



# Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

## Next Meeting:

**Sunday, September 28  
at Al & Laura's**

**Board Meeting: 11:30 AM**

**General Meeting: 1:00 PM  
Elections!**

## 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.



The following article is from the Colorado Springs Kennel Club list.

## VACCINATION NEWS FLASH

Dr. Bob Rogers

I would like to make you aware that all 27 veterinary schools in North America are in the process of changing their protocols for vaccinating dogs and cats. Some of this information will present an ethical & economic challenge to vets, and there will be skeptics.

Some organizations have come up with a political compromise suggesting vaccinations every 3 years to appease those who fear loss of income vs. those concerned about potential side effects. Politics, traditions, or the doctor's economic well being should not be a factor in medical decision .

## NEW PRINCIPLES OF IMMUNOLOGY

"Dogs and cats immune systems mature fully at 6 months. If a modified live virus vaccine is given after 6 months of age, it produces an immunity which is good for the life of the pet (ie: canine distemper, parvo, feline distemper). If another MLV vaccine is given a year later, the antibodies from the first vaccine neutralize the antigens of the second vaccine and there is little or no effect. The titer is not "boosted" nor are more memory cells induced." Not only are annual boosters for parvo and distemper unnecessary, they subject the pet to potential risks of allergic reactions and immune-mediated hemolytic anemia. "There is no scientific documentation to back up label claims for annual administration of MLV vaccines." Puppies receive antibodies through their mothers milk. This natural protection can last 8-14 weeks.

Puppies & kittens should NOT be vaccinated at LESS than 8 weeks. Maternal immunity will neutralize the vaccine and little protection (0-38%) will be produced. Vaccination at 6 weeks will, however, delay the timing of the first highly effective vaccine. Vaccinations given 2 weeks apart suppress rather than stimulate the immune system. A series of vaccinations is given starting at 8 weeks and given 3-4 weeks apart up to 16 weeks of age. Another vaccination given sometime after 6 months of age (usually at 1 year 4 mo) will provide lifetime immunity.

## CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DOGS

### Distemper & Parvo

"According to Dr. Schultz, AVMA, 8-15-95, when a vaccinations series given at 2, 3 & 4 months and again at 1 year with a MLV, puppies and kitten program memory cells that survive for life, providing lifelong immunity." Dr. Carmichael at Cornell and Dr. Schultz have studies showing immunity against challenge at 2-10 years for canine distemper & 4 years for parvovirus. Studies for longer duration are pending. "There are no new strains of parvovirus as one mfg. would like to suggest. Parvovirus vaccination provides cross immunity for all types." Hepatitis (Adenovirus) is one of the agents known to be a cause of kennel cough. Only vaccines with CAV-2 should be used as CAV-1 vaccines carry the risk of "hepatitis blue-eye" reactions & kidney damage.

# Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies

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## Draft Practices

Dates, All Sundays, all starting at 7:30am.

August 24 Bob and Lou Tuckers  
August 31 Fox Run  
September 14 Bible Park  
September 21 Fox Run  
James Bible Park in Denver in between Quebec and Monaco on Yale.

Bob and Lou Tuckers house  
(address in directory)

Fox Run Park (the site of the Draft Test) take the Baptist Rd exit north of Colorado Springs and go east to Roller Coaster Rd, go south on Roller Coaster Road to Stella Drive and go right on Stella to the south entrance of the park we should be in that area.

Bordetella Parainfluenza  
Commonly called "Kennel cough"  
Recommended only for those dogs boarded, groomed, taken to dog shows, or for any reason housed where exposed to a lot of dogs. The intranasal vaccine provides more complete and more rapid onset of immunity with less chance of reaction. Immunity requires 72 hours and does not protect from every cause of kennel cough. Immunity is of short duration (4 to 6 months).

## RABIES

There have been no reported cases of rabid dogs or cats in Harris, Montgomery or Ft. Bend Counties [Texas], there have been rabid skunks and bats so the potential exists. It is a killed vaccine and must be given every year. [Editor's Note: In most areas rabies vaccine is only required every three years, but check with your veterinarian for current legal requirements.]

Lyme disease is a tick born disease which can cause lameness, kidney failure and heart disease in dogs. Ticks can also transmit the disease to humans. The original Ft. Dodge killed bacteria has proven to be the most effective vaccine. Lyme disease prevention should emphasize early removal of ticks. Amitraz collars are more effective than Top Spot, as amitraz paralyzes the tick's mouth parts preventing transmission of disease.

## VACCINATIONS NOT RECOMMENDED

Multiple components in vaccines compete with each other for the immune system and result in lesser immunity for each individual disease as well as increasing the risk of a reaction. Canine Corona Virus is only a disease of puppies. It is rare, self limiting (dogs get well in days without treatment). Cornell & Texas A&M have only diagnosed one case each in the last 7 years. Corona virus does not cause disease in adult dogs.

Leptospirosis vaccine is a common cause of adverse reactions in dogs. Most of the clinical cases of leptospirosis reported in dogs in the US are caused by serovars (or types) grippityphosa and bratsilvia. The vaccines contain different serovars eanicola and icthohemorrhagica. Cross protection is not provided and protection is short lived. Lepto vaccine is immunosuppressive to puppies less than 16 weeks.

## NEW RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CATS

Feline vaccine related Fibrosarcoma is a type of terminal cancer related to inflammation caused by rabies & leukemia vaccines. This cancer is thought to affect 1

in 10,000 cats vaccinated. Vaccines with aluminum adjuvant, an ingredient included to stimulate the immune system, have been implicated as a higher risk. We now recommend a non-adjuvanted rabies vaccine for cats. Testing by Dr. Macy, Colorado State, has shown this vaccine to have the lowest tissue reaction and although there is no guarantee that a vaccine induced sarcoma will not develop, the risk will be much lower than with other vaccines.

Program injectable 6 mo flea prevention for cats has been shown to be very tissue reactive & therefore has the potential of inducing an injection site fibrosarcoma. If your cats develops a lump at the site of a vaccination, we recommend that it be removed ASAP, within 3-12 weeks.

## Feline Leukemia Virus Vaccine

This virus is the leading viral killer of cats. The individuals most at risk of infection are young outdoor cats, indoor/outdoor cats and cats exposed to such individuals. Indoor only cats with no exposure to potentially infected cats are unlikely to become infected. All cats should be tested prior to vaccination. Cats over one year of age are naturally immune to Fel.V whether they are vaccinated or not, so annual vaccination of adult cats is NOT necessary. The incubation period of Feline leukemia can be over 3 years, so if your cat is in the incubation state of the disease prior to vaccination, the vaccine will not prevent the disease.

## Feline Panleukopenia Virus Vaccine.

Also called feline distemper is a highly contagious and deadly viral disease of kittens. It's extremely hardy and is resistant to extremes in temperature and to most available disinfectants. Although an effective treatment protocol is available, it is expensive to treat because of the serious nature of the disease and the continued presence of virus in the environment, vaccination is highly recommended for all kittens. Cats vaccinated at 6 month or older with either killed or MLV vaccine will produce an immunity good for life. Adult cats do NOT need this vaccine.

## Feline Calicivirus/ Herpesvirus Vaccine.

Responsible for 80-90% of infectious feline upper respiratory tract diseases. The currently available injectable vaccines will minimize the severity of upper respiratory infections, although none will prevent disease in all situations. Intranasal vaccines are more effective at preventing the disease entirely. Don't worry about normal sneezing for a couple of days.

Because intranasal vaccines produce an immunity of shorter durations, annual vaccination is recommended.

#### VACCINES NOT RECOMMENDED

Chlamydia or pneumonitis.

The vaccine produces on a short (2 month) duration of immunity and accounts for less than 5% of upper respiratory infections in cats. The risks outweigh the benefits.

Feline Infectious Peritonitis.

A controversial vaccine. Most kittens that contract FIP become infected during the first 3 months of life. The vaccine is labeled for use at 16 weeks. All 27 vet schools do not recommend the vaccine.

Bordetella

A new vaccine for feline bordetella has been introduced. Dr. Wolfe of Texas A&M says that bordetella is a normal flora and does not cause disease in adult cats. Dr. Lappin of Colorado State says that a review of the Colorado State medical records reveals not one case diagnosed in 10 years.

#### NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Giardia is the most common intestinal parasite of humans in North America, 30% or more of all dogs & cats are infected with giardia. It has now been demonstrated that humans can transmit giardia to dogs & cats & vice versa.

Heartworm preventative must be given year-round in Houston. [Editor's Note: Heartworm preventative is not required year-round in Colorado.]

#### VACCINES BADLY NEEDED

New vaccines in development include:

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus and cat scratch fever vaccine for cats and Ehrlichia [one of the other tick diseases, much worse than Lymes] for dogs.

#### THE VIEW FROM THE TRENCHES; BUSINESS ASPECTS

Most vets recommend annual boosters and most kennel operators require them. For years the pricing structure of vets has misled clients into thinking that the inherent value of an annual office visit was in the "shots" they failed to emphasize the importance of a physical exam for early detection of treatable diseases. It is my hope that you will continue to require rabies & Kennel cough and emphasize the importance of a recent vet exam. I also hope you will accept the new protocols and honor these pets as currently vaccinated. Those in the boarding business who will honor the new vaccine protocols can gain new customers who

were turned away from vet owned boarding facilities reluctant to change.

#### CONCLUSION

Dogs & cats no longer need to be vaccinated against distemper, parvo, & feline leukemia every year. Once the initial series of puppy or kitten vaccinations and first annual vaccinations are completed, immunity from MLV vaccines persists for life. It has been shown that cats over 1 year of age are immune to Feline Leukemia whether they have been vaccinated or not. Imagine the money you will save, not to mention less risks from side effects. PCR rabies vaccine, because it is not adjuvanted, will mean less risk of mediated hemolytic

anemia and allergic reactions are reduced by less frequent use of vaccines as well as by avoiding unnecessary vaccines such as K-9 Corona virus and chlamydia for cats, as well as ineffective vaccines such as Leptospirosis and FIP. Intranasal vaccine for Rhinotracheitis and Calici virus, two upper respiratory viruses of cats provide more complete protection than injectable vaccines with less risk of serious reactions.

The AAHA and all 27 veterinary schools of North America are our biggest endorsement for these new protocols.

Dr. Bob Rogers

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## BMDCR Membership Column: September/October 2008 - Stacy Temples -

Please welcome our new voting members whose membership was approved at the July meeting.

New Voting Members:

Alice Gordon  
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Sustaining Members Applicants:

Vicky Hall  
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Vicky is a former club member who has been involved with the breed and with club activities for over 15 years. She has a new puppy, Nashem's Sweet Talkin Man, (Omar), (M, 5/29/08) from Sara Karl and also Pioneer's Wylie v Krugerrand RA CD TD NDD (M, 9/21/01) from Ruth Reynold's. Her sponsors are Dottie Schulte and Elaine Witulski. She has been a draft secretary twice for the club. She has trained and shown her dogs in obedience, tracking, agility, drafting for over ten years and she does therapy work too. She has not been a breeder, and is interested in health issues and conformation. Vicky a national club member and a member of GSLDTC and INWBMDC.

Lori Salo  
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Lori is a new person on the local show scene. She has Swiss Stars Sound Barrier who is co-owned with Linda Ryan, (M, 10/15/04) Yager has been shown 6 times so far and she is also training him in obedience. She always encourages interested people to be responsible owners and to research breeders. She has not bred before; all her previous dogs have been neutered. She is also interested in health issues and therapy work. She is sponsored by Dottie Schulte and Sara Karl.

New Voting Member applicant:

Helen Karl  
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Helen is Sara Karl's daughter and used to be a junior member of the club. She has CH Nashem's Tailwind Moondance, Vanna (F, 1/9/99). She wants to be more involved in club functions and is interested in health issues and therapy work. She is training Vanna in drafting right now and she also shows in conformation. She has not bred a litter before. Her sponsors are Laura Hauptenthal and Dottie Schulte. She has attended one meeting s





## BMDCRrrrr Welcomes You!

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies  
 Independent Specialty 2008  
 A Dog Show with Pirattitude

### SHOW SCHEDULE

September 5, 2008

Island Grove Park, Greeley, CO

#### RALLY OBEDIENCE

9 AM

Livestock Barn

Novice A	3
Novice B	4
Advanced A	1
Advanced B	1
Excellent B	1
TOTAL RALLY ENTRIES	9

#### OBEDIENCE TRIAL

10:30 AM

4-H Building

Novice A	3
Novice B	4
Open A	2
Veteran Non-Regular	4
TOTAL OBEDIENCE	13

#### BREED CLASSES

#### EXHIBITION BUILDING

#### PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES

12 Noon

6-9 mos dog	3
12-18 mos dog	4
6-9 mos bitch	2
9-12 mos bitch	3
12-18 mos bitch	5
TOTAL PUPPY SWEEPS	17

#### VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

12:40 PM

7-9 year dog	5
9-11 year dog	1
> 11 yr dog	1
7-9 year bitch	2
9-11 yr bitch	5
> 11 yr bitch	3

TOTAL VETERAN SWEEPS 17

#### JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

2 PM

Novice Junior	1
Open Junior	1

#### SPECIALTY BREED CLASSES

2:15 PM

6-9 mos dog	3
12-18 mos dog	4
Bred by Exhibitor dog	3
Open dog	8
Winners Dog	
TOTAL DOG	18

6-9 mos bitch	3
9-12 mos bitch	2
12-18 mos bitch	5
Bred by Exhibitor bitch	7
Open bitch	8
Winners Bitch	
TOTAL BITCH	25

Veteran Dog 7-9 yrs	5
Veteran Dog 9-11 yrs	1
Veteran Dog > 11 yrs	1
Veteran Bitch 7-9 yrs	2
Veteran Bitch 9-11 yrs	4
Veteran Bitch > 11 yrs	2

Best of Breed Competition (13 D, 8 B)

Stud dog	4
Brood bitch	2

Reception following the show .  
 Email [dotties911@aol.com](mailto:dotties911@aol.com) for  
 information.

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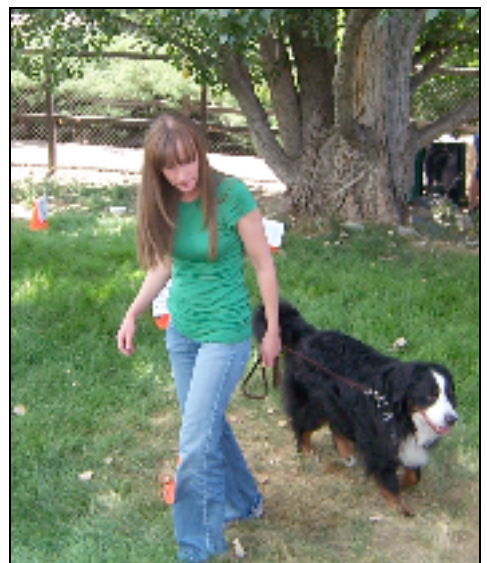
### Join Us For The Adventure!

Well here we go again! The BMDCR is hosting the BMDCA National Specialty in 2013. Now you may think that is very far in the future but it really isn't.

The first thing we need to do is form a show committee which consists of Show Chair, Trophy Chair Hospitality Chair Ways and Means Grounds, etc. If you are interested in becoming involved in this exciting endeavor please contact Sara Karl, [karl3106@comcast.net](mailto:karl3106@comcast.net). I promise it will be fun, hard work, but really fun.

#### Meeting Program: Rally 101

Club members benefited from the expertise of Pam and Nadja during an informative presentation of getting started in Rally Obedience.



New member Kristin Wolfe uses loaner dog Henry for practice.

## SHOW REPORT by Valerie Horney

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### Roaring Fork Kennel Club

July 12 & 13, 2008

WD Milagro's Musica De La Noche "Bergen", owned by Bob & Lou Tucker and Ann Daily

RWD Swiss Stars Wound Barrier, owned by Linda Ryan

WB/BW Sapphire's Fire N Ice owned by Sharon Montville & Carol Arbuthnot

RWB Alderfer Daisyfields a Bloomin, owned by Catherine Davis

BB CH Lorien Dell's Sword Elendel "Narsil" owned by Joe & Kim Giannone & Lynn Wood

#### GROUP 1

OS CH Prairifire's Sofarsogood, owned by Sharon Johnson

WD Swiss Stars Wound BArrier, owned by Linda Ryan

RWD B-Haven's Sherpa's Mountain Endeavor, Owned by Jill Byers

WB/BW Sapphire's Fire N Ice owned by Sharon Montville & Carol Arbuthnot

RWB Alderfer Daisyfields a Bloomin, owned by Catherine Davis

BB CH Lorien Dell's Sword Elendel "Narsil" owned by Joe & Kim Giannone & Lynn Wood

#### GROUP 4

OS CH Prairifire's Sofarsogood, owned by Sharon Johnson

### Greeley Kennel Club

August 16 & 17, 2008

WD Springs Woodland Moose RN, owned by Nancy Fuselier

RWD Wagontale's Sing Me a Miracle RN CD "Smokey", owned by Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples

WB/BW Nashems Good Day Sunshine "Sunny", owned by Sara Karl & Carol Arbuthnot

#### NEW CHAMPION

RWB Sapphire's Fire N Ice owned by Sharon Montville & Carol Arbuthnot

OS CH Lorien Dell Haribo Gummi Baer, owned by Lynn & George Wood, Brigit & Mark Peiffer

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

#### GROUP 2

WD Wagontale's Sing Me a Miracle RN CD "Smokey", owned by Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples

RWD Blumoon's Jade to Order "Jordy", owned by Meris Lerner and Christine Mann

WB/BW Blumoon's MECO Ascent "MECO", owned by Christine & Michael Mann

RWB Sandpiper Aneka of Wagontale "Annie", owned by Stacy Temples, Howard Ramsdell, Marne Tutt

OS CH Lorien Dell Haribo Gummi Baer, owned by Lynn & George Wood, Brigit & Mark Peiffer

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

#### GROUP 2

## BMDCR FALL DRAFT TEST

Saturday September 27, 2008

Fox Run Regional Park

Black Forest, Colorado

Judges:

Nancy Fuselier and

Mary Dowski

Draft test secretary:

Dottie Schulte

(dotties911@aol.com for premium list  
and additional information)



## Meet the Candidates

In the spirit of the 2008 national elections and the Denver host of the DNC, we will have an hour after the club meeting with snacks to fraternize with the 2008 candidates for BMDCR Board. Bring your questions, your concerns and your sense of humor. . .

## Candidates

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### President

#### Pam Solomon

My name is Pam Solomon. I became a BMDCR member when I got my first Bernese in Spring 2001. Currently, I am serving as a Director for the BMDCR Board and as the Rally Chairperson for the BMDCR Specialty in September. I have also been a member of the BMDCA for 5 years.

I have owned 4 Bernese over the last 8 years and currently own two. The dogs and I participate in Conformation, Obedience, Drafting and Rally Obedience. Legend, our 5 year old Bernese, has 8 obedience titles including CD, RE, DD and BNDD. Smokey, who was 1 yrs old the end of March, already has his RN and CD titles and is doing well in Conformation. As many of you know, my husband, Barry, has become active in Drafting, and we have both been active in club sponsored Draft practices.

I feel that I owe much to the club, having learned Conformation, Draft and Rally through working days the club has sponsored. The BMDCR has been a great source of information and support over the years. I would be honored to serve the club as President.

### Treasurer

#### Sara Karl

Hello my name is Sara Karl, I have been the treasurer for the BMDCA since the beginning of 2003. I am running for this office yet again, why you say? Because it is easier to do

the job than it is to train somebody else to do it. So, thanks for your vote.

### Board Members

#### Ann Rutherford

I've been a member of the BMDCR for about 7 years. My husband Bob and I owned berners for 8 years. I worked at the Dumb Friends League for 17 years in adoptions as a counselor and in customer service answering question about the league. I am currently on the board and have been for 2 yrs. I also chair the rescue program for the BMDCR. Thanks for the nomination. I will do my best to help the club. Ann Rutherford

#### Jeanne Stanwood

I live in Castle Rock with 2 Berners, a Samoyed, a Cardigan Corgi, some sheep, 2 llamas and my husband, Rip. Over the years, I have been busy with our dogs participating in draft, conformation, obedience, rally, agility and therapy. I have had a great time with my dog gang and feel they still have a lot to teach me. Berner health problems, rescue, public education and increased popularity are all issues that will continue to challenge the club. I would like to challenge all club members to participate in a BMDCR activity that is new to them. Making friendships with the wonderful BMD community has been a great joy. I feel honored to be asked to run for board membership.

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like to have more homes available. Ann reported that there is a 1 yr. old M. (not chipped) at the Table Mountain Animal Shelter.

New Business :

Nominating Committee -

The Committee is Valerie Horney, Chris Mann, Phil Shaffer, Marcia Eckhardt & Kim Giononni alternates. Ann Rutherford & Sara Karl have opted to remain in their present positions. There is an opening for President and 1 board member.

Working Dog Club -

The Working Dog Club /Denver Area is having a show on Thursday before the Denver shows to include Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes. Jean Pero is show chair. The question was raised if we want to sponsor/donate trophies Differed to Sept. meeting. Dottie will get more information on cost for trophies etc. Rally and Obedience will also be offered by Peak to Peak Working Dog Association.

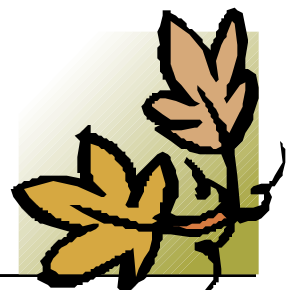
A schedule of Draft Practice Sessions was set up before the upcoming draft test. Aug. 3, Bible Park - Denver, Aug. 10, Fox Run (draft test site) Aug. 24 - Bob & Lou, Littleton. Aug. 31, Fox Run, Sept. 14, Denver Area TBD, Sept. 21, Fox Run. All levels of drafting are welcome.

2013 Specialty - A motion was made by Dottie Schulte for the BMDCR to host the 2013 National Specialty. Sara Karl second. Vote - 14 yes, 1 abstain, motion carried. The other clubs in our region will be asked to participate. Sara Karl has volunteered to be the contact person for questions.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

A Rally Program and Demonstration followed the meeting presented by club members Pam Solomon and Nadja Torling. Thank you ladies !

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lou Tucker in the absence of Sharon Keefer.



# Meeting Minutes - July 27, 2008

## Board Meeting Minutes

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At Laura & Al's

1. 7 present
2. Meeting called to order at 11:40 am

Approval of Minutes:

1. Sara moves, Ann approves

Treasurer's Report:

2. Checking: \$15,226.75
3. Savings: \$6,126.39
4. Rescue: \$524.25
5. Fall Draft Test - Draft fees and site have been paid

UNFINISHED Business

Committee Reports - Rescue

1. Phil took care of Rescue while Ann was out of town. Ann hasn't heard of any issues while she was gone. Mary Rodgers had someone with a dog that Phil was to call.
2. Rescue Forms - one form has been finished and was in the last newsletter.
3. Ann & Sara to meet to work on other forms

Website Committee - Not Present

1. Ann should get rescue forms directly instead of going through Phil.
2. Stacy should receive membership forms.
3. Val to get names of members who volunteered to help with the web committee to Phil.
4. Board members - look at BMDCA Specialty site & Kentuckiana Club web site. Tell Val your likes and dislikes.

Nominating -

1. Committee is made up of:
  - o Valerie Horney
  - o Chris Mann
  - o Phil Shaffer
  - o Marcia Eckhardt
  - o Kim Giannone
2. Approval of Committee:
  - o Sara moves
  - o Laura seconds
  - o Val abstains
3. Board Positions Needed:
  - o President
  - o Two Directors

2013 Specialty:

1. BMDCR to host National Specialty in 2013
2. Pikes Peak has agreed to help with either Obedience or Rally
3. The BMDCR will receive a direction book from the BMDCA.
4. Need advertisement to go in September newsletter for volunteers and show committee.

NEW Business

AKC Handouts for Specialty.

1. The AKC has asked that we handout free material at our Specialty for their "Responsible Dog Ownership" program. In

- exchange they will list the BMDCR on the AKC web site.
2. Pam has contacted the AKC.

Working Dog Club - All Breed Show the Thursday before the Denver Shows in February

1. Club has asked that the BMDCR sponsor trophies.
2. Will discuss with Dottie at General Meeting.

Draft Practices for the upcoming Draft test

1. Sara will send out a practice schedule.
2. Practices will be held at 7:30am on Sunday
3. They will be at different locations in Denver & Colorado Springs.

Berner Noel

1. Will be at Laura and Al's
2. Sunday, December 14th from 11am -3pm

Future Board Meetings

1. Time has been changed to 12pm.

Meeting adjourned at 12:43pm

## General Meeting Minutes

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The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 1:10 p.m. at the home of Laura & Al. A quorum was present.

Approval of minutes : Lou Tucker moved to approve the minutes of the May minutes as published in the newsletter, Jean Stanwood second, motion carried.

President : No Report

Treasurer's Report : see Board minutes

New Members : Alice Gordon was unanimously voted in as a new voting member. Welcome

Old Business :

Rescue Forms - Ann Rutherford reported that she and Sara are currently working on the new forms.

Website Update - Phil asked if someone could update photo's. Cindy Still volunteered to be photo editor and she suggested that we could perhaps have a photo contest for a new header. Photos are also needed of events to be posted on the website. Phil asked to be specific when reporting links to be updated, as he needs to delete the old links and add new. Any misinformation noted can be reported to Phil.

Committee Reports :

Specialty - Dottie reported that the premium list is mailed and will also be available on line. Elaine is in charge of the raffle and could use help in setting up Thursday evening. A reservation form is in the premium list for the reception to follow BOB judging.

Draft Test - Lou Tucker has volunteered to be Draft Chair, Dottie Schulte, secretary. The premium list is out. Stewards are needed for the test.

Rescue - Foster home applications were included in the last newsletter and Ann has received a few applications but would Continued on page 6.

## In Memoriam

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### *Kesha Andrews - El Dorado's Kesha of the Bighorns, CGC*

We euthanized our 9 ? year old girl Kesha on July 29, 2008 after a short struggle with hystiocytosis. We adopted Kesha at age 3 as a rescue dog and she quickly became the driver of activities in our household due to her zest for life. She loved agility, wading in ponds and streams, and greeting every critter she met. She was also a demanding snuggle girl and a terrible food thief. Kesha and our Berner boy Tag were inseparable and went everywhere together. She only outlived him by four months. We like to think they are together somewhere chasing bunnies. Losing them both has been hard but we would not have missed the great experience of being owned by them.



John and MaryAnn Andrews

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## 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.