



# Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

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### Next Meeting:

**Sunday, November 20 at  
Al and Laura's**

**January's meeting will be  
Saturday, January 21 at  
the Awards Banquet**

## Flu Season is Here - Bow-Choo!

Just as humans are getting ready for the influenza season, information on a canine flu virus has been hitting the news. The virus has been discovered in thirteen states, including Colorado, Arizona, Iowa, Texas and Kansas. This new canine virus, being referred to as Canine Influenza Virus, Greyhound Disease, and Race Flu, is considered highly contagious. It has been suggested that 80% of dogs exposed to the virus will develop the infection. Most dogs will only have mild symptoms however puppies and older dogs are at risk for fatalities associated with the virus. The disease is associated most often with dogs housed in boarding kennels or in high density areas such as shelters, dog tracks and pet stores. The infectious agent is likely transmitted through the air or by contact with contaminated surfaces. The incubation period (time from exposure to symptoms) is estimated to be 2-5 days.

Symptoms of the canine flu are similar to kennel cough, which is a highly contagious inflammation of the trachea (windpipe) and bronchial tree caused by either a virus or bacteria. However, kennel cough usually results in only a mild to moderate cough and is self-limiting. Rare cases may have sequelae of a lingering chronic bronchitis. The new canine virus is often associated with high fevers, cough and nasal drainage. Symptoms of the canine flu will vary in severity.

Dog owners should watch for:

- Upper respiratory symptoms of conjunctivitis ("pink eye"), runny nose or sneezing
- Cough that will worsen with activity and excitement and can persist for minutes

- Fever of 106 or greater, difficulty breathing, loss of appetite and lethargy may indicate the development of a secondary bacterial pneumonia.

Symptoms can last for up to four weeks.

Diagnosis is made through a complete history to determine if there has been a recent exposure. However, it may be difficult to differentiate the new canine virus from kennel cough initially. Blood testing (antibody titers) for the virus can be done through the Cornell School of Veterinary Medicine diagnostic lab which can confirm the diagnosis but it may take up to four weeks to get the final results. Should you or your veterinarian want to do the blood testing information can be found at

[www.diaglab.vet.cornell.edu/news.asp](http://www.diaglab.vet.cornell.edu/news.asp).

Other testing such as chest xrays and complete blood count are usually not necessary unless the dog is showing signs of generalized illness, fever or loss of appetite.

Because it is difficult to determine if a dog has the new canine virus or kennel cough, treatment in the early stages is controversial. Most infected dogs will recover with no treatment although a small percentage will develop a potentially fatal pneumonia.

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# Berner Noel

Sunday, Dec 18

11 AM - 3 PM



Please bring your Berners and join us for the BMDCR Annual Berner Noel Pot Luck at Al and Laura's (see below for directions).

Al and Laura will provide hot cider. Please bring a dish to share. Last name starting with:



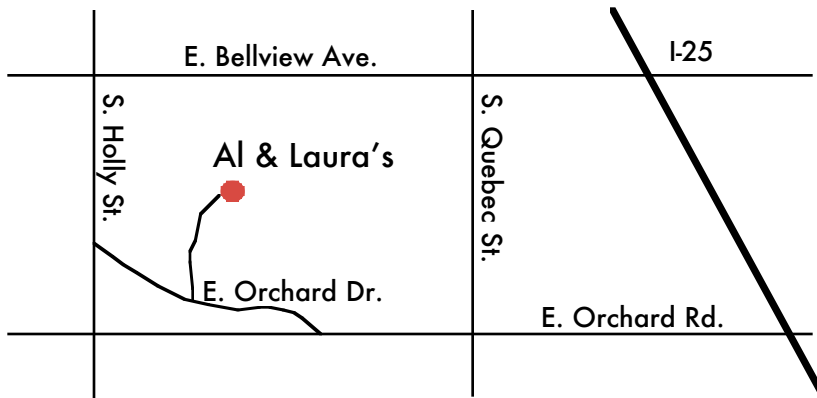
A - J	Main Dish
K - S	Salad
T - Z	Dessert

Also, please bring a present for the doggie gift exchange (cost less than \$7).

Please RSVP before Mon, Dec 12, 303-221-2211.

## DIRECTIONS:

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.



## Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies

### Officers

President	Valerie Horney
Vice President	Lou Tucker
Treasurer	Sara Karl
Secretary	Angie Hanson

### Directors

Linda Ansfield  
Sharon Keefer  
Phil Shaffer  
Elaine Witulski

### Newsletter Submissions

Dottie Schulte  
1943 Montview Drive  
Greeley, CO 80631  
dotties911@aol.com

### Membership Applications

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

### BMD Breed Contact Information Line

Karen Baru  
303-841-9262

### Meetings

Unless members are otherwise notified, meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of January, March, September and November at Laura and Al's house at 5614 S. Ivy Ct. in Greenwood Village. Board Meetings start at 11 AM and the General Meetings start at 1 PM.

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# 2006 AWARDS BANQUET

Be sure to set this date aside for a very special event!

**Saturday, Jan. 21: 2:00-5:00 p.m.**

La Dolce Vita Italian Restaurant  
361 Square Lane, Castle Pines, CO

The BMDCR will have exclusive use of the banquet room for our first club meeting of the new year and awards ceremony featuring an Italian luncheon buffet.

**The menu includes:**

Appetizer Tray  
Homemade Minestrone Soup & Salad, Garlic Knots  
Lasagna, Chicken Marsala, and Red Snapper Pomidori.  
Topped off with a delicious Tiramisu dessert.  
Soft drinks, coffee and tea are included.

\*There will be a cash bar available for those who would like to order wine, cocktails, cappuccino, espresso or specialty drinks.

This specially priced luncheon buffet (partially sponsored by the BMDCR!) is \$22.00 per person. A special menu for children under 12 will be offered at \$4.95 per child. (For those who have special dietary concerns please contact Karen for more information)

Directions to La Dolce Vita Restaurant:

Castle Pines is located off I-25 between Highlands Ranch and Castle Rock. Take Exit 188 (Castle Pines Pkwy) and go west, approx. 1/2 mi. to Village Square Pkwy and take a left at the light. Take the first right into the parking lot. La Dolce Vita is on the far end of the shopping strip.

Please send your reservations and checks made payable to BMDCR no later than January 11, 2006 to: Karen Baru, 7765 E. War Bonnet Trail, Parker, CO 80138.

# 2005 AWARDS

Members Jeanne Stanwood and Terri Dittmer have a special Awards program planned for you. Please send all 2005 new titles, awards and accomplishment info to Jeanne Stanwood. Please include a picture of your dog (if you can) and send to Jeanne no later than December 9, 2005.

You may send the information and attachments to Jeanne by email at stanwood@earthlink.net or by regular mail to: Jeanne Stanwood, 672 N. Faver Dr., Castle Rock, CO 80109.

**Please note that only those who provide the information requested to Jeanne by the deadline will be awarded certificates.**



## Nominations for the Kathy Roth Award

Kathy Roth was the founding President of the BMDCR, a mentor to many, and a warm friend to all. Her actions and service to the club epitomized her love of the breed. After a valiant fight with cancer, she passed away on Nov. 10, 1991 at the young age of 36 yrs. It is hard to believe that it's been fourteen years since Kathy's been gone and I know that she is terribly missed by all who knew her.

Each year, at our annual banquet, we remember Kathy by presenting one of our members with a traveling plaque known as the "Kathy Roth Award". This plaque, which lists previous recipients' names, is awarded to the club member whose service demonstrates the individual's devotion and dedication to the Bernese Mountain Dog.

The inscription on the plaque states "In the spirit of love and dedication given the Bernese Mt. Dog by founding President Kathy Roth, this honor is awarded to those who share her passion and continue her vision."

Previous recipients are:

1991 Sara Karl	1994 Phil Shaffer	1997 Cindy Still	2000 Patti Morgan	2003 Bob & Lou Tucker
1992 Martha Rosener	1995 Nancy Fuselier	1998 Dottie Schulte	2001 Sharon Montville	2004 Stacy Temples
1993 Christina Ohlsen	1996 Valerie Horney	1999 Holly & Maria Foster	2002 Karen Baru	

The Awards Committee (Chair Karen Baru, Terri Dittmer and Jeanne Stanwood) will be accepting nominations for the 2005 Kathy Roth Award from the membership and will select this year's recipient. Please send your written nomination by December 15th with a brief synopsis describing why your nominee should be selected, to Karen Baru at 7765 E. War Bonnet trail, Parker, Co. 80138 or email to katbaru@netzero.com.

## 2005 Regional Specialty Show

A total of 92 dogs entered this year's Regional Specialty held in Greeley on September 11, for a total of 149 entries. An additional 21 dogs were honored in the Salute to Therapy Dogs. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all the exhibitors, owners, breeders, handlers, judges, trophy sponsors, and fans who contributed to the success and fun of a great day. And kudos to Evergreen Kennel Club and Specialties Coordinator, Jean Pero.

Very special thanks are due to the club members who helped BMDCR host another successful Regional Specialty Show, including: Ron Abbott, Terri Dittmer, Sandy Dunaway, Angela Hanson, Val Horney, Sara Karl, Sherri Mangin, Christine Mann, Patti Morgan, Dottie Schulte, Bob Tucker, Lou Tucker. (Apologies on top of gratitude to anyone I missed listing here.)

Sharon Keefer, 2005 Show Chairman



Best of Breed -  
CH Prairiefire's Bedtime Story  
Owner: Sharon S Johnson  
Breeder: Kay Wendorf  
CH Prairiefire's It's Showtime x  
CH Serendipity Timelea Warning



Best of Winners  
Anastasia Summers in Dillon "Dillon"  
Owners: Anne and Greg Summers and Natalie Ellis-Rake  
Breeder: Natalie Ellis-Rake  
CH Peacefield Flashback V Dragon x  
CH Adesa Smoke Signal



Best of Opposite Sex  
CH L-Sin's Thin Blue Line  
Owners: Ann Murphy Daily, William Daily,  
and Sindi L Leo  
Breeder: Sindi L Leo  
CH Kasablanca's Black Forest x  
CH L-Sin-Skylin's Harleigh's Re-Run



Best in Veteran Sweepstakes  
CH Prairiefire's It's Showtime  
Owner: Sharon S Johnson  
Breeder: Sharon S Johnson  
CH De-Li's Shaping The Future x  
CH Prairiefire's Painted Cloud



Best in Puppy/Junior Sweepstakes  
 Sapphire's Double Your Fun  
 Owners: Carol and Roger Arbuthnot  
 Breeders: Carol and Roger Arbuthnot and Sara Karl  
 CH Nashem's Got It Made x  
 CH Sapphire's Waltzing Matilda



Best of Opposite Sex in Puppy/Junior Sweepstakes  
 Nashem's Play It Again Sapphire  
 Owners: Lynn Wood and Sara Karl  
 Breeders: Carol Arbuthnot and Sara Karl  
 CH Nashem's Got It Made x  
 CH Sapphire's Waltzing Matilda



Highest Scoring Dog in Obedience Trial  
 Raabeaus Outlaw Deputy  
 Owners: Marine Savageau and Molle Rae Hess  
 Breeders: Charles R Beadie and Linda M Beadie  
 CH Quell v Bernetta x  
 CH Vivian Leigh von Scheimatthof

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Treatment may include:

- Antibiotics, especially if a secondary bacterial infection is suspected
- Intravenous fluid therapy if dehydration
- Antiviral drugs such as amantidine and tamiflu, however their usefulness is limited as they are most effective if given before symptoms develop or within three days of initial symptoms
- Cough suppressants

There is no evidence that the canine flu can spread to humans, cats or other animal types. So far it is believed that the virus is species specific and only spread dog to dog. If your dog has exposure to high risk areas (kennels and doggie daycare) make sure that good disinfection procedures are used to prevent spread of any disease and contact your veterinarian should your pet show any signs of canine influenza.

# 2005 Fall Draft Test at Bittersweet Park



**Vicky and her team, Major and Maddie.**

Twenty teams (2 open draft, 4 novice brace draft and 14 novice draft ) participated in the fall draft test held September 8th at Bittersweet Park in Greeley.

Judges Nancy Fuselier and Eden Jonas provided a challenging course and freight haul while Mother Nature offered her own obstacle with mid-90's temperatures. Dogs earning their title this day can be found in the Show News report.



**Christine, Marge and Brigette.**



**Keeping cool on a hot day.**



**Mom, the ruler is crooked!**



**Valerie with Teller and Bud.**

# Ask Bernice



## The Berner Advice Column

*Dear Bernice,  
I was recently at a dog show and every dog I met had a very long name with a title and many strange letter combinations after the name. No simple Jr. or Sr. here! I just couldn't keep everyone straight! What's going on these days? Aren't Max and Lady good enough names for dogs anymore? They sure were when I was a pup.*

*Dyslexic Doggie*

Dear Dyslexic Doggie,  
What you are referring to are called titles. If a dog, or bitch (even though I really dislike that term) completes the requirements in a dog event, they can add the abbreviation for that title after their name. For example, CD stands for Companion Dog and it's the first level in Obedience. NDD stands for Novice Draft Dog and is awarded after a dog successfully passes all the components of a draft test. So a dog that has received those two titles could insist on being referred to as Ch. Frou-Frou's Fancy Pants CD NDD.

Don't worry Dyslexic Doggie, these dogs still prefer to be called by their shorter informal names, just like you.

Bernice

## BMDCR Rescue Committee Policies

Revision 9/30/05

### To Be Voted on at November Meeting

Committee members: Nancy Fuselier, Holly Foster, Patti Morgan (Chairperson), Phil Shaffer, Stacy Temples, Lou Tucker

#### Mission statement.

In order to protect the breed, the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies Rescue Committee shall rescue, provide basic care, and place purebred Bernese Mountain Dogs in appropriate homes.

#### Policies

1. The BMDCR does not endorse paying for rescue dogs. In situations where abuse is suspected, intact animals are likely to be bred, or other extreme situations, a consensus of two BMDCR board members or Rescue Committee members may choose to pay up to \$200 to acquire an animal.
2. Dogs entering the BMDCR rescue program must be admitted by a member of the Rescue Committee. Individual club members with dogs they wish to place in the rescue program must turn them over to the Rescue Committee.
3. A member of the Rescue Committee shall evaluate each dog entering the rescue program. A veterinary evaluation may be performed with the consensus of two committee members. Rescue Committee or other club members who are doctors of veterinary medicine should be consulted when possible. Veterinary evaluations are called for when no medical history is available, or an obvious medical problem exists. All rescued dogs shall be checked for tattoos, microchips, of other permanent identification.
4. Veterinary care amounting to less than \$1,500 must be approved by a majority of the Rescue Committee members; care in excess of \$1,500 must be approved by a majority of the BMDCR board. It is the BMDCR's goal to pay for the emergency care of rescued purebred Bernese in life threatening situations, however the BMDCR does guarantee that individuals will be reimbursed for expenses incurred without prior approval. Individuals with potential rescue dogs in need of emergency care should contact the Rescue Committee as soon as possible.
5. Applications to adopt a rescue dog will be maintained for six months.
6. It is the policy of the BMDCR Rescue Committee to neuter or spay all dogs before leaving the Rescue Committee's custody
7. The breeder or stud owner of dogs in the rescue program will be contacted when possible and in the best interest of the dog and the breed. The breeder or stud owner will be given preference in adopting dogs they have bred. All normal adoption procedures shall be followed however the adoption fee may be waved.
8. The adoption fee is \$300.00.
9. Selection of adoptive homes shall be decided by a consensus of two committee members. Potential adoptive homes should be visited and adoptive families interviewed. Veterinary references, if available should be checked. All information and forms associated with a rescue dog and the adoptive family will be kept for 20 years.
10. The adoption contract of the BMDCR shall require that adopting families return their adopted dogs to the BMDCR rescue program if they are no longer able or willing to keep them.

# Meeting Minutes - September 25, 2005

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

5614 South Ivy Court  
Greenwood Village, CO  
September 25, 2005

**Roll:** Valerie Horney, Lou Tucker, Elaine Witulski, Laura, Phil Shaffer

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 A.M.

The minutes of the previous board meeting were approved without change. (*L. Tucker moved E. Witulski second Passed.*)

### Officer's Reports:

President: None

Secretary: None

Treasurer

	Non Rescue	Rescue	Total
Savings CD	\$6,126.39		\$6,126.39
Money Market		\$5,167.20	\$5,167.20
Checking	\$7,513.42	\$4,119.08	\$11,632.50
Total	\$13,639.81	\$9,286.28	\$22,926.09

### Committee Reports:

**RCC:** Many regional clubs who operate rescue activities are having difficulty obtaining insurance. The BMDCR is insured at this time. Gene Hamme of the BMDCA has found an affordable carrier and regional clubs needing this coverage may wish to contact him. Valerie Horney, Lou Tucker, and Sara Karl will review our current insurance situation.

**Breeder Referral:** There are no litters on the list at this time.

**Rescue:** There are three dogs under the rescue committee's care at this time.

### Old Business:

The rescue committee's latest draft of its policies was reviewed by the board. Two alterations were requested. The rescue committee will make the changes and publish the final draft in the newsletter. A vote by the general membership is scheduled for the November meeting.

### New Business:

Future votes on membership applications will be held by secret ballot.  
The duties of the show reporter position were confirmed.

Ultimately it is the responsibility of exhibitors to provide their results to the show news reporter. The reporter will provide the results of BMDCR events and local events to the newsletter editor whenever possible. National specialty results will not be handled by the reporter due to the scope of the task.

If there is no quorum at the general meeting the board will reconvene to discuss a donation for canine related hurricane relief.

Laura shall be appointed to the newsletter committee. (*P. Shaffer moved, L. Tucker second, Passed*)

The entire newsletter committee must approve the newsletter before publication. (*P. Shaffer moved, E. Witulski second, Passed*)

Meeting Adjourned 1:05 P.M.

## General Meeting Minutes

5614 South Ivy Court  
Greenwood Village, CO  
September 25, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 A.M.

Roll was taken and sufficient voting members were present for a quorum.

The minutes of the previous general meeting are approved without change (*D. Schulte moved, A. Rutherford second, Passed*)

### Officer's Reports:

President: none

Secretary: none

Treasurer: See the board meeting minutes.

### Committee Reports:

**Breeder Referral and Show News Reporter:** See the board meeting minutes

**Membership:** Two new sustaining members, Alisha Combs and Robert Foth, were approved unanimously by secret written ballot.

**Nominating Committee:** Karen Baru announced the nominating committee's selections to run for next year's

open positions. (see the last newsletter for candidate biographies). Valerie Horney made a call for additional nominations from the floor; no additional nominations were made. The committee was thanked for their service.

**Rescue:** There are three dogs under the rescue committee's care at this time. The rescue committee's policies are being finalized and will be published in the next newsletter.

The BMDCR will pay up to \$2,800 for past and future ACL repair surgeries for the dog "Mozart" currently in the rescue program. (P. Shaffer moved, J. Stanwood second, Passed)

From the \$2,800 already approved for "Mozart", individuals who provided funds to pay for surgeries already performed may be reimbursed. A donation to BEHAF will be made to offset the amount they provided. (P. Shaffer moved, K. Baru second, Passed)

#### **New Business**

The current members of the awards banquet committee are Karen Baru, Terri Dittmer, and Jean Stanwood.

The rules for the awards banquet committee Kathy Roth award as published in the last newsletter are approved. (D. Schulte moved, A. Rutherford second, Passed)

The BMDCR will donate \$1,000 to Best Friends Animal Society for relief efforts underway for animal victims of the recent hurricanes. (D. Schulte moved, R. Abbott second, Passed)

\$500 is allocated to help defray member costs of attendance to the 2006 awards banquet. (K. Baru moved, L. Tucker second, Passed)

Meeting adjourned 2:05 P.M.

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## **Halloween**

49% of dog owners like the idea of dressing their canine companions in costumes for Halloween, according to the American Kennel Association. The poll also found women are 6 percent more likely than men to dress up their pups for all holidays, while men are 12 percent more likely to wonder why anyone would ever consider dressing their dogs.

*Gone, but never forgotten and forever in our hearts...*

*Travis Corinne Von Bauernhof JHD "Corky"*

*11-21-94 to 10-29-04*

*euthanized: transitional cell carcinoma  
owner: Karen Baru*

*Ch. Travis Snowridge Avalance "Ava"*

*11-14-94 to 08-20-05*

*euthanized: malignant histiocytosis  
owner: Karen Baru*

*Ch. Nashen's Heaven Sent v Travis "Bree"*

*05-10-94 to 09-08-05*

*euthanized: malignant histiocytosis  
owners: Norma Andersen & Karen Baru*

*Ch. Prairiefire's Painted Cloud "Cloud"*

*11-03-94 to 10-20-05*

*euthanized: debilitation & immobility  
owner: Sharon & Mark Johnson*

*Ch Ebnet's Trademark "Trey"*

*3-8-01 to 9-17-05*

*euthanized malignant histiocytosis  
owner: Dottie Schulte*

In memory of our beloved pets, donations have been made to the Canine Health Foundation and animal/human assistance funds for Hurricane Katrina.

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## **Litter Box**

Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell  
Wagontale Bernese  
Fort Collins, Colorado  
970-493-3714  
Email: [satemples@aol.com](mailto:satemples@aol.com)  
Litter Due Date: 11/28/05

Dam: CH Wagontale's Mirabelle  
Registration Number: WR056687/01  
OFA Hip Certification Number: BMD-10877G24F-PI  
OFA Elbow Certification Number: BMD-EL3559F24-PI  
OFA Shoulder Certification Number: BMD-SH33F24-PI  
Cardiac: BMD-CA321/13F/C-PI,  
CERF Clearance: BMD-2168/2005-39 Date: 3/5/2005  
Vetgen DNA #17326, vWD Clear

Sire: CKC CH Riccarron Enzo Vincenzo  
Registration Number: CKC1073507  
OFA Hip Certification Number: GDC 21144H17EN  
OFA Elbow Certification Number: GDC21144E17N  
Cardiac: GDC21144SS12N SAS unaffected  
CERF Clearance: BMD-2057/2003-38 Date: 11/1/2003  
Vetgen DNA #18021, vWD Clear

What's  
Happening?!



Karen Baru

11/19 - AKC TDX Tracking-Denver Foothills Tracking Assn. @ Chatfield State Rec Area  
Sec: Patti Pigeon (303)279-8334.

11/19 - Fun Match: Peak to Peak Working Dog Assoc. @ Douglas County Fairgrounds,  
Castle Rock. Puppies (3mo.+) - Adult. Conformation, Obed (subnovice, novice, open,  
utility) and Jr. Showmanship. Reg: @8:00/ Judging @ 9:00.

11/20 - Plum Creek KC Fun Match, same information as shown for PPWDA on the 19th.

11/19&20 - AKC Agility, Mile Hi Agility Club @ JeffCO; Sec: Carol Makowski  
(303)665-5146/carolmakow@aol.com.

11/19&20 - Flyball Tournament, Larimer Co. Fairgrounds, Loveland.  
(Marisa\_migliore@yahoo.com).

11/25-27 - Southern Colorado Agility Club -agility trail- @ Latigo Trails Equestrian Center,  
13710 Halleliuah Trail, Elbert.Liz Williams, Sec: (719)948 -9322/lzziew@Comcast.net.

12/3&4 - AKC Agility, Denver Samoyed Assoc., JeffCo, Trial Sec: Jane Reller  
(303)665-2843/ reller@ball.com.

12/17&18 - AHBA Herding Trial @ Cappy Pruet Stock Dog Training, Ft. Morgan, Co.  
Contact Lori Pruet (970) 867-6185 (cappy @cappypruett.com) (Berners are eligible to  
participate in AHBA trials)

12/18 - Berner Noel (Annual BMDCR Xmas Party) at Laura& Al's.(see details elsewhere  
in this newsletter)

### SEMINARS:

11/3 - Flatirons Kennel Club, Inc. sponsors a program by Colorado Federation of Dog  
Clubs lobbyist Janet Fox Stephens - learn how dog legislation happens! Boulder County  
Fairgrounds, Barn A @ 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served

11/19 - Herding Trial Seminar - Carol Delaman, Continental Divide Herding Association.  
Contact: Jean Looker@ (303)8570199/trucker1000@msn.com

### SHOWS & MATCHES

11/5&6 - AKC Agility, Longs Peak DTC,  
Island Grove, Greeley, Trial Secy:  
Brenda Woodmansie (970)663-7197.

11/12&13 - AKC Agility, Flatirons KC,  
Boulder CFG, Longmont, Trial Sec: Deb  
Ascher (970)532-3124.  
(LookoutGld@aol.com)

11/12&13 - Southern Colorado KC All  
Breed/Obed & Rally Show @ Colo.State  
Fairgrounds in Pueblo  
(Sec:www.onofrio.com)

## Membership Column - November/December 2005

— Stacy Temples —

Hello Everyone! The change in the club bylaws has made our new fiscal year start in June so there is not a membership renewal form this November. We currently have 160 club members; 56 Voting members, 102 Sustaining members and 2 Junior members. We have the following New Member Sustaining Applicants to the Club.

Kerry & Beverly Endsley  
1517 Windom Dr., Evergreen, Colorado 80439  
Ph.# (303) 674-0010  
(E) kerrye@wizway.net  
(E) bendsley@wizway.net

Kerry and Beverly are interested in getting a Bernese as a family pet and they want to be better informed caretakers. They have attended some shows and have met a few club member breeders. They have owned a GSD, a Golden, a Great Dane and a Terrier in the past and they are currently very active with Rescue work for the Colorado House Rabbit Society. They will take any needed assignments and are open and willing to promote the club. Their interests are health issues, obedience and therapy work.

Hope Winslow & Seth Mukai  
18540 W. 60th Ave., Golden, CO 80403  
Ph.# (303) 421-2654  
(E) hopewinslow@hotmail.com  
(E) sethmukai@hotmail.com

Hope & Seth are also interested in getting a Bernese and would like to meet others for information. Seth is willing to donate his time and Hope plans to promote the club by attending meetings and by word of mouth to other owners. He has owned a Golden mix and a Dalmatian growing up. They are interested in health issues, obedience and backpacking.

Please welcome these new sustaining members to the club.

Alisha Combs  
275 S. Harrison St. #301, Denver, CO 80209  
Ph.# (303) 901-2621  
(E) acombs@pepsicenter.com

Robert Foth  
PO Box 2654, Frisco, CO, 80443  
Ph.# (970) 262-6742

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# Show News

Please send any placements, new titles or awards to Valerie Horney, our Show News reporter, at [valhorney@msn.com](mailto:valhorney@msn.com).

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## Mid Del Tinker Kennel Club

June 30, 2005

WB/OS Travois Forza Del Destino, "Kismet"  
owned by Karen Baru and Laura and Al  
*NEW CHAMPION*

July 1, 2005

OS Travois Forza Del Destino, "Kismet"  
owned by Karen Baru and Laura and Al

## Greeley Kennel Club

August 20, 2005

WD Mtnairs Deliberate Intention,  
owned by Darcy Babb & Randall & T J Admire  
*NEW CHAMPION*

RWD Nashem's Play it Again Sapphire, "Rufio"  
owned by Sara Karl and Lynn Wood

WB/BW/BOS Blumoons Journey to Chimolola, "Chimo"  
owned by Chris Mann and Jeanne Stanwood

RWB Prairiefire's Tsunami v Covenant "Nami"  
owned by Donna Boyd and Sharon Johnson

BB CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel "Jodel"  
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler  
*Group 3*

3rd leg Novice obedience

CH Blumoon's Bread N Budder NDD, "Marge"  
owned by Michael and Christine Mann  
*NEW COMPANION DOG*  
*NEW BMDCA VERSATILITY DOG*

August 21, 2005

RWD Nashem's Play it Again Sapphire, "Rufio"  
owned by Sara Karl and Lynn Wood

WB/BW/BB Prairiefire's Tsunami v Covenant "Nami"  
owned by Donna Boyd and Sharon Johnson  
*NEW CHAMPION*

RWB Prairiefire's Mind Your Manners  
owned by Becky and Bob Shuris and Sharon Johnson

OS CH Kinvarra's Chieftan, "Connor"  
owned by Pat Hughes

1st leg Novice obedience  
CH Tiptops Night Muzik "Mozart"  
owned by Dottie Schulte

## Cheyenne Kennel Club

September 3, 2005

RWD Sunshine Spirit of Wagontale, "Django"  
owned by Stacy Temples, Howard Ramsdell, and Celia Cuellar

WB/BW/OS Summit's Fur Elise, "Leisl"  
owned by Sandy Dunaway and Sharon Keefer

RWB Summits You Must Love Me

owned by Sandy Dunaway and Sharon Keefer

BB CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"  
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

September 4, 2005

WD/BW Sunshine Spirit of Wagontale, "Django"  
owned by Stacy Temples, Howard Ramsdell, and Celia Cuellar

RWD Wagontale's Norsk Uller, "Ulli"  
owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell

WB/OS Summits Climb Every Mountain, "Grace"  
owned by Sandy Dunaway and Sharon Keefer

RWB Summit's Fur Elise, "Leisl"  
owned by Sandy Dunaway and Sharon Keefer

BB CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel "Jodel"  
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

## Evergreen Kennel Club

September 10, 2005

WD Prairiefire Legend Creekwood  
owned by Amy Fitzgerald and Sharon Johnson

WB/BW Summit's Fur Elise, "Leisl"  
owned by Sandy Dunaway and Sharon Keefer

RWB Blumoons Journey to Chimolola, "Chimo"  
owned by Chris Mann and Jeanne Stanwood

BB CH Prairifires Time to Shine CD  
owned by Patti and Frank Jakos and Sharon Johnson

OS CH Kinvarra's Chieftan, "Connor"  
owned by Pat Hughes

Qual Leg Novice Obedience  
CH Davieau's Denvers Li'l Bronco, "Bronco"  
owned by Patti Morgan  
*NEW COMPANION DOG*

Qual Leg Novice Obedience  
CH Tiptops Night Muzik "Mozart"  
owned by Dottie Schulte

September 11, 2005

WD/BW Prairiefire Legend Creekwood  
owned by Amy Fitzgerald and Sharon Johnson

RWD Maine's 4Ever Raisin Ruckus "Ruckus"  
owned by Jean Gottenborg

WB Blumoons Journey to Chimolola, "Chimo"  
owned by Chris Mann and Jeanne Stanwood

RWB Summit's Fur Elise, "Leisl"  
owned by Sandy Dunaway and Sharon Keefer

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BB CH Prairifires Time to Shine CD  
owned by Patti and Frank Jakos and Sharon Johnson

OS CH Kinvarra's Chieftan, "Connor"  
owned by Pat Hughes

Qual Leg Novice obedience  
CH Tiptops Night Muzik "Mozart"  
owned by Dottie Schulte  
*NEW COMPANION DOG*

#### **Grand Island Kennel Club**

September 24, 2005

WD/BW Nashem's Play it Again Sapphire, "Rufio"  
owned by Sara Karl and Lynn Wood

RWD Summit's With One Look  
owned by Richard File and Sandy Dunaway

WB/OS Summits You Must Love Me  
owned by Sandy Dunaway and Sharon Keefer

RWB Legend Prairifire Freetime  
owned by Amy Fitzgerald and Sharon Johnson

BB CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"  
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

September 25, 2005

WD/BW Nashem's Play it Again Sapphire, "Rufio"  
owned by Sara Karl and Lynn Wood

RWD Summit's With One Look  
owned by Richard File and Sandy Dunaway

WB/OS Summit's High Flying Adored  
owned by Sandy and Breanne Dunaway and Sharon Keefer

RWB Summits You Must Love Me  
owned by Sandy Dunaway and Sharon Keefer

BB CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"  
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

#### **Terry All Kennel Club Agility Trial**

October 7, 2005

Qual score Novice Agility Brighteye R Questa Win NAP,NJP "Questa"  
owned by Elaine Witulski

October 9, 2005

Qual score Novice Jumper  
Brighteye R Questa Win NAP,NJP "Questa"  
owned by Elaine Witulski

#### **Valencia Valley Kennel Club**

October 15, 2005

BB CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel "Jodel"  
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler  
*Group 4*

BB CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel "Jodel"  
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler  
*Group 2*

#### **BMDCA DRAFT TEST, hosted by BMDCR**

September 8, 2005

New Brace Novice Draft Dogs  
CH Kaibab's Another Round CD,BNDD "Bud"  
owned by Valerie Horney teamed with  
A/C CH Ahquabi's Bank On It A/C CD, NDD, "Teller"  
owned by Valerie Horney

CH Bluemoon's Bread N Budder CD,NDD "Marge"  
owned by Chris and Mike Mann teamed with  
CH Blue Moon's Brigitte Bardough CD DD "Brigitte"  
owned by Chris and Mike Mann

New Novice Draft Dogs  
Pioneer's Wylie v Kruggerand RN, "Wylie"  
owned by Vicki Hall and Ruth Reynolds

Bogo CD, "Bogo"  
owned by Bob and Mary Anne Persons

Blumoon Journey to Chimolola, "Chimo"  
owned by Jeanne Stanwood and Chris Mann

#### **BMDCA Regional Specialty, hosted by BMDCA**

September 9, 2005

Obedience

Qual Leg Novice A Koven CS in Denali's Shadow NSP,NJP,RN  
owned by Mary Pasternecki

Qual Leg Novice B 1st place HIT, Raabeaus Outlaw Deputy  
owned by Martin Savageau & Molle Rae Hess

Qual Leg Novice B 2nd Place CH Davieau's Denver's Li'l Bronco,  
"Bronco"  
owned by Patti and Doug Morgan

Qual Leg Novice B 3rd place Ugogyrl Surprise Ending  
owned by Joanne Prellberg

Qual Leg Novice B 4th place, CH Bluemoon's Bread N Budder CD,  
"Marge"  
owned by Christine & Michael Mann

Qual Leg Novice B CH Valentine's Built to Last V Bevs  
owner Rae Valentine

Veterans Obedience  
1st place score 186, Springs Nicka Nadia CD,"Nadia"  
owned by Nancy Fuselier

2nd place, score 185.5, CH CT Spring's Ripple In Still Water CDX  
"Ripple"  
owned by Doug & Fay Benson & Nancy Fuslier

3rd place, score 183, Prairifires Fueling the Fire CD  
owned by Patty & Frank Jakos & Sharon Johnson

4th place score 182, Betruf Renzi v Adlehorst MX, MXJ, CD  
owned by Cheryl & Bill Brickach & Judy Butenas

score 177, Pinnacle's Dulcimer Dance CD, "Dulcie"  
owned by Bob & Lou Tucker

score 173, CH Nashem's Solid Searcher CD "Blaze"  
owned by Sharon Montville & Sara Karl

score 147.5 CH Carina v Bearcreek CD "Caribou"  
owned by Marcia & Kurt Zuger

## At the last meeting...

### Sweepstakes

Best in Puppy Sweepstakes Sapphire's Double Your Fun  
owned by Carol and Roger Arbuthnot

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes Nashems Play it Again  
Sapphire. "Rufio"  
owned by Lynn Wood and Sara Karl

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes CH Prairiefires Its Showtime, "Po"  
owned by Sharon Johnson

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes CH  
Tanzenbar Gone to Northwoods, "Gretel"  
owned by Mary Richards

### Regular Classes

WD/BW Anastasia Summers in Dillon, "Dillon"  
owned by Anne & Greg Summers & Natalie Ellis-Rake

RWD Prairiefire Legend Creekwood  
owned by Amy Fitzgerald and Sharon Johnson

WB/AOM Blumoon Journey to Chimolola "Chimo"  
owned by Jeanne Stanwood and Chris Mann

RWD Polaris Happy Ending, "Disney"  
owned by Joanne Prellburg

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

OS CH L-Sin's Thin Blue Line, "Mona"  
owned by Ann Murphy Daily & William Daily & Sindi Leo

AOM CH Sapphire's Rhinestone April, "April"  
owned by Patti and Doug Morgan

AOM CH Wagontale's Bettydazzled CD, NDD, "Sofie"  
owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell (from the Veterans  
Class!)



Lisa Sicles, from Wag Wag Enterprises, conducted an obedience program for the BMDCR. She focused on the command, "leave it," which was then later used in a demonstration of car avoidance techniques. Al and Ron did admirably as the demo driver and shaker can wielder, respectively.

**P.S. The dogs did very well also!**

## Malignant Histiocytosis Study: We Can Make a Difference

Elaine Ostrander and Heidi Parker at the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are studying the heritable factors involved in susceptibility to malignant histiocytosis (MH), and are using blood drawn from Bernese Mountain Dogs that have been positively diagnosed with MH. They still need more samples for their work. They need samples from dogs that have had (whether still living or post-mortem) a positive diagnosis. They are also very much in need of "control" samples from healthy Berners over the age of 10 that have not been diagnosed with MH. It is crucial to know if these control Berners ever develop MH, as well as any other type of cancer or tumor, so please inform the Dog Genome Project at NHGRI if this occurs at any time after the submission of the control sample. The scientists also need a copy of the pedigree for all dogs in the study at least through the grandparents.

If you suspect that your dog has MH, call for a free kit (which consists of two blood collection tubes with yellow tops marked 10cc of ACD Solution A, and submission instructions (your vet may also be able to supply or acquire the tubes) by contacting Dr. Heidi Parker (at NHGRI/NIH) at [hgparker@nhgri.nih.gov](mailto:hgparker@nhgri.nih.gov), or phone (301) 402-8625 or (301) 496-7299; or contact Robin or Gene Hamme at [robinhame@aol.com](mailto:robinhame@aol.com) or (812) 867-3526.

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