



# Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

**Next BMDCR Meeting**  
**Sunday, September 20**  
**Exposition Park**  
**10955 E. Exposition Ave,**  
**Aurora CO**

Board Meeting 12 Noon  
General Meeting 1 PM

Draft Practice 9 AM  
Meet The Breed (following the practice)  
as part of AKC Responsible Dog  
Ownership Day.

**How Many Will Lose Their Lives to Histiocytosis?**  
1, 2, 3 or more...It's Already Happening



## **New Histiocytosis Therapeutics Action Task Force Needs 150 Berners!**

*By Cathi Dovico, Diana Gerba, Chris House, Tom House, Fred Helmbold, Pat Helmbold, Steve Dudley, Ruth Rudesill, and Kathi Meier, Members of the Histiocytosis Therapeutics Action Task Force*

The word "Histiocytosis" strikes fear into the very core of Berner owners. We hope never to hear that dreaded diagnosis. Unfortunately, the occurrence of Malignant Histiocytosis (MH) seems to be growing and there are increasing instances where MH has claimed as many as 80% of the puppies in a litter. It is a rare Berner owner who hasn't lost a beloved friend to this insidious cancer or who doesn't know someone who has.

The Histiocytosis Therapeutics Action Task Force is focused on early detection and finding treatments for MH. We are calling on you to help. If you have a Berner that has been diagnosed with or died from MH in the past five years, and your dog meets the study admission criteria described below, we ask you to participate in this new study.

### **History of the Histiocytosis Therapeutics Action Task Force**

The Bernese Mountain Dog Histiocytosis Therapeutics Action Group was formed in 2008 following the loss of Cathi Dovico's Dakota to MH. We started as a small informal group of friends, all of whom had lost one or more Berners to MH. While applauding the current genetic research being done, we saw there was a more immediate gap that needed to be filled. We decided it was time to be pro active.

Our Mission: To stimulate research aimed at finding early detection indicators, finding potentially viable therapeutics and obtaining information on possible environmental, nutritional or daily regimen causes/preventives. Our first task is to survey Berner owners, collecting details of their MH experiences for evaluation by veterinary researchers.

To create a meaningful tool, we solicited and received advice and suggestions from international researchers and veterinarians: Dr. Lise Nielsen, DVM, Benoit Hedan, DVM, Cheryl London, DVM, Nancy Rinkardt, DVM, and others. Dr. Steve Dow DVM has been particularly supportive in introducing us to Audrey Ruple, DVM, a Biostatistician/Epidemiologist at Colorado State University. Audrey has volunteered to design the survey, coordinate data collection and analysis and write up significant findings for possible publication

# Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies

## Officers

President Pam Solomon  
Vice President Ron Abbott  
Treasurer Sara Karl  
Secretary Sharon Keefer

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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 11:30 AM & the General Meetings start at 1 PM.

in the scientific literature.

At the annual in person BMDCA Board meeting in Portland, we presented an in depth proposal and were named the official Histiocytosis Therapeutics Action Task Force to work in conjunction with the BMDCA Health Committee. Deb Jones, BMDCA Health Committee Chair, agreed to be our liaison to the board.

## The Histiocytosis Environmental Study

The development of Malignant Histiocytosis has been shown to have a genetic component, but not all dogs with this genetic predisposition go on to develop MH in their lifetime. There is the possibility of an environmental or other trigger involved. By doing a control study, we hope to shed light on and foster more research in this area. To accomplish this we will administer an online, broad ranging survey/study to owners of Berners with MH and a related control group.

## Dissemination of Study Findings

Audrey Ruple, DVM will publish the findings from the survey in the scientific literature. It is our hope that the identification of these factors will lead to further investigations and research into the interaction between the genetic predisposition for MH and environmental exposure. If definitive conclusions can be made about this interaction it could lead to better understanding of both the disease progression and disease prevention strategies for Berner owners.

## Enrollment Information

The study design requires a minimum of 50 disease cases and 100 unaffected control cases. The enlisting of the control study participants will involve the cooperation and assistance of Berner Garde and the Berner community. The more dogs we can enroll in study, the more powerful the analysis.

To enroll, your Bernese Mountain Dog must meet the following criteria:

- o diagnosed with MH within the last five years
- o one or more littermates are either still alive or have died from causes other than MH.

If your Bernese Mountain Dog meets the study criteria, please contact one of the Task Force members listed below. Please note, when calling by telephone that the contacts live in the Pacific Standard Time zone. When your dog is enrolled, you will be directed to the online survey.

Cathi Dovico, [cdovico@yahoo.com](mailto:cdovico@yahoo.com) or 650 324 1381

Diana Gerba, [dgerba@mac.com](mailto:dgerba@mac.com) or 650 234 1156

Ruth Rudesill, [ruthier@sonic.net](mailto:ruthier@sonic.net) or 707 833 6026



**September 4, 2009**

**Island Grove Park • Greeley, Colorado**

- 9:00 AM Rally classes (19 entries)  
10:30 AM Obedience classes (11 entries)  
12:00 Noon Junior Showmanship (3 entries)  
12:30 PM Puppy Sweepstakes (26 entries)  
1:45 PM Veterans Sweepstakes (12 entries)  
2:30 PM Breed Classes (15 31 10 4)  
Brood Bitch following Breed  
(2 entries)

OktoBERNfest celebration following Best of Breed at the Berner Biergarten (Bunkhouse at Island Grove)  
BE SURE to make your reservations  
(lrhughes@worldnet.att.net) by August 31.

**Bernese Mountain Dog Club  
of the Rockies**



**Fall Back-to-Back Draft Tests**

# **Got Draft Dogs?**



**Bring 'em to the Fall Draft Tests in  
Salt Lake City, UT**

**Saturday & Sunday—October 3 & 4 in Germania Park  
located in the center of the Salt Lake Valley**

**Judges: Steve Dudley & Jim Maxwell**

**Entries close: September 23, 2009 6:00 PM**

**For more information contact:**

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**Stephanie Biksacky**

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## SHOW NEWS by Lou Tucker

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### **Greeley Kennel Club 8/15/09**

**WD** Brisago A Bright Night at Wagontale  
Owners Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

**RWD** Kinvarra's Dancemaster  
Owners Pat & Neal Hughes

**WB/BW** Lorien Dell's Charmed (Piper)  
Owners Pat Medvick & Lynn Wood

#### **NEW CHAMPION**

**RWB** Prairefire's Worth My Weight in Gold  
Owners Christine Lancaster & Sharon Johnson

**BB/Group 3** CH Nashem's He's The Man of Woodmore  
Owners Sara & Randy Karl & Dottie Schulte

**Novice B Obedience - score 188**  
CH Nashems He's The Man of Woodmore (Angus)

**Rally Novice B - 3rd leg, score 95**  
Nashem's Love the One Your With (Crosby)  
Owners Dottie Schulte & Sara Karl

#### **NEW RALLY NOVICE TITLE**

**Rally Novice A - 1st leg, score 86**  
Dashing to the Rescue (Dash)  
Owners Alice Gordon & Steven Clark

**Rally Advanced B - 3rd leg, score 99**  
Digby's Keep on The Sunnyside RN (Sadie)  
Owner Kristin Price  
**NEW RALLY ADVANCED TITLE** (with 3 first placements!)

**Rally Advanced B - 2nd leg, score 85**  
CH Wagontale's Sing Me A Miracle RN NDD CD (Smokey)  
Owners Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples

**Rally Advanced Excellent - 8th leg, scores 90 & 91**  
CH Wagontale's Lady of the Lake (Legend)  
Owners Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples

### **Greeley Kennel Club 8/16/09**

**WD** Nashem's Love the One Your With (Crosby)  
Owners Dottie Schulte & Sara Karl

**RWD** Prairefire's Wild West Show from Sundance  
Owners Michele Connolly & S. Johnson

**WB/BW/OS** Prairefire's Worth My Weight In Gold  
Owners Christine Lancaster & S. Johnson

**BB/G1** CH He's The Man of Woodmore (Angus)  
Owners Sara & Randy Karl & D. Schulte

**Rally Novice B - 2nd leg, score 96**  
Dashing to The Rescue (Dash)  
Owners Alice Gordon & Steven Clark

**Rally Advanced B - 3rd leg, score 94**  
CH Wagontale's Sing Me A Miracle (Smokey)  
Owners Stacy Temples & Pam & Barry Solomon

#### **NEW TITLE**

### **Rally Excellent A - 1st leg, score 100, 1st place**

Digby's Keep On The Sunnyside RN (Sadie)  
Owner Kristin Price

### **Rally Advanced Excellent - 9th leg, scores 97 & 97**

CH Wagontale's Lady of The Lake (Legend)  
Owners Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples

### **Bismark Kennel Club 7/30/09 - 8/02/09**

#### **BB/G4**

CH He's The Man of Woodmoor (Angus)  
Owner Sara Karl

#### **BB/BB/BB**

### **Twin Peaks Dog Training Club 7/17/09**

#### **UKC Rally Novice leg**

Rescue ME Baby RN (Jessie)  
Owner Patty Wellinger

#### **NEW TITLE URO**

### **Roaring Fork Kennel Club 7/11/09**

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

**WB** Alderfer Daisyfield's A'Blooming (Daisy)  
Owner Cathy Davis

**RWB** Funatic True Blue Moon (True)  
Owner Christine Mann & Tuuli Yrjonen

**BB/G1** CH He's The Man Of Woomoor  
Owner Sara Karl

#### **BEST IN SHOW**

### **Junior Showmanship Novice Intermediate - 4th Place**

Lena Marquardt & Summit's I'm A Believer V Joyful Cassie)  
Owners Louise Tucker & L. Marquardt

### **Rally Advanced - score 100, 1st Place**

Digby's Keep on the Sunnyside  
Owner Kristin Price

### **Roaring Fork Kennel Club 7/12/09**

**RWD** Blumoon's Jade To Order  
Owners Meris Lerner & Christine Mann

**WB** Davieau's Black Forest Star  
Owner Patti Morgan Davieau

**BB/Group 2** CH He's the Man of Woodmoor (Angus)  
Owner Sara Karl

### **Juniorshowmanship/Novice Intermediate - 4th Place**

Lena Marquardt & Summit's I'm A Believer V Joyful  
Owners Louise Tucker and Lena Marquardt

### **Rally Advanced - score 98, 1st Place**

Digby's Keep on the Sunnyside  
Owner Kristin Price

**Nebraska Kennel Club 7/11/09**

**RWD** Prairefire's Strkhand Country Boy

Owners Joan Carter & Sharon Johnson

**WB/BW** Summit's Drops of Jupiter V Joyful (Juno)

Owners Sharon Keefer & Sandy Dunaway

**Nebraska Kennel Club 7/12/09**

**RWB** Summit's Drops of Jupiter V Joyful (Juno)

Owners Sharon Keefer & Sandy Dunaway

**OS** CH Summit's Starry Starry Knight

Owners Sandy Dunaway & Sharon Keefer

**Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club 6/27/09**

**WD** Nashem's Love The One Your With (Crosby)

Owners Dottie Schulte & Sara Karl

**RWD** Prairefire's Wild West Show From Sundance

Owners Michelle Connolly & S.Johnson

**WB/BW/OS** LorienDell's Charmed (Piper)

Owners Pat Medvick & Lynn Wood

**BB/G1** CH He's The Man of Woodmoor (Angus)

Owner Sara Karl

**BEST IN SHOW**

**Junior Show/ Novice Junior - 4th Place**

Lena Marquardt & CH Tiptop's Night Musik CD RN

Owners Dottie Schulte & L. Marquardt

**Rally Novice A - 3rd leg, score 74**

Wagontale's Kween of Hearts (Ruby)

Owners Vicki & Chuck Chesser

**NEW RALLY NOVICE TITLE**

**Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club 6/28/09**

**WD** Prairefire's Wild West Show From Sundance

Owners Michelle Connolly & S. Johnson

**RWD** Blumoon's Jade to Order (Jordy)

Owners Meris Lerner & Christine Mann

**WB/BW** LorienDell's Charmed (Charm)

Owners Pat Medvick & Lynn Wood

**BB/G2** CH LorienDell's Sword of Elendil

Owners Kim & Joe Gionnone

**Junior Show/Novice Junior 3rd Place**

Lena Marquardt & CH Tiptop's Night Musik CD RN

**Rally Advanced B - 1st leg Score 82**

CH Wagontale's Sing Me A Miracle RN NDD CD (Smokey)

Owners Stacy Temples & Pam & Barry Solomon

**Rally Advanced Excellent - 7th leg, scores 88, 87**

CH Wagontale's Lady of the Lake (legend) RE DD BDD CD

Owners Pam & Barry Solomon & Stacy Temples

**Canine Good Citizens**

**Blue Springs & Katydid Dog Training Center 4/22/09**

Ashflat Princess Gracie (Gracie) Owner Lori Kennedy

**Colorado Kennel Club B match 7/25/09**

Dashing to the Rescue (Dash)

Owner Alice Gordon and Steve Clark

Kennedy's Murrey (Murrey)

Owner Lori Kennedy

Wagontale's Ultimate Catch (Fisher)

Owners Nadja Torling, Ryan Johnson & Stacy Temples



Dash, Murrey and Fisher earning their Canine Good Citizenships. A nice group effort!

**Come Join the K9K Walk to Cure Canine Cancer  
Benefiting the Morris Animal Foundation's Canine Cancer Campaign**

**September 19, 2009**

**8 AM – Noon**

**Stanley Park, Estes Park Colorado**

**Lake Estes Trail**

Registration at 8 AM, Walk starts at 9 AM, Educational seminars, Prize Drawings, Vendors

Enjoy a morning of education and fun with your dog to benefit cancer research. Advance Registration \$25, \$10 child. Walk day registration \$30. Since cancer is the leading cause of death in our breed it would be GREAT to have a showing of BMDs at this event. Contact Dottie Schulte (dotties911@aol.com) if you want to join in with our support. You can register at: [www.caninek.org/EstesPark/Forms/EstesPark\\_RegForm.pdf](http://www.caninek.org/EstesPark/Forms/EstesPark_RegForm.pdf). For more information visit [www.CanineK.org/EstesPark](http://www.CanineK.org/EstesPark).



## Elections

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The nominating committee has submitted the following candidates for board positions. Elections will be held at the November BMDCR general membership meeting.

**Vice President:** Mary Ellen Guy  
**Secretary:** Alice Gordon  
**Board Members:** Laura Haupenthal  
Helen Karl  
Lori Kennedy

Nominations can also be taken from interested parties prior to the general meeting and at the general meeting. Please contact a member of the nominating committee if interested (Dottie Schulte, [dotties911@aol.com](mailto:dotties911@aol.com) or Sara Karl, [Karl3106@comcast.net](mailto:Karl3106@comcast.net))

### **Mary Ellen Guy**

Vice President Candidate

I moved to Denver from the Southeast last summer. I have over 30 years' experience in specialty and all breed dog clubs. In AKC all breed, breed, and obedience clubs I have held the following offices: President, Vice Pres., Secretary, Treasurer, Show Chair, Newsletter Editor, Obedience Trainer, Chief Ring Steward. I chaired the 2007 BMDCA National Specialty in Louisville and I have served on the Board of BMDCA.

### **Alice Gordon**

Secretary Candidate

Hello, I'm Alice Gordon and have been a member of the BMDCR for a year and a half. I got my first Berner in January of 2007 and added a rescue boy in July of 2008. When we first brought our puppy home, I never thought I would be involved with a breed club (I barely knew what it was at the time). I never thought I'd be involved with competition events and doing therapy work with my dog and certainly never dreamed I'd be running for Secretary! But bit by bit I've been pulled into participation and I'm loving it! (Thank you Dottie for "volunteering" me for so many things!) I'm running for Secretary now as I think it's a good place to contribute my skills, and because someone "volunteered" me again!!

### **Dr. Laura Haupenthal**

Board Member Candidate

I have been a BMDCR Board member for the past four years and have enjoyed seeing how the club works from the "inside out," so to speak. I have been a member of the BMDCR since 1990 and have been a proud human companion to five different Berners. Most of them have been therapy dogs as well as show dogs. Professionally, I am in private practice as a Clinical Psychologist and am frequently accompanied by one of our Berners ("Kismet," 8 y/o, or "Dylan," 5 y/o). Our home has often served as the site location for BMDCR meetings and for Berner Noel. Being a Board member has been an interesting experience and I would be glad to continue serving in that capacity if the membership would like to return me to that position.

### **Helen Karl**

Board Member Candidate

I have spent my whole life around Bernese, my mom Sara Karl got her first Berner the year before I was born. I compete in confirmation and draft and am preparing to compete in obedience with my girl Roxy. Currently I am in the process of applying to vet school. I love this breed and everything they have to offer and look forward to being more involved in the club.

### **Lori Kennedy**

Board Member Candidate

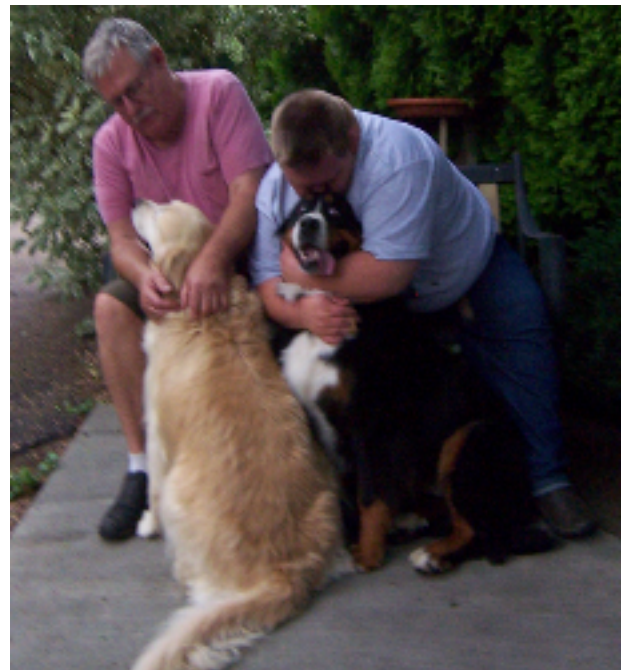
In my professional life, I am the Community Bank President for Wells Fargo's Denver Skyline Market. I lead a team of three district managers and oversee nearly 450 financial services professionals at thirty stores who work with individuals to satisfy all of their financial needs and help them succeed financially.

I have been actively involved in the community and am on the board of Adams County Economic Development, Adams County Education Consortium, and Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Denver. I am a member of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America and the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies.

I am married to Don Kennedy. Don owns and operates Two Men with Big Hearts Moving and Storage in Denver. We have three dogs, two three year old Bernese Mountain Dogs Murrey and Graci. Graci is a BARC rescue. Along with Murrey I compete in Novice Draft, Obedience and we are just starting in Rally. I hope to compete someday with Graci in agility. We also have a cattle dog mix Mikah who Don rescued six years ago running around in a busy roadway. In addition to the dogs we have a calico cat named Callie.



Mr. Bigg "scored" over three years ago when he was adopted by Phil and Betty Shaffer. "Bigg" enjoys the good life with a home in the mountains above Golden and a condo in downtown Denver. He enjoys frequent visits to a local coffee shop where "everyone knows your name" and lots of belly rubs from his people. Despite some hip surgeries and "rear end issues" he enjoys his walkies. In the past year the Shaffer's added rescue dog Eddie to their family and Bigg has been working hard on training the new kid. Hopefully we will see him at future BMDCR functions. We thank Phil and Betty for their commitment to rescue rehabilitation.



Rescue dog Rosie was adopted in July by Clyde, Sally and Gabe Lane in Greeley. In one month she has totally settled in. Has learned to swim and loves spending time on their pontoon boat. We hear she is the perfect fishing dog. Unlike her Golden Retriever sibling Rake, she is very quiet and would never jump in the water (unless asked!) to harass the fish.



Rubye was adopted at age 4 months by Sandy, Jim, Corey and Molly Ramlet. She was our youngest rescue and our charge was to find the perfect home for her. . .and we did. Rubye is right at home with the Ramlet's. . .Maybelle, a past rescue dog, is teaching her the rules of the family. Corey and Molly are successfully learning the tricks to training a puppy. And all is going great. A match made in heaven.

## Senior Moments

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### **Pansy Weinheimer**

Born 9/4/1999

Pansy, my Alpine mountain flower. My first Bernese Mountain Dog. My best friend. My hiking buddy. My cross country ski partner. My camping boo bear.

I cannot say enough about my girl. The gentle bear that has enriched my life and taught me to be the perfect owner. She is kind and gentle with all critters and humans. Everyone LOVES Pansy. It is hard to believe it has been 10 years of friendship. Seems like yesterday when Sandy Dunaway called to tell me Nati brought Pansy into the world.

Miss Pansy has been on some epic adventures and now that she moves a little slower, I know in my heart those memories still linger in her dreams. We still go camping and for short walks along the Eagle river in the evening with our 2 year old Berner, Willow.

I am so thankful to have experienced the wonder of such a loving and loyal relationship with my beautiful Bernese Mountain Dog. Pansy is definitely a once in a lifetime companion dog.

Darlene Weinheimer  
Gypsum, Colorado



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### **BMDCR Membership Column: September/October 2009 - Stacy Temples -**

We have two Sustaining member applicants, both from Steamboat Springs.

Elisabeth Dennehey  
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Elisabeth has two dogs from Darcy Babb. Mountainair's Lima Bean, (M, 7/25/08) and Mountainair's Cardinal Virtue, (F, 4/9/01). She is interested in carting and conformation and health issues and obedience. She would like to become more involved with the breed and to learn more about different activities. She is willing to volunteer her time. She has recently started training in conformation and has trained the entire life of her older dog in

obedience. Not a member of any other dog clubs nor ever bred a litter. She is sponsored by her dogs' breeder Darcy Babb and Dottie Schulte.

Barbara Clark  
PO Box 774512  
Steamboat Springs, CO, 80477  
Ph. (970) 871 9080.  
E: clarkbarsu@aol.com

Barb was a club member before and she has two dogs from Stacy Temples. Wagontale's Canyon Vernors (NM, 6/20/03) and Sommerfeld Julia of Wagontale, (SF, 3/13/08). She is interested in health issues, agility, carting and rally obedience and she does therapy work with Vernors also. She has trained in the above areas for 6 years. She wants to get more invol

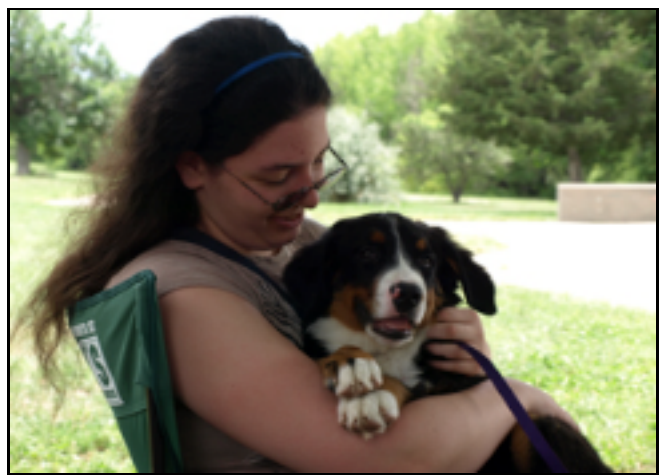
ved in the local club. She is also a member and treasurer of the Yampa Valley Canine Connection Club (YVCC) Her sponsors are Pam Solomon and Alice Gordon.



Peek-a-boo! Stellar playing with J.J.

## Bernerfiesta 2009

There was a great turnout for the July 19th Bernerfiesta at Cherry Creek Park. Long time club members, new members and potential BMD owners mingled and shared stories of our dogs. Lots of fun and food. Attendees practiced obedience and rally, went for walks and just hung out together visiting. Thanks to club president Pam Solomon for organizing the event and to first husband Barry for hauling all the picnic equipment in and grilling. Also to Lou Tucker who prepared the most wonderful brauts.



# Meeting Minutes July 26, 2009

## Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 12:18 pm on July 26, 2009 at the home of Drs. Al Beers and Laura Haupenthal in Greenwood Village.

**Present:** Board members Ron Abbott, Laura Haupenthal, Sara Karl, Sharon Keefer, Ann Rutherford, Pam Solomon, and Jeanne Stanwood. Also Helen Karl and Phil Shaffer.

**Approval of Minutes:** Sara moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting as published in the July/August 2009 newsletter. Ron seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**President's Report:** Pam reported that Berner Fiesta on July 19th was a fun success. About 30 people and 40 dogs attended. Cherry Creek State Park staff were very accommodating.

**Secretary's Report:** Sharon reported that the club received correspondence from Arapahoe Kennel Club announcing their match and health clinic on August 2, 2009; this information was posted when received on the BMDCR yahoo group. Arapahoe Kennel Club also asked if BMDCR would be interested in participating in their AKC Responsible Dog Ownership event, Bark in the Park, on September 20, 2009 at Expo Park in Aurora. After discussion, the Board decided to propose in the general membership meeting that BMDCR offer to give a drafting demonstration and/or meet the breed opportunity at this event on September 20th. The Board will also propose moving the September meetings from the 27th to the 20th and have them follow our participation in Bark in the Park and be held at that location.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sara reported positive balances in the club's checking, savings, and rescue accounts. She is finishing the 2009/2010 membership directory and sent email address lists to the Secretary and the Newsletter Editor. There are 81 total members, and all but 3 have email addresses. The directory will be emailed to those who have an email address and receive their newsletters by email, mailed by USPS to others. Sara has created a pre printed membership renewal form for next year; it is pre filled with members' contact information.

### Committee Reports:

**Rescue Committee:** Ann Rutherford and Phil Shaffer reported that they expect to receive another rescue dog on July 30th. Currently the Andrews are fostering another rescue dog with allergies, being treated at Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital. This dog is doing well with getting along with others and attended Berner Fiesta. Veterinary care so far has totaled \$200; approximately \$500 more is

needed to clear ear infections and manage allergies. Sharon moved to spend up to \$500 from the rescue fund for treatment of this dog; motion seconded by Ann. Motion passed.

**Website Committee:** The work agreement between BMDCR and Sharon Keefer and Sandy Dunaway to design the new website was accepted by the Website Committee and signed by President Pam Solomon. An account was established with the new hosting service. Phil Shaffer assisted in transferring the URL bmdcr.org to the hosting service and BMDCR ownership. Design work is progressing on schedule.

**Show Committee:** Regarding our hosting of the 2013 National Specialty 2013, Pam reported that the site selection committee has visited two possible sites. Show Chairman Dottie Schulte is working with both sites to get cost estimates, and coordinating a tour of the sites for Susan Henderson (BMDCA National Specialties Coordinator) who plans to be in Colorado during September.

### New Business:

**Fall Draft Test:** Trophy donations (\$20) are needed for the Fall Draft tests being hosted by the Utah members of the BMDCR on October 3rd and 4th in Murray, Utah at Germania Park. Donations may be sent to Dottie Schulte.

**Supporting Peak to Peak Working Dog Show in February:** Peak to Peak Working Dog Association has asked if we would like to have a supported entry and/or provide a sweepstakes judge for Bernese Mountain Dogs at their Denver show day in February. We can donate \$133 (due January 31, 2010) toward the cost of trophies or donate our own trophies. Sara moved to support the Bernese Mountain Dog entry with trophies (either by paying for them or providing them) including Obedience, and to support holding a sweepstakes with Holly Scott as judge. Sharon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Trophy Donations for 2010 National Specialty:** Pam has the contact information for those who wish to donate toward trophies.

**Draft Practices:** Drafting practice sessions will start again in mid August. Pam will post times and locations to the yahoo group list, the website and the newsletter. Barry Solomon will organize the sessions and include some weekday evenings. Barry is also looking into hosting a draft judging seminar.

**Adjournment:** The Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:06 pm.

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## General Meeting Minutes

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The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 1:15 pm on July 26, 2009 at the home of members Drs. Al Beers and Laura Haupenthal in Greenwood Village.

**Present:** 15 voting members (a quorum), 1 sustaining member, and 1 junior member.

**Approval of Minutes:** Lou Tucker moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting as published in the July/August 2009 newsletter. Mary Ellen Guy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**President's Report:** Pam thanked all who helped with Berner Fiesta last week. The event was a fun success and included lunch, obedience fun trial and a rally fun trial. Cherry Creek State Park staff were great. Some of our past rescue dogs attended as well as families interested in becoming new members. It was suggested that the club specifically invite all past rescue dogs and their families to future Berner Fiestas.

Drafting practice sessions will start again in mid August. Pam will post times and locations to the yahoo group list, the website and the newsletter. Barry Solomon will organize the sessions and include some weekday evenings. Barry is also looking into hosting a draft judging seminar.

**Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report, and Website Committee Report:** Repeated from Board Meeting. See Board Meeting Minutes.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Show Committee:** Dottie Schulte reported that she and Lou Tucker have switched to using a caterer for the food for the reception ("Berner Biergarten") at our Specialty show on September 4th. The menu will still be German food in keeping with the "Oktoberfest" theme. Sharon Keefer is working on decorations for the reception and a banner for the show area. She will need help putting up decorations in the Bunkhouse on Friday morning at the show. Also still needed are raffle and Ways and Means table helpers for that Friday, and Obedience stewards. The buildings will be open at 4pm on Thursday, 9/3, for show and grooming space set up. Donations for trophies can still be accepted, though they will not be printed in the catalog. All are reminded to submit their reception reservations (\$15), as well as their entries by August 19th.

Alice Gordon is preparing materials and equipment for the Berner Garde booth. She will need helpers for the table during Rally. There was some discussion about

including blood draws, but consensus was to wait to add that next year.

**Rescue Committee:** Nancy Fuselier placed Rosie, a 3 year old Berner and Dottie Schulte placed a 4 month old Berner puppy. Winfield is currently in foster care with Phil Shaffer and Mary Ann Andrews is helping with him.

### **New Business:**

**2013 National Specialty:** Dottie Schulte has been in contact with Heartland BMDC and Lone Star BMDC about their interests in the 2013 National Specialty to be hosted in our region. There were some questions and discussion about how profits and costs are managed with a consortium of host clubs versus one host club. Dottie will get more information on this and present it at the September meeting. A site selection committee of BMDCR members has visited The Ranch and the adjacent Embassy Suites Hotel in Loveland as a possible site. They will be visiting the Denver Crowne Plaza next week. Suggestions for other possible sites should be submitted to Dottie.

**Elections:** A nominating committee was formed for elections in November. Positions up for election are 3 Board members, Vice President, and Secretary. Biographies for candidates will be published in the September newsletter.

**Guests in Attendance:** Pam introduced Alice and Bruce and Lucy in attendance at this meeting. They also attended Berner Fiesta and are looking for a puppy.

**Fall Draft Test:** A trophy donation sign up sheet was circulated for the upcoming Draft Tests in Utah.

**2010 National Specialty Trophy Donation:** Pam announced that trophies are being solicited for the BMDCA National Specialty in 2010; Nancy moved to sponsor a \$100 trophy. Sara seconded. Motion passed.

**Berner Noel:** Berner Noel will be hosted by Bob and Lou Tucker in Littleton this year. Activities will include caroling with dogs.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting date would be September 27th, however, the Board has suggested moving that meeting to September 20th to follow participation in Bark in the Park at Expo Park in Aurora, and event being held by Arapahoe Kennel Club. Exact location of September 20th meeting will be published in the newsletter.

**Adjournment:** The General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 2:22 pm. Thank you to Al, Laura, Kismet and Dillon for hosting our meetings again.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Keefer.

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# Abbey Ann



*February 6, 1997 - August 2, 2009*

Abbey Ann came to Sandy Kramer as a young adult. I remember the first time they met. The previous owner had said that she would not walk on a leash. Sandy hooked her up and off they went together. It was Sandy's great patience and love that helped Abbey Ann finally learn to trust. We all went for a walk and had a small birthday party for her twelfth birthday, including her brother Rio. Abbey Ann will be also missed by her sister, the Golden, "Too". Farewell, to you and God's Speed "Little One". ~ Love Gramma.

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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.

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