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Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

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February 14, 2014



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President's Message - March 2014

Welcome to new sustaining members Brooks Bernard and Adele Swenson. We are happy to count you among us!

The Awards Banquet in January was fun and kudos to all who helped put the slideshow together, create certificates for titleholders, give awards and treats, and supply cookies for "our loved ones at home." Special congratulations go to Roth award winner Lori Kennedy for all she has done for the club -- Speaking of which, the March 23rd meeting will be at Lori's house and Jim DeKieffer will be there to give a program on herding. Don't miss it! We will hold a herding test a couple months later, once the weather is (more) reliable.

And thanks to Tracey Carpe and all those of you who participated in the Meet the Breeds session at the Plum Creek show. The Berner session had great attendance and fans who are thinking about getting a Berner were able to meet our dogs and get their questions answered. It was a good educational effort.

As a reminder, always refer your friends to the official club website, www.bmdcr.org, to learn about Club activities. Be wary of any other website that appears to represent the club; only [bmdcr.org](http://www.bmdcr.org) is authorized to post club information.

Mary Ellen

BMDCR Newsletter Advertising

BMDCR Newsletter Advertising: The BMDCR accepts appropriate ads in the club's bimonthly newsletter on a space available basis. Priority is given to ads from club members. Ads must be camera-ready (per the Editor), however, assistance with preparing ads is available upon request. Ads must be paid in advance via the BMDCR website store at: <http://www.bmdcr.org/Shop-the-Rockies.html> Select the category Newsletter Advertising.

Instructions for submitting ads, including how to request design assistance, are included at that link. Advertising Rates (per single issue): Business Card Size Ad - \$5 for BMDCR members, \$10 for non-members; Quarter-Page Ad - \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members; Half-Page Ad -\$20 for members, \$40 for non-members

Submission Deadlines: Camera-ready ads are due on the 15th of December, February, April, June, August, and October, for the Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, May/Jun, July/Aug, Sept/Oct, Nov/Dec issues, respectively. Allow 2 additional weeks for ads requiring design assistance.

Upcoming Meetings/Special Events Schedule

March 2014 - BMDCR Health Clinic

Date: March 15, 2014

Location: 7630 W 39th Ave, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

CERF Eye Exams and Heartworm tests

Contact Dr. Nancy Fuselier at 719-531-7366 to register.

March 2014 - BMDCR Board and General Meeting

Date: March 23, 2014

Time: 12pm Board Meeting, 1pm Membership Meeting

Location: Home of Lori Kennedy, 9630 E Colorado Ave, Denver CO.

There will be a presentation on herding by Jim DeKieffer.

May 2014 - BMDCR Spring Draft Test

Date: May 3 - 4, 2014

Location: Sterne Park, Littleton, CO

BMDCR Spring Draft Test. Sterne Park, Littleton, CO (pending approval)

May 2014 - Dumb Friend League Furry Scurry

Date: May 3, 2014

Time: 9am

Location: Washington Park, Denver, CO

We're celebrating the 21st annual Furry Scurry!

May 2014 - BMDCR Herding Fun Day

Date: May 25, 2014

Location: Elizabeth, CO

Details to follow.

Membership Update by Chairperson- Stacy Temples

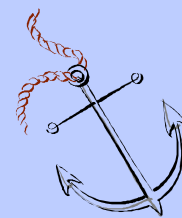
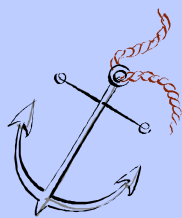
March 2014

We had **two BMDCR sustaining membership** applicant candidates who were approved for membership in January 2014. Please welcome them to the club.

Brooks Bernard, 13469 W. 23rd Place, Golden, Colorado 80401. Ph. (303) 523-1520. E-mail: brooksbernard@gmail.com.

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There are no new membership applicants this month .



THE COLORADO CUP
 BMDCR'S answer to THE AMERICA'S CUP
2014 SPRING DRAFT TEST
May 3 & 4

Sterne Park, Littleton, CO
 Captains – Lou Tucker & Lori Kennedy
 Boatswain Secretary – Vicki Whitney
hwwhitney@bresnannet.com 303-838-2662
 Admiralty - Jennifer Brightbill & Mary Alice Eschweiler
 Cruise deadline – April 18, 2014

Advertisements



Bernese Mountain Dogs and Friends
Furry Scurry Team Fundraising Party and Silent Auction



Foothills Green Gallery - 5500 S Simms St, Littleton, CO
Friday, March 28 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Join us for a fantastic evening of mingling, drinks, art, music, Hors d'oeuvres and merchandise table - topped off by an amazing Silent Auction featuring goods and services by local Colorado artists, businesses and friends! All Silent Auction proceeds will be donated to the Bernese Mountain Dogs and Friends Team to benefit the Dumb Friends League. Stop by! Tell your friends!

For a minimum donations of \$5.00 you will receive a drink ticket and an entry into our raffle featuring vintage memorabilia from the DDFL. If you, or someone you know would like to make a donation to the Silent Auction, please email Buffy at COBerneseMountainDogs@Gmail.com by March 16th.

The Bernese Mountain Dog Meetup Group invites you to join and/or donate to our 2014 Furry Scurry Team. This year the "Bernese Mountain Dogs and Friends" Furry Scurry Team goal is to have 100 Berners on the walk with us and to raise \$10,000 for this great cause. Our team theme is "Peace, Love & Berners - Wag Your Tail For Peace!". Team T-Shirts are available with this fantastic design by Maggie Brudos. We hope you will join us for the fun!

To join or donate to the team: www.FurryScurry.com > Search for "bernese" > Click Bernese Mountain Dogs and Friends > Click Join Now or Donate Now

Show News !- By Lou Tucker

Peak to Peak Working Dog Assn of CO 2/13/14

Puppy Sweepstakes

BSS Blumoon's Orzo Risoni Owners – Christine & Michael Mann

OSS Blumoon's Wonderland Quencher - Owners – Christine Tessarowicz & C. Mann
Veteran Sweepstakes

BSS CH Lemark Seastars White Gloves Owner – Dr. Mary Ellen Guy

Regular Classes

WD/BW/BBY G3 DC Blumoon's Orzo Risoni Owners – Christine & Michael Mann

RWD Prairefire's Promise Me A Stout One Owners – E. YoJoonho & Sharon Johnson

WB/New CH Prairefire's Cool As A Breeze Owners-G.& M.Curtis & Sharon Johnson

RWB Kasablanca's Mountainair Midnight Blue Owner - Darcy Babb

BOS CH Summit's Tres Jolie V Joyful Owners – Sharon Keefer & Sandy Dunaway

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WB Berntiers Crystal Ball Owner – Cathy Davis

RWB Kasablanca's Mountainair Midnight Blue Owner - Darcy Babb

BB GCH Mountainair's Lima Bean BN,RE,MDD,CD Owners-Beth Dennehy, W.Rogers, D.Babb

BOS Prairefire's Cool As A Breeze Owners - Greg & Mary Curtis & Sharon Johnson

SEL New GCH CH Nashems Homebrew Owners – Dottie Schulte & Haley Curran

Plum Creek Kennel Club 2/15/14

WD/BW/BBY/G4 New CH Ratcliff's Extra Innings Owners-L.& B.Tucker & Tracey Carpe

WB Kasablanca's Mountainair Midnight Blue Owner – Darcy Babb

RWB Prairefire's Feel Like Dancin' Owners – Anna Asmussen & Sharon Johnson

BOS Prairefire's Cool As A Breeze Owners – G. Curtis & M. Curtis & Sharon Johnson

SEL GCH CH Indian Ivanhoe From Orsina's Land OAP NFP C Owner – Valerie Horney

SEL CH Summit's Tres Jolie V Joyful Owners – Sharon Keefer & Sandy Dunaway

Best Junior Handler Jennifer Necker & Ayehli's Amazing Grace Owners-J.Necker, F. Bushnell & T. Carpe

Colorado Kennel Club 2/16/14

WD/BW Prairefire's Promise Me A Stout One Owners – E. YoJoonho & Sharon Johnson

RWB Prairefire's Feel Like Dancin' Owners – Anna Asmussen & Sharon Johnson

BOS Prairefire's Cool As A Breeze Owners – G. & N. Curtis & Sharon Johnson

SEL/BOBOH Ch Lemark Seastars White Gloves Owner – Dr. Mary Ellen Guy

Colorado Kennel Club 2/17/14

WD/BW Prairefire's Promise Me A Stout One Owners - E. YoJoonho & Sharon Johnson

RWD Biergartens Hoptimus Prime Ale Owners - Beverly & Michael Hilmes

RWB Ratcliff's Lily Of The Valley Owners – Tracey Carpe & Jennifer Necker

BOS/NEW GCH CH Summits Tres Jolie Owners – Sharon Keefer & Sandy Dunaway

BVT/G4 CH Lemark Seastars White Gloves Owner – Dr. Mary Ellen Guy

* PERFORMANCE WINS *

Grand Canyon State BMD Club Draft Test 1/19/14

Dexter & Yoshi Peterson Novice Draft Dog (NDD)

Morgan & Stacey Temples Novice Draft Dog (NDD) at 10 years of age

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

2/15/14 passed NACSW Level 2 (Anise) Odor Recognition Test (ORT)

2/20/14 passed AKC Canine Good Citizen Advanced Test (CGCA)

BMDCR ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Below is the list of all the Rockies members and their dogs who earned titles in 2013. Alice the forgetful, forgot to bring the certificates to the Awards Banquet in January. We did our best to recapture and announce all those titles that were earned last year at that banquet. But in case we missed anyone, here they are again. Congratulations to everyone!

GCH B-Haven's Sherpa's Mtn Endeavor
Owned by Jill Byers
7/13 Grand Championship - Gold
9/13 Best in Specialty Show

B-Haven's Sherpa's Glory of the Summit
Owned by Jill Byers
9/13 Championship

Biergarten's American Ale von der Bernessehof
Owned by Beverly and Michael Hilmes
2/13 Championship
9/13 Grand Championship

Blumoon's Butcher Hollow RN
Owned by Holly Foster
1/13 Rally Advanced
5/13 BMDCA Novice Draft Dog
5/13 Rally Excellent

Blumoon's Circle Unbroken RN
Owned by Holly Foster
1/13 Rally Advanced
5/13 BMDCA Novice Draft Dog
5/13 Rally Excellent

Brighteye Caliche Trails NDD
Owned by Elaine Witulski
8/13 Beginner Novice Obedience
10/13 BMDCA Brace Novice Draft Dog

Brighteye R Questa'Win NJP NAP NAJ NA RN
NDD BNDD
Owned by Elaine Witulski
2/13 Advanced Brace Novice Draft Dog
9/13 Companion Dog
9/13 BMDCA Working Dog

Classique's Midnight Serenade BN RN CGC
Owned by Patty Wellinger and Dawn Gabig
1/13 Rally Advanced
4/13 Barn Hunt Instinct
5/13 ASCA Companion Dog
5/13 Companion Dog
5/13 Rally Excellent
5/13 ASCA Rally Advanced
Herding Instinct Certificate

CH Alderfer DaisyFields A Blooming
Owned by Cathy Davis
10/13 BMDCA Novice Draft Dog

Dashing to the Rescue CD RE BN ANDD BNDD DD
Owned by Alice and Steven Clark
5/13 BMDCA Brace Draft Dog
10/13 BMDCA Advanced Brace Novice Draft Dog

De-Li's Lemark Believe It Or Not
Owned by Dr. Mary Ellen Guy and Lilian Ostermiller
4/13 Championship

Prairiefire's Miracles Can't Wait
Owned by Lori Kennedy and Sharon Johnson
5/13 Beginner Novice Obedience
5/13 Rally Novice
10/13 Pre-Companion Dog

Deerpark Dark Star v. Valentine CGC
Owned by Rae Valentine, DVM
5/13 Rally Novice

Ella Bermondo Bohemia
Owned by Cathy Davis
9/13 Championship

Ashflat Princess Graci RA BN CGC NDD BNDD
Owned by Lori Kennedy
2/13 BMDCA Advanced Novice Draft Dog
10/13 Companion Dog
10/13 BMDCA Advanced Brace Novice Draft Dog

GCH Indian Ivanhoe from Orsina's Land DD
Owned by Valerie Horney
4/13 BMDCA Brace Novice Draft Dog
7/13 Novice Agility Preferred
7/13 Novice Jumpers w/ Weaves Preferred
7/13 BMDCA Versatility Dog
8/13 Open Agility Preferred
8/13 BMDCA Versatility Dog Excellent
9/13 Companion Dog
9/13 BMDCA Working Dog
10/13 BMDCA Brace Draft Dog
10/13 Open Jumpers w/ Weaves Preferred
10/13 Fast Agility Novice Preferred

Lemark Cover Girl
Owned by Dr. Mary Ellen Guy
6/13 Championship

CH Lemark Seastars White Gloves
Owned by Dr. Mary Ellen Guy
8/13 Grand Championship

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Kennedy's Murren CD RA NJP UR01 CGC ANDD
BMDCA Working Dog
Owned by Lori Kennedy
5/13 Beginner Novice Obedience
8/13 Open Jumpers w/ Weaves Preferred
10/13 BMDCA Advanced Brace Novice Draft Dog

Nashems Homebrew
Owned by Dottie Schulte and Sara Karl and Helen Karl
2/13 Championship

Kimberlite's Obsidian Lace CD RE CGC
Owned by Vicky Whitney
4/13 BMDCA Novice Draft Dog

Prairiefire's Perfectly Happy RN, BN
Owned by Joanna Hughes and Sharon Johnson
5/13 Championship
10/13 Companion Dog

CH Wagontale's Sing Me a Miracle CD RE ANDD
ABNDD MDD BMDCA Versatility Dog
Owned by Barry & Pam Solomon & Stacy Temples
2/13 Master Brace Draft Dog
2/13 Grand Master Draft Dog

Spring's Joy of Driving
Owned by Nancy Fuselier DVM
2/13 Companion Dog

Wagontale's A Magic Belle
Owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell
3/13 Championship

Wagontale's Reach for the Stars
Owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell
11/13 Championship

CH Wagontale's Winter Rose
Owned by Nancy Winegar and Stacy Temples
4/13 BMDCA Novice Draft Dog

Wagontale's Victory Dance
Owned by Kevin & Jean Kaul & Stacy Temples
6/13 Championship

Wagontale's Yureka
Owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell
5/13 Championship

Wagontale's Zorba
Owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell
5/13 Championship

CH Brisago Aurora Borealis at Wagontale
Owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell
2/13 Grand Championship

Wagontale's A Magic Moment BN RE
Owned by Jani Ritschard and Stacy Temples
7/13 Companion Dog

CH Brisago A Bright Night at Wagontale
Owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell
9/13 Grand Championship

Wagontale's Ultimate Catch RA, NDD, DD, NFP
Owned by Nadja Torling and Stacy Temples
5/13 Novice Jumpers with Weaves Preferred

CH Wagontale's Whodunnit? CD RE CGC VD DD
BDD DD1
Owned by Pam and Barry Solomon and Stacy Temples
4/13 BMDCA Master Brace Draft Dog
4/13 BMDCA Advanced Brace Novice Draft Dog
10/13 BMDCA Advanced Novice Draft Dog
10/13 BMDCA Master Draft Dog
10/13 BMDCA Grand Master Draft Dog

CH Mountainair's Lima Bean, CD BN RE CGC
ANDD MDD BMDCA Versatility Dog
Owned by Beth Dennehy and Darcy Babb
4/13 Brace Novice Draft Dog
9/13 Grand Championship

Whitana One Moment in Time
Owned by Vicky Whitney
6/13 Tracking Dog

Zuzu's Petals CD RA OA OAJ NJP NF
Owned by Vicky Hall
3/13 Companion Dog Excellent

Board Meeting Minutes - January 19, 2014

The Board Meeting was called to order at 11:05am, January 19, 2014, at Las Brisas Restaurant, Greenwood Village prior to the Awards Banquet.

Present: President: Dr. Mary Ellen Guy, Secretary: Dr. Laura Hauptenthal, Board Members: Candy McDanal, Joanna Hughes, Cathy Davis, Dottie Schulte and Patti Wellinger

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve minutes of the previous meeting was made by Candy and seconded by Joanna. Motion passed.

Report of President: The Board moved into executive session at 11:06 am and moved back into regular Board meeting at 11:18am.

Report of Secretary: Laura reported that the club has been asked to donate a basket for the raffle at the 2014 National Specialty.. The membership will be asked about this/

Report of Treasurer: Sara reported the following: \$23,151.67 in checking, \$12,157.82 in savings and \$6,103.86 in rescue checking. Cathy moved to approve treasurer's report of last meeting. Candy seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Spring Draft Test Budget: Lou presented a budget for the Spring draft test. She estimates that income will likely be \$2190 with estimated expenses of \$2115 and profit of \$75.

Dottie moved to approve the spring draft test budget as presented by Lou and Patti seconded. Motion passed.

Alpenhorn Ad: In order to promote the draft test, we need to advertise in the Alpenhorn. The deadline for ads is February 1. Dottie moved to approve a black and white full page in the Alpenhorn (\$62.50). Joanna seconded. Motion passed.

Fall Draft Test: There will be a Fall 2014 draft test and Alice has volunteered to chair it.

Unfinished Business

Herding Fun Day - Sara talked to Jim DeKieffer about a herding fun day in March 2014. He can do it on the 9, 16 or 23rd. The Board will present it to the membership.

New Business

None

Adjournment: Candy moved to adjourn the Board meeting and Joanna seconded at 11:29 am. Motion passed.

General Meeting Minutes - January 19, 2014

The BMDCR General Meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm on January 19, 2014 at Las Brisas Restaurant, Greenwood Village prior to the Awards Banquet.

Present: 18 voting members, no sustaining members, 1 junior members, no guests.

Welcome to New Members: New voting member Jill Byers and sustaining members R. Dee Sherrill and Patricia Barber were welcomed.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Valerie to approve minutes from the last meeting as printed in the newsletter and was seconded by Alice. Motion passed.

Report of President: Mary Ellen reported the dates that will work for the Herding Fun Day. The decision is that March 16th is the best date so she will ask Sara to arrange that with Jim DeKieffer.

Report of Secretary: The National Specialty 2014 Committee asked for a raffle basket donation from the Club. Dottie and Val volunteered to put it together.

Report of Treasurer: Sara reported the following: \$23,151.67 in checking, \$12,157.82 in savings and \$6,103.86 in rescue checking. The treasurer's report was approved.

Committee Reports

Spring Draft Test: Lou reported that she is getting started on premium list for the Spring Draft Test. The estimated income from the test will likely be \$2190 with estimated expenses of \$2115.. Dottie moved to

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General Meeting Minutes - January 19, 2014

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approve the spring draft test budget as presented by Lou. Patti seconded. Motion passed.

Fall Regional: Dottie reported on the Regional Specialty, which will be held on Friday in conjunction with the Evergreen show weekend, as usual. Donations were requested for trophies. Bev made a motion to request that the club pay for a dessert item for the dinner (perhaps cupcakes?) in an amount not to exceed \$250. Dottie seconded. Motion carried.

Back-to-Back Specialty: Dottie is looking into several locations for the 2015 Back to Back Specialty and will report at the next meeting.

Rescue: Rescue: Ann reported that a dog was surrendered to rescue for "psychological issues." Upon further investigation, there were no apparent psychological issues with this dog. The foster family will be keeping him permanently.

Election of New Sustaining Members: Brooks Bernard sponsored by Christine Mann and Jeanne Stanwood) and Adele Swenson (sponsored by Elaine Witulski and Dottie Schulte) were voted in as new sustaining members. Dottie mentioned that Adele was very helpful on numerous committees at the 2013 National Specialty and is willing to help with numerous club events.

Old Business

Storage Unit: Val reports that the storage unit is ready to be used and is very easy to reach geographically.

New Business

Eye & Heartworm Clinic: Nancy reported that the Eye Clinic will be Saturday March 15th and passed around a sign-up sheet

Fall Draft Test: Alice reported that she is looking at several sites for the Fall Draft Test.

Summer Draft Clinic: There was discussion as to whether or not we have maxed out our group's interest for an extended version of the Summer Draft Clinic? Val thinks that last year's one day event was possibly more successful and more popular than an extended event. Val will look into this.

Possible Meeting Program: Ron reports that he is attempting to recruit Dr Marc Bekoff, professor emeritus of CU Boulder, who is an expert in animal behavior, as a possible speaker.. (He is the author of Emotional Lives of Animals and Decoding Your Dog.)

Berner Fiesta: A location for this year's Berner Fiesta was discussed. Candy suggested that the Pine Valley Ranch might be a good choice. Past events have been held here where the temperatures are cooler than in Denver and is a good site with shade and water for the dogs. Alice moved and Bev seconded a motion to have it at the Pine Valley Ranch. Motion passed.

Meet the Breed: Meet the Breed will be at 2 Pm on Saturday, February 15, 2014 in conjunction with the Plum Creek Kennel Club show. Organizers of this event have requested that participants be restricted to dogs that are entered in the show. Members are encouraged to discuss with Tracey if interested in this event.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on March 23rd. Location to be determined.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 pm for brags and awards. Bev moved to adjourn. Patti seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Laura Haupenthal

Breeder Referral Litter Research

A little over a year ago Breeder Referral started a litter research service for potential puppy owners (PPOs). PPOs can submit the registration numbers of a sire and dam and Breeder Referral will look them up in the Berner-Garde and OFA databases. The breeder’s website and the AKC database may also be checked. The PPO is then sent a summary of the health test results. In theory buyers can do this themselves, but most people have no idea where to start or what to look for. Feedback from PPOs has been very positive. Most PPOs just want a healthy pet, but every breeder they talk to claims to breed for great health, and they have no way to separate fact from fiction.

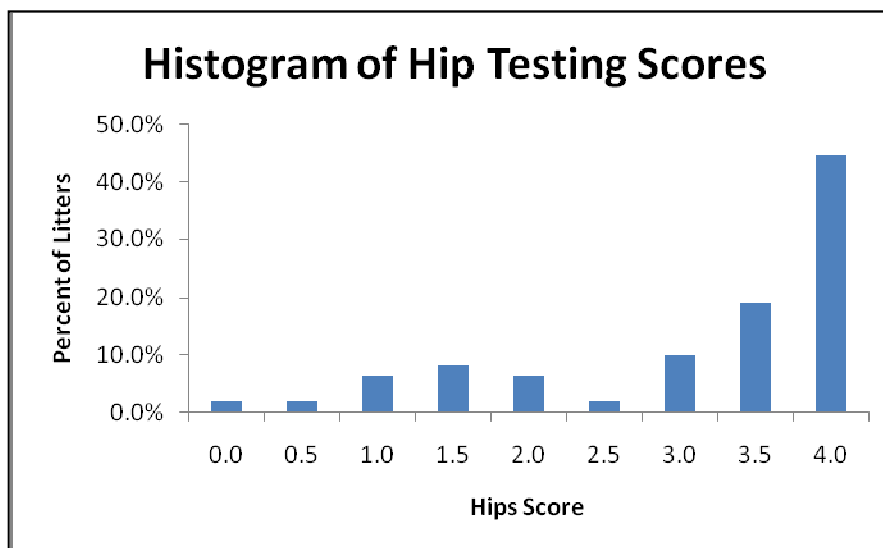
Every litter researched is put into an online database, and we now have about 170 litters and 540 dogs entered. PPOs are sent their results in an email with web links to their research summaries. At this time a large percentage of the local breeding dogs are in the database and most research requests are quite simple to do.

In addition to the individual litter research, we have also analyzed the data overall to find the patterns of health testing by breeders. As you might expect, BMDCR breeders do a lot of testing and the commercial breeders and back yard breeders do very little. Using hip testing as an example (OFA, PennHip, OVC, or foreign) we find:

0 parents clear	11.5% of litters
1 parent clear	17.7% of litters
2 parents clear	70.8% of litters
0 grandparent clear	5.3% of litters
1 grandparent clear	10.6% of litters
2 grandparents clear	11.5% of litters
3 grandparents clear	22.1% of litters
4 grandparents clear	50.4% of litters

If one point is assigned for each clear parent and ½ a point assigned for each clear grandparent, a testing score can be calculated. No hip testing gives a score of 0 and complete testing (both parents and all four grandparents) gives a score of 4. This is not intended as a breeding value but as an estimate of the amount of testing done.

Testing Score	Cumulative % of Litters
0.0	2%
0.5	4%
1.0	10%
1.5	18%
2.0	25%
2.5	26%
3.0	36%
3.5	55%
4.0	100%



Breeder Referral Litter Research- *continued*

Similar analyses have been done for the other CHIC tests. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

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BMDCR Newsletter Deadlines for 2014

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/June Issue - 4/15/2014

July/Aug Issue - 6/15/2014

Sept/Oct Issue - 8/15/2014

Nov/Dec Issue - 10/15/2014

Email to: t_doming@msn.com

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 above, or if you can Mentor an event or activity that is not on the list, please contact Barry Solomon at bsolomon@myqci.com or 303-670-0426.

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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**

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 Helen Karl at 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.