



# Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

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## Rescue Report

Rescue has officially had three dogs since June. Scout came from a Greeley vet hospital with an amputated rear leg that was not healing properly. The original owner could not afford more care. Nancy Fuselier and Michael Bauer did emergency surgery to remove some more of the bone and Holly Foster fostered him through his rehabilitation. He has been successfully placed with a family that is experienced with mobility limited dogs.

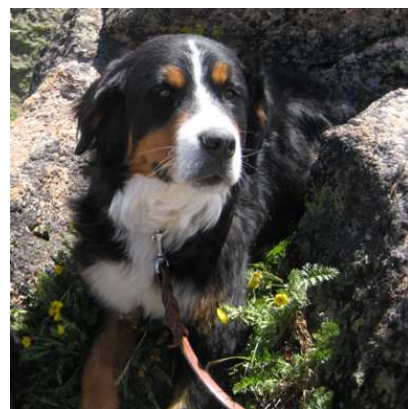


Sophie was transferred to us by the Humane Society of Utah. She had recently had a litter and was given up. They spayed her but noticed a cyst during the procedure. They couldn't get a biopsy but decided not to put her up for adoption. Nancy gave her a thorough exam once we got her here and unfortunately she had a mast cell tumor and a poor prognosis so she was euthanized.



Mishka came from a serviceman who was going on an overseas long term assignment. A rarity for rescue, she is only eight months old and in wonderful shape with a great personality. Nancy spayed her and she was placed in a new home with Berner experience.

Finally, we assisted Mountain Pet Rescue with Bailey. Long time BMDCR member M. J. Davison volunteered to help them out by providing a foster home. Bailey was sold as an adult by one of Colorado's commercial breeders after she would not come into season and has the poor socialization and fear issues we often see in these cases. She ran away from the new owner and was loose in the mountains for a week. Once found the owner realized she was not ready for the challenge and Bailey was surrendered.



Rescue co-chairs Ann Rutherford and Phil Shaffer

## President's Message - September

One more time: Pat yourself on the back for the great national specialty! It looks like the club's share of the profit will be around \$7,000. At this month's meeting we will discuss what we want to do with our little pot o' gold.

Another fun thing to talk about will be the possibility of holding back to back regional specialties in 2015 and beyond. This would be a big step for us financially but would give us freedom to have a draft test in conjunction with the show and perhaps draw larger entries from further away.

And speaking of this month's meeting, note that it will be on the 15th, a week earlier than our usual meeting date. This is so we can avoid conflict with the Arapahoe Kennel Club show. Once again, Laura and Al will graciously host the meeting.

One more thing, if you received this newsletter through the mail, please consider switching to email delivery. Here is why: Printing and mailing costs add up to a little over \$15 per person. We currently have 30 members who receive the newsletter this way, which means that the club is eating over \$450 a year just in printing and mailing. We would rather spend that money on events. Think about it. If you are willing to switch, email Sara Karl at [karl3106@comcast.net](mailto:karl3106@comcast.net) and tell her. She will take care of the details.

See you ringside,

Mary Ellen

## BMDCR Newsletter Advertising

**BMDCR Newsletter Advertising:** The BMDCR accepts appropriate ads in the club's bimonthly newsletter on a space available basis. Priority is given to ads from club members. Ads must be camera-ready (per the Editor), however, assistance with preparing ads is available upon request. Ads must be paid in advance via the BMDCR website store at: <http://www.bmdcr.org/Shop-the-Rockies.html> Select the category Newsletter Advertising.

Instructions for submitting ads, including how to request design assistance, are included at that link.

Advertising Rates (per single issue): Business Card Size Ad - \$5 for BMDCR members, \$10 for non-members; Quarter-Page Ad - \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members; Half-Page Ad -\$20 for members, \$40 for non-members

Submission Deadlines: Camera-ready ads are due on the 15th of December, February, April, June, August, and October, for the Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, May/June, July/Aug, Sept/Oct, Nov/Dec issues, respectively. Allow 2 additional weeks for ads requiring design assistance.

## Upcoming Meetings/Special Events Schedule

### **September 2013 - BMDCR Independent Specialty**

**Date:** September 5, 2013

**Location:** Island Groove Park, Greeley, CO.

Show Chairman Sharon Keefer (joyfulbmd@skybeam.com), Premium List can be found on the BMDCR web site - [http://www.bmdcr.org/BMDCR\\_2013\\_PL\\_Electronic.pdf](http://www.bmdcr.org/BMDCR_2013_PL_Electronic.pdf).

### **September 2013 - BMDCR Board and General Meeting**

**Date:** September 15, 2013

**Location:** Home of Laura and Al, Greenwood Village, CO

**\*Directions:\*** From I-25 north or southbound: take the Belleview exit and exit to the west. Go past Quebec St and then past Holly St. Just past Holly St., go south on Fairfax Street (going west this is the next street after Holly) where you will see the sign for the Preserve; at the stop sign turn left on Blue Heron Drive. You will see the eagle statue and sign for Bateleur in the center of the street. Go one tenth of a mile past the following streets: Silver Fox Drive (on the right), Blue Heron Lane (on the left, at this point, Blue Heron Drive curves to the right), Blue Heron Circle (on the right twice), Golden Eagle (on the left). Blue Heron Court is the next street on the right. #103 is at the end of the cul-de-sac.

### **October 2013 - Barn Berner Fall Draft Test**

**Date:** October 5th & 6th, 2013

**Location:** Steamboat Springs, CO. Judges Ruth Nielsen and Larry Bohlig. For more information contact Beth Dennehy at [dennehrygers@gmail.com](mailto:dennehrygers@gmail.com) or 970-846-8822. Premium List ([http://www.bmdcr.org/Final\\_BMDCR\\_Fall\\_2013\\_draft\\_test\\_PL.pdf](http://www.bmdcr.org/Final_BMDCR_Fall_2013_draft_test_PL.pdf)), can be found on the BMDCR web site.

## Fall Draft Test- October 5th & 6th, 2013

In case you need another reason to attend the "Barn-Berner" Fall Draft Tests in Steamboat Springs - here it is. Steamboat was just voted DogTown USA 2013 by Dog Fancy Magazine!

The search for the most dog friendly place in the land - DogTown USA - is DOG FANCY's biggest annual contest. Read more at:

<http://www.dogchannel.com/dog-blog/ernie-slone-blog/dog-friendly-steamboat-springs.aspx>

Come one, come all! Volunteers and participants welcome at the "Barn-Berner" Draft Tests in Dog Town USA, Steamboat Springs!

## **2014-2015 Candidates for BMDCR Officers and Board Members**

The nominating committee has submitted the following slate of candidates for 2014-2015 Vice President, Secretary, and 3 Board of Directors positions. Nominations can also be made by interested parties at the September 2013 general membership meeting. Elections are held at the November 2013 general membership meeting.

### **Lori Kennedy—Vice President Candidate**

Hi, My name is Lori Kennedy and I am presently the Vice President of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies. I have four dogs: Murrey who is a 7 ½ year old berner, Graci a berner rescue who is 7 ½ years old, Dechlen (aka Schmedley) who is a 20 month old berner, and Mikah a 15 year old Cattle Dog. In addition to our dogs we have two cats: Callie and Subie. I compete and hold titles in draft, obedience, rally and agility. My Bernese Mountain Dogs have forever changed my life for the positive; they have made me a better person and paved the road to many wonderful friendships. I consider my Berners and my husband Don to be my greatest blessings in life. Professionally, I spent 25 years in the corporate world and now work for a non-profit.

### **Dr. Laura Haupenthal – Secretary Candidate**

I have been a member of the BMDCR and BMDCA since 1990 and have served as a BMDCR Board member for several terms. I've enjoyed seeing how the club works from the "inside out," so to speak, and have been a proud human companion to six 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 often accompanied by one of our Berners. We currently have two: "Kismet," who at 12 y/o is our oldest Berner ever, and Kaia, our 18-month old perpetual puppy! Over the past 23 years, my husband, Dr Alvin Beers, and I have often volunteered our home for BMDCR meetings and Berner Noels. During the 2013 National Specialty, I served on the banquet committee and as a ring steward. Being a Board member has been an interesting experience and I am happy to now be considered for the Secretarial position.

### **Patty Wellinger – Board of Directors Candidate**

I have been a member of BMDCR for several years. I enjoy participating in a variety of activities with my dogs. My first BMD, Jessie, was a rescue from BARC. We did rally & obedience as well as hospital visits with Denver Pet Partners. My current BMD, Cooper, loves rally & obedience, but we are also training for nose work and barn hunt events. I am very concerned about the health of the breed and served as the Health Clinic chair at the 2013 Nationals. I would be honored to be a member of the BMDCR Board.

### **Cathy Davis – Board of Directors Candidate**

I have been involved in the breed since 1998 and been a member of the BMDCR for most of that time. I currently have 4 Berners – Rosie (8) whom I bred who has her Obedience and Rally title, her daughter Daisy (5) who had her Championship title and who is working to get her draft title. I also have two

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BMDCR presents .....  
The **BARN-BERNER** Draft Tests!

Barn-Bern-er (ˌbärn-bûr-n-er) n. Informal - An extremely impressive event or successful outcome:  
"The October Back-to-Back Draft Tests in Steamboat Springs are going to be a real **Barn-Berner!**"



Join us at the Historic Heritage Barn & Cabin for a real "Barn-Berner" of a good time!

Esteemed Judges Ruth Nielsen & Larry Bohlig  
October 5th & 6th, 2013, Catamount Ranch, Steamboat Springs, CO

It's a beautiful site in a wonderful town.  
Don't miss your chance to experience authentic Western Hospitality,  
send your entries in today!

See the premium list at:  
[http://www.bmdcr.org/Final\\_BMDCR\\_Fall\\_2013\\_draft\\_test\\_PL.pdf](http://www.bmdcr.org/Final_BMDCR_Fall_2013_draft_test_PL.pdf)  
Entries close on Monday, September 23, 2013

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## Show News! By Lou Tucker

Omission in 2013 National Specialty Show Results  
 GCH Beowulf av. Hiselfoss Owned by Priscilla Young  
 Stud Dog Class - 2nd Place, AWARD OF MERIT in BOB Competition

\*Roaring Fork Kennel Club\* 7/13/13

WD/BW Tanzanite The Trouble With Tribbles Owners-Julia & Michael Smith & S. Montville  
 RWD Ratcliff's Extra Innings (Troy) Owners-Bob & Lou Tucker & Tracey Carpe  
 RWB Ratcliff's Lily Of The Valley (Lily) Owners – Tracey Carpe & Jennifer Necker  
 BOS CH Ridon Hennet Highland Park Owner – Christine Mann  
 SEL CH American Ale Von Der Bernessehof Owners – Beverley & Michael Hilmes

\*Roaring Fork Kennel Club\* 7/14/13

WD/BW Mountainair's Rhythm Of The Dance Owner – Darcy Babb  
 WB/OS Ratcliff's Lily Of The Valley Owners – Tracey Carpe & Jennifer Necker  
 SEL CH American Ale Von Bernessehof Owners – Beverly & Michael Hilmes  
 Werlwind's One For The Road CGC Owners – Byron & Yoshi Peterson & Cindy Switzler

8/3/13 \*Alberta Kennel Club\* Calgary WD/BOW  
 8/5/13 \*Alberta Kennel Club\* “ WD/BOW/BOB  
 8/8/13 \*Edmonton Kennel Club\* Edmonton WD/BOW  
 8/10/13 \*Edmonton Kennel Club\* “ WD/BOW NEW CANADIAN CHAMPION  
 8/10/13 \*Canadian BMDCC Specialty\* Edmonton WD  
 Werlwind's Last Call CGC Owners – Byron & Yoshi Peterson & Cindy Switzler  
 8/10/13 \*Canadian BMDCC\* Edmonton Specialty Altered Male / Reserve

### PERFORMANCE WINS

Tanzanite The Trouble With Tribbles Owners-Julia & Michael Smith & S. Montville  
 Roaring Fork Kennel Club  
 7/13/13 Rally Novice 1st Leg, Score: 70

Classique's Midnight Serenade (Cooper) Owner – Patty Wellinger  
 Twin Peak's Dog Training Club (UKC)  
 7/18/13 Rally Level 3 3rd Place, 3rd Leg, Score 94 New URO3 Title  
 7/21/13 1st Leg URX, 95 in URO3, 4th place, Score 93 in URO2  
 Kennedy's Murren (Murrey) Owner – Lori Kennedy  
 Mile High Agility Club 8/9/ - 8/11/13  
 NEW TITLE - Open Jumper Preferred

## Membership Update by Chairperson- Stacy Temples

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE ~September /October 2013

Please welcome the following new BMDCR Sustaining members.

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There are no new applicants this month.

## Breed Mentors Program

What is the BMDCR Mentors program?

Have you ever wondered what events and activities are available for you and your dog?

Have you seen or heard of an event or activity for you and your dog that you might be interested in but didn't know where to start or were afraid to ask?

Have you thought about an event or activity for you and your dog, but were unsure how to train, and afraid to invest in specialized equipment without knowing if your dog was a willing participant?

BMDCR Mentors are club members with skill and expertise in events and activities you can do with your dogs. These mentors have agreed to act as points of contacts for your questions regarding how to get started, how and where to train, what equipment to buy, and how to find and enter events and activities.

BMDCR Mentors have volunteered to support your questions via phone and/or email. From time to time, they may schedule demonstrations that will be part of club meetings or as separate stand-alone events. You may be invited to local practice sessions or shows to see the mentor and their dogs in action.

All you need to do is take the first step by contacting a BMDCR Mentor!

For a current list of mentors please see the club website: <http://www.bmdcr.org/Mentors.html>

BMDCR Members – If you would like to be listed as a mentor for one of the events or activities above, or if you can mentor an event or activity that is not on the list, please contact Barry Solomon at [bsolomon@myqci.com](mailto:bsolomon@myqci.com) or 303-670-0426.

## 2014-2015 Candidates for BMDCR Officers and Board Members

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younger girls who are competing in the conformation ring. Ella (2.5) is from Czech Republic and is out of Barancourt and Marta a 1.5 year old Berntiers girl from Sweden. My girls and work keep me very busy, but I am committed to this breed and to their stewardship and would welcome the opportunity to serve the Club in a Board capacity.

### **Dottie Schulte – Board of Directors Candidate**

I have been involved with Bernese since I acquired my first in 1988. I have been a member of the BMDCR since the mid-1990's and the BMDCA since 1997. I have held BMDCR board positions of director, vice president and secretary in the past as well as have been Ways and Means chairperson, newsletter co-editor and Regional Specialty chairperson. On the national level I have served as Ways and Means chairperson and National Specialty Chairperson for our 2013 event. I am interested in conformation and performance events as well as health issues, improving the longevity for our breed and assuring that we have a "sustainable club" through the recruitment and support of both new and old members.

## Board Meeting Minutes - June 8, 2013

The regular meeting of the BMDCR Board of Directors was called to order at 12:05 pm on July 28th, 2013 at the home of Dr. Laura Haupenthal and Dr. Alvin Beers.

**Present:** Board members Mary Ellen Guy, Lori Kennedy, Sara Karl, Barry Solomon, Laura Haupenthal and Joanna Hughes. Barry Solomon filling in for Alice Clark as Secretary.

**Approval of Minutes:** Lori moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the August/September 2013 newsletter. Motion seconded by Barry. All in favor, motion passed.

**Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rescue checking \$5,281.01; savings \$12,155.34 (which includes \$6,791.82 from the former Chase CD); checking \$15,734.52. The bank switch to Wells Fargo is now complete.

### Committee Reports

None

### Old Business

**2013 National Specialty** - The income from the 2013 National Specialty to the Club is approximately \$7,000. After some discussion, the Board agreed that Dottie should develop a proposal on how to allocate the funds. Anyone with ideas is encouraged to contact Dottie directly.

### New Business

**Black Forest Fire** - Barry Soloman discussed this issue and the fact that Patti Davieau lost all of her draft equipment when her barn burned down. As Patti has been an integral part of the Club's draft efforts and has volunteered her property and equipment numerous times for the purpose of draft, a motion was made by Barry to donate \$300.00 of draft proceeds (from Draft Clinic or Tests as needed) to Patti for the purposes of replacing her draft equipment. Seconded by Lori, all in favor of moving this item to the general membership for final approval.

**Contact for AKC Companion Events Group e-list? Club outreach?** - AKC Companion Events Group e-list coordinator to be offered to a volunteer from the general membership. Club outreach will have AKC include our club's info when someone registers a Berner puppy in our area. This will be handled by Sara Karl.

**Newsletter Issues** - After some discussion amongst the Board at the request of the Newsletter editors, the Board determined to create the following policy:

All advertising will be subject to the following monthly rates (member/non-member):

1/8 page (business card): \$5.00/\$10.00

¼ page: \$10.00/\$20.00

½ page: \$20.00/\$40.00

All advertising will be on a first come/first served basis as space allows, favoring members over non-members.

Sharon Keefer will create copy for inclusion in future newsletters describing these rates and how to place an ad. Sharon will set up the online store to accept payments so the Newsletter editor will not have to handle funds for ads.

The above policy will be presented to the general membership for a vote.

**Snail mail costs:** Printing an individual newsletter is \$1.60 ea; Postage per newsletter is 2 stamps @ \$.92; total per newsletter is \$2.52 x 6

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newsletters per year is \$15.12 per person per year x 30 people who get snail mail = \$453.60 to send out to 30 people per year.

Our by-laws prohibit us from stopping snail mail or for charging a premium for delivery to certain members. Sara Karl suggested that we ask the newsletter editors to limit the total number of pages to 12, as this will result in 6 duplex pages, which will mail under a single first class stamp. There was some discussion on possible limitations of content but that will be left to the newsletter editor subject to the preceding rule. The Board recommends a draft review of the newsletter (proof-read only) prior to sending out each issue. Dr. Laura Hauptenthal has volunteered to review the draft newsletter.

**Back to Back Regional Specialties in 2015** - The Board saw no immediate red flags on this issue and recommended it for further discussion amongst the general membership.

**Summerset Festival's Fun Day for Dogs** - The Board reviewed Buffy's request for club participation in Summerset Festival's Fun Day for Dogs in Littleton on September 15th. It was determined that resourcing this would be difficult due to the proximity of other shows, the Regional Specialty, and the need to reschedule the Board and General Membership meeting in September to this date. The Board elects not to proceed with this as a BMDCR event.

**Fall Draft Test** - Beth requested a review on the appropriate cost for brace entries for draft tests. While the Board is not opposed to reviewing this policy going forward, it was determined that for this particular test due to the likely travel expense associated with the Steamboat Springs location for most participants, the amount of a brace entry shall remain the same as a single entry at \$35.00.

**Executive Session** – 12:45 – 1:06pm.

**Next Meeting:** The next board meeting is September 15th, at the home of Al and Laura.

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

## General Meeting Minutes - June 8, 2013

The regular meeting of the BMDCR membership was called to order at 1:14 pm on July 28th at the home Dr. Laura Hauptenthal and Dr. Alvin Beers.

Present: 12 voting members, 2 sustaining member, no junior members or guests.

**Approval of Minutes:** Sharon Keefer moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the August/September 2013 newsletter. Motion seconded by Sara Karl. All in favor, motion passed.

### **President's Report:**

Welcome to new members Tiffany and Riley Green (not present today).

**Newsletter** – See report under Board Minutes.

**Back to Back Regional Specialties in 2015** - General membership had some discussion and it was determined that there is enough interest to proceed forward with more research and a proposal. Motion by Sharon Keefer, second by Val Horney – all in favor.

**2013 National Specialty** - The income from the 2013 National Specialty to the Club is approximately \$7,000. After some discussion, the Board agreed that Dottie should develop a proposal on how to allocate the funds. Anyone with ideas is encouraged to contact Dottie directly.

**Secretary's Report:** See Board minutes.

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**Treasurer's Report:** See Board minutes.

### Committee Reports

**Draft Retreat** – Barry discussed this briefly and referred inquiries to the information posted on the Web site.

**2013 Regional** – Information is posted on the Web site and Yahoo Group. The closing date is 8/21 and dinner reservations close 8/30. Paid advertising in the catalog this year. Dottie is still collecting raffle items. Trophies are 100% covered. A few volunteers are still needed for Raffle and Rally.

**Fall Draft Test Report** – October 5th and 6th in Steamboat Springs. Beth requested a review on the appropriate cost for Brace entries for draft tests. While the Board is not opposed to reviewing this policy going forward, it was determined that for this particular test due to the likely travel expense associated with the Steamboat Springs location for most participants, the amount of a brace entry shall remain the same as a single entry at \$35.00. The Board suggested to the general membership to keep this as-is. There were no motions to change the policy.

**Spring Draft Test** – Sharon is looking into the possibility of using Sterne Park in Littleton.

**Rescue** – Ann Rutherford of Rescue reported working with a total of 9 dogs so far this year with the last 3 adoptions going very well. One new dog was taken in for rescue but was determined to have a mast cell tumor in a mostly inoperable area and was subsequently euthanized. No rescues are currently in progress.

### Election of New Members

Darlene Weinheimer – Sustaining member, sponsors Sandy Dunaway and Sharon Keefer.  
Catherine Anderson & Wayne Windholz – Sustaining member, sponsors Sara Karl and Lynn Wood.  
Both were voted in unanimously.

### Unfinished Business

#### New Business

**Black Forest Fire** - Barry Soloman discussed this issue and the fact that Patti Davieau lost all of her draft equipment when her barn burned down. As Patti has been an integral part of the Club's draft efforts and has volunteered her property and equipment numerous times for the purpose of draft, a motion was made by Barry to donate \$300.00 of draft proceeds (from Draft Clinic or Tests as needed) to Patti for the purposes of replacing her draft equipment. Seconded by Lori, all in favor of moving this item to the general membership for final approval.

**AKC Companion Events Group e-list coordinator** - Patty Wellinger volunteers to be AKC Companion Events Group e-list coordinator.

**Changes to AKC Tracking Regulations** - Vicky discussed several changes to AKC Tracking regulations. After some discussion Sara Karl recommended that the best path would be for Vicky to contact the National Club instead of working through the regional club delegate.

**Nominating Committee** - The nominating committee was set up on the spot as follows:

- i. Three members required – Sharon Keefer, Tracey Carpe, Candy McDanal
- ii. Two alternates required – Val Horney, Ann Rutherford.
- iii. Positions available believed to be Vice president, Secretary, and 2-3 Board Members Mary Ellen to confirm.

The meeting was adjourned for brags at 2:07pm. Jim Wilson won the brag fund and donated it to assist in the replacement of Draft Equipment for Patti Davieau.

**Next Meeting:** Due to multiple show conflicts the next meeting has been rescheduled for 9/15 at Dr. Laura Haupenthal and Dr. Alvin Beers home. Noon for the Board meeting and 1pm for the General meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Barry Solomon and Alice Gordon.

## Draft Clinic—August 25, 2013



*Photos courtesy of Barbara Le Tourneau*

### BMDCR Newsletter Deadlines for 2013 & 2014

Please submit content for BMDCR newsletters to the Editor by the deadlines listed below.

In addition to regular features, appropriate articles, advertisements and photos are welcome.

Nov/Dec Issue - 10/15/13

Jan/Feb Issue - 12/15/2013

Mar/Apr Issue - 2/15/2014

May/June Issue - 4/15/2014

Jul/Aug Issue 6/15/2014

Sept/Oct Issue 8/15/2014

Nov/Dec Issue 10/15/2014

**Email to: [t\\_doming@msn.com](mailto:t_doming@msn.com)**

### **NEED YOUR OPINION!**

Our club has been very busy this year with the National Specialty and now our Regional Specialty. Relative to both, we have some decisions to be made and want your opinion. Please send your responses to Dottie [dotties911@aol.com](mailto:dotties911@aol.com)

### **National Specialty Profits!!!**

Looks like all of our efforts paid off in a BIG way. . .the BMDCR will likely get somewhere in the vicinity of \$7000 in profit from the 2013 Specialty, We are soliciting ideas on how we can make best use of our wind fall. I am putting together a proposal for the board with ideas on how we can best use our money to present at the September meeting. So please contact me with your input.

### **Back to Back Specialties for the BMDCR**

Several years ago our club became an AKC recognized club and can, therefore, hold our own independent specialty. As we neither have to hold a show as a supported entry (at an All Breed show) nor have to hold a show under the auspices of the National club, we can do our "own thing". Currently, we have a one day specialty in conjunction with the Evergreen Colorado Kennel Club shows in early September. Several members have discussed having two days of shows as this would attract more attendees from out of our area. Several regional clubs do this with great success. This could be done along with the Evergreen shows in Greeley as we do now but add a second day on Thursday. Or we could choose another weekend and site to have our specialties independent of an all breed show. We could have conformation, obedience and rally with a possible draft test on the Friday before - kinda like a "mini" National specialty! I am hoping to have some ideas to present to the board and general membership at our September meeting so am asking for your thoughts on these two options - either stay with Evergreen KC or go off on our own. or hook up with another all breed show such as Buckhorn at the end of October. We are hoping to make a decision on what to do or not do as well. So we can start planning for 2015.

## Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies

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## The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of The Rockies Fast Facts

- Founded in October 1987, the BMDCR is comprised of people who love Bernese Mountain Dogs.
- The BMDCR serves the states of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, and Wyoming.
- The BMDCR has been officially recognized as a regional club by the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America since 1989.
- The BMDCR achieved status as an AKC licensed club in 2007, and hosted their first independent specialty show that same year.
- BMDCR members are fanciers involved in breeding, showing, service and performance activities, as well as those whose Bernese are cherished family members.



**Providing a source of education and support  
for fanciers of Bernese Mountain Dogs**

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## Keeping In Touch...

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies is striving to keep in touch with its existing members, and reach out to new ones. Here are some of the ways we're working to connect with you!

- **Website**—[www.bmdcr.org](http://www.bmdcr.org) \*Please note, to review the Members Only section of the website, you must have the member password. If you are a member, and need the password, please send a message to Helen Karl at [helann10@yahoo.com](mailto:helann10@yahoo.com).
- **Facebook**—[Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies](#)
- **Yahoo Groups**—<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/BMDCRockies/> \*Please note, this group is for members only and you must obtain permission by the moderator to join.