



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

Next Meeting:

Elections!

**Sunday, November 23
at Al & Laura's**

Board Meeting: 12:00 Noon

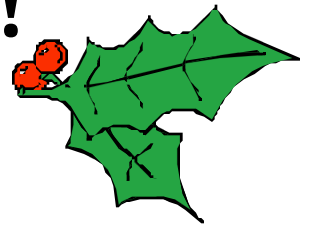
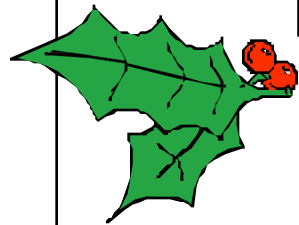
General Meeting: 1:00 PM

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.

Berner Noel!

**Sunday December 14
11 AM - 3 PM**



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

Please bring a dish to share.

A-G salad

H-N desert

O-Z main dish

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

Please RSVP before Sun, 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.

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies

Officers

President Valerie Horney
Vice President Ron Abbott
Treasurer Sara Karl
Secretary Sharon Keefer

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Newsletter Submissions

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Membership Applications

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Thongs, boxers, nighties???

Does anyone have a clothing or other item that they are dying to have the BMDCR logo on? Thongs, boxers, nighties???. Please let the Ways and Means committee know your ideas on ways we can best display (and sell) our logo?

Contact Sharon Keefer at joyfulbmd@sesanetworks.net, coberners@msn.com or Dottie at dotties911@aol.com

A Home for Hudson

By: Dottie Schulte

I was skeptical when Ann called on September 18th to tell me Weld County Humane Society had contacted her about a purebred Bernese Mountain Dog. I had gotten calls from our shelter before and the dog in question did



Meeting Hudson at the shelter.

not even closely resemble a BMD. But the next day I stood looking into a kennel at the sweetest Bernese face, napping peacefully. I went back later that day to meet him... it was obvious he did not feel well, had a runny nose and an empty expression. I threw together an isolation room and on the 19th brought him home with me. A trip to the veterinarian found a temperature of 104 and an upper respiratory infection. But within 4 days, some antibiotics and TLC, our rescue was a new dog. He had been picked up near Hudson, CO so he was given his name. A week after arrival at "Camp Schulte" he was ready to entertain potential forever families. Initially shy, he slowly became more interactive and let me know who he wanted to live with by taking a treat from Stephanie Wieseler and Scott Carrell who had come up from Brighton for their "interview". After being neutered, on 10/7 I drove Hudson to his new home. As I went to tell him good-bye, he jumped up but responded to an "off". He then gave me his paw to shake, looking up and I am certain I saw a "thank you" in his eyes for helping him find his own family.

Thanks go to Ann Rutherford for her support and advice (even three hours before her son's wedding!), to Phil Shaffer and Lou Tucker for sharing their rescue expertise to help me get Hudson adjusted to his new digs, and to Alice Gordon, Camber and Dash, Elaine Witulski, Val Horney and Teller for doing home visits and assuring we were getting the best home for Hudson. It takes a village. . .or at least a dog club dedicated to the welfare of our breed.

The BMDCR is in need of foster homes. Please consider helping a rescue BMD get a new beginning. Contact Ann if you are interested, bobandann25@msn.com



Hudson on day 4 after some antibiotics and TLC.

Fall 2008 Draft Test

There was a big chill in the air early morning on September 27 as BMD draft enthusiasts set up for the fall test but as the day progressed the weather proved to be perfect for the competition. Under the watchful eyes of judges Nancy Fuselier and Mary Dowski, fourteen teams competed with seven receiving passing scores and being awarded a new draft title. Thank yous go to Lou Tucker for stepping up to be draft chairperson and to committee members and stewards Daily and Mary Bugg, Linda Adams, Cindy Still, Donna Boyd, Bridget Pieffer, Patty Wellinger and Rip and Jeanne Stanwood. Without all their help, this test would not have been possible.



Val and Moxie shooting through the narrows.



Murray watches handler and mom Lori as she places the moveable object back in place.



Barry and Parker showing their skill at making a precise left turn.



Sara and Angus giving a perfect example of "loose lead".



Vicky and Ruby maneuvering the narrows.

**BMDCR Membership Column:
November/December 2008
- Stacy Temples -**

Please welcome the following new members whose applications were approved on September 28, 2008.

New Sustaining Members:

Vicky Hall
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Longmont, CO 80503
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New Voting Member:

Helen Karl
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Colorado Springs, CO 80918
Ph.# (719) 554-9056

**Sustaining Member Applicant &
Junior member applicants:**

Sandy Ramlet
7426 S. Downing Circle West
Centennial, CO 80122
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Sponsored by Dottie Schulte & Pattie Davieau.

Corey Ramlet, age 9,
son of Sandy Ramlet, BD: 11/18/1998

Molly Ramlet, age 7,
daughter of Sandy Ramlet, BD: 9/6/2001

The Ramlet family adopted from our Rescue program last fall, Maybelle Aspen Miller (F, 02/28/2006), sired by Shane Blanchard the 2nd and out of Dutchess Blanchard, bred by Luciille Blanchard. They are interested in carting and therapy work and in having a family pet.

They want to learn more and to enjoy the breed with other owners. They can volunteer to help at events as a family. They have been training their dog in obedience for the past year.



**Announcing our inaugural show,
on Thursday, February 12, 2009
in conjunction with the Colorado
Kennel Club/Plum Creek shows.
All working breeds are invited.
Sweepstakes will be offered on
specific breeds.
Contact Jean Pero, Show Chair at
reymaree@comcast.net for more
information**

SHOW REPORT by Lou Tucker

Effective this issue Lou Tucker has taken over the task of Show News Reporter. Please send your submissions to be included in the newsletter to Lou, email - bldog@msn.com. Wins can be in any event, conformation, performance, draft, CGC etc. To have your dog's achievements published the dog's owner or co-owner must be a member of the BMDCR. Also include your dog's "call name" along with the win.

BMDCR INDEPENDENT SPECIALTY SEPT 5, 2008

Best in Puppy Sweepstakes

Wagontale's Sing Me a Miracle RN CD (Smokey)

Owned by Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples

Best of Opposite In Puppy Sweepstakes

Lorien Dell's Three's Company

Owned by Allen Campbell and Lynn Wood

Best in Veterans Sweepstakes

CH Prairiefire's Bedtime Story (PJ)

Owned by Sharon Johnson

Best of Opposite in Veterans Sweepstakes

CH Prairiefire Legend Lucia Night

Owned by Becky and Bob Shuris, Sharon Johnson and Amy Fitzgerald

WD/BW Marchwood Casey

Owned by Lane Stewart

RWD Pinnacles H3-Like Nothing Else (Hummer)

Owned by Teresa Domingues and Eden Jonas

WB Jenda's Hail the Queen

Owned by Jenny West

RWB Sandpiper Aneka of Wagontale (Annie)

Owned by Stacy Temples, Marne Tutt and Howard Ramsdell

Best of Breed

CH Prairiefire's Bedtime Story (PJ)

Owned by Sharon Johnson

Best of Opposite Sex to BOB

CH Lorien Dell's Haribo Gummi Baer (Duce)

Owned by Bridget and Mark Pieffer and M. Lynn and George Wood

Award of Merit

CH Lorien Dell's Sword of Elendil (Narsil)

Owned by Joe and Kim Giannone and Lynn Wood

CH Adesa's And the Beat Goes On (Bono)

Owned by Ann Murphy Daily, William W. Daily, William Blewitt and Bobbi Kinley Blewitt

CH Ebnet's Hired Gun from Zanzebern, NAP (Marshall)

Owned by Valerie Horney and Lisa Ebnet

Best Bred by Exhibitor Jenda's Hail the Queen

Owned by Jeni West

Best Junior Handler

Mary Bugg

High Scoring Dog in the Regular Classes

Spring's Woodland Moose (Moose)

Owned by Nancy Fuselier

Novice A Qualifying Scores

Rescue Me Baby (Jesse)

Owned by Patricia Wellinger

Kennedy's Murren (Murrey)

Owned by Lori Kennedy

Novice B Qualifying Scores

Spring's Woodland Moose (Moose)

Owned by Nancy Fuselier

Alpenspirit Charlottes Web (Charlotte)

Owned by Mary Rogers and Mylene Turbide

CH Brighteye Angel Fire RE (Angie)

Owned by Stephanie Biksacky

Open A Qualifying Scores

Wagontale's Henry's Happy Hour (Henry)

Owned by Nadja Torling and Ryan Johnson

Rally Novice A Qualifying Scores

Summit's Starlight Serenade (Sonnet)

Owned by Joe and Kim Giannone and Sandy Dunaway

Wagontale's Radiant Camber (Camber)

Owned by Alice Gordon, Stacy Temples and Steven Clark

Rally Novice B Qualifying Scores

Nashems Love the One Your With (Crosby)

Owned by Dottie Schulte

CH Blumoon Jorney to Chimolola CD (Chimo)

Owned by Jeanne Stanwood

Rescue Me Baby (Jesse)

Owned by Patricia Wellinger

Rally Advanced B Qualifying Scores

CH Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime (Kylie) CD, RE, OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP

Owned by Angela and Kirk Hanson

Rally Excellent B Qualifying Scores

CH Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime CD, RE, OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP (Kylie)

Owned by Angela and Kirk Hanson

Alpenspirit Charlottes Web (Charlotte)

Owned by Mary Rogers and Mylene Turbide

EVERGREEN KENNEL CLUB SEPT. 6-7 2008

WD Wagontale's Sing Me a Miracle RN CD (Smokey)

Owned by Pam&Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples

WB/BW Alderfer Daisyfields A'Bloomin (Daisy)

Owned by Catherine Davis

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

Owned by Ann & Bill Daily, Sharon Keefer, Sandy Dunaway

OS CH Nashems Good Day Sunshine (Sunny)

Owned by Sara Karl & Carol Arbutnot

BB CH Adesa's And the Beat Goes On (Bono)

Owned by Ann & Bill Daily & Bobbi & Bill Blewett

WD Milagro's Footsteps of Angels V Adesa

Owned by Ann Daily & Diane Sylvester

RWD Wagontale's Sing Me a Miracle RN CD (Smokey)

Owned by Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples

WB/BW Wagontale's Lady of the Lake (Legend)

Owned by Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples

RWB Milagro's L-Sins Love at Charleston Place

Owned by Ann M. Daily

OS CH Prairefire's SoFarSoGood

Owned by Sharon Johnson

BB CH Adesa's And the Beat Goes On (Bono)
Owned by Ann & Bill Daily & Bobbi & Bill Blewitt
Group 2

**INTERMOUNTAIN WEST (UTAH) WORKING GROUP SPECIALTY
SEPT 11, 2008**

WB Wagontale's Lady of the Lake RE, CD, DD, BNDD (Legend)
Owned by Pam and Barry Solomon and Stacy Temples
Best in Veterans Sweeps/Group 1/Best Veteran in Show
CH Ahquabi's Bank on It (Teller)
Owned by Valerie Horney
BB CH Adesa's And the Beat Goes On (Bono)
Owned by Ann & Bill Daily & Bobbi & Bill Blewitt
Novice B Qualifying Score
CH Brighteye Angel Fire RE (Angie)
Owned by Stephanie Biksacky

GREAT SALT LAKE DOG TRAINING CLUB 9/13-9/14, 2008

Qualifying Score Novice B Obedience
CH Brighteye Angel Fire RE (Angie)
Owned by Stephanie Biksacky

NEW CD and BMDCA Versatility Title

Qualifying Score Rally Excellent
Brighteye Wilanie Sweetness RA (Walter)
Owned by Stephanie Biksacky

NEW Rally Excellent Title

GRAND JUNCTION KENNEL CLUB SEPT. 20-21, 2008

RWB Maine's Apple Blossom
Owned by Debbie Towndrow & Mike Blanchard
BB CH Loriendell's Sword of Elendil
Owned by Kim & Joe Giannone & Lynn Wood
Group 2
OS CH Loriendell's Haribo Gummi Bear
Owned by Bridget & Mark Pieffer & Lynn & George Wood
9/21/08
BB CH Loriendell's Sword of Elendil
Group 1
Best In Show

BMDCA Draft Test September 27, 2008

New Open Brace Draft Dog Title

CH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzenbern NAP, NDD, DD (Marshall)
Owned by Valerie Horney and Lisa Ebnet
Wagontale's Lady of the Lake RE< CD, DD, BNDD (Legend)
Owned by Pam and Barry Solomon and Stacy Temples

New Novice Draft Dog Title

Alpenspirit Charlottes Web (Charlotte)
Owned by Mary Rogers and Mylene Turbide
CH Sandpiper A Legacy of Wagontale (Parker)
Owned by Stacy Temples and Howard Ramsdell (handler Barry Solomon)
Brighteye Gran Moccasins T'Fil (Moxie)
Owned by Elaine Witulski and Deb Hotze (handler Valerie Horney)
CH Alerger Baran Am Davieau (Baran)
Owned by Patti Davieau and Cathy Davis
CH Rogel's Many Stars of Nighttime (Kylie) CD, RE, OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP
Owned by Angela and Kirk Hanson

RAPID CITY KENNEL CLUB OCT. 17, 18, 19, 2008

WD/BW Maine's 4Ever Raisin Ruckus (Ruckus)
Owned by Jean Gottenborg
RWB Wagontale's Lady of the Lake (Legend)
Owned by Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples
BB CH Adesa's And the Beat Goes On (Bono)
Owned by Ann & Bill Daily & Bobbi & Bill Blewitt
Group 1
WD/BW Maine's 4Ever Raisin Ruckus (Ruckus)
Owned by Jean Gottenborg
RWB Wagontale's Lady of the Lake (Legend)
Owned by Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples
BB CH Adesa's And the Beat Goes ON
WD Maine's 4Ever Raisin Ruckus (Ruckus)

NEW CHAMPION

RWB Wagontale's Lady of the Lake (Legend)
Owned by Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples
BB CH Adesa's And the Beat Goes On (Bono)
Owned by Ann & Bill Daily & Bobbi & Bill Blewitt
Group 1

Terry All Kennel Club 10/10-10/12, 2008

Qualifying Score Open Standard Pref Agility
Wagontale Henry's Happy Hour (Henry)
Owned by Nadja Torling & Ryan Johnson
First Place
Qualifying Score Open Standard Pref Agility
Wagontale Henry's Happy Hour (Henry)
Owned by Nadja Torling & Ryan Johnson
First Place
Qualifying Score Novice JWW Pref Agility
Wagontale Henry's Happy Hour (Henry)
Owned by Nadja Torling & Ryan Johnson
Second Place

NEW Novice Jumpers With Weaves Preferred Title



Best Junior Handler
Mary Bugg

Pirates of the Caribberner

With only a few minor production problems, Pirates of the Caribberner has gotten excellent reviews. Our second independent specialty proved to be a Oscar winning event due to all the contributions and hard work of our club members. Despite the fluctuating economy and high gas prices, we enjoyed phenomenal entry numbers.

We owe our catchy logo to Sharon Keefer and Sandy Dunaway. . . trophies were done expertly by Sara Karl. . . Lou Tucker's expertise as assistant show chairperson was invaluable. . . Ways and Means under the watchful eye of Elaine Witulski, Linda Adam and Sharon Keefer brought in a record \$3300! (they had helpers as well so thanks to everyone who pitched in). . . Candy McDanal organized a fun and well organized reception as well as some healthy snacks for the morning. . . conformation stewards Rip Stanwood and Eden Jonas ran a tight ship for the show ring. . . Bob and Lou Tucker helped keep our area tidy. . . obedience chair Jeanne Stanwood and Rally Chair Pam Solomon assured our performance events went off without a glitch. . . and of course all of our stewards Alice Gordon, Chris Mann, Barry Solomon, Kristin Price. . . and to everyone else who just seemed to appear and help out when needed. WOW. . . I was overwhelmed and honored by our club member support.

Dottie



Best of Breed
CH Prairiefire's Bedtime Story owned by Sharon Johnson



BOS
CH Lorien Dell's Haribo Gummi Baer owned by Bridget and Mark Pieffer and Lynn and George Wood



Best in Puppy Sweeps
Wagontale's Sing Me a Miracle owned by Pam and Barry Solomon and Stacy Temples



Best of Opposite in Puppy Sweepstakes
Lorien Dell's Three's Company owned by Allen Campbell and Lynn Wood



Best in Veterans Sweepstakes
CH Prairiefire's Bedtime Story owned by Sharon Johnson



High in Trial
Spring's Woodland Moose owned by Nancy Fuselier



Trophy table expertly set up by Sara Karl.



Our booty.

Elections!

Please join us for the annual election of club officers.

Sunday, November 23 at 1:00 PM at Al & Laura's

Candidates

President: Pam Solomon

Treasurer: Sara Karl

Board Member: Ann Rutherford

Board Member: Jeanne Stanwood

Meeting Minutes - September 28, 2008

Board Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 12:10 pm on September 28, 2008 at the home of Al Beers and Laura Haupenthal.

Present: Fay Benson, Laura Haupenthal, Val Horney, Sara Karl, Sharon Keefer, Ann Rutherford, Pam Solomon, Elaine Witulski. **Absent:** Ron Abbott. Also attending: Helen Karl.

Approval of Minutes: Laura moved to approve the minutes of the July meeting as published in the September/October 2008 newsletter. Fay seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Sharon Keefer reported that the club had received three correspondences; all three are included below as agenda items, under New Business.

Treasurer's Report: Sara Karl reported positive balances in the club's checking, savings, and rescue accounts. A final accounting from the Independent Specialty on September 5th is not yet available.

Committee Reports:

Rescue Committee: Chairman Ann Rutherford reported that one 9-12 month-old male had been found running at large in Weld County and was rescued by BMDCR from the local shelter. Dottie Schulte has been fostering him, he is being neutered in the coming week, and 4 families have expressed interest in adopting him and are being interviewed. The Board also discussed an email forwarded by member Stacy Temples about Bernese Mountain Dog puppies for sale in a Park Meadows pet store. Ann will provide the pet store with information on Bernese Mountain Dogs and BMDCR to give to purchasers. It was noted that copies of BMDCR's brochure are no longer available and the text of the brochure is out of date. Secretary Sharon Keefer will draft an updated brochure and submit it for approval at the November meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Rescue Forms: Ann Rutherford and Sara Karl have completed final formatting of the Rescue forms.

Website Update: The current BMDCR webmaster has not responded to the Website Task Force recommendations for updating the BMDCR website. Val will contact him directly.

New Business:

Petition for New AKC Division: BMDCR received a letter from the Metro Mile Hi Kennel Club asking area kennel clubs to sign their petition requesting that AKC form a new championship points division that would incorporate Colorado, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming. Currently, Division 8 includes these states plus Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Consensus from discussion was that

this change would not affect Bernese Mountain Dogs as Colorado tends to drive entries/points in this region; and that Mile Hi Kennel Club did not provide compelling statistics for us to support their proposal. Motion to sign this petition was not seconded.

Vendor Booth at 2009 National Specialty: BMDCR received information for clubs and vendors to apply for booths at the 2009 National Specialty. Discussion of this item was held for the general members' meeting when BMDCA and BMDCR Ways and Means Chairman, Dottie Schulte will be present.

Breeders' Symposium DVDs: BMDCR received a set of three DVDs developed from the AKC Canine Health Foundation's 2007 Breeders Symposium and provided by Nestle Purina PetCare. Clubs are encouraged to incorporate the presentations on the DVDs into their educational calendar of events and to duplicate and distribute them to club members. Sharon Keefer will submit a description of the DVD contents for the newsletter and members can request copies from Sharon before the set is sent to the BMDCR library.

2013 National Specialty Show Committee Formation: Sara received a couple responses to the call for show committee volunteers in the last newsletter. Val will contact the Heartland, Lone Star, and Pikes Peak Clubs for other volunteers.

Trophies for February Supported Entry: Previously, BMDCR committed to donating trophies for BMD sweepstakes at the new Peak-to-Peak Working Dog Club show in February (Thursday of Denver shows). For a contribution of \$150 we can support trophies for the top BMD winners. Sara moved that BMDCR sponsor top BMD trophies at this show for \$150. Motion seconded by Elaine. Motion passed. Dottie Schulte will reply with this decision to Jean Pero of PPWDC.

2008 Member Directory: The 2008 member directory is being e-mailed to those who receive the newsletter by e-mail. Sara is mailing paper copies to those who don't.

New Ways and Means items: The last two years, our ways and means items have primarily been the independent specialty theme shirts. We will solicit suggestions for new BMDCR logo items in the next newsletter.

Adjournment: The Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Keefer.

General Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 1:21 pm on September 28, 2008 at the home of Al Beers and Laura Hauptenthal.

Present: 14 voting members (a quorum), 3 sustaining members, and 1 guest.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Same as Treasurer's report above in today's Board Meeting Minutes. Additionally, Sara Karl reported that more VonWillebrand's test kits have been ordered; we have been receiving increased requests for them.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter: Editor Dottie Schulte reported that the newsletter mailing list has been updated per membership renewals. E-mail only newsletter subscribers will receive the newsletter as a PDF attachment to an e-mail, and the link to the newsletter on the website will be included, too. Val Horney asked for a volunteer to replace her as newsletter Show News reporter; Lou Tucker volunteered.

Rescue Committee: Chairman Ann Rutherford reported on the ~1 year-old male BMD being fostered by Dottie Schulte. He was rescued from the Weld County shelter and had been found running on a road in Hudson. He was initially shy, but has warmed up to toys, people and other dogs at Dottie's house. He also initially had a fever and was treated successfully with antibiotics. He is being neutered in the coming week then will be placed with a BMDCR rescue dog applicant home.

2007 Independent Specialty Show: Show Chairman Dottie Schulte reported "Phew! It's over!". Although final accounting is not yet available, the club grossed \$3,300 on the Raffle and Ways and Means sales - the highest amount ever! Dottie received very nice e-mails from the judges and others complimenting the club on our Specialty show; Dottie will print these in the next newsletter. Thank you to the many club members worked hard to make this year's show "Pirates of the Caribberner - A Dog Show with Pirattitude" another successful BMDCR Specialty. *BMDCRrrrr!* especially thanks Dottie Schulte for not only chairing the show committee, but also chairing the Draft Test and fostering a rescue dog - all in September!

Ways and Means: Dottie Schulte, Elaine Witulski and Sharon Keefer have been co-chairing the Ways and Means Committee. Consensus was to continue as the committee has done the last 2 years with a theme

design as a primary Ways and Means fundraising item. Additionally, the committee will solicit suggestions in the next newsletter for new BMDCR logo items.

Election of New Members: Voting was unanimous to admit new sustaining members Vicki Hall and Lori Salo and to elect Helen Karl and Lori Kennedy to voting member status.

New Business:

Petition for New AKC Division: See explanation in Board Meeting Minutes above. Motion to sign this petition from the Mile Hi Kennel Club died in the Board Meeting. No action will be taken on this item.

Vendor Booth at 2009 National Specialty: BMDCR received information for clubs and vendors to apply for booths at the 2009 National Specialty. The cost for a booth (for clubs) is \$75. Dottie Schulte explained that for the past 2 years, BMDCR shirts were sold at the National Specialty out of the BMDCA booth by Dottie and BMDCR volunteers. This allowed us to accept credit card payments, but that process of sharing then later sorting out payment collections is confusing and labor intensive. The other issue is having enough volunteers to work at the booth(s). For 2009, Dottie suggested a separate BMDCR booth and requesting that it be located next to the BMDCA booth, so that we can share volunteers but separate money collection. Val suggested that we apply for a BMDCR booth and if we cannot sign up enough volunteers to man the booth, we just donate the \$75. A motion was made to apply and pay for a booth at the 2009 National Specialty. Motion passed. Treasurer Sara Karl will submit the application and payment. Dottie will work with the 2009 National Specialty vendor chairman to have the booth located next to BMDCA's booth.

Breeders' Symposium DVDs: Same announcement as in Board meeting minutes above.

2013 National Specialty Show Committee Formation: Same announcement as in the Board meeting minutes above.

Trophies for February Supported Entry: Same report as in the Board meeting minutes above, with the addition that since the Peak-to-Peak Working Dog Club show will include performance events as well as conformation, BMDCR will request the same trophy for HIT as for BOB.

Additional Nominations for November Election: No additional nominations from the floor were made for the election of officers and directors at the November meeting.

Spring Draft Test: To hold a draft test in the spring, we need to apply to BMDCA for approval six months ahead. Sara Karl moved that BMDCR sponsor a Spring Draft Test. Motion seconded by Dottie Schulte. Motion passed.

Business Cards: In the past, BMDCR has had business cards that helped members refer people to the club website, etc. Dottie Schulte volunteered to get new cards printed. However, this project will be held until the domain name of the updated website is determined. It was again mentioned that the club's brochure is out of print and out of date. With a remaining copy of the old brochure from Lou Tucker, Sharon Keefer will draft a new brochure for review at the next meeting.

Adjournment: The General Members' Meeting was adjourned at 2:09 pm. Thank you to Al Beers and Laura Haupenthal for hosting the Board and General meetings today.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Keefer.

Do you know a berner lover or two?

2009 Ways and Means has a wonderful array of gifts for the fast approaching holiday season. Currently, we have a large inventory of colors, sizes and styles and a nice balance of silk-screened items and embroidered items. Cozy fleece vests, thick hooded zip up sweatshirts, long sleeve and short sleeved t shirts, hats and pins are just a few of our items. New blanket design and stainless coffee tumblers are also on order for the holidays. Please go to the BMDCA website to Ways and Means and check out what is available. Orders can be placed via email, phone or snail mail (order form is located on the website). Thanks for supporting the 2009 Specialty and we look forward to seeing all of you in the Pacific Northwest!

Colleen Cox, 2009 Ways and Mean Chair.
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360-978-4501



2007 Breeders' Symposium DVDs Available

Nestle Purina PetCare has provided BMDCR with a 3-DVD set titled *Presentations from 2007 Philadelphia Breeders' Symposium* that may be copied and distributed to club members. The DVDs were developed from the American Kennel Club and AKC Canine Health Foundation's Breeders Symposium held at the University of Pennsylvania. Targeted for novice and experienced breeders alike, the AKC/CHF Breeders Symposia are an ideal venue in which to learn about sound breeding practices and genetic health testing that lead to our dogs living happier, healthier, and longer lives. Presentations on the DVDs are listed below. To obtain a copy set, contact Sharon Keefer by e-mail at Sharon@JoyfulBMD.com or by phone at 303-621-2217.

1. Update on the American Kennel Club
Debra Bonnefond, Director, Veterinary Outreach
2. Assisted Reproduction: Insight into Current and Future Techniques for the Next Generation of Puppies
Ann Traas, DVM
3. Canine Health Information Center (CHIC)
Eddie Dziuk, COO, Orthopedic Foundation for Animals
4. Optimizing Reproductive Performance Through Nutrition and Technology
Deborah Greco DVM, PhD, DACVIM
5. DNA and the AKC
Tom Sharp, Assistant Vice-President, Compliance
6. Welcome & Update on the AKC Canine Health Foundation
Erika Werne, Director, Canine Research & Education
7. Canine Cardiac Disease
Mark Oyama, DVM, DACVIM
8. Vaccinations: Less is More!
Margret Casal, PhD

In Memoriam

Ch. Blumoon's Journey to Chimolola CD DD RND R N
July 7, 2001 - October 12, 2008

Chimo sailed away this week. Chimo means "cheers" or "welcome" in Inuktitut language and was the name of one of Rip's family's sailboats. She gave us so much cheer and joy during her wonderful life. We are east, on Cape Cod, now and when this happened. She was euthanized after acute liver failure. At this time, we have no definitive answers about causes. She touched so many friends with her adorable face and cheery manner. We are so sad... and so glad she was such a wonderful part of our lives.

Jeanne and Rip

The photo was taken in Maryland on our trip east... Chimo snuggling with her traveling buddy, Buzz.



BMDCR Club Information

Meetings

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies holds regular meetings on the fourth Sunday of January, March, May, July, September and November, unless members are otherwise notified. The board meetings take place at 11:30 followed by the general meeting at 1:00 followed by the program at 2:00 if scheduled. Location of meetings will be announced each newsletter. In the even-numbered months we will offer a club activity that includes dogs, e.g. the Bernerfiesta, Berner hike, draft clinic, herding instinct certification test, Berner Noel, etc. The starting times and locations of these events will vary, depending on the activity.

Newsletter/Subscriptions

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

Litter Box Policy

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

Rules for Listing a Litter

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

Classified Advertising

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

Submission Deadlines for Publication

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