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## Golden retriever study suggests neutering affects dog health

February 13, 2013

Neutering, and the age at which a dog is neutered, may affect the animal's risk for developing certain cancers and joint diseases, according to a new study of golden retrievers by a team of researchers at the University of California, Davis.

The study, which examined the health records of 759 golden retrievers, found a surprising doubling of hip dysplasia among male dogs neutered before one year of age. This and other results were published Feb. 13 in the [online scientific journal PLOS ONE](#).

“The study results indicate that dog owners and service-dog trainers should carefully consider when to have their male or female dogs neutered,” said lead investigator Benjamin Hart, a distinguished professor emeritus in the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine.

“It is important to remember, however, that because different dog breeds have different vulnerabilities to various diseases, the effects of early and late neutering also may vary from breed to breed,” he said.

While results of the new study are revealing, Hart said the relationship between neutering and disease-risk remains a complex issue. For example, the increased incidence of joint diseases among early-neutered dogs is likely a combination of the effect of neutering on the young dog's growth plates as well as the increase in weight on the joints that is commonly seen in neutered dogs.

Dog owners in the United States are overwhelmingly choosing to neuter their dogs, in large part to prevent pet overpopulation or avoid unwanted behaviors. In the U.S., surgical neutering — known as spaying in females — is usually done when the dog is less than one year old.

In Europe, however, neutering is generally avoided by owners and trainers and not promoted by animal health authorities, Hart said.

During the past decade, some studies have indicated that neutering can have several adverse health effects for certain dog breeds. Those studies examined individual dis-

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## President's Message

President's Message – March 2013 newsletter

Just two months to go!

We are in the countdown to May 13-18 and the National Specialty. The advance planning that Dottie & Company have been doing is paying off with lots of volunteers working on lots of different projects to ensure that things go smoothly. Mark your calendars and plan on enjoying a fun filled week in Loveland surrounded by beautiful Berners.

And thanks to everyone for a great Awards Banquet in January, where we celebrated new title holders and winner of this year's Kathy Roth Award, Alice Clark, our Member Extraordinaire. Kudos to all.

A number of you have expressed interest in having programs at our regular meetings. The Board would be grateful if you would let us know your suggestions for what topics would of interest to you. Let us know!

Mary Ellen

## 20th Annual Furry Scurry

The 20th Annual Furry Scurry is coming up on Saturday May 4th. This will be the second year for "The Bernese Mountain Dogs and Friends" Team. Last year we raised over \$4000 with help from our friends in the BMDCR! This year our goal is \$5000, and at least 30 team members (either walking or non-walking). We're going Western this year with the theme "Berner Bandits - They'll Steal Your Heart!", and we are getting a custom design from Maggie Brudos to commemorate the event!

- If you would like to join our team (Minimum \$50 donation), here is the link: [http://support.ddfl.org/site/TR/Events/Furry\\_Scurry?team\\_id=6980&pg=team&fr\\_id=1190](http://support.ddfl.org/site/TR/Events/Furry_Scurry?team_id=6980&pg=team&fr_id=1190) (Click the Join Team link).
- If you would like to support our team, please use this link: [http://support.ddfl.org/site/TR/Events/Furry\\_Scurry?px=1507559&pg=personal&fr\\_id=1190](http://support.ddfl.org/site/TR/Events/Furry_Scurry?px=1507559&pg=personal&fr_id=1190)

I will be out of town for the March meeting - so if anyone can take up a collection if people are interested, please let me know and I'll send along the appropriate forms.

Thank you so much for your support - and hope to see you on Furry Scurry day!

Buffy & Milo

## Upcoming Meetings/Special Events Schedule

### **March, 2013 - Health Clinic**

**Date:** March 16, 2013

**Location:** The Veterinary Eye Clinic, 7630 39th Ave, Wheat Ridge CO

For an appointment, please contact Nancy Fuselier DVM at (719) 531-7366 or email [nancyfuselier@comcast.net](mailto:nancyfuselier@comcast.net) by Friday, March 15th.

### **March, 2013 - March Meeting**

**Date:** March 24, 2013, 12pm Board Meeting, 1pm Members Meeting

**Location:** Home of Laura and Al Haupenthal, Glennwood Village, CO

\*Directions:\* From I-25 north or southbound: take the Belleview exit and exit to the west. Go past Quebec St and then past Holly St. Just past Holly St., go south on Fairfax Street (going west this is the next street after Holly) where you will see the sign for the Preserve; at the stop sign turn left on Blue Heron Drive. You will see the eagle statue and sign for Bateleur in the center of the street. Go one tenth of a mile past the following streets: Silver Fox Drive (on the right), Blue Heron Lane (on the left, at this point, Blue Heron Drive curves to the right), Blue Heron Circle (on the right twice), Golden Eagle (on the left). Blue Heron Court is the next street on the right. #103 is at the end of the cul-de-sac.

### **April, 2013 - Spring Draft Test**

**Date:** April 6, 2013

**Location:** Bicentennial Park in Aurora.

Secretary is Vicki Chesser ([vickichesser@comcast.net](mailto:vickichesser@comcast.net)). Chairs are Lori Kennedy ([lkck@comcast.net](mailto:lkck@comcast.net)) and Valerie Horney ([valhorney@comcast.net](mailto:valhorney@comcast.net)).

### **May, 2013 - Dumb Friends League Furry Scurry**

**Date:** May 4, 2013

**Location:** Washington Park, Denver, CO

\*Contact Buffy Snider at [AVampSlayer@Gmail.com](mailto:AVampSlayer@Gmail.com) for more information on joining or donating to the Bernese Mountain Dogs and Friends team.

### **2013 BMDCA National Specialty "Rendezvous in the Rockies"**

**Date:** May 13-18, 2013

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

For more information, visit the website: [www.bmdca.org/specialty/2013](http://www.bmdca.org/specialty/2013)

Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/BMDCA2013](http://www.facebook.com/BMDCA2013)

Show Chairman - Dottie Schulte - [dotties911@aol.com](mailto:dotties911@aol.com)

Conformation Co-Chair - Sara Karl - [karl3106@comcast.net](mailto:karl3106@comcast.net)

Performance Co-Chair - Stephanie Biksacky - [dogwoman67@q.com](mailto:dogwoman67@q.com)

### **June, 2013 - Berner Pack Hike**

**Date:** June 9, 2013

**Location:** Rolling Creek Trail out of the Colorado Trail trailhead, east of Bailey

Put your berner's backpack on for a sylvan hike Sunday, June 9, on the Rolling Creek Trail out of the Colorado Trail trailhead, east of Bailey. If interested, contact Ron Abbott, [Phippsia@aol.com](mailto:Phippsia@aol.com). More details forthcoming in April/ May when Ron has the chance to check out the trail after snowmelt.

## **BMDCR Health Clinic**

CERF EYE EXAMINATIONS

AND HEARTWORM TESTS

**Saturday, March 15, 2013**

**The Veterinary Eye Clinic  
7630 39th Ave  
Wheat Ridge CO**

**Eye Exam \$30 Heartworm Test \$20**



It is time again for our annual health clinic. Appointments will be taken from 8am to 12pm. Please bring your dog's AKC registration number and microchip or tattoo number in order to complete the forms for CERF and Heartworm Certification.

Dr. Hammond will be performing the CERF eye examinations. The dog's eyes will be dilated so allow 30 minutes for the entire appointment.

Yearly tests for heartworms are recommended in Colorado. We will provide a form indicating the heartworm test results for you to take back to your veterinarian.

For an appointment, please contact Nancy Fuselier DVM at (719) 531-7366 or email [nancy-fuselier@comcast.net](mailto:nancy-fuselier@comcast.net) by Friday, March 15th.

### **Directions**

**Form 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.

**Front 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. The clinic is on the corner.

## Show News! By Lou Tucker

### PERFORMANCE WINS

\*Lone Star Draft Test\* 2/22, 2/23, 2/24

CH Wagontale's Sing Me a Miracle CGC,CD,RE,ANDD,ABNDD,MDD,MBDD (Smokey)  
Owned by Pam & Barry Solomon

2/22 Brace Novice Draft dog (leg 8) Brace Draft Dog (leg 4)

2/23 Brace Novice Draft Dog (leg 9) Brace Draft Dog (leg 5) *NEW MASTER BRACE DRAFT DOG (MBDD)* 8<sup>th</sup>  
ever Clean Sweep - (All 4 advanced titles) and 2<sup>nd</sup> father/son Clean Sweep with Marshall.

CH Wagontale's Whodunnit? CGC,CD,RE,NDD,BNDD,DD,BDD (Watson) Owned by Pam &  
Barry Solomon

2/22 Brace Novice Draft Dog (leg 3) Brace Draft Dog (leg 3)

2/23 Brace Novice Draft Dog (leg 4) Brace Draft Dog (leg 4)

2/24 Novice Draft Dog (leg 3)

Smokey and Watson were partners for all of the brace performances

Kennedy's Murren (Murrey) and Ashflat Princess Graci (Graci) Owned by Lori Kennedy  
Novice Brace - Passed all 3 days

Novice Draft 2/22, 2/23 Passed both days Ashflat Princess Graci *NEW TITLE ANDD*

Dashing to the Rescue (Dash) Owned by Alice Clark

2/22, 2/23, 2/24 Passed in Novice Brace

Brighteye Caliche Trails (Carly) Owned by Elaine Witulski

2/22 Novice Draft Dog (leg 3)

Brighteye Questa Win (Questa) Owned by Elaine Witulski

2/22 Brace Novice (5<sup>th</sup> leg) *NEW TITLE ABNDD ADVANCED BRACE NOVICE DD*

2/22, 2/23 Brace Novice passed both days

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

Long's Peak Dog Training Club

1/18/13 Rally Advanced 3<sup>rd</sup> Leg *NEW TITLE*

1/20/13 Rally Excellent 1<sup>st</sup> Leg, Novice Obedience 1<sup>st</sup> Leg, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Peak to Peak Working Dog Show

2/14/13 Rally Excellent 2<sup>nd</sup> Leg, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Novice Obed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Leg 1<sup>st</sup> Place

*HIGHEST SCORING BMD AWARD*

Longs Peak Dog Training Club

Blumoon's Butcher Hollow Owned by Holly Foster

1/19 *NEW TITLE RALLY ADVANCED*

Blumoon's Circle Unbroken Owned by Holly Foster

1/20 *NEW TITLE RALLY ADVANCED*

### CONFORMATION WINS

\*Peak To Peak Working Dog Assoc. \* 2/14/2013

Sweepstakes Classes

BSS Wagontale's One Way Or Another Owners – Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

BOS Barberry Jigger of Jameson V Winridge (JJ) Owner – Kim Giannone

Regular Classes

WD/BW American Ale Von Der Berneshof (Lager) Owners-Beverley & Michael Hilmes

RWD Prairefire's Music of the Night Owners-Becky & Bob Shuris & Sharon Johnson

WB/*NEW CH* Fortuneis French Kiss V Schaetzend Owner – Sharon Johnson

RWB Wagontale's One Way Or Another Owners – Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

BBY/G3 Wagontale's A Magic Belle Owners – Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

BB CH Gatekeeper Vom Gipfeffeur Owner – Sharon Johnson

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## Show News! By Lou Tucker

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OS CH Brisago Aurora Borealis At Wagontale Owners – Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell  
 SEL GCH CH Indian Ivanhoe From Orsina's Land (Kuza) Owner – Valerie Horney  
 SEL CH Plainsong's Virtuoso V Summit (Mavin) Owners – Sandy Dunaway, Sharon Keefer &  
*NEW GRAND CHAMPION* Pam Swisher

Best Junior

Jennifer Necker – Ahelli's Amazing Grace V Ratcliff Owners-Tracy Hyatt, F.Bushnell,J.Necker  
 \* Plum Creek Kennel Club\* 2/15/13

RWD Prairefire's Music Of The Night Owners- Becky & Bob Shuris & Sharon Johnson  
 BPY Ratchiffs Extra Innings (Troy) Owners – Lou & Bob Tucker & Tracey Carpe Hyatt  
 WB/OS Prairefire Cool As A Breeze Greg & Mary Curtis & Sharon Johnson  
 RWB Prairefire's Hidden Treasure At Tanzanite Owners – Sharon Montville & S. Johnson  
 BB Gatekeeper Vom Gipfelfeur Owner – Sharon Johnson  
 SEL GCH CH Indian Ivanhoe From Orsina's Land (Kuza) Owner – Valerie Horney  
 \*Plum Creek Kennel Club\* 2/16/13

RWD De-Li's Lemark Believe It Or Not (Ripley) Owner – Dr.Mary E. Guy & L.Ostermiller  
 WB Wagontale's One Way Or Another Owners – Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell  
 RWB Ayehli's Amazing Grace V Ratcliff Owners-Tracey Hyatt, Fara Bushnell & J. Nekker  
 BBY Lemark Cover Girl Owner – Dr. Mary Ellen Guy

BB GCH CH Lorien Dells Sword Of Elendil Owners Kim & Joe Giannone  
 SEL CH Plainsong's Virtuoso V Summit Owners-Sandy Dunaway, Sharon Keefer & P.Swisher  
 SEL Gatekeeper Vom Gipfelfeur (Keeper) Owner – Sharon Johnson  
 \*Colorado Kennel Club\* 2/17/13

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 WB Lemark Cover Girl Owner – Dr. Mary Ellen Guy  
 RWB Ayehli's Amazing Grace V Ratcliff Owners-Tracey Hyatt, F. Bushnell, Jennifer Nekker  
 OS BOBOH CH Plainsong's Virtuoso V Summit Owners-S. Dunaway, S. Keefer, P.Swisher  
 \*Colorado Kennel Club\* 2/18/13

WD/BW De-Li's Lemark Believe It Or Not Owners- Dr. Mary E. Guy & Lillian Ostermiller  
 RWD Barberry Jigger Of Jamison V Winridge (JJ) Owner – Kim Giannone  
 WB Lemark Cover Girl Owner – Dr. Mary Ellen Guy  
 RWB Wagontale's A Magic Belle Owners – Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell  
 BB/G3 CH Gatekeeper Vom Gipfelfeur Owner – Sharon Johnson  
 OS/BVT CH Lorien Dell's York Peppermint Patty Owners Elaine Sheridan & J.Meigs  
 \*Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon, Inc\* 1/19/13

WD/BW/OS Werlind's One For The Road Owners-Byron & Yoshi Peterson &Cindy Switzler  
 BBE

Nashems Home Brew (Homer) Owners – Dottie Schulte, Sara Karl & Helen Karl

1/20/13 Central Iowa Kennel Club WD / BOW

2/2/13 St. Joseph Kennel Club WD / BOS *NEW CHAMPION*

2/3/13 St Joseph Kennel Club BOB

2/16 – 2/17 Cyclone Country Kennel Club, Ames IA BOS BOS

## Breed Mentors Program

What is the BMDCR Mentors program?

Have you ever wondered what events and activities are available for you and your dog?

Have you seen or heard of an event or activity for you and your dog that you might be interested in but didn't know where to start or were afraid to ask?

Have you thought about an event or activity for you and your dog, but were unsure how to train, and afraid to invest in specialized equipment without knowing if your dog was a willing participant?

BMDCR Mentors are club members with skill and expertise in events and activities you can do with your dogs. These Mentors have agreed to act as points of contacts for your questions regarding how to get started, how and where to train, what equipment to buy, and how to find and enter events and activities.

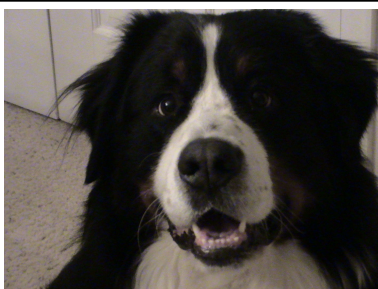
BMDCR Mentors have volunteered to support your questions via phone and/or email. From time to time, they may schedule demonstrations that will be part of club meetings or as separate stand-alone events. You may be invited to local practice sessions or shows to see the mentor and their dogs in action.

All you need to do is take the first step by contacting a BMDCR Mentor!

For a current list of Mentors please see the club website: <http://www.bmdcr.org/Mentors.html>

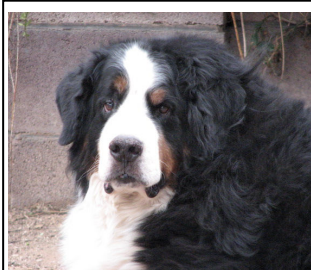
BMDCR Members – If you would like to be listed as a Mentor for one of the events or activities, or if you can Mentor an event or activity that is not on the list, please contact Barry Solomon at [bsolomon@myqci.com](mailto:bsolomon@myqci.com) or 303-670-0426.

## Memorials



Our beloved Dylan (Nashem's In My Dreams) died on 2/28/13 at the age of 8 years, 4 months). He was euthanized due to pain from advanced cancer surrounded by those whom he loved.

Laura & Al Hauptenthal



Romeo was released from his earthly bonds on January 30th. He had lost the ability to control his back end, due to advanced stage of caudia equine. He had recently been fighting Osteosarcoma.

Romeo - Ch Mountainairs Crime of Passion was just 10 weeks shy of 12 years old.

He is deeply missed by all who loved him!

Teresa Dominguez

**Membership Update** by Chairperson- Stacy Temples**BMDCR Membership- March/April 2013**

Please welcome our newest Sustaining Members who were voted in at the January 2013 Awards Banquet meeting.

**New Sustaining member:**

Jamie Schwoerer, 10555 W. Jewell Ave. Apt. 3-108, Lakewood, CO 80232, H Ph. (608) 609-7916., Cell: (608) 609-7916, E-mail: jamieschwoerer@gmail.com.

**New Junior Member :**

Jennifer Necker, BD 03/15/99, almost 14 years old. , 366 Richard Ct., Los Alamos, NM 87544. Ph. (505) 672-0134. E-mail: 3divers@newmexico.com.

**New Membership Applicants**

Voting:

Tracey Carpe formerly Hyatt , 1423 Yosemite Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80910. Ph. H) 719-473-5750, M) 505.850.8284. E-mail: luvmyberners@gmail.com. Sponsored by Sara Karl & Dottie Schulte. Tracey has been a Sustaining member of the BMDCR since March 27, 2011 when she lived in NM. She recently moved to Colorado and is coming to meetings and becoming more active in the club. She has 3 Bernese and she actively shows her dogs.

Sustaining Membership Applicants:

Kathryn Smith, 9622 Cordova Drive, Littleton, CO 80130. Ph. H) 303-470-1292, M) 720-218-1258. E-mail: Katie@oboe4hire.com. Sponsored by Sara Karl & Jean L. Smith. Katie is the daughter of longtime charter member Jean Smith, and she takes care of her Bernese. She is willing to help out at draft tests and when she has free time. She is interested in health, drafting, obedience, therapy and agility.

Susan V. Martin, 275 South 6th Avenue, Brighton, CO 80601. Ph. H) 303-536-4034, M) 720 963-3328. E-mail: susan.martin@dot.gov. Sponsored by Phil Shaffer and Patti Davieau. Susan has a male named Puppy, DOB 08/30/2006 and a female named Kacey, DOB 03/06/2009 who are both Rescue dogs. She is willing to assist at events.

Richard O' Conner, 4751 Sedona Circle, Parker CO 80134. Ph. M) 719- 439-7770. E-mail: rboc2@me.com. Sponsors are Phil Shaffer and Patti Davieau. Owner of two brothers, Boots and Bradley, DOB 08/18/2011, from Cindy Bershinsky. Richard wants to do activities like carting and backpacking with his dogs and he is also interested in search and rescue and obedience. He wants to be active in the club and to assist in planning and volunteering at events. He has been in the military 37 years and wants to share what he has learned.

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**Board Meeting Minutes—January 27, 2013  
The Bistro at Aspen Grove Shopping Center**

Board Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2013

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 11:06 pm on [January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at The Bistro at Aspen Grove Shopping Center in Littleton .](#)

**Present:** Board members Mary Ellen Guy, Sara Karl, Alice Clark, Candy McDanal, Barry Solomon, Lori Kennedy, Vicky Chesser, Joanna Hughes, Laura Haupenthal.

**Approval of Minutes:** Sara moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the January/February 2013 newsletter. Approved with change to next meeting time. Motion seconded by Laura. All in favor, motion passed.

**Secretary’s Report:** The AKC membership list has been updated.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Rescue checking 4,707.02\$; CD \$6,782.78; savings 5362.76 (matures in January 2013), checking \$15,990.59. We have closed out the accounts at Chase and transferred to Wells Fargo with the exception of the CD, which will have to wait for maturity to move if we want to. Lori motions to approve report, Candy seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

Quickbooks is needed now as Sara’s old computer has died and she cannot transfer the old version to her new computer. The cost is approximately \$200.

**Committee Reports**

**Rescue Committee** – nothing to report.

**2013 National Specialty** – nothing for this meeting.

**2013 Regional Specialty**– nothing for this meeting.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Newsletter Editor** – Thanks to Sharon Keefer, Val Horney and Pam Solomon for finding a new editor – Teresa Dominquez. Tracy Carpe will be her assistant. Sara motioned to accept Teresa and Tracy in the before mentioned positions. Motion seconded by Laura. All in favor, motion passed.

**Website** - Barry brought up that several of the contacts have incorrect information. He has the list and will provide all the corrections to Sharon Keefer.

**Next Meeting:** The next board meeting is March 24<sup>th</sup> at noon, at Al and Laura’s home.

**Adjournment:** The Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:16 pm. Alice motioned to adjourn, Laura seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

General Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 11:42am on January 27<sup>th</sup> at the The Bistro at Aspen Grove Shopping Center in Littleton.

**Present:** 29 voting members (a quorum), 4 sustaining members, 0 junior members and 4 guests.

**Approval of Minutes:** Alice moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the January/February 2013 newsletter. Motion seconded by Candy. All in favor, motion passed.

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### **President's Report:**

**Guests** - Rich O'Connor who lives in Parker and has two berners. He was introduced to club by Patti Davieu. Our second guest was Jim Wilson. He and his wife Belinda (who was not present today) have a 13 month old puppy named Emma.

Thanks to all who attended Berner Noel last month on a very cold day. Thanks to Buffy for her work as newsletter editor and thanks to the search committee for locating a new editor. Thanks also to Helen Karl for serving on the board, she's stepping aside and Laura Hauptenthal is taking her place.

A couple of months ago, Lori Kennedy put together a program for a meeting. Mary Ellen would like to know what we would like to see for future programs. Jeanne Stanwood would like to have a discussion about puppy immunizations. Candy would like to see demos of rally and agility, etc. Sara says we used to have a working day, she'd like to see that again. Also what about a herding day next fall? Stacy Temples would be willing to do a raw food presentation.

It's been a good year, and it's time to take stock of the work we've done. Most importantly is the 2013 National Specialty coming up - it will be a big event. Sara notes that what we're really working on now is organizing volunteers. Contact Carrie Roos from the National Club or Sara if you would like to help.

Over the course of the year, we have set up a separate bank account for our Rescue funds. Sandy Dunaway and Phil Shafer have continued to work on migrating the rescue forms from Phil's personal web site to the official club web site. Also, to keep the website fresh, send photos to Sharon or Sandy Dunaway to add to the website.

Meet the Breeds at Plum Creek Show (2-3pm) Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> - Berners will show in the morning so it should be easy to participate, but only dogs entered in the show are requested.

**Secretary's Report:** See Board minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** See Board minutes. Val motions to approve Treasurers report, Lori seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

### **Committee Reports**

**Ways and Means** – We will have a BMDCR booth at the 2013 National. Sharon can't get volunteers through Carrie, since that's for the National club, so people need to volunteer independently to Sharon. This is a good chance to get rid of a lot of old inventory and make some money for the club.

**Club Historian and Inventory Control** – Elaine is still working to get info on the location of all the club inventory.

**2013 Regional** – The theme is Berners gone wild. Because of the National we're trying to keep it a little inexpensive, but still fun. Bill Shelton is our judge for Breed. Sweeps is being judged by Lillian Ostermiller. Our obedience judge is Linda Scanlon and our rally judge is Ron Horn. Sharon has a list to sponsor trophies that she will pass around. We still need to fill some positions on the committee: obedience and rally chairs, chief ring steward, grounds, hospitality, judge's hospitality and raffle chair. Bev Hilmes is going to be the banquet chair again. Bev would like to ask the club to subsidize the dessert. Bev motions that the club sponsor the dinner to the amount of \$200 to cover the dessert. Candy seconds the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

**2013 BMDCA National Specialty** – The dates are May 13th to May 18th. Candy is looking for die cuts of paw prints for the banquet favors. Sara is reporting for Dottie. The Planning Booklet went out a few weeks ago and on line registration is ready to go. Volunteers are needed – please contact Carrie Roos or Sara. Our Rockies Ways and Means booth needs volunteers as well. Beth Dennehey has the sign up book to sponsor trophies and needs volunteers to hand out ring favors.

**Fall Draft Test Report** – Beth is looking for a place for test in Steamboat Springs.

**Rescue** – Ann Rutherford reports that we've been getting our insurance through All Breed Rescue. But last year they had a huge lawsuit, so they are dropping coverage of clubs. We will now need to get our own insurance. Ann has been working with Sara to find

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something. Ann has requests for quotes out to 2 different companies and Sara has contacted the AKC for a quote. The national club does not do rescue, so they don't need insurance.

Ann was contacted a few weeks ago by Amy Booth, she adopted Heidi at 8 ½ two and half years ago, but she just succumbed to cancer at age 11. We've had some generous donations from club members, Tom Duchen and Beth Dennehey have recently donated. Ann also has a card from Marilyn with her adopted girl. Kudos to Phil for what he's done, he took Eddie a long time ago, and also another dog who wouldn't bond with anyone, but Phil took her. Last year Phil took a 10 1/2 year old dog a home for the rest of his life.

### **Election of New Members**

Jamie Schwoerer – Sustaining member, sponsors are Sharon and Alice. Jennifer Necker – Junior member, a former neighbor of Tracy Carpe and a co-owner of one of Tracy's dogs. She's 13 and her primary breed is English Setters.

New applications are Rich O'Connor who will appear in the next newsletter, and Tracy Carpe who will be moving to a voting membership.

### **New Business**

**Ways and Means Chair effective 2014** – Sharon would like to step down a year from now. If you're interested in helping, please talk to her. This is very important position. If no one is willing to do the full job, she's willing to split the job if someone will help out with booth sales.

**Draft Camp** – Barry proposes an August date again due to the National. He'll be looking for someone to handle the logistics again as well. Please let Barry know if you'd like to help.

**Mentor Program** – Barry is proposing a mentor program consisting of volunteers to help people get involved in their areas of interest.

**Pack Hike** – We haven't had a berner hike for two years, and Ron Abbott proposes that we should get out again this year after the National. His two ideas are Ben Tyler, near Shawnee and 285. He's also considering a segment of the Colorado Trail which might be fun.

**Eye Clinic** – Nancy Fuselier is organizing the Eye Clinic again this year. It will be March 16<sup>th</sup> at Dr. Hammond's clinic. Heartworm tests will also be available. Sign up with Nancy (call her at 719-531-7366. This is great thing for everyone, even pet owners, to do! And it's at a reduced rate.

**Spring Draft Test** – Lori wants to remind everyone of the test being held on April 6<sup>th</sup> in Denver.

Lou is promoting the 2013 Ways and Means Web site. In the envelope on your table there's a ticket for a drawing today. And you can buy additional tickets as well.

**Next Meeting:** The March meeting will be held at Laura and Al's home on March 24<sup>th</sup>: noon for the Board meeting and 1pm for the General meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:29 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alice Gordon.

**Membership Update** by Chairperson- Stacy Temples

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Owner of a new puppy boy from Sharon Montville, Finn, Tanzenite The Trouble with Tribbles, DOB 10/1/2012. They are interested in herding, tracking, draft, conformation, obedience and therapy work. They want to learn more and to be involved with all things Berners can do. They have considerable computer skills and can help out with that.

**BMDCR Newsletter Deadlines for 2013**

Please submit content for BMDCR newsletters to the Editor by the deadlines listed below.

In addition to regular features, appropriate articles, advertisements and photos are welcome.

May/Jun Issue – 4/15/13

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As a Bernese Mountain Dog owner, are you looking for fun opportunities where you can socialize your dog, and make new friends? Would you like to have the chance to hike, camp, have play dates at dog parks, take canine First Aid, massage classes, walk in parades, do fun run/walk events, raise money for good causes, and more all while hanging out with other cool Berner owners & dogs?

Join us in the #1 Bernese Mountain Dog “Meetup” ([www.Meetup.com](http://www.Meetup.com)) club in the World! We have now have 132 members, and are growing every week! Since we founded the group in July, 2011 we've had 115 Meetups, and currently have 40 planned. If you know any Berner owners, or folks who are new to Colorado, and are looking for a chance to meet up and do various activities with fellow Berner fans, please pass the word along!

Check us out at <http://www.meetup.com/The-Colorado-Bernese-Mountain-Dog-Meetup-Group/>.

We're also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Colorado-Bernese-Mountain-Dog-Meetup-Group/222486277790520>

Thanks & hope to see you soon at a Meetup Event!

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eases using data drawn from one breed or pooled from several breeds.

Against that backdrop, Hart and colleagues launched their study, using a single hospital database. The study was designed to examine the effects of neutering on the risks of several diseases in the same breed, distinguishing between males and females and between early or late neutering and non-neutering.

The researchers chose to focus on the golden retriever because it is one of the most popular breeds in the U.S. and Europe and is vulnerable to various cancers and joint disorders. The breed also is favored for work as a service dog.

The research team reviewed the records of female and male golden retrievers, ranging in age from 1 to 8 years, that had been examined at UC Davis' William R. Pritchard Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital for two joint disorders and three cancers: hip dysplasia, cranial cruciate ligament tear, lymphosarcoma, hemangiosarcoma and mast cell tumor. The dogs were classified as intact (not neutered), neutered early (before 12 months age), or neutered late (at or after 12 months age).

Joint disorders and cancers are of particular interest because neutering removes the male dog's testes and the female's ovaries, interrupting production of certain hormones that play key roles in important body processes such as closure of bone growth plates, and regulation of the estrous cycle in female dogs.

The study revealed that, for all five diseases analyzed, the disease rates were significantly higher in both males and females that were neutered either early or late compared with intact (non-neutered) dogs.

Specifically, early neutering was associated with an increase in the occurrence of hip dysplasia, cranial cruciate ligament tear and lymphosarcoma in males and of cranial cruciate ligament tear in females. Late neutering was associated with the subsequent occurrence of mast cell tumors and hemangiosarcoma in females.

In most areas, the findings of this study were consistent with earlier studies, suggesting similar increases in disease risks. The new study, however, was the first to specifically report an increased risk of late neutering for mast cell tumors and hemangiosarcoma.

Furthermore, the new study showed a surprising 100 percent increase, or doubling, of the incidence of hip dysplasia among early-neutered males. Earlier studies had reported a 17 percent increase among all neutered dogs compared to all non-neutered dogs, indicating the importance of the new study in making gender and age-of-neutering comparisons.

Other researchers on this UC Davis study were: Gretel Torres de la Riva, Thomas Farver and Lynette Hart, School of Veterinary Medicine; Anita Oberbauer, Department of Animal Science; Locksley Messam, Department of Public Health Sciences; and Neil Willits, Department of Statistics.

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### The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies Fast Facts

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



**Providing a source of education and support  
for fanciers of Bernese Mountain Dogs**

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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](http://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 Helen Karl at [helann10@yahoo.com](mailto:helann10@yahoo.com).
- **Facebook**—[Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies](#)
- **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.