



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

**Next Meeting
Sunday, November 18**

Please note date change.

ELECTIONS!

Board Meeting - 11:30 AM

General Meeting - 1:00 PM

At Al & Laura's

(see page 2 for directions)

Thank You

After years of serving as rescue chairperson and Ways and Means chairperson, arranging for the rescue of over 30 Bernese Mountain Dogs and making thousands of dollars to support our club, Patti Davieau (Morgan) has decided to resign from these committees.

Patti has been a tremendous asset to our club and has performed in her chairperson roles with dedication

and efficiency. We thank her for commitment to the BMDCR and to the welfare of the Bernese Mountain Dog.



Life Expectancy and Environmental Factors: Maintaining Behavioral Health

The following is an excerpt from a presentation given at the 3rd International Symposium sponsored by the Swiss and German Bernese Mountain Dog Clubs in Burgdorf, Switzerland. The presentation of this title was given by Dr. Andrew Urs Luescher DVM who is a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist and Director of the Animal Behavior Clinic at Purdue University Department of Veterinary Clinical Services.

Although there are no publications or research that study the relationship between stress and longevity in dogs, the detrimental effects of stress and anxiety on physiological and behavioral wellbeing allow the conclusion that appropriate management of distress will contribute to the welfare and longevity of our dogs.

Stress, especially if frequent or chronic (non-avoidable) and anxiety have detrimental physiological consequences for dogs:

- Atrophy of lymphatic glands and immunosuppression
- Changes in red-cell and white-cell blood values
- Gastric ulcers
- Degenerative effects on the brain that reduce ability to cope
- Increase in cortisol secretion
- More frequent and irregular urination, loss of house training
- Decreased appetite

Stress can be caused as a result of genetic predisposition and the way we raise a puppy. Stress may also be caused by environmental conditions, including how we manage the dogs, and by the nature of our interactions with dogs. More specific causes of stress include:

- Some dogs are genetically predisposed to develop generalized fear or anxiety, sometimes in very early life. Others have a predisposition to developing specific fears, such as fear of loud noises (frequently late onset). Dogs that have been selected to be highly trainable are particularly prone to suffering from an



Dr. Andrew Urs Luescher DVM presenting on environmental factors and longevity in the BMD.

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Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies

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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 11:30 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 Legislative Department Requesting Donations

The mission of the AKC is to protect the interests of purebred dog fanciers. This includes the right to own and breed dogs responsibly. Currently the AKC feels that this right is being seriously threatened by the introduction of repressive canine legislation at state and local levels.

California has introduced statewide mandatory spay/neuter legislation this year which the AKC feels is emblematic of negative canine legislation being introduced across the country as it will ban or restrict ownership and/or breeding of certain dog breeds.

Over 17 years ago the AKC created the AKC Canine Legislation Department to focus on addressing discriminatory legislation and to protect the rights of breeders, exhibitors and owners. They are committed to provide whatever resources are necessary to defeat harmful canine legislation. This can be very costly so they have established a Canine Legislation Support fund which is an account devoted solely to canine legislation efforts. They are asking that regional and breed clubs consider donating to this account.

We will be discussing a donation to this account at our November meeting. Please come to give your input whether it be to support a donation or not.

You can find out more about the Canine Legislation Department and get updates on current legislation introduced across the U.S. on the AKC website (akc.org).

Volunteer Opportunities

Rescue Chairperson

Responsibilities include being initial contact for individuals, shelters and other rescue groups when a BMD is in need of placement and rescue. This person will act as coordinator for rescue, working with other committee members to pick up dog, arrange for foster care and adoption. He or she will also maintain database of foster homes, adoption applications, information relating to transfer of guardianship and follow up on how pet is doing the their forever home.

The committee is currently intact with 5 members who are available as resources to assist with rescues, foster care, arranging for veterinarian care etc.

Please contact Valerie (valhorney@comcast.net) if you are interested.

2008 Specialty Help Wanted

The BMDCR independent specialty is a major club activity and is a great way to be involved in a club function and meet other club members. We have a variety of "openings". Job descriptions are available for each committee and mentorship is available.

Please contact Dottie (dotties911@aol.com) if you are interested in volunteering to either chair or be a member of one of these committees:

- Show Chairperson
- Rally Chairperson
- Obedience Chairperson
- Hospitality/Reception
- Judges Hospitality
- Marketing/Advertising
- Raffle/Ways and Means (for specialty only)
- Grounds
- Chief Ring Steward

2007 Regional Specialty And Fall Draft Test

Mother nature did not prove stable as the day included sun, rain, thunder and lightening for the September 6 draft test but 7 of the teams entered proved rock solid as they earned qualifying scores. A total of 13 teams competed, 2 open dogs, 4 novice brace teams and 7 novice dogs, all working well despite the variations in temperature and moisture throughout the day.

BIG THANKS go to chairperson Ron Abbott, judges Patti Davieau and Kathe Vasquez, Barry and Pam Solomon for their detailed preparation prior to the big event, Vicky Hall and Stephanie Biksacky from Utah who pitch hit as secretary and narrows setter respectively, Nadja Torling and mother-in-law Claudia for loading, unloading and distracting and the numerous other attendees and participants who stepped in to help out where needed.



Bob gives Marin a firm "stay" to assure them a qualifying performance



Lynn and Lu anxiously wait for their time in the ring



Questa and Elaine safely maneuver the narrows while on their way to a passing score

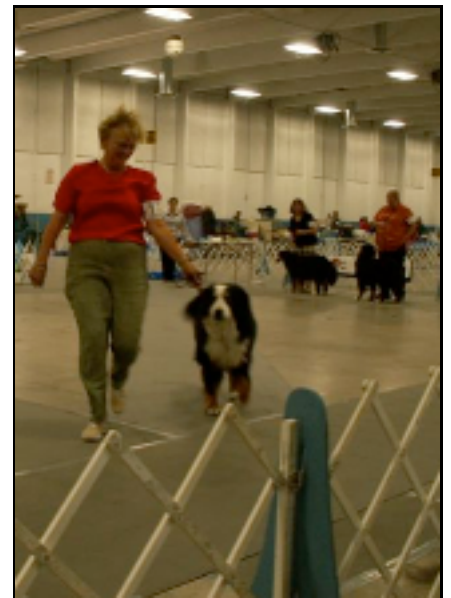


Henry and Nadja very happy about the passing performance

On September 7, 2007 over 100 Bernese Mountain Dogs and their owners "came together" at Island Grove Regional Park in Greeley for the BMDCR first independent specialty "Bernermania". Entrants and spectators enjoyed rally, obedience, sweepstakes and regular conformation classes at the all day event. The raffle was groovy and netted over \$2000 for our club. Attendees celebrated our recent AKC licensure, the past successes of our club and the success of this years specialty at a complimentary reception following the show.

The show could not have happened without the help of numerous volunteers so HUGE THANKS to Ways and Means chairperson Patti

Davieau and her helpers Barb LeTourneau, Cindi Falcone and Ann and Bob Rutherford, Rally chairperson Pam Solomon and stewards Wendi Giordano, Kathe Vasquez and Christine Mann, Obedience chairperson Ron Abbott and steward Wendi Giordano, Hospitality chairperson Sherri Mangin, Trophy chairperson Sara Karl, Ring Stewards Rip Stanwood, Val Horney and Roxanne Bortnick, artist extraordinaire Sharon Keefer and general show "bucket bitches" Elaine Witulski, Stephanie Biksacky and Vicky Hall. Not to mention all those attending and cheering us on.



Stephanie and Rosey defying age in the veteran girl 9 year to 11 year class



Best in Puppy Sweepstakes Alpenspirit Who's on First owned by Anne and Greg Summers



Nancy and Molly in the Rally ring



Best in Veterans Sweepstakes CH Gweebarra Full Throttle owned by Dawn Letry



Patti Wellinger and Rescue Me Baby are all smiles because of their qualifying score in Rally Novice A--their first leg ever!



Best of Breed CH Sapphire's Double Your Fun RN owned by Carol and Roger Arbutnot, Sara Karl, and Jane Hill



The trophy table looked spectacular thanks to Sara Karl and Sherri Mangin



High In Trial Schneehund's Powdercap from the Novice B class owned by Robert and Mary Anne Persons



Novice junior handlers Haley Curran with Vanna, Lena Marquardt with Mozart and Mary Bugg with Blaze were all number one for the cuteness award

BMDCR Membership Column - November/December 2007

Stacy Temples

Our upcoming November meeting is the annual event where we vote on new club officers for the coming year. Please try and attend and let your opinion be heard.

Please welcome our newest sustaining member who was approved for membership on September 23, 2007.

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The following people will be voted on at our next meeting in November.

New Sustaining Member Applicants:
Bea & Lawrence Duncan
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Their current dogs are Bearpaw's Quest for Big Sky, (F, 4/26/01), and Bearpaw's Hannah Montana, (F, 7/2/07) bred by them; and also Pinnacle's Highlander Kody, (M, 7/6/07) from Eden Jonas. Bea and Lawrence are former club members who have returned to the area from Alaska. They have shown their own Bernese in conformation for 14 years and they also train them in obedience and drafting. They have bred 3 litters under the kennel name Bearpaw's and they are also members of the BMDCA and the INWBMDC clubs. They are also interested in health issues and backpacking. They are sponsored by Valerie Horney & Eden Jonas.

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Their Berner is Hogan, LorienDell's Glamoring Foe Hammer, (M, 7/13/06), from Lynn Wood. They are interested in conformation and therapy work. They want to become more involved with the breed and to learn more and to have fun. Bruce started showing Hogan in the Colorado area this year. This is their only

dog. They are sponsored by Lynn Wood & Sara Karl.

Stephanie Biksacky
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Her Berners are all from D. & G Hotze: Brighteye Wilanie Rosette CD, (F, 10/2/96), Brighteye Wilanie Sweetness, (M, 2/21/04), Brighteye Wilanie Sweetest Tabu, (2/4/05) & CH Brighteye Angel Fire NDD, RN, (3/20/03). Her sponsors are Valerie Horney and Elaine Witulski. Stephanie has attended many of our club draft tests and specialty shows since 1992 and she is interested in health issues, tracking, drafting, conformation and obedience. She has helped steward at some tests and she is willing to help and be involved as much as the distance will allow. She has trained, shown and handled her own dogs in obedience, tracking, drafting and conformation for over 20 years. She also raised Collies from 1967-1991. She is the current Renewal Membership Chair for the BMDCA, and has been a member since 1995. She is also a member of the INWBMDC since 2004. Before that she was a member of the CCA Club (Collies) since 1975.

Directory Additions:
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Litter Box

Litter Due November 19th:

Dam: Ch Nashems Dreamboat of Sapphire CD
CHIC
OFA Hips: BMD-11688F24F-PI
OFA Elbows: BMD-EL4169F24-PI
CERF: BMD-2823
Cardiac: BMD-CA516/50F/C-PI
vWD: BMD-VW251/5F-PI
Sire: Ch Superfoots Believe it or Not
OFA Hips: BMD-11599G25M-PI
CERF: BMD-3723
vWD: Clear by parentage

Litter due November 28th:

Dam: Ch Swiss Stars Criminal Intent
CHIC
OFA Hips: BMD-13666G24F-PI
OFA Elbows: BMD-EL5655F24-PI
CERF: BMD-3418
Cardiac: BMD-CA1177/23F/C-PI
vWD: BMD-VW289/26F-PI
Thyroid: BMD-TH215/24F-PI

Sire:
Ch Nashems Play it Again Sapphire
OFA Hips: BMD-13574G31M-PI
CERF: BMD-3146
Cardiac: BMD-CA818/16M/C-PI
vWD: BMD-VW278/4M-PI
Thyroid: BMD-TH218/33M-PI

Breeder: Sara and Randy Karl
Nashem Kennels
Karl3106@comcast.net
<http://www.coloradobmd.com>

BMDCR Ways and Means BERNOUT SALE

(like a closeout sale but only BMD items!)

November 18, 2007 (the next club meeting)

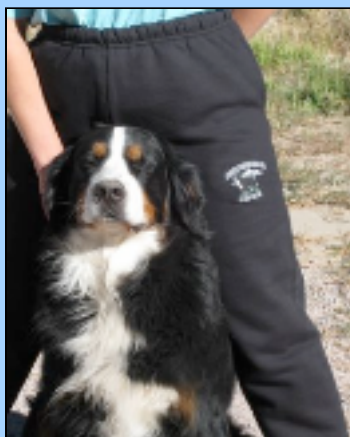
Come help us make room for new items. Prices slashed!
Lots of great items for holiday gifts!



Val waiting for rain in a olive green slicker



Elaine making a fashion statement in an embroider tee



Bud shows off the generous crotch cut of the logo sweatpants



Bernermania logo on shirts, blankets and bags



Gear bag with logo



Long sleeve oxford has been a popular item (in green & blue)

SHOW REPORT by Valerie Horney

Aurora Parks and Recreation - July 29, 2007

New Canine Good Citizen, Rescue Me Baby "Jessie", owned by Patti Wellinger

BMDCR DRAFT TEST - September 6, 2007

New Draft Dog

Wagontale Henry's Happy Hour CD RA NDD "Henry", owned by Nadja Torling & Ryan Johnson

New Brace Novice Draft Dogs

CH Ebnets Hired Gun From Zanzebern NDD "Marshall" owned by Lisa Ebnet and Valerie Horney and
CH Kaibab's Another Round CD BNDD2 "Bud" owned by Valerie Horney

New Novice Draft Dogs

CH Marben's Tuckernuck Belle CD "Tucker" owned by Bob and Mary Anne Persons
Wagontale Oberland Bergsteiger CD "Steiger" owned by Ron Abbott
Davieau's Denver Symphony "Marin", owned by Bob and Lou Tucker
Brighteye R Questa Win NAP, NJP, NA, NAJ, "Questa", owned by Elaine Witulski and Debbi Hotze

BMDCR REGIONAL SPECIALTY - September 7, 2007

Best in Puppy Sweepstakes, Alpenspirit Who's on First "Abbott", owned by Anne and Greg Summers
Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes, Jenda's Hail the Queen, owned by Jeni West
Best in Veteran Sweepstakes, CH Qweebarra Full Throttle V CC "Cruise", owned by Dawn Letry
Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes, CH Prairefire's Starry Sky "Sky", owned by Joan Carter and Sharon Johnson

WD/BW Nashems Hes the Man of Woodmoor, "Angus" owned by Sara Karl
WB/AOM Blumoons Quervo Gold, "Rita", owned by Christine and Michael Mann
BB CH Sapphire's Double Your Fun RN "Pepper" owned Carol & Roger Arbuthnot, Sara Karl, & Jane Hill
BOS CH Adesa's And The Beat Goes On "Bono", owned by Ann & Bill Daily, Bill & Bobbi Blewitt
AOM CH Qweebarra Full Throttle V CC "Cruise", owned by Dawn Letry
AOM CH Ebnets Hired Gun From Zanzebern BNDD "Marshall" owned by Lisa Ebnet and Valerie Horney

Novice B Qualifiers

Schneehund's Powdercap owned by Robert and Mary Anne Persons.
185 First Place, High Scoring in Regular Obedience Classes
Bernierliebe's Olympic Star owned by Christina Ohlsen.
183 Second Place
CH Bauernhof's Simon "Simon" owned by Mary E Rogers
175 Highest Scoring BMD over the age of 7 years

Veterans Class

CH Davieau Denver's Lil' Bronco CD "Bronco" owned by Patti Morgan
First Place
CH Ahquabi's Bank On It CD "Teller" owned by Valerie Horney
Second Place
CH Tip Top's Night Musik CD, RN "Mozart" owned by Dottie Schulte
Third Place

Rally Novice A

Rescue Me Baby owned by Patricia Wellinger
76 Second Place

Rally Novice B

Miroco's Crusader owned by Mary Ann Bruner
93 First Place

Rally Advanced B

Nashems Dream a Little Dream CD, RN "Whisper" owned by Shari Curran and Sara Karl
95 First Place

Rally Excellent A

CH Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime RN, NA, OAP, OAJ "Kilie" owned Angela and Kirk Hanson
91 First Place

Novice Junior Class

First Place: Haley Curran with CH Nashems Tail Wind Moondance "Vanna" owned by Sara and Helen Karl and Haley Curran
Second Place: Mary Bugg with Santera Blazing Springs "Blaze" owned by Nancy Fuselier DVM
Third Place: Lena Marquardt with CH TipTop's Night Musik CD, RN "Mozart" owned by Dottie Schulte and Lena Marquardt
Open Senior Class
First Place and Best in Junior Showmanship: Aubrey Carter with CH Pairiefire's Starry Sky owned by Joan Carter and Sharon S Johnson

Evergreen Kennel Club - September 8 & 9, 2007

RWB Blumoons Quervo Gold, "Rita", owned by Christine and Michael Mann
BB CH Sapphire's Double Your Fun RN "Pepper" owned Carol & Roger Arbuthnot, Sara Karl, & Jane Hill

GROUP 1

OS CH Adesa's And The Beat Goes On "Bono", owned by Ann & Bill Daily,Bill & Bobbi Blewitt

Rally Excellent A

Wagontale Henry's Happy Hour CD RA DD "Henry", owned by Nadja Torling & Ryan Johnson

83.0 third place

WD/BW Maines 4ever Raisin Ruckus, "Ruckus" owned by Jean Gottenborg

WB Swiss Stars Making Bail, owned by Patti Davieau

RWB Prairiefire's Mind Your Manners, owned by Bill & Becky Shuris& Sharon Johnson

BB CH Adesa's And The Beat Goes On "Bono", owned by Ann & Bill Daily,Bill & Bobbi Blewitt

GROUP 4

OS CH Sapphire's Double Your Fun RN "Pepper" owned Carol & Roger Arbuthnot, Sara Karl, & Jane Hill

Novie B Qualifier CH Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime RN, NA, OAP, OAJ "Kilie" owned Angela and Kirk Hanson, 183.0

Rally Excellent A

Wagontale Henry's Happy Hour CD RA DD "Henry", owned by Nadja Torling & Ryan Johnson

90.0 first place

Cornhusker Kennel Club - October 6 & 7, 2007

RWD Sandpiper Augustus Wagontale owned by Stacy Temples,Seth and Hope Mukai

WB/BW Sandpiper A Legacy of Wagontale "Parker", owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

RWB Prairiefire's Neverending Story, owned by Sharon Johnson, Joan & Aubrey Carter

BB CH Sapphire's Double Your Fun RN "Pepper" owned Carol & Roger Arbuthnot, Sara Karl, & Jane Hill

GROUP 4

WD/OS Sandpiper Augustus Wagontale owned by Stacy Temples,Seth and Hope Mukai

RWD Summit's Lord Greystoke v Loriendell, owned by Richard File & Sandy Dunaway

WB/BW Sandpiper A Legacy of Wagontale "Parker", owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

RWB Prairiefire's Neverending Story, owned by Sharon Johnson, Joan & Aubrey Carter

BB CH Sapphire's Double Your Fun RN "Pepper" owned Carol & Roger Arbuthnot, Sara Karl, & Jane Hill

GROUP 1

October 13, 2007

Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America Novice Working Pack Dog, Wagontale Oberland Bergsteiger CD "Steiger" owned by Ron Abbott

Sierra West BMDC Regional Specialty - October 19, 20 & 21, 2007

Wagontale's Nordic Dream, "Donner", owned by Jennifer Zaayer

Novice Draft Dog

October 20, 2007

WB/BW Wagontale's Princess Alexandria "Lexi", owned by Jerry & Candy McDanal & Stacy Temples.

October 21, 2007

WB/BW Sandpiper A Legacy of Wagontale "Parker", owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

Rapid City Kennel Club - October 19, 20, 21, 2007

WD/BW Prairiefire's Prophecy v Jenda "Prada", owned by Charli Nicholas

RWD Nashems In My Dreams "Dylan", owned by Sara Karl, Laura Haupenthal, Al Beers

WB Wagontale's Lady of the Lake RE CD DD "Legend", owned by Stacy Temples, Pam & Barry Solomon

RWB Prairiefire's Hat Trick "Milan", owned by Sharon Johnson

BB CH Adesa's And The Beat Goes On "Bono", owned by Ann & Bill Daily,Bill & Bobbi Blewitt

GROUP 3

OS CH Sapphire's Double Your Fun RN "Pepper" owned Carol & Roger Arbuthnot, Sara Karl, & Jane Hill

1st leg Rally Excellent Wagontale Henry's Happy Hour CD RA DD "Henry", owned by Nadja Torling & Ryan Johnson

WD Nashems In My Dreams "Dylan", owned by Sara Karl, Laura Haupenthal, Al Beers

RWD Prairiefire's Prophecy v Jenda "Prada", owned by Charli Nicholas

WB/BW Prairiefire's Hat Trick "Milan", owned by Sharon Johnson

BB CH Sapphire's Double Your Fun RN "Pepper" owned Carol & Roger Arbuthnot, Sara Karl, & Jane Hill

GROUP 1

BOS CH Adesa's And The Beat Goes On "Bono", owned by Ann & Bill Daily,Bill & Bobbi Blewitt

2nd Leg Rally Advanced Excellent Wagontale's Lady of the Lake RE CD DD "Legend", owned by Stacy Temples, Pam & Barry Solomon

2nd leg Rally Excellent Wagontale Henry's Happy Hour CD RA DD "Henry", owned by Nadja Torling & Ryan Johnson

WD Nashems In My Dreams "Dylan", owned by Sara Karl, Laura Haupenthal, Al Beers

RWD Prairiefire's Prophecy v Jenda "Prada", owned by Charli Nicholas

WB/BW Prairiefire's Hat Trick "Milan", owned by Sharon Johnson

NEW CHAMPION

BB CH Sapphire's Double Your Fun RN "Pepper" owned Carol & Roger Arbuthnot, Sara Karl, & Jane Hill

BOS CH Adesa's And The Beat Goes On "Bono", owned by Ann & Bill Daily,Bill & Bobbi Blewitt

3rd leg Rally Excellent Wagontale Henry's Happy Hour CD RA DD "Henry", owned by Nadja Torling & Ryan Johnson

NEW RALLY EXCELLENT

Meeting Minutes - September 23, 2007

Board Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 11:35 am on September 23, 2007.

Present: Gayle Brooks, Laura Haupenthal, Val Horney, Sara Karl, Sharon Keefer, Ann Rutherford, Lou Tucker, and Elaine Witulski.

Approval of Minutes: Laura moved to approve the minutes of the July meeting as published in the September/October 2007 newsletter. Ann seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: The club received the following letters in August: (1) From Nature's Recipe, an offer to provide samples of their dry dog food at any Responsible Dog Ownership events held by the club in September; (2) From AKC, a letter describing the efforts of their Canine Legislation Department and the establishment of their Canine Legislation Support Fund. Instructions for donating to the Fund were included.

Treasurer's Report: Sara reported positive balances in the club's checking, savings, and rescue accounts. After donations and entry fees, cost of the Fall Draft Test paid by BMDCR was \$166. Final cost of the Regional Specialty is not yet available. Sara estimates the cost to the club to be about \$1,000, primarily for the reception offered free to attendees and guests.

Unfinished Business: Sharon presented a template letter for responding to complaints from non-BMDCR members. The Board accepted the letter as written.

New Business:

Spring Draft Test: A chairman for the spring draft test will be solicited in the general meeting.

New Pop-Up and Stopwatch Needed: Sara has already replaced the club's broken pop-up shade tent. She will procure a new stopwatch (needed for draft tests).

Rescue and Ways & Means Committee Chair: Although no resignation has been received in writing, Rescue Committee Chairman and Ways & Means Chairman Patti Davieau has verbally resigned to a board member. She has also returned of all the ways & means items. BMDCR is grateful to Patti for several years of dedicated service chairing both committees. New chairpersons will be solicited in the general meeting and in the newsletter. The secretary will write a letter to Patti to make arrangement for the transfer of rescue records. Lou will help with ensuring that the new chairman has updated/current versions of all rescue forms. Val will provide the new chairman with the list of foster home volunteers resulting from a recent email calling for foster homes.

Storage and Transportation of Club Materials: Following a preliminary discussion of obtaining a cargo trailer or storage space for club materials such as ways and means items, draft test supplies, archival papers, etc., the need for a complete inventory of club-owned items and their current locations was

identified. All members storing club items are asked to inventory them and report their location to Val. The complete inventory list will be used to further determine the need for purchase of a cargo trailer, rented storage space, or other options.

Awards Banquet: A coordinator for the January awards banquet will be solicited at the general meeting.

November and December Meeting/Event Dates: The November meeting will be held on November 18, 2007. BernerNoel will be held on December 16, 2007. Both will be hosted by Laura Haupenthal and Al Beers at their home.

Adjournment:

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Keefer.

General Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 1:15 pm on September 23, 2007.

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

Approval of Minutes: Lou Tucker moved to approve the minutes of the July meeting as published in the September/October 2007 newsletter. Ann Rutherford seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Sharon Keefer reported receiving from AKC, a letter describing the efforts of their Canine Legislation Department and the establishment of their Canine Legislation Support Fund. Instructions for donating to the Fund were included. The letter was passed on to Dottie Schulte for summarization in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Keefer read Sara Karl's report as recorded in the minutes of today's board meeting.

Election of New Members: Voting was unanimous to admit new member Kim Giannone.

Unfinished Business:

Charity Donation: Dottie Schulte summarized the information from BMDCA Health Committee Chairman, Kevin Curran, that was presented in the September/October newsletter. Phil Shaffer moved that we make our \$4,000 donation to the AKC Donor Advised Fund to be used in accordance with BMDCA Board decisions regarding which studies to support. Dottie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business:

Regional Specialty in 2009: Pros and cons of the possible sites and dates listed in the September/October newsletter were discussed. Dottie will get more information from the Greeley Kennel Club and the Terry-All Kennel Club; Jacqueline Schuck from the Plum Creek Kennel Club. The club will consider hosting a 2-day regional specialty with a draft test in 2010.

Elections: A call for any additional nominations from the floor for vice president, secretary, and directors yielded no additional candidates.

Spring Draft Test: Jeanne Stanwood and Chris Mann volunteered to be chairman and secretary for the spring draft test, tentatively located at Cherry Creek State Park.

Awards Banquet Chair: Nadja Torling volunteered to coordinate the January 2008 awards banquet. Rosie Malinovski volunteered to assist Nadja.

BernerFiesta location: A host for BernerFiesta in summer 2008 will be solicited in the next newsletter. One possibility is Sharon Keefer's new home in Kiowa.

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Ways & Means and Rescue Chair Resignation: A new chairperson for the Rescue committee will be solicited in the next newsletter. Phil Shaffer, Stacy Temples, and Lou Tucker will continue to serve as Rescue committee members. Val Horney will contact Nancy Fuselier and Holly Foster to see if they wish to continue as committee members. Rosie Malinovski volunteered to join the committee. Dottie Schulte, Sharon Keefer, and Elaine Witulski volunteered to work together on Ways & Means.

Sponsor Forms and Updated Bylaws on Website: Applicants can now complete a membership application on the club website and click to have it e-mailed to membership chairman Stacy Temples. Webmaster Phil Shaffer has also posted the revised bylaws on the website.

Inventory of Club-Owned Items: A notice in the next newsletter will ask all members storing club-owned items to submit an inventory list and location of those items to Val Horney. This will be used to assess the need for the club to rent central storage space and/or a cargo trailer.

Job Descriptions for Regional Specialty Volunteers: Dottie Schulte has written job descriptions for volunteers needed for regional specialties. This will be published in the newsletter.

Adjournment: The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 2:04 pm. Thank you Laura Haupenthal, Al Beers, Kismet and Dillon for once again hosting meetings in their beautiful home.

Following the meeting, an interesting and informative program on estate planning and pet trusts was presented by Linda Sommers Green, Attorney at Law.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Keefer.

Berner Noel

Sunday, Dec 16
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 - M Main Dish

N - S Salad

T - Z Dessert

Also, please bring a present for the doggie gift exchange (cost less than \$10).

Please RSVP before Fri, Dec 7, 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. and go to the top of the hill. 5614 S. Ivy Ct. is the tan house at the end of the street.

Program At Last Meeting

Linda Sommers Green, attorney at law, presented an informative program at our last club meeting on estate planning for your pets. Linda works closely with pet owners to help ensure that their pets will be properly cared for in the event a pet owner can no longer take care of them. Her presentation included the importance of appointing a caregiver to take care of your pets and a separate person as trustee to oversee your pet's care, how to give directions about your pet's needs and routines and ways to provide a source of funds and protect these funds for your pet's care. If you have ever worried about what would happen to your pets in the event of your disability or death it may be helpful to get more information. You can contact Linda at (303) 984-9900 or linda@lindasommersgreen.com. Or check her website at www.coloradoestateplanning.net.



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 our 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 the 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. The award is presented at the annual awards banquet in January. If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please submit his or her name along with a motivation why he or she should receive this award to Nadja by December 31 henry.dog@comcast.net.

Previous recipients are:

1991	Sara Karl
1992	Martha Rossner
1993	Christina Ohlsen
1994	Phil Shaffer
1995	Nancy Fuselier
1996	Valerie Horney
1997	Cindy Still
1998	Dottie Schulte
1999	Holly & Maria Foster
2000	Patti Morgan
2001	Sharon Montville
2002	Karen Baru
2003	Bob & Lou Tucker
2004	Stacy Temples
2005	Ron Abbott
2006	Sharon Keefer

Save The Date!

Please plan on attending the 2007 Annual Awards Banquet on Sunday, January 27, 2008.

Reservations are due to Nadja Torling no later than January 18, 2008. More information will be published in the Jan/Feb 2008 newsletter and also posted on the BMDCR yahoo group.

2007 AWARDS

Please send all new 2007 titles, awards and accomplishment info to Nadja at henry.dog@comcast.net no later than December 31, 2007. If you can, please include a picture of your dog.

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

A Funny One...

One Sunday, in counting the money in the weekly offering, the pastor of a small Florida church found a pink envelope containing \$1000. It happened again the next week. The following Sunday, he watched as the offering was collected and saw a little old lady put the distinctive pink envelope in the plate.

This went on for weeks until the pastor, overcome by curiosity, approached her. "Ma'am, I couldn't help but notice that you put \$1,000 a week in the collection plate," he stated. "Why yes," she replied, "every week my son sends me money, and I give some of it to the church." The pastor replied, "That's wonderful, how much does he send you?" The old lady said, "\$10,000 a week." The pastor was amazed. "Your son is very successful; what does he do for a living?" "He is a veterinarian," she answered. "That is an honorable profession," the pastor said. "Where does he practice?" The old lady said proudly, "In Nevada. He has two cat houses, one in Las Vegas and one in Reno."

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inconsistent, unpredictable and uncontrollable environment.

- A restricted early environment inhibits learning ability probably because of increased emotionality. Early removal from the litter has been shown in other species such as rats and cats to increase emotionality and anxiety. Severe disease in the first 16 weeks of a dog's life can also adversely affect emotionality. Puppies that are not exposed to normal every-day stimuli between 3-14 weeks of age will be fearful and anxious as adults. If they are left in a restricted environment until 12-14 weeks of age, the chances of establishing normal responses are virtually non-existent. Psychological trauma in a fear period may result in generalized anxiety or specific fear.
- An adverse experience in a particular situation will cause anxiety and fear in that situation or to the aversive stimulus in the future (classical conditioning). Dogs can also suffer from post-traumatic stress syndrome.
- Unpredictable environment and social interactions, lack of consistent rules, loss of control over environment and over pleasant and aversive stimuli can result in learned helplessness.
- Strong opposing motivations resulting in conflict and conflict behavior which is frequently caused through inconsistent interactions and, especially, inappropriate use of punishment.
- Frustration resulting from thwarted motivation such as social isolation, lack of exercise or lack of opportunity to investigate ("cabin fever").

Read more on Dr. Urs Luescher's presentation and how to identify stress behaviors and physiological signs as well as management of stress for your pet in future Messenger issues.





Our most recent rescue dog Mable with her new siblings. She is a two year old female who was recently adopted by Sandy and Jim Ramlet."

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 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. 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.

Classified 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 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.

Advertising/Display

Deadlines for