



Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

Next BMDCR Meeting
Sunday, November 22
Laura & Al's

Board Meeting 12 Noon
General Meeting 1 PM
Elections and Annual Meeting

Fall Draft Test in Utah

Through rain and sleet and cold and dark of night, the Utah tests went on without a hitch (we won't expound on the lightning strike during the open dog freight haul!). The two days of tests were very successful as our Utah contingent had organized every detail. Huge KUDOS to Stephanie Biksacky, test chair, Vicky Hall, test secretary and to Utah Berner owners Adele Hershey, Nikki Roberts, Jim and Karen Childs, and Martine Savigeau. And also to all those from Colorado who journeyed out to provide them support as they sponsored their inaugural test. Hard work but great fun.



Steph encourages Angie towards their draft dog title.



Vicki expertly handles Ruby to their new Novice Draft Dog title.



Although obviously deep in thought, one must question just how apprentice judge Barry is actually tracking performances.

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies

Officers

President Pam Solomon
Vice President Ron Abbott
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Membership Applications

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Meetings

Unless members are otherwise notified, meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of January, March, May, July, September & November. Board Meetings start at 12 PM and the General Meetings start at 1 PM.

LET'S GO GREEN!

About 66% of all BMDCR members are getting their newsletter by email only. . . let's try to raise the percentage and save some trees. If you are currently getting the newsletter by snailmail but are willing to get by email only please send an email to Dottie (dotties911@aol.com) with this request. Or if you are not sure how you have designated your newsletter to come, get with Dottie so she can let you know.



Fall Draft Test in Utah



Marshall and Val begin their successful weekend with a leg towards his Master Draft Dog title.



Elaine successfully maneuvers Moxie through the narrows.



Pam and Dottie took charge of the narrows while thinking "we drove 500 miles for this?"

Oktoberfest

Our third independent specialty "Oktoberfest" proved to be the charm. A creative and fun logo (thanks to Sharon Keefer), record numbers of entries, a successful raffle and tasty traditional Oktoberfest culinary celebration all added up to memorable day for all attending. KUDOS go to assistant chairperson Lou Tucker, obedience and rally chairs Jeanne Stanwood and Alice Gordon, trophy chairperson Sara Karl, hospitality hostess with the mostest Candy McDanal (thanks for the burritos!), reception guru Joanna Hughes, conformation stewards Pam Solomon and Christine Mann (who kept things running smoothly), performance event stewards Steve

Clark, Nadja Torling, Kristin Price, Barry Solomon, Lori Kennedy and Patty Wellinger. This event could not have been done without their help.

HUGE THANKS go to Ways and Means and Raffle helpers Elaine Witulski, Ann Rutherford, Vicky Hall, Vicky Whitney, Sharon Keefer and Sandy, Corey and Molly Ramlet (who went home with a great raffle win!). Our "haul" for the day was over \$2000!

Again I am humbled by the dedication of our club members to our breed and making things happen for the benefit of our dogs. Dottie



Winners Dog - Blumoon's Jade to Order "Jordy" owned by Meris Lerner



Best of Breed - CH Prairiefire's Bedtime Story "P.J." owned by Sharon Johnson



Best in Veterans Sweepstakes - CH Prairiefire's Starry Sky "Sky" owned by Joan Carter and Sharon Johnson



Best of Opposite in Veterans Sweepstakes - CH Ahquabi's Bank On It CD "Teller" owned by Valerie Horney



Best in Puppy Sweepstakes - Summit's Drops of Jupiter v Joyful "Juno" owned by Sharon Keefer and Sandy Dunaway



High in Trial - CH Ebnet's Hired Gun From Zanzebern OAP, NJP, DD "Marshall" owned by Valerie Horney and Lisa Ebnet

SHOW NEWS - By Lou Tucker

OKTOBERNFEST 9/04/09 (recap of BMDCR members wins)
Best in Puppy Sweepstakes - Summit's Drops of Jupiter V Joyful (Juno)
Owners- Sharon Keefer & Sandy Dunaway

Best Opposite - Prairefire's Wild West Show From Sundance
Owners-Michele Connolly & Sharon Johnson

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes - CH Prairefire's Starry Sky
Owners-Joan Carter & S. Johnson

Best Opposite - CH Ahquabi's Bank On It (Teller)
Owner - Valerie Horney

WD/BW-Blumoon's Jade To Order(Jordie)
Owners-Meris Lerner & Christine Mann

RWB - Davieau's Black Forest Star
Owner - Patti Davieau

BB - CH Prairefire's Bedtime Story (PJ)
Owner - Sharon Johnson

Award of Merit - CH Summits Lord Greystoke V Loriendell (Stokes)
Owners : Richard File & Sandy Dunaway

Award of Merit - CH Nashem's He's The Man of Woodmoor (Angus)
Owner - Sara Karl

Obedience / Rally
Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes - CH Hired Gun From Zanzeburn, OAP, NJP
Score 183.5 (Marshall)
Owner - Valerie Horney

Highest Scoring Veteran Dog in Regular Classes - Rescue Me Baby RN (Jessie)
Owner - Patty Score 178.5 Wellinger

New Title CDX CH Brighteye Angel Fire, CD, RA, (Angie)
Owners-Stephanie Biksacky & D.Hotze New Title RN(score 91)

Dashing to the Rescue (Dash)
Owners-Alice Gordon & Steve Clark

Evergreen Kennel Club 9/05/09
WD/BW- Prairefire's Wild West Show from Sundance -
Owners-Michele Connolly & S. Johnson

RWB-Loriendell's Sugar Plum Phantom
Owners-Gayle & Stan Brooks ,Lynn Wood & B. Pieffer

BB-Summit's Lord Greystoke V Loriendell (Stokes)
Owners-Richard File & Sandy Dunaway

Junior Showmanship/ Novice Intermediate
1st Placement - Lena Marquardt & CH Tiptop's Night Musik
Owners-D. Schulte & L. Marquardt

Evergreen Kennel Club 9/06/09
WD/BW-Blumoon's Jade To Order (Jordy)
Owners -Meris Lerner & Christine Mann

RWD-Prairefire's Wild West Show From Sundance -
Owners- M. Connolly & S. Johnson

RWB-Loriendell's Sugar Plum Fairy Owners- G.&S. Brooks, Lynn Wood & B, Pieffer
BB/G1 - CH He's the Man of Woodmoor (Angus)
Owners-Sara & Randy Karl & Dottie Schulte

Grand Valley Kennel Club 9/27/09
WB/OS - Brimardell's Kashmir
Owners - Bridget & Mark Pieffer

RWB - Davieau's Black Forest Star
Owner - Patti Davieau

BB/G2- CH He's The Man of Woodmoor (Angus)
Owners-Sara & Randy Karl & Dottie Schulte

Grand Valley Kennel Club 9/28/09
WD/NEW CH - Blumoon's Jade to Order (Jordy)
Owners-Meris Lerner & Christine Mann

RWD-Mountainair's Lima Bean
Owners-E. Dennehy, W. Rogers & Darcy Babb

WB/BW/OS Sapphire N Nashem Double Dare Ya
Owners- Sara & Helen Karl & C. Arbutnot

BB/G3 CH Nashem He's The Man of Woodmoor
Owners - Sara & Randy Karl, Dottie Schulte

Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America 9/29/09
Working Pack Dog Title (WPD) Wagontale Oberland Bergsteiger (Steiger) -
Owner-Ron Abbott

Gallatin Dog Club 9/17/09
WD/OS- Prairefire's Sirkhd Conqueror
Owners - Shelley Gonazales & Sharon Johnson

RWB - Wagontale's Simply Irrestibelle
Owners - Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

Gallatin Dog Club 9/18/09
WB/BW/BB - Wagontale's Simply Irrestibelle
Owners - Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

RWB - Wagontale's Pucker Up
Owners - Stacy Temples & Vicky Whitney

OS - CH Pinnacle's Highlander
Owners- Bea & Lawrence Duncan & Eden Jonas

Helena Montana Kennel Club 9/19/09
WB/BW - Wagontale's Simply Irrestibelle
Owners - Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

RWB-Wagontale's Pucker Up
Owners - Stacy Temples & Vicky Whitney

OS - CH Pinnacle's Highlander
Owners-Bea & Lawrence Duncan & Eden Jonas

Helena Montana Kennel Club 9/20/09
WB/BW - Wagontale's Pucker Up
Owners - Stacy Temples & Vicky Whitney

RWB - Wagontale's Simply Irrestibelle
Owners - Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

Valencia Valley Kennel Club of N.M. 10/10/09
WD/BW - Oberland's Oh Bailey Come Home (Bailey)
Owner - Cindi Falcone

RWD - Pinnacle's H3 Like Nothing Else (Hummer)

Owners - Teresa Dominguez & Eden Jonas

WB/OS - Sapphire N Nashem Double Dare Ya-

Owners - Sara & Helen Karl & Carol

G3/BPYArbutnot

RWB - Mountaineer's Soul Blue Sapphire

Owner - Darcy Babb

BB - CH Nashem's He's The Man Of Woodmoor -

Owners - Sara & Randy Karl & D. Schulte

***Valencia Valley Kennel Club of N.M.* 10/11/09**

WD-NEW CH Oberland's Oh Bailey Come Home (Bailey)

Owner - Cindi Falcone

RWD - Pinnacle's H3 like Nothing Else (Hummer)

Owners- Teresa Dominguez & Eden Jonas

W/BW/OS - Davieau's Black Forest Star

Owner - Patti Davieau

BB - CH Nahesm's He's The Man of Woodmoor -

Owners-Sara & Randy Karl & Dottie Schulte

***Rapid City Kennel Club* 10/15/09**

WB - Davieau's Black Forest Star

Owner - Patti Davieau

RWB - Sapphire N Nashem Double Dare Ya

Owners-Sara & Helen Karl & Carol Arbutnot

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

Owners-Sara & Randy Karl & D. Schulte

***Rapid City Kennel Club* 10/16/09**

WD - Brisago A Bright Night at Wagontale

Owners- Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

WB/BW - Wagontale's Simply Irresistabelle

Owners - Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

RWB-Saphire N Nashem Double Dare Ya -
Owners Sara & Helen Karl & Carol Arbutnot

BB Nashem's He's the Man of Woodmoor -
Owners-Sara & Randy Karl & Dottie Schulte

***Rapid City Kennel Club* 10/17/09**

WD/BW Brisago A Bright Night at Wagontale

Owners - Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

WB - Wagontale's Simply Irresistabelle

Owners - Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

BB - Nashem's He's the Man of Woodmoor -

Owners - Sara & Randy Karl & Dottie Schulte

3rd Leg Novice B NEW TITLE - CD - NEW VERSITALITY DOG

***Rapid City Kennel Club* 10/18/09**

WD/BW Brisago A Bright Night At Wagontale

Owners - S. Temples & H. Ramsdell

WB - Wagontale's Simply Irrestabelle -

Owners -Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

RWB - Sapphire N Nashem's Double dare Ya -

Owners - Sara & Helen Karl & Carol Arbutnot

BB-Nashem's He's the Man of Woodmoor -

Owners-Sara & Randy Karl & Dottie Schulte

***Eagle Rock Kennel Club* 6/11/09 - 6/12/09**

Rally Novice Score 86 - Brighteye Wilani Sweetest Tabu (Zeta)

Owners - Stephanie Biksacky & D. Hotze Score 90 NEW TITLE - RN -

***AHBA Herding Trial* 10/18/09**

HCT - 1st Leg - CH Brighteye Angel Fire CDX, RA, DD (Angie)

Owner - Stephanie Biksacky

SPECIALTY 2013

Well the commitment has been made for Colorado (along with our other region members) to host the BMDCA 2013 National Specialty. Because of the size of our club relative to the other clubs in our region, it seems most feasible for Colorado to host the specialty here. A handful of BMDCR members have done a few site visits and have some ideas but need to hear from our membership on other places that might meet the needs for the specialty as well as if anyone is interested in helping with site selection. So if you know of a place in Colorado that meets these requirements or if you want to help,

let Dottie (dotties911@aol.com) or Sara (karl3106@comcast.net) know.

Conformation:

15,000 square feet

Obedience:

2-3 rings at 40' x 50' each

Grooming:

100-200 10' x 10' spaces

Vendors:

20-30 10' x 10' spaces with 10' aisles
Banquet space for 300-500 people
(minimum of two banquets plus an opening reception)

Draft:

100' x 100' ring plus varied terrain

for freight haul (within 2-3 miles of specialty site if not on-site)

Agility:

15,000 square feet inside or outside

Must have RV sites close to site and host hotel

Let us know your thoughts... and if you want to be involved in making this specialty HAPPEN.

Dottie and Sara

Volunteers Needed to Plan and Run a Two-Day Drafting Seminar!

I am hoping to form a committee that will begin meeting in early 2010 to determine the feasibility of a 2-day drafting seminar that will teach both novice and advanced techniques and assist in preparation for passing a draft test. The curriculum and set-up for the event will likely be similar to the Kart Kamp presented by the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northern California. The target date for the seminar will be set so that this can be part of the training and preparation for Fall 2010 Draft Tests.

I already have a couple of volunteers lined up, but I would like to get a few more on the planning side so that we can prepare a proposal and present it to the BMDCR for their approval. Please note that you do not need to have any prior drafting experience in order to participate in this committee! While we will need to make sure we have certain requirements met from a drafting perspective, this is really a logistics and planning committee and we need people who can help plan the date and location; hospitality during the event with meals and snacks; nearby hotels in case we have people who want to travel in or stay more locally; evening get-togethers for the participants; arranging for sufficient staff including some of our local draft judges and other volunteers to assist in set-up/tear-down; etc...



Please contact Barry Solomon directly for more information at 303 670 0426 or at bsolomon@myqci.com.

SAVE THE DATE! 2010 BMDCA Awards Banquet

COME CELEBRATE OUR DOGS (and our) 2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Brunch (with champagne!)

Sunday January 24, 2010

Marie Callenders in Littleton, CO

Time and cost TBD.

Send reservations to Lou Tucker (bltdog@msn.com)

2009 titles to Alice Gordon (aliceann8@hotmail.com)
by January 1st)

Nominations for the Kathy Roth Award to Dottie Schulte (dotties911@aol.com)

Check the members list for more information as it becomes available.



Spring Draft Test

Saturday, April 17, 2010

Chatfield State Park, Littleton, CO

Judges : **Eden Jonas & Sue Sanvido**

Draft Test Chair- **Lou Tucker**

(bltdog@msn.com)

Draft Test Secretary - **Nadja Torling**

(henry.dog@comcast.net)

Assistant Draft Test Chair - **Pam Solomon**

(avalonpam@yahoo.com)

Bark In The Park

The BMDCR had a significant presence at the Bark In The Park event on September 20th which was held at Exposition Park in Aurora. The event was sponsored by the Arapahoe Kennel Club as an educational opportunity for current and potential dog owners. BMDCR members and their dogs participated in draft demonstrations, Meet the Breed as well as had a booth set up to give information and answer questions about the BMD and the benefits of having a Bernese as a companion. Thanks to Pam Solomon who organized and to all who participated.





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303-621-2217

Help Wanted!!!

Newsletter Editor(s)

- One person or two people
- Solicit submissions, review and edit
- Write articles related to health, training, etc.
- Compile list of upcoming events
- Solicit pictures or attend events and take pictures
- Layout the submissions and create pdf for emailing and printing.
- Maintain master mailing and email list of club members
- Send out either snail mail or email
- Respond to emails/phone calls from persons inquiring about a variety of BMD issues/events who have gotten name from website (must be open to having contact information on website).
- Approximate time committment: 12-16 hours every other month (or 6-8 per person if two people).
- Please contact
- Dottie,dotties911@aol.com, or
- Nadja, henry.dog@comcast.net if you are interested or have questions.

BMDCR Membership Column: November/December 2009 - Stacy Temples -

Welcome to our two new Sustaining members, both from Steamboat Springs.

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The following new member applicants will be voted on at the annual club membership meeting in November 2009.

Voting Member Applicant
Candy McDanal
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Conifer, CO, 80433

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Candy and her husband Jerry joined the BMDCR as Sustaining members in 2008. They are owners of CH Wagontale's Princess Alexandria from Stacy Temples. Candy has applied to become a Voting member because "she feels if she really wants to be involved with the club's activities, she should be a part of the decision making process. In addition, she has often felt that not being able to vote made her feel more like a guest than a member of the club. When she first joined, she simply wanted to get a feel for the way things run and what kind of things were brought up for voting. After attending several meetings, she feels like she would like to be more involved." Candy and Jerry have volunteered with club hospitality at

our regional specialties. Her sponsors are Pam Solomon & Alice Gordon.
Sustaining Member Applicant
Margaret A. Wild, DVM
803 Gilgalad Way
Fort Collins, CO 80526
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Wildlife Veterinarian. Her dog is Lorien Dell's Bernhilde, Delta, (F, 5/13/2006), from George & Lynn Wood. She is interested in health issues and agility. Margaret wants to network with other BMD families. She can help with public education. She volunteered at the ways and Means table for our regional specialty this September. She has also owned a Labrador. Currently she is training and exhibiting in agility. Her sponsors are Elaine Witulski and Ann Rutherford.

*"Just hear those dog tags jingling, ring ting tingling too.
Come on it's lovely weather for a walkie together with you"*

Come Join Us for Holiday Caroling (followed by a get together and food)

Sunday, December 13th

Aspen Grove Shopping Center
7301 S. Santa Fe, Littleton 80120
(N. of Mineral on Santa Fe.)



Dogs & carts, dogs on leash, carolers without dogs , everyone welcome (holiday theme decor and outfits encouraged.)
Meet at 10:45 AM near the fountain area in Aspen Grove - a bit north of Buco Di Pepo near center of mall. We will be caroling for approximately 1 hour.

BERNER NOEL pot luck & doggie gift exchange will follow at 1:00 PM (you are welcome for the NOEL even if you do not plan to go caroling)

Bob and Lou Tucker's
7155 W. Montview Lane, Littleton CO80125

Directions from Aspen Grove to the Tuckers

Travel approx 5 miles S. on Santa Fe to Lakeside Drive. (Chatfield Estates) Left turn lane (adjacent to road sign - Titan Pky 3/4 Mile OR adjacent to the green road construction sign dependent on the status of the construction!) Left turn onto Lakeside, 1st left onto Pineview, 1st right onto Montview. 4th house on the left.

What to bring: A-K main dish, L-R salads and sides, S-Z desert
RSVP to Lou Tucker (bltdog@msn.com)

Meeting Minutes September 20, 2009

Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 12:26pm on September 20th, 2009 at Exposition Park in Aurora. A quorum was not present so the Board did not vote on any issues.

Present: Pam Solomon, Ann Rutherford, Jeanne Stanwood.

Approval of Minutes: There is a wording change on the draft seminar it will not be "teaching how to judge" – it's "a 1 or 2 day workshop for participants". A second change is that Jeanne Stanwood was not present at last meeting – take her out of the minutes. Ann moved to then approve, seconded by Jeanne. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Sharon was not present.

Treasurer's Report: Sara was not present.

Committee Reports:

Rescue Committee: Ann Rutherford reported that she may have found home for Winfield – Deb Jones of Cherry Hill. The adoption may be completed this afternoon. Tomorrow she will be taking Annie to Casper to meet prospective adopters. Phil Schaffer has been revamping the application for rescues.

Website Committee: Sharon isn't here to report. The goal is to have it finished by the end of the year.

New Business:

2013 National Specialty: We have done two visits and have information from three possible locations for the 2013 National. There was a suggestion to put something in the newsletter asking anyone who would like to be involved with site selection to come forward. We will also put a list of criteria for site selection in the newsletter to assist the general club in finding a site. Val Horney will send Dottie Schulte the 2012 Committee's proposal for an example. The contents of this should not be shared.

Canine walk for Cancer in Estes: Several people participated. There's another walk coming up if anyone is interested. It's in Stapleton on October 10th. Mary Richards is trying to organize a drafting demo. There is also the Parade of Lights in December. Lou's feedback was that it was approximately 2 miles long and there can be a lot of waiting around – it also might be quite cold.

Spring Draft Test: We need to get a committee together to start working on the Spring Draft Test.

Denver Working Dog Show: We also need to work on trophies for this show.

Adjournment: The Board meeting was adjourned at 12:45.

General Meeting

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 1:00 on September 20th, 2009 at Exposition Park in Aurora.

Present: 13 voting members, 2 sustaining members.

Approval of Minutes: Lou Tucker moved to approve the minutes of the July meeting as published in the September/October 2009 newsletter. Val Horney seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President's Report: Pam thanked everyone who helped with the specialty. The financials aren't in but we believe we broke even.

Secretary's Report: Sharon was not present.

Treasurer's Report: \$16,821.10 in checking; in rescue \$5,260.06; in savings \$6,745.09. The \$16k does not reflect any of the money we spent on the regional.

Member ship directories went out via email. Those who get newsletters by email, get directories by emails. If you get newsletter by mail the directory is coming by mail.

It was discussed that we should put something in the newsletter for the next couple of issues asking for members to switch to email to save the club money. Dottie will reconcile the list to be sure that everyone who selected to receive by email is off of the snail mail list.

Committee Reports:

Rescue Committee –Repeated from Board Meeting. See Board Meeting Minutes.

Additionally, Jeanne Stanwood has volunteered to be on the rescue committee.

There was a discussion about giving new adoptees a subscription to the club – by email per Val. Also how about giving new adoptees an information packet – club brochure, BMD info sheets, Berner-Garde brochure and bloat chart?

Website Committee: Repeated from Board Meeting. See Board Meeting Minutes.

New Business:

2013 National Specialty: Repeated from Board Meeting. See Board Meeting Minutes.

Elections: The nominating committee has picked candidates and the list was published in the September/October 2009 newsletter. We will be voting on Vice President, Secretary and three Board members in November. If anyone else is interested in running they must notify the club by today.

Voting for new members: Three new members were voted on: Barb Clark – sustaining; Elisabeth Dennehey – sustaining and Bev Hilmes – voting. All were approved.

13 votes - yes for all.

Berner Noel : Lou Tucker took a proposal to Aspen Grove (a very dog friendly shopping center) about bringing our carts and singing carols. Later we would go over to Lou's house for our meal and gift exchange.

Draft Workshop: Barry Solomon wants to organize a weekend or 1 day draft workshop. We need to get a committee together to figure out what we would propose for an agenda, what it would cost, etc. The California club has done it for a number of years, and it's been very successful. We could maybe model off of their curriculum. Anyone interested please talk to Barry. Let's also add this to the newsletter to look for volunteers.

Spring draft test: A two day draft test was suggested. We need to get it in 6 months in advance - probably shoot for April. Nadja Torling has volunteered to be secretary. Alice Gordon moves to host a 1 or 2 day test in April. Dottie Schulte seconds. All for - motion passes.

2010 National Specialty: The National committee has contacted us about donating towards welcome bags. We'll wait until the next meeting to talk about this (when Sharon is present as she received the request).

Canine walk against cancer: Repeated from Board Meeting. See Board Meeting Minutes.

Trophy donations: The Peak to Peak Working Dog Show is looking for donations. We have already voted to provide do trophies at our last meeting, but we need to decide what exactly to do. They need to know by October 1st. Sara will email them with what we will do and send a check.

Awards banquets: - Jeanne Stanwood volunteered to do a presentation in PowerPoint for accomplishments during the year. Alice Gordon will do certificates again. Lou, Pam and Ann will look for a site. Everyone likes the idea of doing Marie Callendars again.

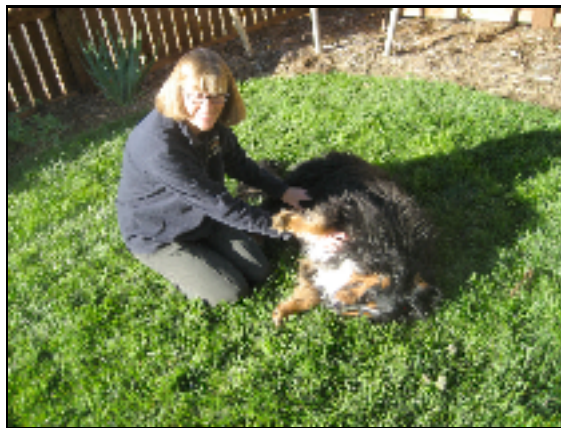
Donation to Humane Society: Val Horney moves that we donate \$100 from the rescue fund to the Weld County Humane society as a thank you to them for assisting in the rescue of Digna. Jeanne Stanwood seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Adjournment: The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.

Rescue Gallery

So far fall 2009 has proved to be a wild and crazy time for rescue. Three Berners were in need of homes and placed in September and four in October. And rescue chairperson Ann Rutherford fielded numerous calls about possible surrenders and other rescues. Through her diligence and that of rescue committee member Lou Tucker, applications were screened and all of our rescues have found their perfect forever homes. Thank you to Ann and Lou for sticking with our mission to help all BMDs live in the best place ever.

As rescue activities continue to increase with more BMDs needing to be re-homed, foster homes are in great need. Ann and her committee need time to check out potential forever homes so it is invaluable to them to have experienced foster parents to help them house and evaluate the personalities of dogs in need of placement. Please contact Ann (bobandann@msn.com) if you are willing to help.



Annie traveled from Colorado to Montana to find the perfect home. She has joining four-legged brother Oscar and humans Sharlyn and Clem, obviously enjoying Big Sky Country.



Ben has found a new forever home with Sherri Mangin and Mike Pavicich. Sherri, who has fostered several BMDs waiting for placement, had never felt her heart touched as she did with Ben's story. He is settling in to his new home in Colorado Springs with furry sister Audi (Ben is now Benz to add to Sherri and Mike's import collection), enjoying a warm bed to sleep in and two humans to accept his kisses.

LITTER ANNOUNCEMENT

Breeders: Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

Wagontale Bernese, Fort Collins, Colorado

Contact: satemples@aol.com or Ph.# (970) 231-0900

Litter Born: September 21, 2009

7 Boys & 2 Girls

Sire: Smokey-CH WAGONTALE'S SING ME A
MIRACLE RA, CD, NDD
AKC Registration:WS21287607
Birthdate: March 26, 2007
DNA Profile:V543670
Bernergarde Number: 49446
von Willebrands- VetGen DNA Clear #55707- OFA
OFA HIPS-Prelims 18 months - EXCELLENT
OFA ELBOWS- Prelims 18 months - NORMAL
PENN HIPS 100th%tile for the Breed (0.24, 0.29)
CERF BMD-4326/2009 NORMAL
CARDIAC BMD-CA1608/17M/C-VPI NORMAL
SHOULDER BMD-SH158M18-VPI NORMAL
THYROID BMD-TH334/23M-VPI NORMAL

Dam: Annie - SANDPIPER ANNEKA OF
WAGONTALE
AKC Registration:WS16582203
Birthdate: Feb 2, 2006
DNA Profile:V520574
Bernergarde Number: 31370
von Willebrands- Clear By Parentage- OFA pending
BMD-I4268E25F-VPI HIPS EXCELLENT
PENN HIPS >90th%tile for the Breed (0.29, 0.29)
ELBOWS BMD-EL6132F25-VPI NORMAL
SHOULDER BMD-SH90F12-PI- NORMAL
CARDIAC BMD-CA1135/15F/C-VPI NORMAL
CERF BMD-3819/2008 NORMAL

BMDCR Club Information

Meetings

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

Newsletter/Subscriptions

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

Litter Box Policy

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

Rules for Listing a Litter

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

Classified Advertising/Display Advertising

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

Submission Deadlines for Publication

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