29, 2012 Cont'd

New Business

2012 National Specialty Trophy Fund – Mary Ellen asks if anyone recalls if we have donated to this yet. No one recalls that we have.

Agenda items for 2012 RCC Meeting – Mary Ellen asks is there anything that the Board members would like to have brought up this year. There was nothing that the Board felt needed to be brought up.

Software Purchase – Sara is asking if the club would approve purchase of Adobe Acrobat (\$300 - \$400) for use of the historian to scan and store documents. This will need to go to the general membership for vote.

Storage of Club Materials – Alice asked if we shouldn't look into a storage unit for all materials – draft equipment, records, library, etc. Barry brought up that other clubs have a trailer where all the equipment for draft is stored. It was suggested that we should put together a task force to look into this. Potential members of the task force – Jerry McDanal, Don Kennedy, and Chris Mann. Lori will bring together the Task Force.

Upcoming issues -- The Board will be discussing the conflict of interest issues and dual websites at future meetings.

Bylaw task force – Alice asked should we follow up to see how this is coming along.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting is March 25th tentatively, location to be determined at the general meeting.

Adjournment: The Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:49 pm. Motioned by Candy, seconded Lori.

General Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 12:15 pm on January 29th, 2012 at CB Potts in Littleton.

Present: 22 voting members (a quorum), 8 sustaining members, 0 junior members and 2 guests.

Approval of Minutes: We did not ask for approval of the minutes at the general meeting.

President's Report: Thank you to outgoing Board members: Phil Shaffer (Vice President) and Laura Hauptenthal.

Mary Ellen introduced our new Board members: Lori Kennedy - VP; Alice Clark - Secretary; Sara Karl - Treasurer. Board members: Candy McDanal, Joanna Hughes, Helen Karl, Vicki Chesser and Barry Solomon.

Kudos to all involved, especially Bob and Lou for another successful caroling event at Aspen Grove and thank you to Al and Laura for hosting Berner Noel.

From the Board meeting today – we decided to create a task force on storage of club materials (Draft equipment and records). Lori Kennedy will be chairing.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$16,765.30 in checking, \$6776.77 in the savings/rescue account, and the CD value is \$5278.30.

Board/Membership Meeting Minutes—January 29, 2012 Cont'd

Committee Reports

Rescue – We may be getting in 1 dog - Janet Walker is evaluating the dog now. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the fund for the Berner mix at the last meeting. She's been placed in a home now. The purebred from the puppy mill was found to have cancer when she went in for her spay. She was euthanized. There was a \$250 donation from friends of Nancy and Rick Boyd.

2012 Regional Specialty – This year will be our 25th Anniversary celebration. All the committee chairs are full except for grounds. Joanna is doing raffle, so start gathering your items to donate. Sharon Keefer will be the chair for 2013 regional. If you're interested in sponsoring a trophy for 2012, email Dottie. Now is a good time to sponsor a trophy in memory of someone special over the last 25 years. We've asked the board to consider subsidizing a special dinner and also special trophies for BOB and HIT. Candy asked if we can look for a silver jacket for club members to buy and wear during the specialty. Stewards are needed for Rally and Obedience. Beth is the Rally Chair and will need several stewards. This is a great way to get involved in performance events if you haven't done them before. Ways and Means can also use help on the day – another great way to meet people!

2013 BMDCA National Specialty – The dates are May 13th to May 18th. We will be making our debut at the Gettysburg Specialty to introduce 2013. Our theme is Rendezvous in the Rockies. Lou is putting together Ways and Means items that will be available to buy at the 2012 National Specialty. We're going to get special gear in time for 2013 chairs to wear during the 2012 National. All committee chairs are currently filled. If anyone is interested in serving on any committee – talk to Dottie. There will be 2 obedience and rally trials, 3 draft tests and 2 days of Berner U. Sharon is our BU chair – if you have any ideas for speakers, see her. Beth is on the Trophy committee – we're working to pick out trophies that are usable. If you're going to Gettysburg and want to work on the W&M table, see Dottie. If anyone is driving, and can volunteer some car space to carry W&M items, talk to Beth.

Spring Draft Test – Lori is the chair, Vicki the secretary. Premiums will be out around March 9th. The dates are April 20th & 21st. Nancy and Barry are judging one day each. Steve Likevich would like to stay in someone's home if we have any volunteers. The site is Adams Regional Park in Brighton. We need volunteers to help set up and take down each day. Trophies can be donated on line at BMDCR or see Patti Wellinger today. If you want a box lunch, you must pre-order with your entry. There won't be a food buffet.

Membership – Watch for 3 new member applicants in upcoming newsletter.

Unfinished Business –

We will have another Draft Retreat this year. Alice and Lori will handle the logistics. Barry is going to revise the curriculum over the next few months. It will probably be in late June. The location is still to be established. Buffy has volunteered to help Barry with writing the curriculum.

New Business

Eye and Heartworm Clinic – Will March 17th, again at Dr. Hammond's office. See Nancy Fusilier to sign up.

Software Purchase – There is a request for the club to purchase Adobe Acrobat – which costs \$200 – \$300. This will be used to scan and store our club documents. Lori motioned that we make the purchase, Bev seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Board/Membership Meeting Minutes—January 29, 2012 Cont'd

2012 National specialty trophy fund - Bev moved that we donate in the same amount as last year. Candy seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Newsletter – if you have an idea for an article for the newsletter, please talk to Buffy.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is tentatively set for March 25th, location not determined.

Adjournment: The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 12:43 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Alice Gordon.

2012 Denver Dumb Friends League Furry Scurry—May 5th

This year, newsletter editor Buffy Snider created a team for the Furry Scurry called “[Bernese Mountain Dogs of the West](#)” and all BMDCR members and friends are welcome to join us!

The Furry Scurry is the nation's largest charity dog walk and the biggest fundraiser for the Colorado Front Range area's premier humane society - The Dumb Friends League (DDFL). The DDFL is hoping to raise 1.3 million dollars through this fantastic event! Last year, the contributions from the Furry Scurry went to very important items including:

- Adopting out 16,301 animals
- Reuniting 2,672 lots pets with their owners
- Neutered/Spayed 8,269 shelter animals, and 7,465 dogs/cats in underserved areas at little or no cost to their owners
- Fostering 2,841 pets
- Presenting 714 humane education programs to 22,130 children and adults

If you would like to participate in the fantastic event or would like more information or marketing materials, please contact Buffy (bmdcrookies@gmail.com or 303-604-6920) for more information.

- ◆ To join the Bernese Mountain Dogs of the West Team click [here](#).
 - ◆ You can participate as a walker or non-walker (& get a T-shirt).
 - ◆ Registration fees are not tax deductible, but any additional donations are.
- ◆ To make a tax deductible donation to our team through Buffy's page, click [here](#).
 - ◆ If you would like to gather contributions from your workplace, you can use the “Recognition Name” field when you register and the company name will be listed as a donor. Great publicity for a great cause!

For more information go to www.ddfl.org or www.furryscurry.org.



Spring Draft Tests

The Spring Draft Tests are next month! Are you ready? The Draft Premium List is now available on the BMDCR.org website.

Details

When: Saturday April 21 and Sunday April 22, 2012

Where: Adams county regional park picnic pavilion A—[7955 Henderson Rd., Brighton, Adams, CO](http://7955HendersonRd.com) 80601

When: 7:00 am—5:00 pm

Draft Chairperson: Lori Kennedy
(murreymom@yahoo.com)

Draft Secretary: Vicki Chesser
(VickyChesser@Comcast.net)

Draft Judges: Steve Likevich, Nancy Fuselier, DVM, Barry Solomon

Draft Committee : Patty Wellinger, Buffy Snider, Mike Caruso, Alice Clark

Meals

Breakfast: The Club will provide breakfast items in the morning. Donations towards expenses are greatly appreciated.

Lunch: Box Lunches will be available by pre-purchase ONLY. The cost is \$10 per box lunch which include a sandwich, fruit, chips and a dessert.

Payment is due for the lunch order by April 9th to the draft secretary, and must be paid by a separate check. **To order lunches, please see the order form on the Draft Premium. **

Drinks will be provided by the BMDCR.

****Entries Close Monday April 9th at 6:00pm****

Bring your friends! Spectators are welcome, and should bring their own chairs to ensure a great seat for all of the action! Dogs are welcome as long as they are well-behaved and on leash. Please do not bring your dog if she is in heat.

For directions, information on lodging or the test site, lunch reservations, and other details, please see the Draft Test Premium available on the BMDCR.org website.

Volunteer!

We still need volunteers! Please contact Vicki Chesser or Patty Wellinger for more information, and to sign up to help.

Trophies!

You can go to the BMDCR website for a quick and easy way to donate funds for trophies! This is a great way to show your appreciation for the club and the dogs that are competing in the Draft Test!

1. Go to www.BMDCR.org
2. Click on the Calendar tab at the top of the page
3. Click the Donate button, and fill in the PayPal information.

Welcome New Member Applicants!

Sustaining Member Applicants

Lee Ann McCaslin, E-mail: lamacinco@gmail.com. Sponsored by Ann Rutherford and Phil Schaffer. Lee Ann has adopted Simon (NM, 2/14/2006) from the BMDCR Rescue program. She is interested in therapy work and backpacking. She wants to meet other owners and she would like to help with foster, transport and rescue, or whatever needs to be done!

Greta Ritschard (Jani) E-mail: ritschard@bresnan.net. Sponsored by Alice Clark and Pam Solomon. Jani has Ritschard's DANke Schon RN, CD, CGC, (SF, 03/29/2007) from C. Machay and R. Schieck. Also owns Wagontale's A Magic Moment RN, CGC, (F, 01/04/2011) from Temples & Ramsdell. She is interested in health issues, conformation, obedience, agility, carting, therapy work, draft, breeding, and backpacking. She wants to be part of a group that believes in proper care and respect for Bernese and to be part of the "Berners" activities. She would like to help with events and participate any way she can but her location may be hard. She has shown her dogs in rally, obedience, conformation for the past 4 years and is preparing for drafting too. She has never bred her dogs. She is also a member of the BMDCA and the Bark Valley Dog Club of Buena Vista, CO.

Patricia Tackett, E-mail: pat_tackett@yahoo.com. Sponsored by Fay Benson and Beverly Hilmes. Pat is a longtime Berner owner who has Antley's Sir Scott, (NM, 07/21/2002) a BARC rescue dog bred by B. Stephens. Also owns Wagontale's Riding High (NM, 11/02/2006) from Temples & Ramsdell. Pat is interested in health issues, tracking, draft, obedience and therapy work. She is a retired librarian and has many friends in the Colorado club. She has attended some of the BMDCR draft tests and the Greeley regionals. She can help out with the Draft retreat, draft tests and is willing to help with fostering dogs. She is also a member of the BMDCA where she was a director from 1995-1998 and was a founding member of the Lone Star BMD Club, as well as President and Treasurer. She has never bred her dogs. She has shown in obedience, drafting and tracking for 24 years.

Lynette Weaver, E-mail: Lynette.Weaver@zirkel.us. Sponsors are Christine Mann and Sara Karl. Lynette is a former member since 1990 who served as club Secretary, and who is reapplying. She has a Rough Coat Jack Russell now but no Bernese. She will volunteer where she can. Currently she does not show her dogs and has never bred her dogs.

Voting Member Applicant

Kelly Pickett, E-mail: kmpickett@msn.com. Sponsored by Ron Abbott and her neighbor Jacqueline Schuck. Kelly moved to the area about 4 years ago and is involved in breeding Bernese. She has bred 3 litters under the kennel name Intrepid and her dogs are Intrepid Nala, (F, 04/08/2003) and Intrepid Mowgli, (F, 04/23/2010). She wants to join for the camaraderie of other owners and breeders. She has never been an officer of a club; she is a member of the BMDCA and formerly of the BMDSC.

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The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies Fast Facts

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



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Keeping In Touch...

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

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