



# Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

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## Risk Factors for Canine Bloat

(As posted on BMDCAmembers)

Since 1994, Glickman and associates at Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine have followed nearly 2000 dogs of 11 large and giant breed dogs, in a controlled study of canine bloat. The breed with the highest lifetime likelihood of developing bloat is the Great Dane 42.4% Other deep-chested pure or mixed breeds also are at high risk, especially the Bloodhound, Irish Wolfhound, Irish Setter, Akita, Standard Poodle, German Shepherd Dog and Boxer. The predisposition to develop bloat is believed to be a polygenic, heritable trait. Risk factors for bloat in addition to breed type include deep and narrow chests, lean weight versus overweight, older age, gulping food - quickly 15% increase, presumably from more swallowing of air, dogs with fearful, nervous, or aggressive temperament, eating one large meal daily, and stress. For large breeds the risk of bloat goes up 20% for every year above age 5, whereas in giant breeds, it increases 20% for each year after age 3. About 30% of dogs that develop bloat die or are euthanized. First degree relatives of dogs with bloat history have a 63% greater risk of also developing bloat. Additionally, there has been a 1500% increase in the incidence of canine bloat in the last 30 years. As this has coincided with the increased feeding of dry dog

foods, mixing it with home-prepared or canned food has been shown to decrease the bloat risk. While raising the height of food and water bowls has been touted as being preventive, when studied, the risk of bloat actually increased by 110%. Factors found not to be associated with increased bloat risk include the degree of exercise before or after eating, recent vaccination, brand of dog food consumed, and timing or volume of water intake before or after eating. The best selection pressure against producing dogs at increased bloat risk is to breed those with lower chest-depth to chest-width ratios, and whose littermates have not bloated.

From Antech Diagnostic Labs news sheet. Reference: Bell. AKC Gazette 1204:26-27, 2003

### Next Meeting

Sunday, May 16

At Laura Haupenthal's House  
5614 S. Ivy Court  
Greenwood Village

Board Meeting - 11:30 AM  
General Meeting - 2:00 PM

Bring your dogs!

## Letter from the President

I do hope everyone is looking forward to a great summer, I know I am going to try very hard to get a few dogs ready for a Draft test, and Obedience; this past year I feel as if I have put a lot of training on hold, so I am looking forward to getting in the Draft & Obedience rings.

I did want to share with the club that I had a chance to meet a Village Witch on a trip to Crestone, CO. Now I thought a Village Witch she must be a strange person, NO in fact she was wonderful. The past two months I have been going through a tough time with one of my dogs Dawson, and about three weeks ago I found out he has cancer, he is 5 years old is there hope for him NO. So once a week acupuncture is done on him, and I know that really does help, cancer is in the lungs, it also helps with his eating, and at this time he still loves to eat.

In talking to the Village Witch I found out she is a Holistic Veterinarian, so she did a case study on Dawson and sent me herbal medicine, now will that help Dawson? All I know at this time nothing can hurt. I just hope I will have him with me a little longer, and he is doing just great at this time. I know like me we will do anything for our dogs.

So for \$25.00, the Village Witch will do a case study for you and send you the medicine, her name and address is:

Debra Floyd  
PO Box 354  
Crestone, CO 81131  
719-256-4666

Patti

## Officers

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– Any member is welcome to join in any of the above committees.  
Just contact the respective chair and express your interest. –

Submit All Membership Applications To:

Stacy Temples  
PO Box 2490  
Fort Collins, CO  
80522-2490

BMDCR Breed Contact Information Line:

Karen Baru  
303-841-9262

# In Memory...

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF BRODY

Tanzenbar Egyptian's End

AKA Brodykins, Brodenheimer Brodemeister,  
The Brodester, The Big Fella

January 27, 1994 – February 13, 2004

When we went to get our puppy Gretel, from the breeder, we heard that another family in Winter Park was getting her brother. Brody and Gretel were 10 weeks old that day. A couple weeks later, we heard his owners had left him in a kennel while they took a month long trip. We were worried about him, so we visited several times a week to take him for walks and to play with his sister. Boy did he beat her up!! He already was so much bigger!

A year later his owners didn't want him anymore. He couldn't run behind a horse all day. They asked us to find a home for him. I looked at him lying in the living room and said



"I can't have a dog this big". Five days later we found him a home....with us. He had won our hearts with his sweet ways.

Brody became John's work buddy, protecting and supervising the rural construction sites. He also became protector of family and home, making

the rounds of his 2 acre wooded yard or perching high on a snow bank, alerting us to moose, foxes, friends, or strangers that came along.

Brody reveled in becoming a hiker, backpacker, camper, snow shoer and XC skier. He was our excited companion on all trips, long and short. His greatest joy was being in the high country carrying his backpack. To that end, we trained him for participation in the GSMDCA Pack Dog events. The months of hiking to build up strength and endurance made our bonds even stronger. We were extremely proud when he and Gretel were the first BMDs to be certified as Novice Working Pack Dogs. It was quite an achievement for all of us.

Brody lived for 10 years and for that we are truly grateful. Now our hearts and home are empty without "The Big Fella". May his pack be light as he climbs the mountains across The Rainbow Bridge.

We will miss you forever.

Your family,

MJ, Gretel, and John Berendes



Davieau's Dawson Creek  
DC CGC TDI

January 5, 1999 - April 28, 2004

Dawson- I will miss you every day. You were such a big part of my life. Give your Dad, Denver, a hug in Heaven.

Patti Morgan



# Show News

— Valerie Horney —

Terry All Kennel Club  
April 10, 2004

WD/BW

Wagontale's Great Grey Wizard, "Gandalf"  
owned by Pam & Barry Solomon and Stacy Temples

RWD

Prairiefires Charismatic v Ay  
owned by S Johnson, K Englert, N Aldrich

WB/BOS

Prairiefire's Legend Semper Fi  
owned by Robin Dorn, Amy Fitsgerald, Sharon Johnson

RWB

Sapphire's Gotta Dance to Brnrliche  
owned by Kerri Nielsen & Christina Ohlsen

BB

Prairiefire's Bedtime Story, "PJ"  
owned by Sharon Johnson

3rd Leg Novice

A/C CH Ahquabi's Bank On It, A/C CD "Teller"  
owned by Valerie Horney, 181.5  
NEW COMPANION DOG

Hailey, owned by Angie Hanson, got her NDD title at the specialty. She is now both a working and versatility dog. CH Sandusky's Dazzling Meipaw CD NA NAJ NAP NJP OAP OJP. Wow, that's a lot of letters! Congratulations!!



April 11, 2004

WD

Prairiefires Charismatic v Ay  
owned by S Johnson, K Englert, N Aldrich

RWD

Valentines' Built ot Last V Bev's  
owned by Dan & Rae Valentine

WB/BW/BOS

Prairiefire's Legend Semper Fi  
owned by Robin Dorn, Amy Fitsgerald, Sharon Johnson

RWB

Sapphire's Gotta Dance to Brnrliche  
owned by Kerri Nielsen & Christina Ohlsen

BB

CH Classique's Rhinestone Cowboy "Cody"  
owned by Ann Dailey and Bill Dailey

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH!!

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies invites you to our 5th Regional Specialty. Come and join us for a weekend of Berner Fun in Colorado!

**Friday, September 3rd**

BMDCA Regional Specialty  
Island Grove Park  
Greeley, Colorado

Judges

Conformation and Junior Showmanship: Mr. Carmen Battaglia  
Obedience: Mrs. Linda Scanlon  
Puppy and Veteran Sweeps: Mrs. Lisa Ebnet

Plan to attend the Evergreen Kennel Club All Breed Shows on Saturday, September 4th and Sunday, September 5th in the same location.

Superintendent is Jack Onofrio, [www.onofrio.com](http://www.onofrio.com)



Show Secretary:  
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Yo!  
Heads Up



Karen Baru

## SHOWS & MATCHES

5-21

AKC OB Sandia Dog Obedience Club, State Fairgrounds, Albuquerque, NM, Trial Sec: Pam Sehmer 505-897-0955

5-22

AKC OB Santa Fe DOC, Albuquerque/State Fairgrounds Trial Sec: Bonnie McGowan, 505-466-4629

5-21 - 5-22

AKC B/OB/Central Wyoming KC, Fairgrounds, Casper, WY, Sec: Onofrio

5-22 - 5-23

AKC B/OB Rio Grande KC, SFG Albuquerque, Sec: Onofrio

5-23 - 5-24

AKC B/OB Laramie KC, Albany CFG, Laramie, Sec: Onofrio

5-29

Agility Fun Match; Australian Cattle Dog Rescue, Tom Watson Park, Boulder, CO, Tracy Smith, 303-494-3774, traine13@comcast.net

5-29 - 5-30

AKC B/OB Flatirons KC, Boulder Co Fairgrounds, Longmont, Sec: Onofrio

6-5 - 6-6

AKC B/OB Colorado Springs KC, Youth Outreach Center, COS, Sec: Onofrio, Meet the Breeds Displays

6-27

B Match B/OB; Colorado KC, Adams CFG -outdoors this event not confirmed, Reg: 8-9/Judging @9:00. Call Bill 303-809-7579 or Pam 303-288-2247

7-10 - 7-11

AKC B/OB Roaring Fork KC, Eagle CFG, Eagle, CO, Sec: Onofrio

7-31

AKC Agility, Colorado KC, National Western Events Center

8-1

Sec: Carol Makowski 303-665-9007 carolmakowski@aol.com

We will have our educational display at the Colorado Springs show on Sat, Jun 5 & Sun, Jun 6.

Please contact me at karbaru@aol.com or 303-841-9312 if you would like to assist by donating an hour or two of your time at the booth.

Thanks, Karen.

## Avalanche Dog

I am sure we all heard about the Bernese Mountain Dog who survived an avalanche on Colorado's Brown's Peak. A nine year old female name Tiga survived for almost a week after she was snow skiing with her owner Jigmat Dawa who became a victim of the avalanche.

On the 6th day of the search for Tiga after the Search and Rescue team had been looking for the dog all day as they returned to their cars Tiga sat in the parking lot. They called to her and she came to them. After a

check at the Vet, the 9 year old Bernese Mountain Dog is doing just fine. She will stay in Colorado for a few more months with friends of Jigmat Dawa, until his widow will return from India. Tiga lives in California.

I did make several phone calls until I was able to find out where Tiga was staying. I wanted to make sure if they needed help with this dog our club would be able to assist. At this time all is going just fine and I don't feel our help will be needed.

Patti Morgan

## Ask Bernice



### The Berner Advice Column

*Bernice is at camp and will return for the next issue.*



— Stacy Temples —

During the BMDCR meeting in March 2004, all the following new applicants were approved as members. Please welcome as Sustaining Members:

Paul & Sonia Chizzo  
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970-262-6646

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Marie-France St.-Pierre &  
Michael Witowski  
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Parker, Colorado 80134  
720-842-0492  
marienpistache@yahoo.com &  
nebrsku@comcast.net.

as a Voting Member:  
Cathy Davis  
5390 Three Sisters Circle  
Evergreen, Colorado 80435

We have the following new Sustaining member applicants who will be voted on at the next club meeting.

Kristen Buechner  
17150 E. Dorado Place  
Centennial, Colorado 80015  
303-680-3198

The Buechner family has a new puppy from Judy Butenas & Christina Ohlsen named Xerxes V. Adlerhorst Boulder, M. 11/18/03. They want to learn more about Bernese and Kristen is willing to do whatever is needed to help with the club. They are training their puppy in obedience.

Carole Dlugasch  
494 Apache Rd.  
Gunnison, Colorado 81230  
970-641-6271  
dlugasch@pcrs.net

Carole owns Lulu, a family pet, F, 3/2000, from Therese, a Durango breeder. Carole is a former club member who wants to rejoin since they are looking for a new puppy. She has owned 2 other Bernese in the past, from local breeders. She has also bred and raised Golden Retrievers before and she trains her dogs in basic obedience till they learn.

#### BOARD MINUTES

November 23, 2003,  
Submitted by Sharon Montville

Place: Home of Alvin Beers and Laura Hauptenthal in Greenwood Village, CO.

Board Attendees: Patti Morgan President, Sara Karl Treasurer, Sharon Montville Secretary, Ron Abbott, MJ Berendes, Amy Gonzalez, Tobey Pitchford. A quorum of the Board was present.

Also present: Laura Hauptenthal and Angela Hanson.

Called to order at 12:00 p.m.

MOTION: Sara moved to approve the prior minutes as published; seconded by Amy. All were in favor, motion passed.

Report of Treasurer Sara Karl: Sara Karl reported current balances including the checking account balance and the rescue balance.

Heather Hutto  
1623 S. Emerson St.  
Denver, Colorado 80210  
303-715-0049  
hthutto@hotmail.com.

Heather owns Bernhard-Henry zum Rebbberg, M, 10/7/02 from Europe. She is interested in conformation, breeding, draft, backpacking and Search & rescue. She would like to learn more about the breed as well as possibly show and breed Henry and she wants to be more involved with Berner owners. She grew up with Golden Retrievers and mutts and is currently training Henry in basic obedience. She will help with whatever she can.

Agnes & Aaron Jacks, Haley Jacks,  
B: 12/16/97, Junior member applicant.  
1100 Cherokee St., #803  
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303-534-5277  
aaron-j@worldnet.att.net.

The Jacks own Ben, M, 11/18/03 from Patti Morgan and they are interested in obedience and therapy work. They want Ben to be around other Bernese and to enjoy the breed. They owned a lab mix previously that they trained in obedience. They can support the club by going to events and financially.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS/ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AKC Accreditation: Sara Karl reported that we need to start working on the Bylaws changes suggested by the AKC in response to our initial application to become an AKC accredited club.

Fundraiser: Patti Morgan presented information on the pasta fundraiser.

2004 National Specialty: We need to find someone to do an ad for the 2004 National Specialty catalog.

Berner Noel: This event will be held at the Hauptenthal/Beers home in Greenwood Village, Colorado.

Awards Banquet: Valerie Horney is the Chair. It will be held at Simms Landing on January 25, 2004.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Stolen Berners: Patti Morgan presented information on Bernese Mountain Dogs

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# Club Dogs in Action . . .



Elaine Witulski and Lahti off to a good start at the Mile Hi Golden Retriever Club Agility Trials held in Castle Rock. Photo Jeanne Stanwood



Patti Morgan and Kylee in the show ring at the Specialty. Malcolm Willis is judging. Photo by Mimi Hobbs

## iBerner Fiesta!

Saturday, June 26  
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

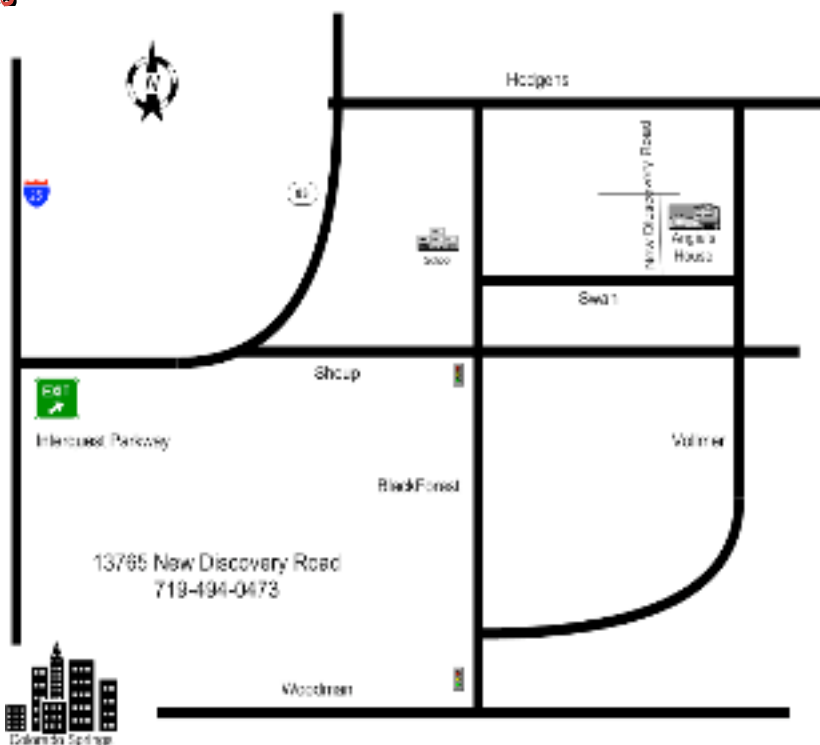
13765 New Discovery Rd.  
Black Forest

Cost \$7.00 adult members  
\$3.50 children of adult members (under 12)  
\$8.50 for non-members  
\$4.50 for children of non-members

Menu: beef brisket, bbq chicken, beans, coleslaw, potato salad, french bread and butter.

Please bring a dessert item. We do need a couple people who will bring veggie trays. If you can do this, please contact Angela Hanson at 719-494-0473.

Please RSVP by June 20th to Angela Hanson:  
719-494-0473 or ahanson@boi.hp.com



# Board Meeting, March 21, 2004

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**Board Members Present:** Patti Morgan, Angela Hanson, Jeanne Stanwood, Linda Ansfield, Sara Karl, Amy Gonzales, Sharon Keefer, Laura Haupenthal

**Members Present:** Alvin Haupenthal, Phil Shaffer

**Meeting called to order:** 11:43 AM

**Secretaries Report Angela Hanson**

- None

**Treasurer Report Sara Karl**

- Bought more VWD Tests
- See Sara if you would like to see a Treasure Report
- We received one bounced check

**ACK Accreditation Sara Karl**

- Updated constitution and bylaws. Sara went over the changes the AKC wanted us to make.
- The committee needs to have a meeting Karen, Stacy, Sara, Phil
- The updated Constitution and bylaws will be published in the newsletter before it will be put to a vote.

**Awards Banquet**

- Sara Karl will put together next years banquet

**Breeder Referral Phil Shaffer**

- No update

**September Regional Sara Karl**

- Will have meeting today after board meeting
- All judges have contracts in
- Paperwork in to AKC
- Sep 3 in Greeley at same place as last year
- No draft test this year
- **Need someone to pick up conformation judge and have dinner with him the Wednesday night before. Needs to be someone who is not showing.**
- **Please sign up for trophy donations. See Sharon Keefer.**

**Rescue Report Patti Morgan**

- Do we want to revise the rules of how one gets on the breeder referral list?
  - We need to form a committee to talk about this.
  - We should have a fully written policy
  - What is the procedure for taking a breeder of the breeder referral list?
  - Public education has a committee that will get together to write up new rules for the breeder

referral list.

- We have a list of foster homes
- Should we be paying for dogs to bring them into rescue?
- There is a task force to revamp rescue – Phil, ?
- New rescue dog has come in on March 21, 2004. He is an almost 3-year-old neutered male. We have a potential family already set up for him.
- Continue work on public education. We will also keep putting ads in the Denver post since we get such a good deal.

**Events Patti Morgan**

- Berner Fiesta will be at Angela Hanson's house. Possible date is June 26th.
- Saint Patrick's day parade in Old Colorado City – had a good turnout.
- Furry Scurry Phil – May 1st, Washington Park in Denver, \$25.00 to enter. See Phil. Must be in to Phil by April 12th. You don't want to cart because there are so many people there. There is a meeting area where we will meet.

**Unfinished Business**

- Newsletter is out, just a little late because of computer problems.
- Donation to club library of person who is coming to today's meeting

**New Business**

- We have someone in Breckenridge wants to do Berner Noel. Would also like to do a Canine 4K dog walk on Aug 6th. Also have a picnic / BB-.
- Club Banners – Hang the club banners at the national specialty. We would have to submit a permanent size banner of 2' x 3'. \$25.00. This is one way the specialty is going to generate money for 2005. There would be 2 banners, one would go for each specialty, and the other will be used as a raffle item. Sara did motion, Amy 2nd, motion passed.
- Draft -1st Saturday in October Oct 2 at Patti Morgan's house. Angie will be draft Chair. Jeanne will be secretary.
- Anne Nichols will be coming to Colorado Springs. She would like to do a seminar for us. It would be the month of April. Bring up at general meeting.
- Lady who makes rugs. Could have it done as a raffle item.
- Tack dogs stomach discount. A vet is offering this.
- We have the annual report for all Breed Rescue. See Patti Morgan if you would like to see it.

- Dog Wash. Person owning it would give us a station to wash dogs and we would get the proceeds. We would have to man it. We would only get 1 station and there would be other dog clubs at the other station. Decided not to do this.
- Want to bring in Linda Thomas out for a seminar. Animal communicator from Malene, IL. She can stay with Chris Mann. Max 25 people, each bring 1 dog. 12-15 people, not more than 25. \$725 + travel.

**Next Board Meeting:** May 16th, then July 25th.

**Meeting adjourned:** 12:58 PM

## General Meeting, March 21, 2004

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### Members Present:

**Meeting called to order:** 3:11 PM

**Introduction of new board members** – Angie, Laura, Jeanne

**Introduction of Rick and his two new Berner rescues, Sophie and Ranger**

### Treasurer Report Sara Karl

- See Sara for copy of report.

### AKC Accreditation Sara Karl

- Changes to bylaws
- Committee meeting after national
- Changes will be printed for membership to review and then voted on.

### September Regional Sara Karl

- Carmen Battaglia to judge breed
- Lisa Ebnet to judge sweeps
- **If you would like to volunteer, stewards, ways and means, etc, just let Sara know.**
- **After we are done showing, we will need to clean the areas.**
- **See Sharon Keefer to sponsor trophies.**

**Breeder Referral Phil Shaffer** – No update

### Membership Stacy

- 13 voting members present
- Reading of new member applications
- Dottie moved to vote in new members as a slate. Jeanne and Val 2nd. Motion passed.

### Newsletter Jeanne

- Newsletter is out.
- Next deadline – April 20th. Please send in articles

### RCC Lou Tucker

- Meeting in Mesquite, TX on the Wednesday of the specialty. No agenda except for zones.
- Issue with zones: Has been difficult to do. Communications have been hard. Zones don't always make sense.

### Show News Val

- None

### Ways and Means Patti, Lou

- Nothing new to report

### Berner Fiesta –

- Will be at Angela Hanson's house on June 26th.

### Furry Scurry –

- Do as a team this year. \$25 per person. Sat, May 1st. Proposal for club to do matching funds to donate. Max \$200. Club match up to \$250 for each member on team. Dottie motions, Jean 2nds, motion passes. Sign up with Phil by April 15th.

### Adds for puppies in the newspapers -

- Fort Collins, Colorado Springs, Breckenridge.
- We will just keep running club add in Denver paper.

### New Business

- Club Banners – Hang the club banners at the national specialty. We would have to submit a permanent size banner of 2' x 3'. \$25.00. This is one way the specialty is going to generate money for 2005. There would be 2 banners, one would go for each specialty, and the other will be used as a raffle item.
- All Breed rescue report – See Patti Morgan to get a copy of it. Copy was passed around meeting.
- Dog wash idea. Not going to do it.
- Fall Draft test update. **Anyone who wants to help, please contact Angie, Lou or Jeanne.** Draft -1st Saturday in October Oct 2 at Patti Morgan's house. Angie will be draft Chair. Jeanne will be secretary.
- Preventative bloat surgery coupon.
- Bailey, new rescue dog.

**Next Meeting:** May 16th, then July 25th.

**Meeting adjourned:** 3:33 PM

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stolen – this occurred in the vicinity of Salida, CO.

Draft Test Chair Duties: Ron moved that we accept the description of duties and charter for the Draft Test Chair as previously presented. Seconded by Sharon. Passed unanimously.

March Meeting: This meeting will be March 21, 2004. Patti has arranged for a presentation on holistic approaches.

2004 National Specialty: We received a letter asking the club to donate items for a Club Basket to be part of the 2004 Raffle.

2003 Election: Patti thanked the Board members whose terms are completed: Vice-President Nancy Fuselier, Secretary Sharon and Directors Ron, MJ, and Jeanne.

2004 Regional Specialty: Sara Karl asked for volunteers. This event will be held in September in Greeley, CO.

Rescue: Patti reported that Rescue recently rehomed 2 dogs from Salida to a wonderful home. The female has hip dysplasia but is getting around fine.

Hospitality: Amy Gonzalez is the new hospitality chair.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.

#### **BMDCR GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

November 23, 2003

Submitted by Sharon Montville

Place: Home of Alvin Beers and Laura Hauptenthal 5614 Ivy Ct, Greenwood Village, CO.

There was a quorum of voting members present unfortunately, the sign-in sheet was lost so there is no complete record of attendance.

Called to order: 2:10 pm. after a presentation on acupuncture by Joni Freshman, DVM.

MOTION: Holly Foster moved to approve the prior minutes as published. Seconded by Laura Hauptenthal. Passed unanimously.

Report of Treasurer: Sara provided a detailed report.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS /UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

AKC Accreditation: Sara Karl requested an updated membership list with information from Stacy Temples. Sara also needs a copies of the current Bylaws to send to the Bylaws Committee Martha Rosner, Karen Baru, Sara Karl, Phil Shaffer and Stacy Temples.

Awards Banquet: Valerie Horney passed out flyers for the Awards Banquet – January 25, 2004 at Simms Landing. The deadline for reservations is January 16.

Nominations for the Kathy Roth Award

should be submitted. Also be sure to send in notice of your new titleholders.

Breeder Referral: Phil Shaffer has no report.

Website: Phil Shaffer is willing to put the membership renewal form at the website.

Public Ed: Karen Baru reported that the recent movie has not had much impact – nobody wants a Berner that passes gas!

2004 Regional: Sara Karl reported that this will be held in Greeley in early September, 2004. The show site is available for an extra day. There is a new building available, or the regional can be held outside. There will be no host hotel and no dinner. Nancy Fuselier asked if obedience can start first and Sara replied that it can start at 8:00 a.m. Someone suggested the idea of a "Maturity" class. Sara is looking for volunteers. She also would like suggestions for judges for obedience, conformation, and sweeps. The 2003 Regional made about \$800 not including Ways and Means.

Public Ed: Karen Baru reserved space for the public education display at the Denver shows in February 2004. We will also have a Meet the Breed opportunity.

Historian: Since Helen Karl is graduating from high school soon, a replacement is needed. Nancy Fuselier volunteered to be the historian. Thank you Helen and Nancy!

Hospitality: Ron Abbott resigned from Hospitality.

Amy Gonzales volunteered to be in charge of Hospitality. Thank you Ron and Amy!

Membership: Phil Shaffer moved, and Valerie Horney seconded, to approve the membership applicants as a slate. New voting members are Terri Dittmer, Bob Tucker former sustaining member and Gail Brooks. New sustaining members are Barbara Clark, Leanne Nakishima, and Scott Bursell. Welcome to all!

Regional Club Committee RCC: Lou Tucker reported that the regional clubs across the country have concerns regarding the Zone Rotation and specialties in general.

Rescue: Patti Morgan reported on the 2 rescued dogs from Salida that have been placed in a great home. The female has both hip and elbow dysplasia and the quote for surgery was \$8,000. Since she is currently doing fine, the decision was not to do surgery. Karen Baru asked if there was a written policy for vet care. Patti Morgan responded that any costs above \$250 must be approved by the Board. Other options are asking the national club for assistance, and targeted fundraising for a specific case.

Valerie Horney moved that we form a rescue committee to review the current process and make recommendations. Seconded by Dottie Schulte. Passed unanimously. Holly Foster will chair this committee – please contact Holly Foster if

you would like to be on the committee.

Show News: Remember to send your show results to Valerie Horney if you want them published.

Ways and Means: Patti presented the information on the pasta fundraiser. She also has calendars.

Election of New Officers: Vice-President Nancy Fuselier, Secretary Sharon Montville, and Directors Ron Abbott, MJ Berendes, and Jeanne Stanwood have all completed the terms they were elected to. The Nominating Committee proposed Jeanne Stanwood for Vice-President, Angela Hanson for Secretary, and Linda Ansfield, Laura Hauptenthal, and Sharon Keefer for the Director positions. Holly Foster moved to elect the new officers as a slate. Seconded by Tobey Pitchford. Passed unanimously. Welcome Jeanne, Angela, Linda, Laura, and Sharon and thank you all!

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Patti Morgan presented information on the 3 Berners that were stolen near Salida, CO.

CERF Clinic: Nancy Fuselier is working on scheduling this, not too close to the National Specialty.

VWD tests: Contact Sara Karl if you need to do a vWD test.

BMDCR Basket for 2004 Raffle in Texas: Items are requested for a club basket to be in the Raffle at the 2004 National Specialty in Mesquite, TX.

Programs: A holistic practitioner will give a presentation at the next meeting on March 21, 2004, at the Hauptenthal/Beers residence 5614 Ivy Ct, Greenwood Village, CO.

Meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m

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**Mary Bugg coaching Molly for her eye exam.**

## Eye and Heartworm Clinic

The BMDCR eye and heartworm clinic held on Feb. 28, 2004 was successful. Dr. Hammond examined 32 dogs' eyes. Not all of them were Berners. Dr. Fuselier performed 44 heartworm tests, all of which were negative for heartworms.

Phil Schafer and Dr. Hammond's assistant, Maurine, kept everything running smoothly. The clinic was early this year due to the National Specialty at the end of March. Despite the short notice and early date we still had a nice turn out.

Thank you Phil Schafer, Nancy Fuselier and Dr. Hammond.

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## BMDCR Club Information

### Meetings

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies holds regular meetings on the fourth Sunday of January, March, September and November, unless members are otherwise notified. There is an educational program followed by a business meeting. All programs begin at 2:00 p.m., and the business meeting about an hour later. Location of meetings will be announced each newsletter. Do not bring dogs to these meetings.

In the even-numbered months we will offer a club activity that includes dogs – e.g. the Bernerfiesta, Berner hike, draft clinic, herding instinct certification test, Berner Noel, etc. The starting times and locations of these events will vary, depending on the activity. Please mark your calendars to reserve these dates for 2002. There may also be additional events – club-sponsored fun matches, club fund-raising activities, our supported entry or regional specialty, breeders showcases, or other all-breed events open to Berners – held at other times during the course of the year. You will be notified of these events through the newsletter.

### 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.

The newsletter is sent free of charge to all BMDCR members in good standing and to other regional Berner clubs that send us their newsletters. 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 OFA, GDC, 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.

At the September 22, 1991 general meeting, our club voted to follow the format used by the BMDCA for all Litter Box advertising in our newsletter. 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 GDC, OFA, OVC numbers for hips and elbows, including the letter rating and age in months at evaluation. The statement, 'elbows negative for dysplasia,' appearing on OFA certificates issued before institution of the OFA elbow registry, may be used." October 1991 Alpenhorn BMDCR Breeder Referral guidelines were modified by vote of the General members on November 18, 2001.

### 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.

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