



# Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

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**Please note:  
The meeting place  
for the November  
23<sup>rd</sup> meeting has  
been changed from  
that advertised in  
the last newsletter.**

## K9 Acupuncture Therapy

**Joni Freshman DVM**

*November 23, 2003, 1 PM at  
Alvin Beers and Laura  
Haupenthal's house, 5614 S.  
Ivy Court, Greenwood  
Village, CO (huge fenced  
yard for the dogs!!) see  
Berner Noel page inside for  
directions*

Dr. Joni Freshman is a 1984 graduate from Colorado State University School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. She spent 6 months at the Denver Zoo, and then completed a yearlong small animal medicine and surgery internship at Auburn. Following this she returned to CSU for a 3-year internal medicine residency and an MS in Clinical Sciences with all her research in canine reproduction.

Dr. Joni spent 2 years in practice in LA and 2 years in Dallas. In Dallas she opened a canine semen-freezing center and built up a small animal reproduction clinic at a large 24-hour hospital. In 1992 she moved her work to Colorado Springs, where she joined East Springs Animal Hospital, opened a semen freezing center, did about 60% repro with the rest internal med and general practice. She was with East Springs for eight years.

All along Dr. Joni has done a large amount of professional speaking to

veterinarians and breed clubs on the topics of reproduction and has authored numerous journal articles and book chapters in this field. Three years ago she left full-time practice to focus on her business, Canine Consultations, where she writes, teaches, speaks, and consults in the field of small animal reproduction. She is a reproduction and genetics consultant for the Veterinary Information Network and teaches on-line courses for them in reproduction and pediatrics. She is a Dog Writers of American finalist for her veterinary column in the national Terv [BelgianTervuren] magazine.

Dr. Joni became interested in acupuncture when it was very helpful with her oldest Terv's arthritis. This year she completed her veterinary acupuncture course at CSU and passed the exams--she now operates AcuPets a mobile veterinary acupuncture practice that serves Colorado's front range. Her experiences with sporting and show dogs as well as her training in internal medicine give her an added perspective when providing acupuncture therapy.

Dr. Joni has been active with her Belgian Tervuren for over 17 years in conformation, agility, obedience, and therapy-dog work and herding. She has been an officer for various state breed clubs, VP and director for the national breed club, and is currently agility training co-director and instructor for Pikes Peak Obedience Club. She is currently working on her third generation of CH- AX AXJ dogs.

## Letter from the President

With are warm Indian summer days you wouldn't think winter is just around the corner. So I know the snow will soon come, and that means Christmas isn't that far off. So don't forget about our annual Berner Noel, on December 7, 2003 to be at Laura Hauptenthal & Alvin Beers' home. It's a great club event fun for the people & dogs; so I hope you will attend. Also don't forget to attend the next meeting on Nov. 23,2003 we will have a program on K-9 Acupuncture therapy, by Dr.Joni Freshman. I do hope all of you are having great days with your dogs and I am sure our dogs are looking forward to some cooler days.

Patti

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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**

## BMDCR Library Listing

Thanks to Christine Mann and Phil Shaffer for updating the list of club library materials. This list is also online: <http://www.bmd.org/bmdcr/library.html>

### *Check out Policies:*

- ? Checkout period is one month.
- ? Materials may renewed once unless the item is on reserve.
- ? One "Specialty" item and one other item may be borrowed at a time.
- ? Members keeping items overdue will be charged \$5.00 and have their name published in the Mountain Messenger.
- ? Members will pay for any necessary postage to mail items.
- ? Orders for checkout may be done by phone.

For more information or to check out library materials contact the BMDCR Librarian: *Christine Mann 303-443-2837*

Books		
Number	Title	Author
B1	The Beautiful Bernese Mountain Dogs	Russ
B2	The Complete Bernese Mountain Dog	Simonds
B3	The Standard Book of Dog Breeding	Grossman
B4	The New Dog Steps (see companion video below)	Elliott
B5	Illustrated Standard of the Bernese Mountain Dog	BMDCA
B6	Therapy Dogs	Davis
B7	Canine Hip Dysplasia	Lanting
B8	The New Bernese Mountain Dog	Smith
B9	Good bye My Friend	Montgomery
B10	The Mentally Sound Dog	Clark/Boyer
B11	201 ways to enjoy your dog	Milon
B12	SUCCESSFUL Obedience Handling	Handler

Videos	
Number	Title
V1	1988 BMDCA National Specialty Stowe, VT
V2	1989 BMDCA National Specialty Phoenix, AZ
V3	1990 BMDCA National Specialty Wisconsin
V4	1991 BMDCA National Specialty Pittsburgh, PA
V5	1992 BMDCA National Specialty Colo. Springs, CO
V6	1993 BMDCA National Specialty Kansas City, MO
V7	1994 BMDCA National Specialty Carlisle, PA
V8	1995 BMDCA National Specialty Atlanta, GA

V9	AKC Breed Standard for Bernese Mountain Dog (old version)
V10	AKC Breed Standard for Bernese Mountain Dog (new version)
V11	June 9, 1991 CSKC Show
V12	Feb. 21, 1993 CKC Show
V14	Sept. 11-12, 1993 BMDCR Draft Test Ft. Collins, CO
V15	Dogsteps, Elliott (see companion book above)
V16	Breed History Interview Video
V17	1996 BMDCA National Specialty San Francisco, CA
V18	1997 BMDCA National Specialty Estes Park, CO
V19	Massage Your Dog - The LANG Way Lang and Assoc.
V20	1998 BMDCA National Specialty Providence, RI
V21	1999 BMDCA National Specialty Tucson, AZ
V22	2000 BMDCA National Specialty Delevan, WI
V23	2001 BMDCA National Specialty Spokane, WA
V24	2002 BMDCA National Specialty WV
V25	2003 BMDCA National Specialty Long Beach, CA

### Yearbooks, Catalogs, and Miscellaneous

- ? BMDCA Yearbooks 1980 to 2002 (excluding 1992)
- ? BMDCA Alpenhorns 1986 through 1989 (nearly complete)

Our condolences go to Dottie Schulte who lost Chase, Ch. EurAm Bitious CD DD BDD (2/13/95-11/3/03) this week.

## Nomination Committee: 2003 November Elections

It's time again for elections being vacated at the end of 2003. Terms for the new board members will be 2004-2005. Open positions and candidates are:

Vice president: Jeanne Stanwood, Secretary: Angela Hanson, Board Member: Laura Haupenthal, Board Member: Sharon Keefer, Board Member: Linda Anfield

Great thanks go to the resigning board members, MJ Berendes and Ron Abbott, and to our resigning secretary, Sharon Montville. They have all been very active board members and Sharon has been an incredibly diligent secretary!! Remaining on the board for another year are Toby Pitchford and Amy Gonzales.

Following are biographical sketches of these candidates.

### Vice President

*Jeanne Stanwood*

I live west of Castle Rock with 4 Berners, 1 Cardigan Corgi, a few

sheep, an old goat, 2 llamas and my husband, Rip. I have been a BMDCR board member for the past two years. I have worked with Nikki and Joe in draft putting NDD and DD titles on both dogs. I have co-chaired three draft tests and stewarded at others. Nikki is a BMDCA Versatility dog, a Delta Society therapy dog and participates in agility. She and I visit patients at Swedish Hospital. I show Joe, Willow and Chimo in conformation. I have had a great time with this gaggle of BMD's and feel they still have a lot to teach me. I feel Berner health problems, public education, and increasing breed popularity are all issues that will continue to challenge the club. I would like to challenge club members to participate in a new BMDCR activity this year. Making friendships within the BMD community has been a great joy. I feel honored to be asked to run for vice-president.

**Secretary:**

*Angela Hanson*

I moved from Eagle, ID to Black Forrest, CO in March of 2003 with my husband Kirk and our two berners, Hailey (4) & Kyee (1). We moved in the week before the big snowstorm, which allowed us to enjoy being snowed in for 4 days.

I have been owned by berners for 13 years and have been active in conformation, obedience, agility and draft. Hailey's favorite activity is agility and it looks like Kylee's will be also.

I work as an Engineer for Hewlett-Packard in Boise, ill. Even though I work for the Boise group, I actually telecommute from my home here in Black Forrest.

I feel one of the important roles a club plays, is in the area of breed education. As a club, we need to reach out to people who are looking for berners, already have a berner or want to be future breeders of our breed.

**Past Experience**

Idaho Capital City Kennel Club (ICCKC) Board Member  
ICCKC Agility Committee Member  
HP Speakeasies Vice-President  
Membership  
HP Speakeasies Treasurer

**Memberships:** ICCKC, BMDCA, BMDCR

**Board Member**

*Linda Ansfield*

My name is Linda Ansfield, and I am running for a member-at-large position on the Board of Directors. I have been a member of both the BMDCR and BMDCA since 1994, and currently serve on our Public Education Committee. I have worked as both a committee member and board member for other volunteer service organizations. Phil and I share our home with four Berners: Tux is nine years old (hard to believe), Demi, Tux's daughter is five, and the two youngsters from litters we bred, Ace, almost three, and Sunny who just turned one.

I have been mostly active in conformation showing, handling both Tux and Ace to their championships, but now I'm focusing more on obedience and draft work with Ace. While I look forward to the learning opportunity that being a Board member offers, there are two goals I believe are important to work on. Ideally, a volunteer organization should have the vitality to meet the needs and concerns of its entire membership, and all the members working together create that vitality. To that end, I would like to help develop ways to increase public awareness of Bernese Mountain Dogs, and structure a breeder education curriculum, both of which would help improve the health and vitality of our breed. I appreciate the nominating committee consideration, and would enjoy the opportunity to contribute.

**Board Member:**

*Sharon Keefer*

I am Sharon Keefer, dog Mom to 7 month-old Liesl, therapy dog trainee; 3 year-old Joy, champion of the show ring and my heart; and 2 year-old Grace, comedienne extraordinaire and draft dog hopeful candidate. These three Berner girls have brought so many new and wonderful friends into my life. I welcome the opportunity to serve on the BMDCR Board and to give back to the BMD community.

**Board Member**

*Dr. Laura A. Haupenthal*

## **BOARD MINUTES** **September 28, 2003**

I have been a member of the BMDCR and the BMDCA since 1990 when my husband and I obtained our first Berner. I have fallen in love with this breed and we have had a total of four Berners since that time. All of our Berners have been shown in Conformation and, so far, two have completed their championships although none of them has been bred as yet. I am a firm believer in promoting the best dogs, which we can create. It is, partly, for this reason that we have abstained from breeding so far while we evaluate the potential of our dogs to contribute to the overall welfare of the breed. One of the issues that concern me is the proliferation of "puppy mills" and their potential adverse affect on the quality of our breed. I am interested in promoting public education to try to offset this undesirable outcome.

Some of you may know that, when I'm not spending time at home with our Berner companions, I usually can be found in my private practice as a Clinical Psychologist. While my professional life may not bear directly on the role, which I might play in our club, it does provide me with a unique perspective, which may prove useful in my service to the club.

I am grateful to all those club members who have heretofore given so generously of their time for the enhancement of our organization. If elected, I would be happy to similarly serve in whatever capacity I am able .

Place: Veterinary Referral Center of Colorado, 3550 S. Jason St., Englewood, CO

Board Attendees: Patti Morgan (President), Sara Karl (Treasurer), MJ Berendes, Amy Gonzalez (took Minutes until 12:20), Jeanne Stanwood. Sharon Montville (Secretary) arrived at 12:20 pm. A quorum of the Board was present. Also present: Phil Shaffer (Breeder Referral)

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

Report of Treasurer (Sara Karl): Sara Karl presented a detailed accounting of the Regional Specialty held in September. The BMDCR earned approximately \$1150 on this event. The club also earned over \$400 at the recent Berner Fiesta. The Berner Campout incurred a very slight loss, of \$24. Sara also provided the current account balances (these are available from the Treasurer at any time, although details generally are not published in the newsletter).

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

AKC Accreditation: Sara Karl reported on the two letters she has received from the AKC regarding the BMDCR's initial application to become an AKC licensed specialty club. The letter from Michael Liosis, AKC Club Relations, noted a concern with the large number of non-voting members and too many voting members outside the

Denver metro area. There is a concern that in the future, there would be more than one BMD club in Colorado. There were some minor changes suggested to the Bylaws, as over time the AKC's template has changed slightly. In addition, the AKC noted that the quorum should be 20% instead of the 15% it is currently set at.

October 4 Draft Test: There are 10 teams entered in the upcoming Draft Test at Patti Morgan's in Black Forest.

Public Ed: The New Puppy Buyer guides are available for \$1.00 apiece.

Librarian: Chris Mann has provided a library inventory. Phil Shaffer noted it should be online.

Rescue: Mesa Veterinary Clinic spayed the bitch adopted by Mary-Ann Andrews at a cost of \$376. This is higher than the customary spay. The Andrews pay a lot to maintain this dog's health as she has had severe allergies and requires special food and maintenance. MOTION: MJ moves that the BMDCR reimburse Mary-Ann Andrews for the cost of the spaying her bitch obtained through club rescue. Seconded by Amy. All in favor - motion passed.

Also, the BMDCR received a letter from Lynn Wood apologizing for assuming that BMDCR Rescue would simply bear the burden of rescuing a pup from her breeding, with no assistance from the breeder herself. Since the BMDCR had to pay the pup's original owners \$300 in order to get custody of the dog, Lynn also enclosed a check for \$300 with the letter. Lynn noted that she now realizes that "a responsible breeder

always takes a pup back - immediately, no matter what the reason, no matter what difficulties it presents." (Secretary Note: The function of Rescue is to ensure that the dog is rehomed with an appropriate family, with a high likelihood of being a permanent home. When a family no longer wants their dog, they may be so eager to "just get rid of it" that they will let it go to the first person who wants it - even if not the best situation for the dog. That is why it is so important for Rescue to immediately get custody of any unwanted dog. In this case, the original owners wanted \$300 for the pup in addition to being relieved of the responsibility of caring for it. Responsible breeders typically include a clause in their contract, stating that the dog must be returned to them if the owners can no longer keep the dog - it is assumed that a responsible breeder, like Rescue, will take care in rehoming the dog. There are many costs associated with a rescue in addition to "purchase price" - such as travel, food, vet care, etc.)

### NEW BUSINESS

2004 National Specialty Trophy donation: It was noted that we donated \$150 to the 2003 National. MOTION: Sara moves that we donate \$200 for a trophy donation to the 2004 National Specialty. Seconded by Jeanne. All in favor - motion passed.

2004 National Specialty Catalog ad: MOTION: Jeanne moves that we pay for a full-page ad in the 2004 National Specialty catalog. Seconded by Sara. All in favor - motion passed.

Fundraisers: Tobey Pitchford and Simon sold \$600 of cheesecake! Patti has

information on a new fundraising opportunity, selling pasta and sauces.

Next meeting - November 23? Will discuss further in General meeting. Patti noted that she would like to get Dr. Joni Freshman DVM, to give a presentation on acupuncture.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**September 28, 2003**

Place: Veterinary Referral Center of Colorado, 3550 S. Jason St., Englewood, CO

Voting Members Present: Karen Baru, MJ Berendes, Nancy Fuselier, Amy Gonzalez, Angela Hanson, Laura Haupenthal, Sara Karl, Sandy Kramer, Sharon Montville, Patti Morgan, Phil Shaffer, Howard Ramsdell, Jeanne Stanwood, Stacy Temples. A quorum of voting members was present.

Non-voting members present: Terri Dittmer, Barry & Pam Solomon.

Called to order: 1:15 p.m.

MOTION: Laura moved to approve the prior minutes as published. Seconded by Jeanne. All in favor - motion passed.

Report of Secretary: Sharon noted that she is looking for volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee.

Report of Treasurer: Sara provided a detailed report (see

Board minutes). Nancy noted that Tobey and Simon sold \$600 worth of cheesecake!

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

AKC Accreditation: Sara provided an update on letters received from the AKC related to our application to become a licensed club. The May letter focused on the AKC's concern that we have more voting members in Denver. The August letter concerned changes to our Constitution and Bylaws - the two biggest changes concern the quorum being increased from 15% to 20%, and meeting notices/locations. We need a committee to address the CBL changes. Sara also needs an updated membership list.

Martha Rosner is interested in being on the CBL committee. Also interested are Karen Baru, Sara Karl, Phil Shaffer, and Stacy Temples.

According to BMDCA rules, we can only hold 3 Regional Specialties under the BMDCA. Our first was in 2003. So, if we want to continue to be able to hold Regional Specialties, we must make progress on becoming accredited.

Awards Banquet: Valerie Horney is the chair; she is not here to provide an update.

Breeder Referral: Phil has no report.

Public Ed: Karen Baru is working on a new display.

September 4, 2003 Draft Test: This was held in Fort Collins. The chair was Ron Abbott. Secretary was Valerie

Horney. Judges were Steve Dudley and Patti Morgan. There were 4 passing teams, 1 Open and 3 Novice.

October 4, 2003 Draft Test: This test will be held at Patti Morgan's house. There are 10 entries. Fay Benson and Nancy Fuselier are judging. Co-chairs are Valerie Horney and Sara Karl. Secretary is Sharon Montville.

Regional Specialty, September 2003: There were complaints received from the hotel, that people did not clean up after their dogs. Next year, there will not be a designated host hotel. The judging will start at 9:00 a.m. either in the new building, or outside (weekend after Labor Day). Due to the late start this year, timing was an issue especially for Obedience. Any suggestions for conformation judges? Stacy noted that the Larimer County fairgrounds just opened - Buckhorn Valley will probably move there. Also, Douglas County has a new indoor arena.

Events: Karen noted there's not much to mention! The Pueblo shows are coming up. Stacy noted a message seminar by Joanne Lang. Karen would like to retire from the Events position - any volunteers?

Historian: Sara noted that we need a new Historian, as Helen is busy with school.

Membership (Stacy): There are five new sustaining members applying: Laura Dargurz, Robyn Loffredo, Keena Metcalf, Noah Pene, Rama Pfannenstien.

MOTION: Sara moved that we accept the new members as a slate. Seconded by MJ. All in favor - Motion passed.

Newsletter (Jeanne): The deadline for the next issue is October 20 (including candidate bios for the November election).

Ways and Means (Patti/Dottie): Doing well, looking for new stuff.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Berner Noel: The Berner Noel will be held December 7 at the home of Laura Haupenthal and Alvin Beers.

Nominating Committee: Sharon Montville and MJ Berendes welcome input, also any additional members who wish to be on the Nominating Committee. The Vice-President, Secretary, and 3 Board members are up for election.

### NEW BUSINESS

The BMDCR will donate \$200 to the 2004 National Trophy Fund.

Patti passed around information on the pasta/sauce fundraiser - this will be included in the next newsletter.

Sharon explained that the 2004 National Draft Committee does not already have draft test equipment, so they are working on building it now. Draft tests generally lose money so these tests may lose more than usual. MOTION: Sharon moves that the BMDCR donate \$100 to the BMDCR Draft Committee to help fund their equipment

needs. Seconded by Jeanne. All in favor - motion passed.

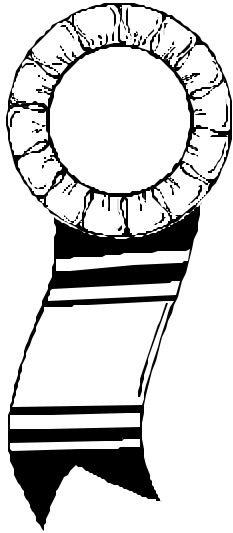
Information was passed around on the Colorado business that "ripped off" the BMDCR logo for their business sign. The artist of the logo, Melissa Bartlett, will be informed of this.

Stacy noted that Buckhorn Valley KC and Mile-High Golden Retriever Club are planning a Winter Canine Health Symposium, January 23-25. They are looking for clubs to sponsor events (the cost to sponsor is \$250). She has additional information on her computer. A panel discussion on how breeders deal with health problems in their breed is an example of topics addressed.

NEXT MEETING: November 23 at the home of Laura Haupenthal and Alvin Beers (5614 Ivy Ct, Greenwood Village, CO). The Board meeting will start at 11:30. The Annual Election will be conducted during the General Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

<p><u>One Editor's Apology</u> Normally, Nadja Torling formats this newsletter. This month, a time crunch made that impossible... so I have been finding my sorry way through the forest of cut/paste/copy. Regrets, Jeanne</p>
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## **SHOW NEWS**

Valerie Horney

### **Five Valley Kennel Club**

6/23/03

WD Sascha's Ursa Major,  
Major, owned by Vicky  
Whitney

NEW CHAMPION

### **Southwestern Rottweiler Club**

07/13/03

Carting Intermediate, Reserve  
High In Test, CH Wagontale's  
Dashing Thru Snow DD  
BNDD, Dash, owned by J  
Zaayer & S Temples  
Carting Started, 3rd place CH  
Wagontale's Cheyenne  
Sunrise NA NDD, Cheyenne,  
owned by Kathy Gray & S  
Temples

### **Palomar Kennel Club**

8/2/03

WD/BW Wagontale  
Incoming Tide, Ti, owned by  
Jennifer Zaayer and Stacy  
Temples

8/3/03

RWD Wagontale Incoming

Tide, Ti, owned by Jennifer  
Zaayer and Stacy Temples

### **Malibu Kennel Club**

8/16/17/03

WD/BW Wagontale  
Incoming Tide, Ti, owned by  
Jennifer Zaayer and Stacy  
Temples

### **BMDCR Draft Test**

9/4/03

New Novice Draft Dogs  
CH Classique's Two Step CD  
, Reggie owned by Marsha  
Eckhardt and Christina  
Ohlsen

NEW BMDCA

VERSATILITY DOG

Springs Lady Molly CD,  
Molly, owned by Nancy  
Fuselier  
Kaibab's Annapurna v  
Pinnacle, Anna owned by  
Eden Jonas and Jeanne  
Johnson

New Draft Dogs

CH Dallybeck's Roaring Judy  
CD DD, Judy owned by Mary  
Rogers

### **BMDCA Regional Specialty**

9/5/03

Best in Veteran Sweeps CH  
Dallybeck's Roaring Judy CD  
DD, Judy owned by Mary  
Rogers  
BOS in Veteran Sweeps CH  
Dogwoods Greyson v Blue  
Moon CD BDD, Greyson  
owned by Christine &  
Michael Mann

WD/BOW Kinvarra's  
Chieftain, Connor, owned by  
Pat and Neal Hughes

NEW CHAMPION

RWB Lorien Dell's Praire

Dawn, owned by Lynn and  
George Wood  
BOS CH Prairiefires Made  
You Look, Tatum, owned by  
Sharon Johnson

AOM CH Eur-Am's Enough  
Already CD NA BDD ,  
Ready owned by Valerie  
Horney, from the veteran's  
class

AOM CH Classique's Two  
Step CD NDD, Reggie owned  
by Marsha Eckhardt and  
Christina Ohlsen

1st leg CD, 2nd place,  
Am/Can CH Ahquabi's Bank  
On It Can CD, Teller , owned  
by Valerie Horney  
3rd place veteran's obedience  
CH Eur-Am's Enough  
Already CD NA BDD ,  
Ready owned by Valerie  
Horney

4th place veteran's obedience  
CH Tanzenbar Dante Rush,  
CD BDD, Dante owned by  
Patti and Doug Morgan

*Reporters Note: This is all I  
can remember and I got  
results from very few people.*

### **Evergreen Kennel Club**

9/7/03

3rd leg CD CH Blue Moons  
Bewitched NDD, Samantha,  
owned by Mike and Chris  
Mann.

NEW COMPANION DOG,  
NEW BMDCA

VERSATILTY DOG

RWD Lorien Dell's Hansle  
the Sumo, owned by G & L  
Wood, G & S Brooks

WB Summit's Look Heart No  
Hands, owned by Jaqueline  
Schuck and Sandy Dunaway

RWB Lorien Dell's Praire Dawn, owned by Lynn and George Wood  
9/8/03  
WB Sapphire's Gotta Dance to Bernerliebe, owned by Kerri Nielsen & Christina Ohlsen  
RWB Prairiefire Legend Semper Fi, owned by R Dorn, S Johnson, A Fitzgerald

#### **Rio Pecos Kennel Club**

9/8/03  
BB CH Lorien Dell's Bilbo Baggins, owned by G & L Wood, Elaine Sheridan  
GROUP 4

#### **Salina Kennel Club**

9/12/03  
BB CH Lorien Dell's Bilbo Baggins, owned by G & L Wood, Elaine Sheridan  
GROUP 2  
9/13/03  
WB/BOS Lorien Dell's Praire Dawn, owned by Lynn and George Wood  
NEW CHAMPION

#### **BMDCR Draft Test**

10/4/03  
New Draft Dogs  
Wagontale's Gone to Texas NDD, Tex, owned by Patricia Tackett  
Blumoon's Broadway Joe NDD, Joe, owned by Jeanne Stanwood and Christine Mann

New Novice Draft Dogs  
Bernerliebe's Imagine That "Magine", owned by Pat and Neal Hughes  
CH Wagontale's Bettydazzled CD, NDD, HIC, CGC- Sofie, owned by Stacy Temples and

Howard Ramsdell  
New Brace Novice Draft Dogs  
CH Kaibab's Another Round, CD NDD, Bud, owned by Valerie Horney and his sister  
Kaibab's Annapurna v Pinnacle, Anna owned by Eden Jonas and Jeanne Johnson

#### **San Luis Obispo Kennel Club**

10/3/03  
WD/BW Wagontale Incoming Tide, Ti, owned by Jennifer Zaayer and Stacy Temples  
10/4/03  
RWD Wagontale Incoming Tide, Ti, owned by Jennifer Zaayer and Stacy Temples

#### **Chapparral Kennel Club**

10/3/03  
WD/BW Lorien Dells Seven Ravens, Raven owned by Carrolyn Marriner, G & L Wood  
Puppy Group 4  
RWB Ochsnerhofs Anni, owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler  
10/4/03  
RWD Lorien Dells Seven Ravens, Raven owned by Carrolyn Marriner, G & L Wood  
WB/BW/BOS Ochsnerhofs Anni, owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler  
10/5/03  
WD Lorien Dells Seven Ravens, Raven owned by Carrolyn Marriner, G & L Wood  
WB/BW/BOS Ochsnerhofs Anni, owned by Heidi

Ochsner Mugler  
10/6/03  
WD Lorien Dells Seven Ravens, Raven owned by Carrolyn Marriner, G & L Wood  
RWB Ochsnerhofs Anni, owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

#### **Valencia Valley**

10/11/03  
WD/BW Wagontale Henry's Happy Hour, Henry owned by N Torling, R Johnson, S Temples  
RWD Mountainair Crime of Passion, Romeo, owned by Teresa Dominguez & Darcy Babb  
WB/BOS LSin Mountainair Navy Blue, Navy, owned by Darcy Babb  
RWB Wagontale's Mirabell, Mira owned by S Temples & Howard Ramsdell  
BB CH Ochsnerhof's Groseel Jodel, Jodel, owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler  
GROUP 2  
10/12/03  
WD/BW Mountainair Crime of Passion, Romeo, owned by Teresa Dominguez & Darcy Babb  
RWD Wagontale Henry's Happy Hour, Henry owned by N Torling, R Johnson, S Temples  
WB/BOS Mountainair Crimestoppr, Kinsey, owned by Darcy Babb  
RWB Wagontale's Mirabell, Mira owned by S Temples & Howard Ramsdell  
BB CH Ochsnerhof's Groseel Jodel, Jodel, owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

## **Kachina Kennel Club**

10/19/03

WB/BW/BB Mountainair  
Crimestoppr, Kinsey, owned  
by Darcy Babb

## **Rapid City Kennel Club**

10/17/03

WB/BW/BOS Prairiefire's  
Cloudburst, owned by Sharon  
Johnson

RWB Springs Sandia, Sandy,  
owned by Nancy Fuselier  
BB CH Ochsnerhof's Groseel  
Jodel, Jodel, owned by Heidi  
Ochsner Mugler

10/18/03

WD/BW Lorien Dell's Hansel  
the Sumo, owned by G & L  
Wood, G & S Brooks  
RWD Prairiefire Charismatic  
v Ay, owned by S Johnson, K  
Englert, N Aldrich

WB/BOS Prairiefire Legend  
Semper Fi, owned by R Dorn,  
S Johnson, A Fitzgerald  
BB Prairiefire's Bedtime  
Story, PJ Owned by Sharon  
Johnson

### **GROUP 3**

10/19/03

WD/BW Lorien Dell's  
Hansel the Sumo, owned by  
G & L Wood, G & S Brooks  
RWB Summit's Milagro De  
Paz, owned by S Dunaway, A  
& B Dailey  
BB CH Ochsnerhof's Groseel  
Jodel, Jodel, owned by Heidi  
Ochsner Mugler

## **Fall Draft Test- 2003**

What a day.... Rainy, cold, windy!! Mother Nature certainly added her challenges to the Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Draft Test at Patti and Doug Morgan's house. Contestants from north of Monument Hill ran into rain and sleet as they crested the divide. Everyone bundled up and Patti and Doug loaned out ponchos and jackets. The cooler temperatures really revved up some of the canine contestants. Fay Benson and Nancy Fuselier came up with some new audible and visual challenges: the crunching chip bag and leaping flamingo threw a few teams off course.

Teams that qualified were:

### **New Draft Dogs**

Wagontale's Gone to Texas NDD, Tex, handled & owned by Patricia Tackett

Blumoon's Broadway Joe NDD, Joe, owned by Jeanne Stanwood and Christine Mann, handled by Jeanne Stanwood

### **New Novice Draft Dogs**

Bernerliebe's Imagine That "Magine" , owned by Pat and Neal Hughes, handled by Pat Hughes

CH Wagontale's Bettydazzled CD, NDD, HIC, CGC- SOFIE owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell, handled by Stacy Temples

### **New Brace Novice Draft Dogs**

CH Kaibab's Another Round, CD NDD, Bud, owned by Valerie Horney and his sister Kaibab's Annapurna v Pinnacle, Anna owned by Eden Jonas and Jeanne Johnson, handled by Valerie Horne



Pat Tackett and Tex...a new Draft Dog from Texas  
Photo by Stacy Temples



Pat Tackett & Tex and Stacy Temples & Sophie  
with judges, Fay Benson and Nancy Fuselier  
Photo by Stacy Temples



Jeanne Stanwood & Joe, a new Draft Dog  
Photo by Mary Rogers

Many, many thanks go to all the people who contributed their time and energy to make this draft test a success. Thank you to Patti and Doug Morgan for the use of their property. Thank you to our kind judges, Nancy Fuselier and Fay Benson. Thank you to Sara Karl and Valerie Horney for chairing the event. Thank you to Sharon Montville for being the secretary. Thank you to Lou Tucker for helping with the food. Thank you to the stewards: Amy Gonzalez, Cindy Still, Karen Baru, and Lou Tucker. Thank you to the contestants and their family/friends who pitched in. If I missed any one... I am sorry and thank you!!



Kirk and Angela Hanson with Jedi and Padme

## Rescue News

We have two rescue dogs at this time; the foster home is Kirk and Angela Hanson. The male is 12 months old and his name is Jedi. The female is 11 months old and her name is Padme. They both have wonderful temperaments and are a joy to be around. Padme and Jedi are now living with a new owner in Evergreen, Colorado. They have been together since puppy-hood and the rescue committee is thrilled to place them together. The new owner had recently lost a Berner and is thrilled to have these teammates.



# *Berner Noel 2003*



***When:***

*Sunday, December 7, 2003  
Holiday Festivities from 1 to 4 p.m.*

***Where:***

*Alvin Beers and Laura Haupenthal's House  
5614 S. Ivy Court  
Greenwood Village, CO 80111  
(Large fenced yard for playing)*

***Who:***

*Berner owners, families, doggies*

***Bring:***

*Your dog (with or without their holiday finery)*

*One gift per dog for exchange*

*A dish to share with last names:*

*a-f: salads and side dishes*

*g-o: main dishes*

*p-z: desserts*

*RSVP to Al and Laura by December 3 at 303-221-2211*

***Directions:***

From I-24 South or North bound take the Orchard Rd. exit heading west. You will pass the following streets in this order: Greenwood Plaza Blvd, Quebec, Monaco. After Monaco start looking for Orchard Dr. on the right (midway between Monaco and Holly—if you get to Holly you've gone too far). Orchard Dr. veers off of Monaco at an angle. Continue on Orchard Dr. to Ivy (there is a sign that says "no outlet", but disregard) and turn right on Ivy. Continue up the hill to the cul-de-sac. 5614 Ivy Ct. is the gold brick house

## Membership November 2003

Stacy Temples

**H**ello everyone! It is that time of year again; time to renew your membership. Please find the colored paper form in this newsletter and send it in today, so you don't forget later.

**P**lease welcome the following new members who were approved at the September 2003 meeting.  
New Voting Member: Angela Hanson of Colorado Springs, Colorado  
New Sustaining members:  
Judy Butenas of Longmont, Colorado  
Linda Ferre of Salt Lake City, Utah  
Lydia McNeese of Lake City, Colorado  
Lauren Bursell of Colorado Springs, Colorado  
Chris & Jennifer McManus of Denver, Colorado  
Jason & Stacey Bearden of Highlands Ranch, Colorado  
Gayle Brooks of Boulder, Colorado  
Kate Errett of Durango, Colorado  
Haley Hayes of Golden, Colorado  
Kerri Nielsen of Pueblo West, Colorado  
Jeffrey Rubeck of Colorado

Spring, Colorado

### **New Applicants:**

#### **Sustaining:**

*Barbara Clark*, PO Box 774512, Steamboat Springs, CO, 80477, Ph.# (970) 871-9080, (e) [clarkbarsu@aol.com](mailto:clarkbarsu@aol.com). Barb is the owner of a new puppy boy, Wagontale's Kanyon Vernors (6/20/03) from Temples & Ramsdell. She is interested in learning more about health issues, obedience, drafting, and therapy work. She is retired and can volunteer as needed. She has owned a Yellow Lab and a Golden before and is currently training her puppy in obedience.

*Leanne Nakishima*, 9598 E. Coronado Ct., Parker, CO, 80134, Ph.# (303) 805-0441. Leanne owns Andre from Evan in Quebec, (M, 5/19/03). She wants to participate in activities and to meet other Bernese owners. Her interests are conformation, health issues, obedience, therapy work, and doing research on backpacking with Bernese. She heard about the club from

the website and the newspaper.

She is a retiree and an artist and has lots of abilities and time to help with the club. In the past she was a member of the Boxer club and she also owned an American Eskimo dog and a Border Collie mix and a Spitz mix. She trains her dogs in obedience a minimum of 2 years.

*Scott Bursell*, 2885 Outlook Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80921, Ph.# (719)494-1266, (e) [Bscottlauren@aol.com](mailto:Bscottlauren@aol.com). Scott's wife, Lauren Bursell, became a sustaining member in September. Scott and Lauren own Sydney (F, 7/19/02) from Samson DeHeicopper and Sita DeHeicopper bred by Debbie Goff. He is interested in breeding, and therapy work. He wants to meet people with Bernese.

#### **Voting:**

*Terri Dittmer*, Sponsored by Jeanne Stanwood & Christine Mann. Terri has been a very active club member since July 2000. "Terri is very committed to the Bernese and she has been a great volunteer many

times!!" She regularly volunteers at events and attends most club meetings.

*Robert Tucker*, Sponsored by Patti Morgan & Sara Karl. Robert and his wife Lou Tucker have been members since September 1996. Lou has always been a Voting member. The Tuckers are also very active club members who help out at all the draft tests with food

preparation and stewarding. They also attend most club events.

*Gayle Brooks*, Sponsored by Lynn Wood & Christine Mann, 2967 Middle Fork Road, Boulder, Colorado, 80302. Ph.# (303) 443-9140. (e) [Gaylebrooks@aol.com](mailto:Gaylebrooks@aol.com). Gayle just became a sustaining member at the September meeting (see

Messenger 9/03) and wants to become a voting member because she wants to breed her dog.

Directory Updates:  
Martha Rosner  
(H) Phone: 720-565-3034  
New email address:  
[mrosner@frii.com](mailto:mrosner@frii.com)

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## Nominations for the Kathy Roth Award

Each year the BMDCR recognizes our human members for contributions they have made to our club as well as for the betterment of the breed by awarding one of our own with the Kathy Roth Award. Kathy was a charter and founding member of the BMDCR who died of cancer in 1991. She was known for her dedication to our breed and her willingness to share her knowledge to both new BMD owners as well as those of us who had dogs but needed information or assistance. This is our clubs highest honor and input from our members is needed in order to make the selection. If you would like to recommend a person for this award, please submit his or her name to Valerie Horney.

*Ask Bernice: The berner advice  
column*

My owner is furious... I left my coat on his velvet sofa.... I didn't know!  
Deep Weeds

Bernice replies:  
Dear Weeds, Your owner needs to use a dry loofa sponge to pick that hair up.  
Show him this article!

**Next Mountain Dog  
Messenger Deadline  
December 20, 2003**

Please send articles to Jeanne  
Stanwood

[Stanwood@earthlink.net](mailto:Stanwood@earthlink.net)

### 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. There will be 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 the meetings will be announced in 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 dates for 2003. 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, P.O. Box 2490, Ft. Collins, CO 80522-2490. Club members' name and/or mailing address changes should 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 have also 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 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 the use of one photo; additional photos will cost \$10 each) ¼ 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, April, June, August and December for the next months issue.



## Therapy Dog Work

Do you and your BMD do therapy work? Please send an article about your work to Jeanne Stanwood, editor, for the next issue...or just contact me.

Here are Angela Hanson and Hailey doing blood pressure checks at a Health Fair for Senior Citizens.

Photo by Patti Morgan