



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

March BMDCR Meeting Sunday, May 25

Board Meeting 12 Noon
General Meeting 1 PM

Laura and Al's

5614 S. Ivy Ct. in Greenwood Village.

From I-25 North or South, exit on Orchard Rd. Go west about one mile and turn right onto E. Orchard Drive. Take the third right onto S. Ivy St. which turns into S. Ivy Ct. 5614 S. Ivy Ct. is the tan house at the end of the street.

Meetings

Unless members are otherwise notified, meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of January, March, May, July, September and November at Laura and Al's house at 5614 S. Ivy Ct. in Greenwood Village. Board Meetings start at 12:00 AM and the General Meetings start at 1 PM. From I-25 North or South, exit on Orchard Rd. Go west about one mile and turn right onto E. Orchard Drive. Take the third right onto S. Ivy St. which turns into S. Ivy Ct. 5614 S. Ivy Ct. is the tan house at the end of the street.



AKC S.T.A.R. PuppySM-

The New Puppy Level of Canine Good Citizen

Every puppy deserves a great start in life and the AKC's newest program for puppies is here to help that happen. AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy, the recently unveiled puppy level of the AKC Canine Good Citizen Program, is designed to reward owners who have taken the time to take their puppies to a puppy or basic training class at least 6 weeks long. "STAR" is an acronym for **S**ocialization, **T**raining, **A**ctivity, and a **R**esponsible owner, all the things every puppy needs. AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy is open to purebred and mixed breed dogs and the program defines 'puppy' as a dog up to the age of 1 year old.

Here's how AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy works

Owners take their puppies to a training class (at least 6 weeks long) taught by an AKC Approved CGC Evaluator. The evaluators plan their puppy classes and use their own training methods. The AKC CGC department provides support materials such as "Lessons for a Puppy's People" that will be on the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy webpage. These lessons (that will be added to over time) are brief talking points that an instructor can use at the beginning of the class to give a 5-minute lesson to the humans. After training and observing the puppy for at least 6 weeks in the course, the evaluator administers the 20-item AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy test in class. As in CGC, owners are given the paperwork to enroll in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy program.

Benefits to enrolling in AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy

Enrolling in AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy means the puppy is listed in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy records. In addition, the owner receives:

- o A gorgeous gold olympics-style medal with the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy logo
- o An attractive, frameable AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy certificate
- o An AKC Puppy Handbook
- o This 64 page booklet is full of information on raising puppies. What to expect each week during the first year, housetraining, crate training, and grooming tips are just some of the many topics.
- o Discount enrollment in AKC Companion Animal Recovery
- o Subscription to our monthly email newsletter that includes training tips and other valuable information

The difference between AKC Canine Good Citizen and the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy program?

The main difference in AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy and CGC is that CGC can be a one time test (at a dog show, as class graduation, etc.) and AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy is done at the end of a training course by the instructor who has been observing the puppy for at least 6 weeks. AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy should NOT be used for admission to therapy dog groups, etc. To learn more about AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy visit www.akc.org/starpuppy.



SOCIALIZATION * TRAINING * ACTIVITY * RESPONSIBILITY

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies

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Membership Applications

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LITTER ANNOUNCEMENT

Breeders: Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell
Wagontale Bernese, Fort Collins, Colorado
Contact: satemples@aol.com or Ph.# (970) 231-0900

Litter Due Date: June 12, 2009

Sire: Smokey-CH WAGONTALE'S SING ME A MIRACLE RN, CD, NDD
AKC Registration:WS21287607

Birthdate: March 26, 2007
DNA Profile:V543670
Bernergarde Number: 49446
von Willebrands- VetGen DNA Clear #55707- OFA pending
OFA HIPS-Prelims 18 months - EXCELLENT
OFA ELBOWS- Prelims 18 months - NORMAL
PENN HIPS 100th%tile for the Breed (0.24, 0.29)
BMD-4326/2009 CERF
BMD-CA1608/17M/C-VPI CARDIAC NORMAL
BMD-SH158M18-VPI SHOULDER NORMAL
BMD-TH334/23M-VPI THYROID NORMAL

Dam: Parker - CH SANDPIPER A LEGACY OF WAGONTALE NDD
AKC Registration:WS16582204

Birthdate: Feb 2, 2006
DNA Profile: V468518
Bernergarde Number: 31371
von Willebrands- Clear By Parentage- OFA pending
BMD-14276G25F-VPI HIPS GOOD
BMD-EL6138F25-VPI ELBOWS NORMAL
BMD-SH89F12-PI SHOULDER NORMAL
BMD-TH206/14F-VPI THYROID NORMAL
BMD-CA1134/15F/C-VPI CARDIAC NORMAL
BMD-3820/2009 CERF

BMDCR Membership Column: May/June 2009 - Stacy Temples -

TIME TO RENEW!!

This is the time of year to renew your membership in the BMDCR. Renewal forms were mailed out separately last month. You should have received yours by now. The deadline is May 31, 2009 so Please send it to Sara Karl, Treasurer, NOW if you haven't done so already. Thanks!

There are no new applicants at this time.

The BMDCR Sponsored Draft Tests Back-to-back Draft Tests

October 3 & 4, 2009
Germania Park, Murray Utah
(Salt Lake City area)
Draft Test Chair:
Stephanie Biksacky (dogwoman67@q.cc)

Draft Test Secretary:
Vicky Hall (ravhall@aol.com)

Judges for both days:
Steve Dudley and Jim Maxwell



Berner Haikus courtesy of our resident poet Ron Abbott

Pace, snuffle, turn 'round,
squat, strain, face of ecstasy -
best poop in the world!

No long sad goodbyes,
fond memories, last breath as
beautiful as first.

Moment froze in time
word to freeze the heart and mind
the news: histio.

Four a.m. spring morn
"weeka weeka" squeaky toy
happy bouncing pup!

Black and rust to gray
happy gaze through clouded eyes
such a sweet old dog.

Shower, drying off,
drop glasses, bending over -
jump-scream: cold dog nose.

Lying on his side
my touch - big-eyed sideways glance
"thump-thump" happy boy!

Seeing his backpack,
my berner boy leaps for joy -
mountain adventure!

Quiver-sit and stare,
pools of drool, saliva strings -
"Can I have that treat?"

Sniff each bush and tree
over, over yet again -
summer scents are the best.

A loving lump, a
wonderful thick-blanket warmth -
big dog on the bed.

Teaching me to live
in the moment and love it -
good friend, bodhisattva.

Fiercely determined,
traces taut, lean into work -
long uphill carthaul.



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Liver Biscotti treats
Busy Buddy toys
Comfy Cone soft e-collars
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**GOT OOM-PAW-PAW?
JOIN US FOR **O**ktobernfest!**



**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies
2009 Independent Specialty**

Friday, Sept 4th ~ Island Grove Regional Park ~ Greeley, Colorado

Show Secretary ~ Herr Robert Miller millerdogshows@mac.com 303-278-8384

Show Chairman ~ Fraulein Dottie Schulte dotties911@aol.com

Sweepstakes Judge ~ Frau Judy Mears Conformation Judge ~ Frau Gail Vogel

Obedience, Rally and Junior Showmanship Judge ~ Frau Linda Scanlon

Biergarten Reception after Show ~ Oktoberfest Apparel Available Now

Evergreen Kennel Club All-Breed Shows on September 5th and 6th ~ Onofrio Dog Shows

SHOW REPORT by Lou Tucker

High Plains Kennel Club 3/06/09

Novice A UKC, 2nd Leg Rescue Me Baby, RN (Jessie)

owned by Patty Wellinger

Delta Society, Denver Pet Partners Rescue Me Baby, RN (Jessie)

New Therapy Dog

owned by Pattie Wellinger

Garden City Kansas KC 3/06/09

WB - Northwinds Sagarmatha Kailas Rose

Owner: Gayle Brooks

RWB - Swiss Stars Making Bail

Owners: Patti Davieau & Bobbi Hefner

BB - CH Brimardells Xmas Carols Humbug (Bug)

Owners: Bridget & Mark Pieffer

Garden City Kansas KC 3/07/09

W/BW/OS Springs Woodland Moose, CD (Moose)

Owner: Nancy Fuselier, DVM

WB - Swiss Stars Making Bail

Owners: Patti Davieau & Bobbi Hefner

RWB - Northwinds Sagarmatha Kailas Rose

Owner: Gayle Brooks

BB - CH Brimardells Xmas Carols Humbug (Bug)

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Garden City Kansas KC 3/08/09

W/BW/OS - Springs Woodland Moose, CD (Moose)

Owner: N Fuselier

WB - Northwinds Sagarmatha Kailas Rose

Owner: Gayle Brooks

RWB - Loriendell's Sugar Plum Phantom

Owners: Gayle & Stan Brooks, Lynn Wood, Bridget Pieffer

BB - CH Brimardell's Xmas Carols Humbug (Bug)

Owners: B&M Pieffer

Golden Spike Dog Training Club 3/20/09

CDX 1st Leg CH Brighteye Angel Fire CD.RA.NDD (Angie)

2nd Place in Runoff

Owner: Stephanie Biksacky

Scotts Bluff KC 3/28/09

WD/BW- Wagontale's Sing Me a Miracle RN.CD (Smokey)

Owners : Pam & Barry Solomon, Stacy Temples

RWD - Springs Woodland Moose CD (Moose)

Owner: Nancy Fuselier DVM

WB - Milagro's Light of Stars V Joyful Summit (Luna)

Owners: Ann & Bill Daily, Sandy Dunaway & Sharon Keefer

RWB - Loriendell's Sugar Plum Phantom

Owners: Gayle & Stan Brooks, Lynn Wood, Bridget Pieffer

BB - CH He's The Man of Woodmoor (Angus)

Owner: Sara Karl

OS - CH Brimardell's Xmas Carols Humbug (Bug)

Owners : Bridgett & Mark Pieffer

Scotts Bluff KC 3/29/09

WD/BW - Springs Woodland Moose CD

Owner: Nancy Fuselier DVM

RWD - Wagontale's Sing Me A Miracle (Smokey)

Owners: Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples

WB - Loriendell's Sugar Plum Phantom

Owners: Gayle & Stan Brooks & Lynn Wood & Bridget Pieffer

RWB - Sandpiper Annika of Wagontale

Owners: Stacy Temples, Marne Tutt & Howard Ramsdell

BB - CH He's The Man of Woodmoor (Angus)

Owner: Sara Karl

OS - CH Brimardell's Xmas Carols Humbug (Bug)

Owners: Bridgett & Mark Pieffer

Salina KC 4/03/09

RWD - Prairefire Strkhns Country Boy

Owners: Joan Carter & S. Johnson

WB - Summits Starlight Starbright (Addie)

Owners: Sarah Holbert & Sandy Dunaway

New CH

BB/G3 - CH He's The Man of Woodmoor (Angus)

Owner: Sara Karl

Wichita KC 4/04/09

WD/BW Prairefire Strkhand Country Boy

Owners: Joan Carter & S. Johnson

BB - CH Summits Lord Greystoke V Loriendell (Stokes)

Owners: Richard File & Sandy Dunaway

Hutchinson KC 4/05/09

RWD - Springs Woodland Moose CD

Owner: Nancy Fuselier DVM

WB - Milagro's Light of Stars V Joyful Summit (Luna)

Owners: Ann & Bill Daily, Sharon Keefer & Sandy Dunaway

RWB - Summits Drops of Jupiter V Joyful (Juno)
Owners: Sharon Keefer & Sandy Dunaway
BB - CH Summits Lord Greystoke V Loriendell (Stokes)
Owners: Richard File & Sandy Dunaway
RAE-6th leg-RAE - CH Wagontale's Lady of the Lake RE,CD,DD,BDD
4th Placement Advanced
Owners : Pam Solomon & Stacy Temples

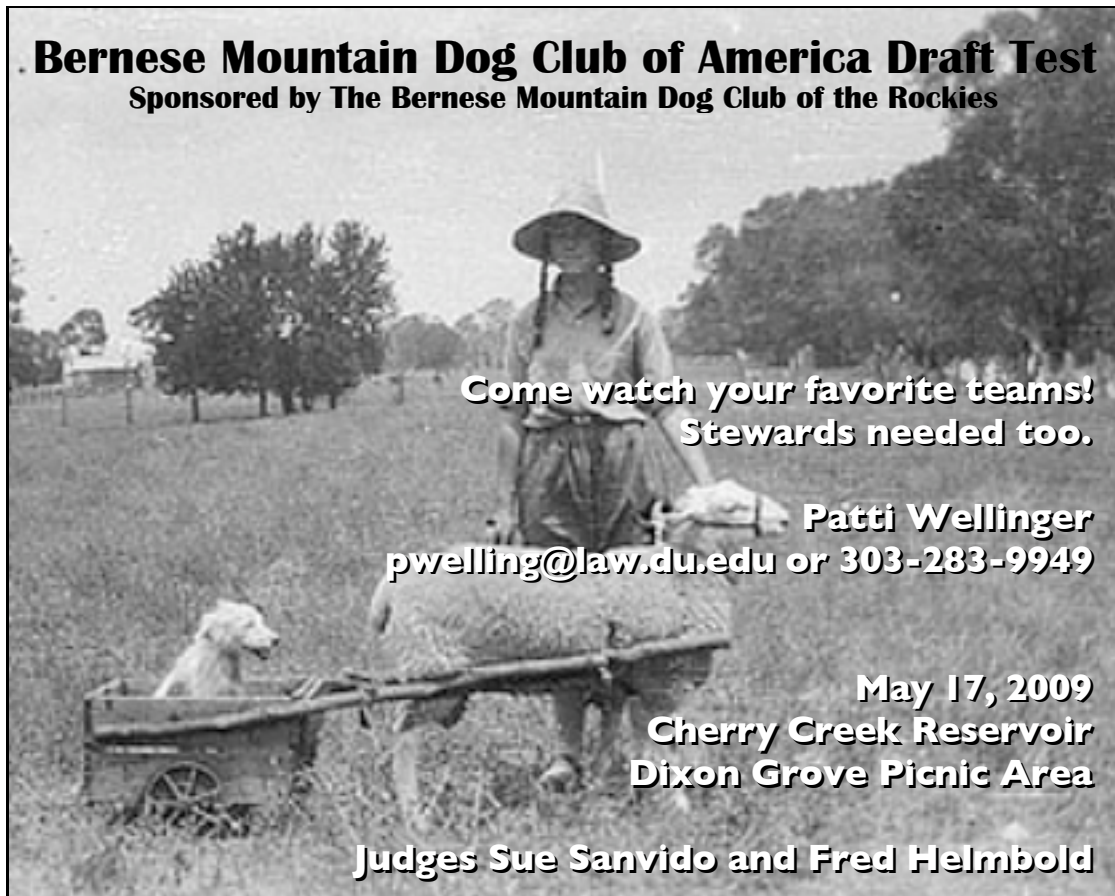
Terry All KC 4/11/09

WD - Prairefires Wild West Show From Sundance
Owners: Michele Connolly & Sharon Johnson
RWD - Wagontale's Sing Me A Miracle (Smokey)
Owners: Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples
WB/BW - Prairefire's Worth My Weight In Gold
Owners: Christine Lancaster & Sharon Johnson
OS
RWB - Sandpiper Annika of Wagontale
Owners: Stacy Temples, Marne Tutt & Howard Ramsdell
BB/ Veteran Dog - CH Prairefire's Bedtime Story(PJ)
Owner: S. Johnson

Junior Showmanship
Novice Junior - Lena Marquardt & CH Tiptop's Night Musik CD,RN
2nd Placement
Owners: Dottie Schulte & L. Marquardt

Terry All KC 4/12/09

WD/BW - Wagontale's Sing Me A Mircle (Smokey)
Owners: Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples
New CH
RWD - Prairefire's Wild West Show From Sundance
Owners: Michele Connolly & Sharon Johnson
WB - Prairefire's Worth My Weight In Gold
Owners: Christine Lancaster & Sharon Johnson
RWB - Sandpiper Annika of Wagontale
Owners: Stacy Temples, Marne Tutt & Howard Ramsdell
BB - CH He's The Man Of Woodmoor (Angus)
Owner: Sara Karl
OS - CH Brimardell's Xmas Carols Humbug (Bug)
Owners: B.-M. Pieffer



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

Come watch your favorite teams!
Stewards needed too.

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

May 17, 2009
Cherry Creek Reservoir
Dixon Grove Picnic Area

Judges Sue Sanvido and Fred Helmbold

Meeting Minutes - March 22, 2009

Board Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 12:15 pm on March 22, 2009. This meeting was held at the home of Bob and Lou Tucker in Littleton.

Present: Ron Abbott, Sara Karl, Sharon Keefer, Ann Rutherford, Pam Solomon. Also Bob Rutherford, Lou Tucker, and Helen Karl.

Approval of Minutes: Ann moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting as published in the March/April 2009 newsletter with one correction: 8 rescue dogs in one year. Sharon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President's Report: Pam announced that Utah members are offering to host a draft test. Dottie Schulte will lead discussion of this item in the general members meeting to follow.

Secretary's Report: Sharon reported that the art work for Oktoberfest, our theme for our Specialty show this year, is being created by Maggie Crawford and we should receive it soon.

Treasurer's Report: Sara Karl reported positive balances in the club's checking, savings, and rescue accounts. The eye clinic we sponsored made money. The heart clinic was canceled due to insufficient registrations. We broke even on the awards banquet in January.

Committee Reports:

Rescue Committee: Ann Rutherford reported one dog through our rescue program so far this year, and that she is receiving many calls for adopting rescue dogs.

Spring Draft Test: Patti Wellinger is Secretary for our Draft Test on May 17 at Cherry Creek State Park. The Premium List has been posted on the website, yahoo group list, and mailed. An ad was placed in the Alpenhorn and in the BMDCR newsletter. Lou, Sara, Helen and Sharon will organize food. Stewards are needed.

Membership Renewal: Sara and Dottie will be mailing out membership renewal forms shortly for the 2009-2010 club year.

Website Task Force: The Board approved the Website Re-Design Request for Proposals e-mailed to members for review prior to this meeting. The RFP will now be distributed to web designers suggested by club members. The deadline for proposals will be before the May meeting. The goal would be to award an agreement by June 1st and to have the new website up and running by the end of the year.

May Meeting Date: The next meeting date on May 24 falls on Memorial Day weekend. No change to the meeting date will be made since our draft test is on the prior weekend (May 17) and the Flatirons KC shows in

Longmont fall on the weekend after Memorial Day. The May 24th meeting will be held at the Al Beers and Laura Hauptenthal's home.

Adjournment: The Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:59 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Keefer.

General Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 1:10 pm on March 22, 2009 at the home of Bob and Lou Tucker in Littleton.

Present: 14 voting members (a quorum), 1 sustaining member, and 2 guests.

Approval of Minutes: Ann Rutherford moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting as published in the March/April 2009 newsletter with one correction: 8 rescue dogs in one year. Ron Abbott seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Sharon Keefer reported that a catalog ad was submitted from BMDCR for the catalog at the National Specialty at the end of April. And ad for our Specialty will be submitted to the Alpenhorn as soon as the Oktoberfest art work is completed; that ad will be published in the June issue of the Alpenhorn.

Treasurer's Report: Same as Treasurer's report above in today's Board Meeting Minutes.

Committee Reports:

Show Committee: Dottie Schulte reported that all paperwork has been submitted to AKC for approval of our 2009 Independent Specialty show in September. Ways and Means volunteers are still needed to help with the raffle and sale tables on show day. The Committee has decided that club members will provide the food this year (bratwurst, German potato salad, etc. in keeping with the Oktoberfest theme). We will just hire bar service.

Rescue Committee: Ann Rutherford reported that one dog has been through our rescue program so far this year. She has been receiving many inquiries and applications for adopting rescue dogs. Ann circulated an update on Ben, one of the 2 La Junta dogs from last year; he was the dog who fell out of a truck moving at high speed. He has had bones in one leg fused and will soon undergo amputation of another leg. Ben if being fostered by his new owner, dog rescue coordinator in La Junta.

Website Committee: Same as Website report above in today's Board Meeting Minutes. Sharon Keefer again asked that any recommendations for web designers be sent to her so she can e-mail them the Request for

Proposals.

Spring Draft Test: Same as Draft Test report above in today's Board Meeting Minutes. Anyone interested in volunteering to be a Steward at the Draft Test on May 17th, should contact Patti Wellinger at pwelling@law.du.edu. Pam Solomon distributed a schedule of draft practice sessions and these have also been posted to the yahoo group.

Ways and Means: Dottie circulated a sign-up sheet for working shifts in the BMDCR booth at the upcoming National Workers will help with both the BMDCR and the BMDCA booths. We also need people to help transport boxes of ways and means items. Dottie is also organizing raffle baskets donated by BMDCR for the raffle at the National Specialty; several members are contributing items for the baskets.

Election of New Members: Voting was unanimous to admit new voting member Beverly Hilmes and sustaining member Michael Hilmes.

New Business:

Fall Draft Test: Dottie Schulte reported that the Utah members of BMDCR would like to host our Fall Draft Test. Stephanie Biksacky would be Chairman and Vicky Hall would be Secretary. They have 2 options for sites. They

are willing to do 2 days of Tests on the 1st or 2nd weekend in October, or on the last weekend in September. They have begun considering judges and they have been offering practice sessions through a local training center. Dottie volunteered to transport our test equipment to Utah. Dottie moved that we support our Utah members hosting 2 days of draft tests this Fall. Sara Karl seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BernerFiesta: Pam Solomon is looking into a place in Conifer for holding our Summer fun event. Plans will be finalized at the May meeting.

BernerNoel: Lou Tucker suggested caroling with our dogs in her neighborhood as part of our Holiday Party. December 13th was discussed as a likely date for BernerNoel this year.

Membership Renewal: Renewals are due at the end of May. Sara Karl and Dottie Schulte will be mailing notices to members shortly.

May Meeting: The next meeting will be held on May 24th at the home of Al Beers and Laura Hauptenthal.

Adjournment: The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 1:58 pm. Thank you to Bob, Lou, Marin, Bergen and Cassie Tucker for hosting our meetings today.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Keefer.

BMDCR Club Information

Meetings

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies holds regular meetings on the fourth Sunday of January, March, May, July, September and November, unless members are otherwise notified. The board meetings take place at 11:30 followed by the general meeting at 1:00 followed by the program at 2:00 if scheduled. Location of meetings will be announced each newsletter. 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.

Newsletter/Subscriptions

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

Litter Box Policy

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

Rules for Listing a Litter

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

Classified Advertising/Display Advertising

The BMDCR newsletter accepts classified ads. This is the perfect opportunity to get rid of that used dog equipment cluttering up your garage, publicize dog-related services, or sell Berner arts and crafts items. Classified advertising should be sent to the newsletter editor. There will be a charge of 10 cents per word. A check for the required amount, payable to BMDCR, should be included with your ad copy. Display advertising will be handled by the editor. All display ads should be sent directly to the editor. Rates are as follows: Full Page: \$25, Half Page: \$15 "these include use of one photo; additional photos will cost \$10 each". 1/4 Page: \$10, Business Card: \$5 "these are no-photo ads". Camera ready ads subtract 25%. Include a check payable to BMDCR with your ad copy.

Submission Deadlines for Publication

The BMDCR newsletter is published bi-monthly. All articles, reports, and ads must be received by the editor as follows: the 20th day of February, April, June, August and December for the next months issue.