















Mountain Dog MESSENGER

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

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Stomping Out Hot Spots

Many Bernese owners have experienced the hard-to-control hot spot on their well-furred friend. Referred to as an "acute atopic dermatitis" in the veterinary literature, these skin lesions are caused by self-induced trauma as the dog bites, rubs, or scratches at a part of its body in an attempt to alleviate a pain or itch. The majority of the cases are complications of flea bite hypersensitivity, but allergic skin diseases, other ectoparasites, anal sac problems, inflammations such as otitis externa (inflamed ears), foreign bodies in the coat, irritant substances, dirty unkempt coats, psychoses, and painful musculoskeletal disorders may be underlying causes. These factors initiate the itch-scratch cycle. The intense trauma of scratching can produce severe, large lesions in a few hours. Animals particularly predisposed to this problem are those with a heavy coat that has a dense undercoat.

The typical lesion is red, moist, oozing and has a distinctive foul odor. There is a crust of proteinaceous drainage in the center of the area surrounded by a halo of red skin. The hair is lost from the area, but the margins are sharply defined from the normal skin and hair. The lesion progresses rapidly if appropriate therapy is not started at once. A study of the type of bacteria found in these lesions reveals multiple bacterial organisms, with the most common being *Staphylococcus*. Diagnosis is made by the history of acute onset, the physical appearance, and the association with a more or less primary cause.

Therapy is effective if applied promptly and vigorously. Before making a trip to the veterinarian, there are several home remedies that have been found to be effective. Initially, if the lesion is small, the lesion may be diminished by applying Gold Bond Medicated Powder several times a day. If caught early, clipping the coat may not be necessary. However if you have a larger lesion which is weepy, you may need to clip or shave the coat in order for the treatments to be effective. Should you find you have a new or slightly "out-of-control" lesion, here are some recommendations for home treatment:

- Shave the hair from the area and apply hydrogen peroxide (first time only as this will kill new cells as well as bacteria) and then apply Sulfodene, an amber liquid that smells yucky. Apply the Sulfodene twice a day until the hot spot heals.
 - Brew a regular Lipton tea bag in about 3 ounces of water for about 10 minutes. Take the tea bag and, when it is still very warm but not hot, apply the tea bag to the lesion for about 15 minutes. Repeat this application 4 to 5 times a day. The tannic acid in the tea acts as an astringent and provides a drying effect.
 - Wash the area with antiseptic soap and then dry with a blow dryer. Boil 12-16 ounces of water and put in 4 tea bags and 4 aspirin. Let the tea bags seep in the water until it cools and then stir to make sure the aspirin is
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Letter From the President

— Patti Morgan —

As 2002 comes to a close, I am thinking about what a busy and productive year our club has had. We hosted two draft tests, a regional specialty and then put on a European-style fun match along with an obedience match and canine good citizen test. There was also the Working Dog Day geared to increasing involvement of Berner owners in conformation, draft, agility and obedience. And then we had our yearly events such as the Awards Banquet, the Berner Campout and Bernerfiesta. I thank all the club members (and some non-club members) who helped with these activities. Without your dedication, none of these events would have had the success that we experienced. But the year was not without challenges as we struggled to address issues such as AKC accreditation, puppy mills, increased activity with rescue, and the expanding popularity of our breed. The board has had to make many decisions about changing our focus to expand our public education program. The rescue committee re-homed a record number of dogs in need, requiring allocation of rescue funds for health-related care. Sharon Montville and the board continue to pursue AKC accreditation. I again thank outgoing board members Cindy Still, Karen Baru and Joanna Hughes for their time and commitment to our club and our breed as they have helped us to determine our direction on these difficult issues.

I am looking forward to 2003 and the fun times I am sure we will have with our dogs. Plans are to sponsor a draft clinic in the spring and we are hosting a Massage Clinic in January as both a fund raiser and educational event.

I encourage all of you to stay involved, come to activities that you are interested in, and to give input to the new board about events you would like to see us sponsor as well as directions in which you would to see our club grow. Board members and committee chairpersons are listed in each newsletter so don't hesitate to contact them if you are interested in one particular activity-I am sure they would appreciate your help.

Patti

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dissolved. Add an equal amount of rubbing alcohol (12 oz tea mixture:12 oz alcohol). Apply with a cotton ball several times a day until healed.

- Shake together cornstarch and boric acid (available off the shelf at the drug store) in a 1:1 mixture. Use several times a day.

- Farnum Laboratories (www.americanlivestock.com/product) has two products that have been used successfully for hot spots. The first is "Wonder Dust" which is a wound powder for horses and show stock. It is a dressing powder and blood coagulant for use on certain types of wounds, cuts and abrasions. It is used 2-3 three times daily and is powder that can be easily "puffed" into the lesion. Their second product is Blue Lotion Wound Dressing and Antiseptic, which is used for treatment of sores on horses. It has been shown to be effective on smaller lesions if caught early. Both these products can be found at farm stores (Big R in Greeley carries them).

- Apply wet soaks with an astringent such as Domesboro solution (5% aluminum acetate) three to four times daily for 10 minutes each time. This action is drying, astringent and anti-septic.

- Clip the area, clean with peroxide and then spray on Terr-Cortril or Gentocin spray (both topical antibiotic compounds), which are available from Foster and Smith.

- Because the lesions are irritating to the dog and they may re-traumatize the area by constant scratching and licking due to the itch, it is often beneficial to give your pet a dose of benadryl every 6-8 hours. The dose for the average size Berner is 50 mg. Or you can calculate your dogs own dose by using 1 mg of diphenhydramine (Benadryl) per 1 kilogram of body weight.

Should you try one or a few of these treatments for a few days but the lesion on your pet continues to grow and/or weep sticky discharge, a trip to the vet may be in order. You can expect to have the lesion "debrided"

with excess hair and diseased skin removed. Most normally, your pet will be given oral antibiotics and many veterinarians will give a short course of oral steroids as well. They may also have you continue to clean the lesion and apply an antibiotic ointment.

Prevention of hot spots is the best treatment so pay constant attention to

hygiene and grooming and keep an eye out for development of even the smallest lesion. Have one of the home remedies listed on hand so you can begin treatment as soon as you recognize a developing lesion. And call your veterinarian should you be unsuccessful in treating after a few days to prevent a more severe infection.

Versatile Berners Help with Fund Raising for No-Kill Shelter

On Sunday September 29, 2002 a number of Berner folks participated in the first annual Waggin' Wheels Classic held at Bible Park in Denver. This was a fund-raising event for Good Samaritan Pet Center.

It was a beautiful (but warm) fall day for the event. We had a good turnout of members and dogs ready to give cart rides to the children at the Classic. The "Wagons Ready" teams were Rip Stanwood and Nikki, Patti Morgan and Dante, Laura Haupenthal and Alvin Beers with Hamlet and Kismet, Ron Abbot with his brace Barry & Obie and Bob Tucker with Dulcie. Lou and Evans were on standby. It was great to have our dogs out there and have people see what our breed is all about.

During a break the dogs all went through the agility course that was set up for demo and our "big" dogs amazed people with their speed and enthusiasm. Yes we do have a very versatile breed. Perhaps next year we can participate in the event again and the weather will be cooler. Any time is a special time with our "Berners".

Good Samaritan Pet Center sent us the following Thank You:

"Thank you Lou, Bob and Berner friends,

Thank you so much for taking the time to come to the Waggin' Wheels Classic. I'm sorry more kids weren't there for rides. Next year I will publicize your dogs better and hopefully more kids will participate. We did raise \$6400.00 for the event so that was excellent.

*Your friend,
Beth."*



Dulcie Tucker and six month old Lily going for a ride.

Fall Draft Test 2002

October 5 dawned cool and crisp with 14 Berners and their owners preparing (and getting nervous) for the fall draft competition. There were 13 teams entered (2 Open Draft, 1 Open Brace Draft and 10 Novice Draft). Although there were moments of coaxing and frustration, (and laughter and tears) the teams performed well. Although there were only 3 qualifying teams, all dogs and handlers were on the brink of success! Those dogs receiving titles are:

Open Draft Dog: Kaibab's Anasazi Corn Moon NA, TD, NDD "Maize" owned and handled by Mary-Ann Bowman

Open Brace Draft Dog: CH Eur--Am's Enough Already CD, DD, BNDD, NA "Ready" owned and handled by Val Horney

Open Brace Draft Dog: CH Eur-Am Bitious CD, DD, BNDD "Chase" owned by Dottie Schulte and handled (in tandem with brother Ready) by Val Horney

Novice Draft Dog: CH Kaibab's Another Round CD "Bud" owned and handled by Val Horney

Judges Nancy Fuselier and Dino Candeleria are to be commended (and thanked) for their time as well as their fairness and patience. Appreciation is also extended to Doug and Patti Morgan for the use of their property and the hospitality they demonstrated to all those attending. And, of course, BIG THANKS to the stewards for the day, Ron Abbott, Liz and Sid Steinweg, Rip Stanwood, Bob and Lou Tucker and Chip Schmitt.



Val and Bud get their load from Chip.



Chris Bierman coaxing Emmy up the hill.



Sara and Ricki meeting greeter, Liz.



Vicki and Maddie gettin' hitched.



C'mon Joe, it's time to pull says mom Jean.

NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING DATE

BMDCR Board Meeting

Sunday, December 8 , 11 AM

BMDCR General Membership Meeting

Sunday, December 8, 12 Noon

Both meeting will be held at the home of Alvin Beers and Laura Haupenthal. See Berner Noel flyer for address and directions.

BMDCR Membership Report

— Stacy Temples —

We have two current Sustaining members who are applying to become Voting members this month.

Amy Theresa Gonzalez

Member since May 2000.

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Sponsored by Val Horney & Dottie Schulte. Owner of DeGrasso's Leonardo V Legacy, (NM, 1/23/00)

Tobey Pitchford

Member since May 2001.

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Sponsored by Val Horney & Dottie Schulte. Owner of Rocky Mt Wildman Davieau, (NM, 11/29/99)

Now is the time to renew your membership for the following year. Please take the time to fill out the renewal form in this newsletter and send it to me. The people listed below do not need to send money but please fill out the form with your current information and return it to me.

Please welcome the following new BMDCR members! Kevin & Linda Shipley, Elena Clement, Jonathan & Rhonda Weston, Maria Schmitt, Susan Merriman. These Sustaining members were approved at the September 2002 meeting. We hope to see you all soon.

Sustaining Member Applicants

Valorie A Campbell

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Owner of Paddybern Jazz Dancer

(Zoe), (F, 10/15/00) from Joanne Coombes in the UK. She is training in obedience right now and is also interested in Conformation, Agility, Health Issues, Breeding, Obedience, Therapy Work and Drafting. She has owned St. Bernards in the past and now wants to join the club to enrich her life as well as her dog's.

Sue Lugdon

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Owner of Bree (F, 3/10/02) from C. Ohlsen. Sue wants to learn as much as she can and to enjoy the companionship of other BMD owners. She has owned a Peekapoo and a Labrador in the past. She is training her puppy and she is interested in Conformation, Agility, Health Issues, Drafting, Backpacking and Therapy work.

2003 Awards Banquet

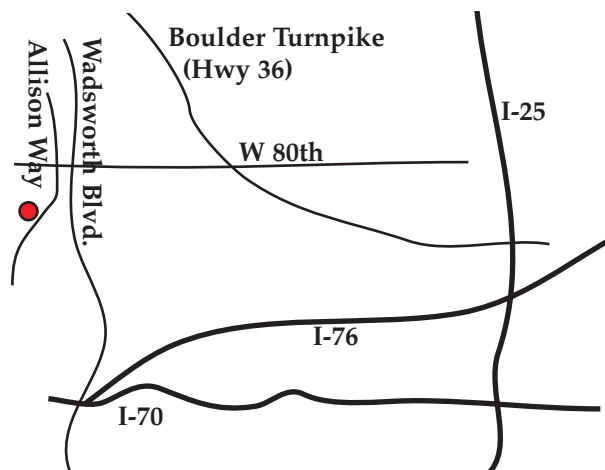
The BMDCR will hold its annual Awards Banquet on Sunday, January 19th at the Old Neighborhood Restaurant, 7923 Allison Way, in Arvada, Colorado (see below for map and directions). A buffet brunch will begin at 12:30 but will be preceded by the board meeting. The agenda for the day include plenty of scrumptious food, general membership meeting and recognition of the BMDCR member dogs who earned titles in 2002 and presentation of their certificates.

ALL club members are welcome to attend regardless if their dog earned a title in 2002 or not. Cost for the brunch is \$21.00. We need to give the restaurant an estimate of persons who will be attending so, if you plan to come, you must RSVP to banquet chairperson M.J. Berendes by January 5, 2003 (970-726-5098 or johnmj@winterparkweb.com). Once you have committed to come, please mail M.J. a check for the total you owe at PO Box 416, Winter Park, CO 80482-0416.

Old Neighborhood Restaurant

7923 Allison Way
in Arvada

Located two blocks
(two stoplights as
well) west of 80th
and Wadsworth.



Nominations for the Kathy Roth Award

Each year the BMDCR recognizes our human members for contributions they have made to our club as well as for the betterment of the breed by awarding one of our own with the Kathy Roth Award.

Kathy was a charter and founding member of the BMDCR who died of cancer in 1991. She was known for her dedication to our breed and her willingness to share her knowledge to both new BMD owners as well as those of us who had dogs but needed information or assistance.

This is our clubs highest honor and input from our members is needed in order to make the selection. If you would like to recommend a person for this award, please submit his or her name to M.J. by January 2nd, 970-726-5098 or johnmj@winterparkweb.com.

For the Love of Berners

— Jane Sorrick —

Mollie and Maggie arrived one Sunday night, as their sad and bewildered little faces peeked from the crates in Dr. Nancy's van. Maggie and Mollie were in route to Idaho from Norman, Oklahoma after much sadness with the deaths of their original owners and with owners in transition and moving to Chicago without them. They were "rescue" Berners.

Simon our Berner, welcomed them in his home with a resolution of acceptance for the little "bow legged" Mollie and Maggie with her "hyper-extended" hocks and a stiff and halting gait as a result of a hip replacement. Both dogs had been shaved for a presumably hot Oklahoma summer and the lack of resemblance to our Colorado Berner was remarkable. However, it didn't take long for "the girls," to warm our hearts with their delightful and loving Berner personalities! They demanded nothing and were so eager for love and acceptance.

Tobey and I grieved for their losses with them, and the uncertainty of their future was on our minds and our hearts as well. Our goal was to

give them as much happiness and reassurance as time would allow. We had a wonderful week with them in our home and they were soon jumping and playing in the yard with Simon and taking their spot at the "cookie" jar!

The week went quickly and when it was time to say "good-bye" and to send them on the final leg of their journey we felt a heaviness in our hearts and tears would sting our eyes. We could only hope that they would again find a loving home and the promise of new life of peace, stability and happiness in their sweet Berner lives.

Molly and Maggie were our first official test at being "foster moms", and it was difficult to let them go! We rationalized and made excuses

for our "sappy" and emotional attachment to them in such a short time, but after all they were Berners!

We watched them climb aboard an RV and settle in the more travel and a future of bringing Berner love and happiness to a new family in Idaho. . . We won't forget them.



Tobey and Jane with their rescue girls.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Regional Specialty and Draft Test 2003

The BMDCR has voted to hold a Regional Specialty on Friday September 5, 2003 at Island Grove Park in Greeley, Colorado. The specialty will proceed a two day all breed show sponsored by the Evergreen Kennel Club. This will be a NEW show weekend so we are hoping that we will have local entrants as well as from out of state. We will also hold a draft test on Thursday, September 4 in the northern Colorado area. The Regional Specialty will be chaired by Sara Karl. She is in need of volunteers to help as well as chairpersons for Obedience, Trophies, Building and Grounds, Hospitality and Catalogs. Please contact her at 719-534-9056 or karl@adelphia.net.

Board Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2002

Location: At Alvin Beers' and Laura Hauptenthal's home - Greenwood Village, CO.

Attendees: Ron Abbott, Karen Baru, Sharon Montville, Patti Morgan, Jeanne Stanwood.

Guest: Tobey Pitchford.

Called to order at 12:55 pm.

Motion: Approve prior Board minutes as published. Ron/Jeanne - passed.

President's Report: Patti reported that MJ Berendes (unable to attend today) has contacted her to report on the Awards Banquet. The Awards Banquet will be held January 19, 2003 at a restaurant in Arvada.

Nominating Committee: The committee is working on nominees for the upcoming election.

Public Ed: Karen Baru - there is currently an ad in the paper for a BMD litter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Should we hold the regional next fall as recommended by Sara Karl (Evergreen splitting off to its own weekend in early September) - and hold a draft test in connection with the regional.

Motion: Hold the regional and draft test at this time. Sharon/Ron - passed.

Sara Karl is arranging a photo session with Ann Nichols - she will be out the weekend of Barktoberfest.

Berner Noel - December 8 - at Laura Hauptenthal's at noon

NEW BUSINESS

BMDCR has been asked to provide cart rides at a benefit for abandoned and homeless animals: Sept. 29, from 9:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Bible Park (Monaco/Yale) - Waggin' Wheel Classics 2002.

There has been discussion with

Debbie Towndrow about doing a massage seminar as a fundraiser. After Debbie's fee is paid and the site fee is paid, it should still be very profitable. The date would be Jan. 11-12, 2003 and the site would be Blue Springs training center.

Motion: Hold the massage seminar on Jan.11-12 at Blue Springs. Jeanne/Karen - passed.

The BMDCA Public Relations Committee has a poster available, based on the upcoming ad in the November issue of Dog Fancy. It's very well done, printed on glossy paper, and is available from the BMDCA for \$27.50/25 posters which includes shipping.

Discussion about passing on the Spring Draft test due to conflict with the National in California.

There was discussion about the 2003 National leading to the following motions:

Motion: The BMDCR will make a Trophy donation for 2003, to their general fund, for \$150. Karen/Ron - passed.

Motion: The BMDCR will purchase a full page ad in the 2003 National catalog as long as it is not over \$150. Jeanne/Sharon - passed.

Adjourned 1:55 pm.

General Meeting Minutes September 15, 2002

Location: At Alvin Beers' & Laura Hauptenthal's home - Greenwood Village, CO

Attendees: Voting - Ron Abbott, Karen Baru, Alvin Beers, Laura Hauptenthal, Sandy Kramer, Jacqueline Morrow-Schuck, Sharon Montville, Patti Morgan, Tobey Pitchford, Dottie Schulte, Rhonda Weston, Jonathan Weston.

Sustaining: Chris Bierman, Kevin Clement, Sharon Keefer, Ann Rutherford, Bob Rutherford.

Called to order at 2:00 pm.

Motion: Approve prior general minutes as published. Jeanne/Tobey - passed.

Awards Banquet: Patti Morgan for MJ Berendes - Jan. 19, 2003 in Arvada (details on restaurant will be available soon.)

Public Ed: Karen Baru showed the pamphlet that Public Ed sends to inquirers.

Fall Draft: Dottie Schulte/Patti Morgan - passed around trophy donation sheet. We need stewards!

Barktoberfest Fun Match: Sharon Montville - we will have Lisa Ebnet judging conformation in a Euro-like format, and Mary Rogers judging Pre-Novice and Novice Obedience. Entries will be accepted day of match, but pre-entries are encouraged.

Membership:

Motion: Approve new members as a slate (Dottie/Laura) - passed. The members voted in are: Kevin & Linda Shipley, Elena Clement, Jonathan & Rhonda Weston, Maria Schmitt, Susan Merriman (all listed in Sep/Oct newsletter) and Ina Bernard, Laurie Dehring, Todd Snyder, Sandy & Tim Kemper, Kevin Clement (all listed in Jul/Aug newsletter).

Nominating Committee: Dottie Schulte for Joanne Hughes - The committee is Joanna Hughes, Dottie Schulte and Valerie Horney. Lou Tucker and Debbie Towndrow are alternates. They need to fill these positions: President, Treasurer, and 2 Board director positions.

Rescue: BMDCR members helped transport the 2 bitches from Kansas to their permanent home in Utah. Tobey and Jane provided housing while they were in Colorado. Patti has placed 2 neutered males recently - a one-year-old and a three-year-old.

Ways and Means - New merchandise!!! T-shirts and hats here today. This and more will be on sale at Barktoberfest.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Berner Noel: Dec. 8 at noon, at Laura Hauptenthal's and Alvin Beer's home (here).

AKC Accreditation: Will be mailed this week.

Regional/Draft: 2nd weekend in September at Greeley. We will hold a draft test in conjunction with this regional; Ron Abbott will be the Draft Test Chairman.

NEW BUSINESS

Waggin' Wheel Classic: cart rides (details in Board minutes).

BMDCA PRC Posters: (details in Board minutes). Karen Baru thinks there is

money available in the Public Ed budget to buy some. These are very attractive and are designed to be put up in vet clinics, pet stores, etc.

Spring Draft Test: Jeanne mentioned that if we skip it, we may lose the site. However, the date we have conflicts with the National.

Motion: skip the Spring Draft Test and instead do a draft clinic - Dottie/Sharon - passed with Jeanne opposed.

Massage Seminar: The BMDCR will host a massage seminar by Debbie Towndrow on Jan. 11-12, 2003 at Blue Springs (Federal and Oxford).

Next meeting: December 8. The annual meeting for elections is traditionally in November. However, the meeting is generally moved to an earlier weekend in November due to the Thanksgiving weekend. The Grand Canyon State club now holds its regional in mid-November; many BMDCR members attend this show and many are voting members. In the interest of having a good turnout for the annual election meeting, it was decided to hold this meeting December 8 in conjunction with Berner Noel, at the Hauptenthal/Beers home. The Board Meeting will start at 11:00 a.m. and the general meeting will start at noon.

Adjourned 2:55 pm.

Veteran's Corner

CH Blue Moons Betenoire Wagontale AKC/CKC CD, Am/Can DD, HIC, CGC

Our Betty turns 8 this fall. She was a Halloween baby so we named her "Betenoire" which sounds prettier in French than "Black Beast". She is officially a Veteran but don't tell her that. She is still strong and healthy and an active manager of our dog family. Betty is a Top Producer of Working titled dogs and a Top Producer of Champions, along with being part of the foundation for our Wagontale kennel. It is a great pleasure to have her, and her daughters Sofie and Inka and her granddaughters Glory and Terra in our home. Betty is very smart and so willing to work with us. She has surprised us many times by doing even more than I ask of her. She just passed the test to become a Draft Dog in Canada and she just won High In Trial in obedience at the Canadian National Specialty. Her U.S. Championship was primarily from the puppy classes and she continues to be a beautiful show dog, recently winning her Veterans Sweeps class at the 2002 Canadian National Specialty.

Betty was always a wonderful mom. She still likes playing with and teaching the puppies. We are so thankful to have her and we hope she will continue to be with us for many more years. We love you Betty Boop!

Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell



Show News



— Valerie Horney —

Cheyenne Kennel Club
August 31, 2002

WB/BOS
Travois Casting Spells, "Charms"
owned by Debbie Manning & Karen Baru

BB
CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

September 1, 2002
WD/BW
Ebnet's Trademark, "Trey"
owned by Dottie Schulte

RWD
Wagontale's Cowboy's Eby Creek, "Cowboy"
owned by Stacy Temples & Karen Guzik

WB/BOS
Prairie's Summer Fling,
owned by Sharon Johnson

BB
CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

Northern California BMDC
September 7, 2002

Novice Draft Dog
Wagontale's Cheyenne Sunrise, "Cheyenne"
owned by Kathy Gray & Stacy Temples

Central Iowa Kennel Club
September 7, 2002

3rd Open Junior
Breanne Dunaway

September 8, 2002
1st Open Junior
Breanne Dunaway

Rio Pecos Kennel Club
September 7 & 8, 2002

BB
CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

Wichita Kennel Club
September 13, 2002

WD
Wagontale's Cowboy's Eby Creek, "Cowboy"
owned by Stacy Temples & Karen Guzik

WB
Prairiefire's Cloudburst
owned by Sharon Johnson

BB
CH Pinnacles Evans En Route, "Evans"
owned by Bob and Lou Tucker

September 14, 2002
1st Open Junior
Breanne Dunaway

WD
Wagontale's Cowboy's Eby Creek, "Cowboy"
owned by Stacy Temples & Karen Guzik
NEW CHAMPION

WB
Prairiefire's Cloudburst
owned by Sharon Johnson

BB
CH Prairiefires Its Showtime, "Po"
owned by Sharon Johnson

September 15, 2002
Best Junior Handler
Breanne Dunaway

WB/BOS
Spring's Lady Molly, "Molly"
owned by Nancy Fuselier

BB
CH Prairiefires Its Showtime, "Po"
owned by Sharon Johnson

Grand Valley Kennel Club
September 21, 2002

BB
CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

September 22, 2002
WB/BOS
Wagontale's Good Morning Glory, "Glory"
owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

BB
CH Pinnacles Evans En Route, "Evans"
owned by Bob and Lou Tucker

Riverside Kennel Club
September 28, 2002

BB
CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"

owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

Electric City Kennel Club
September 28, 2002

WD/BOS
Kaibab's Another Round CD, "Bud"
owned by Valerie Horney
NEW CHAMPION

BMDCR Draft Test
October 6, 2002

Novice Draft Dog
CH Kaibab's Another Round CD, "Bud"
owned by Valerie Horney,
NEW VERSATILITY DOG,
youngest ever

Brace Draft Dogs
CH Eur-Am Bitious CD, "Chase"
owned by Dottie Schulte and
CH Eur-Am's Enough Already CDNA, "Ready"
owned by Valerie Horney, maybe the
oldest team at 7 1/2 and 7.

Las Cruces
October 4, 5, 6, 7, 2002

BB
CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler
Group 1, and Group 3

Valentia Valley Kennel Club
October 14, 2002

WD
Prairiefire's Rolls Royce, "Royce"
owned by Charli Nicholas & Sharon Johnson
NEW CHAMPION

WB/BW/BOS
Mountainair's Crimestopper, "Kinsey"
owned by Darcy Babb

RWB
Prairiefire's Cloudburst
owned by Sharon Johnson

BB
CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel, "Jodel"
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler

October 15, 2002

WD/BW
Ebnet's Trademark, "Trey"
owned by Dottie Schulte

WB/BW/BOS
Mountainair's Crimestopper, "Kinsey"

owned by Darcy Babb

RWB
Prariefire's Cloudburst
owned by Sharon Johnson

BB
CH Ochsnerhofs Grossel Jodel,
"Jodel"
owned by Heidi Ochsner Mugler
Group 4

Pikes Peak Obedience Club
October 12, 2002

1st Leg CDX, tie for high scoring
working dog
CH Spring's Ripple in Still Water CD
TD VST DD, "Ripple"
owned by Doug and Fay Benson

Jayhawk Kennel Club
October 12, 2002

RWD
Travois Perfect Storm, "Storm"
owned by Karne Baru & Andrea Boortz

WB
Travois Just Bad Enough, "Justy"
owned by Karen Baru

RWB
Travois Forza Del Desinto, "Kismet"
owned by Beers, Haupenthal, Baru

BB
CH Triad's All night Serenade, "Alie"
owned by Karen Baru

Rapid City Kennel Club
October 18, 2002

WD/BW
Ebnet's Trademark, "Trey"
owned by Dottie Schulte
NEW CHAMPION

RWD
Travois Perfect Storm, "Storm"
owned by Karne Baru & Andrea Boortz

WB
Prariefire's Cloudburst
owned by Sharon Johnson

RWB
Mountaineire's American Way, "Justice"
owned by Darcy Babb

BOS
CH Triad's All night Serenade, "Alie"

owned by Karen Baru

October 19, 2002

WD/BW
Travois Perfect Storm, "Storm"
owned by Karne Baru & Andrea Boortz

RWD
Lorien Dell's Faithful Friend Ludo,
owned by G and L Woods

WB
Sommerfeld's Elle McPhearsome,
owned by Samantha Lovett

RWB
Prariefire's Cloudburst
owned by Sharon Johnson

BB
CH Eur-Am's Enough Already CD
NA, "Ready"
owned by Valerie Horney, from the
veterans class!
Group 4

BOS
CH Triad's All night Serenade, "Alie"
owned by Karen Baru

October 20, 2002

WD
Travois Perfect Storm, "Storm"
owned by Karne Baru & Andrea Boortz

RWD
Lorien Dell's Faithful Friend Ludo,
owned by G and L Woods

WB/BW
Mountaineire's American Way, "Justice"
owned by Darcy Babb

RWB
Lorien Dell's Prairie Dawn
owned by G and L Wood

BB
CH Triad's All night Serenade, "Alie"
owned by Karen Baru

BOS
CH Prairiefires Its Showtime, "Po"
owned by Sharon Johnson

FROM THE CANADIAN BUREAU
August 24 & 25, 2002

1st & 2nd Leg Canadian CD,
Am/Can CH Ahquabi's Bank On It, "Teller"

owned by Valerie Horney

September 28, 2002
3rd leg Canadian CD, "Teller"
NEW COMPANION DOG

BMDC of Canada Specialty
October 23-24, 2002

Draft Dog
CH Blue Moon's Betenoire Wagontale CD
DD, "Betty"
owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell
NEW DRAFT DOG,
oldest dog to pass draft test, almost
8 yrs. old!

3rd Leg CD "Betty", High in Trial
owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell
NEW COMPANION DOG

1st place, 7-9 veteran bitch, runner-up
to Best Veteran in Sweeps, "Betty"
owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

3rd place, 12-18 month sweepstakes,
Wagontale Henry's Happy Hour, "Henry"
owned by Nadja Torling & Ryan Johnson
& Stacy Temples

3rd place, 12-18 month
Wagontale Henry's Happy Hour, "Henry"
owned by Nadja Torling & Ryan Johnson
& Stacy Temples

Lower Mainland Dog Fanciers
October 25, 2002

WB/BOS
Wagontale's Good Morning Glory, "Glory"
owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

October 26, 2002

RWB
Wagontale's Good Morning Glory, "Glory"
owned by Stacy Temples & Howard Ramsdell

New Delta Society Therapy Dog

Congratulations to Mimi Hobbs
and her girl Molly (Blue Moon's
Unsinkable Molly B) on their
recent certification as a Delta
Society Therapy Dog. Molly is
now an official Pet Partner.

Barktoberfest Match Results

After some initial logistics setbacks due to the Secretary leaving the catalogs on her kitchen counter and having to send her obedient fiance back to Colorado Springs to retrieve them, the match went very smoothly. The weather cooperated, the turnout was good and included many new faces, and the BBQ was excellent! Our judges, Lisa Ebnet (Conformation), Mary Rogers (Obedience), and Christina Ohlsen (Pee-Wee Handling) are to be commended for their effort and the superb job done by each of them. Thanks to all who made this event a success, either by working or participating.

Conformation

Lisa Ebnet of Ferndale, WA judged this match in a European-type format. Each dog received a written evaluation of Overall Impression, Character, Coat, Head, Bite/Mouth, Eyes, Chest, Front, Back, Topline, Tail, Movement. In addition, the top 2 placements in each class had their photos taken.

It is important to note that only the top 2 placements in each class were given. This was NOT meant to indicate that only the top 2 in each class were "worthy" – instead, it was because this was a FUN match and sometimes it just isn't so much "fun" to be placed last. By only selecting the top 2 in each class, the number of situations where a dog was "last" in its class was minimized. (And remember, to be "last" in a class of nice dogs is nothing to be ashamed of; also, this is just one judge's opinion on one day!) Lisa did an excellent job of explaining to both exhibitors and spectators, how she decided on her placements.

Baby Puppies (3-6 months) – Dogs

1. Kinvarra's Chieftain, "Connor" owned by Pat Hughes
2. Davieau Denver's Black Forest, "Ontos" owned by Patti & Doug Morgan

Baby Puppies (3-6 months) – Bitches

1. Kinvarra's Skye's The Limit, owned by Dan & Bev Pollock

2. Davieau Wild Mt. Honey, "Maya" owned by Sarah Lamson & Doug Watson

Jugendklasse (9-18 months) – Dogs

1. Sascha's Ursa Major, "Major" owned by Vicky Whitney
2. Mahkah Silver Sun, "Mahkah" owned by Gabe & Lydia McNeese

Jugendklasse (9-18 months) – Bitches

1. Lorien Dell's Prairie Dawn, "Puffin" owned by Lynn Wood
2. Travois Forza del Destino, "Kismet" owned by Dr. Alvin Beers Jr & Dr. Laura Haupenthal

Best Puppy

— Kinvarra's Sky's The Limit —

Offene Klasse (15 + months) – Dogs

1. Enchanted's On The Road Again, "Bentley" owned by Edward & Pamela Hull
2. Wagontale's Great Grey Wizard, "Gandalf" owned by Barry & Pam Solomon & Stacy Temples

Offene Klasse (15+ months) – Bitches

1. Davieau Marbie of the Mountain, "Marbie" owned by Donna & Paul Rodriguez
2. Firstrax Tanzanight, "Tanzi" owned by Sharon Montville & Helen Karl

Siegerklasse (CH) – Dog

1. CH Davieau Denver's Lil' Bronco, "Bronco" owned by Patti & Doug Morgan

Siegerklasse (CH) – Bitches

1. CH Eur-Am's My Katja CD NDD, "Kitty" owned by Lynn Wood
2. CH Snowyridge Brezy Swiss Chalet, "Brooke" owned by Debbie Towndrow

Veteranklasse (7+ years) – Dogs

1. CH Tanzenbar Dante Rush CD DD BDD, "Dante" owned by Patti & Doug Morgan.

2. Woodmoor's Oberon von Bergtal CD DD, "Obie" owned by Ron Abbott

Veteranklasse (7+ years) – Bitches

1. CH Dallybeck's Roaring Judy CD, "Judy" owned by Mary Rogers & Bill Jacobson
2. CH Woodmoor's Evening Star CD, "Hailey" owned by Sharon Montville & Sara Karl

Best Adult:

CH Eur-Am's My Katja CD NDD

Obedience

Mary Rogers of Fort Collins, CO was our obedience judge. The focus of the obedience match was to encourage interest in this sport, and to help dogs and handlers prepare to compete to earn the Companion Dog title. 13 dogs and handlers entered the Pre-Novice class – many signed up the day of the match, perhaps encouraged by the good time being had? The Novice class had 7 entries (and some stiff competition).

Redog's Tusker TD, a Golden Retriever owned by Diane Mabbitt (Sharon Montville's sister) was the top scoring dog in the Pre-Novice class – however, only Berners were eligible for placements. Top scoring Pre-Novice Berner was Wagontale's Espresso Love, "Mocha" owned by Kevin and Jean Kaul. Top scoring Novice dog was CH Nighttime's One and Only K'dar, owned by Anne Nichols. High in Trial was also CH Nighttime's One and Only K'dar.

Pee-Wee Handlers

Christina Ohlsen judged a promising group of young junior handlers, all who did a great job. The youngest handler was Mary Fuselier's daughter Mary (age 4) with CH Spring's Windsong CD NDD, "Windy." Jenna Schmitt, age 10, showed her new puppy Davieau Independence Blue, "Indy." Jennifer Rodriguez, age 10, showed Davieau Marbie of the Mtn, "Marbie."



Berner Noel 2002

When:

Sunday, December 8
Holiday Festivities from 1 PM - 4 PM



BMDCR Board Meeting 11 AM
BMDCR General Membership Meeting 12 Noon

Where:

Alvin Beers and Laura Haupenthal's Home
5614 South Ivy Court
Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111
(huge fenced yard for playing!)



Who:

Berner owners, families, doggies

Bring:

Your dog (with or without their holiday finery)
One gift per dog for exchange
A dish to share with last names:
A - F: Salads and side dishes
G - O: Main dishes
P - Z: Desserts



RSVP to Laura and Al by December 4 at 303-221-2211

Directions:

From I-25 South or North bound take the Orchard Road exit heading West. You will pass the following streets in this order: Greenwood Plaza Blvd, Quebec, Monaco. After Monaco start looking for Orchard Drive on the right (midway between Monaco and Holly Street--if you get to Holly Street you have gone to far). Orchard Drive veers off of Orchard Road at an angle. Continue on Orchard Drive to Ivy (there is a sign that says NO OUTLET, but disregard) and turn right on Ivy. Continue up the hill to the cul-de-sac. 5614 Ivy Court is the gold brick house.



2002 November Elections

It's time again for elections for positions being vacated at the end of 2002. Terms for the new board members will be 2003-2004. Open positions and candidates are:

President: Patti Morgan
Treasurer: Sara Karl
Board Member: Amy Gonzales
Board Member: Tobey Pitchford

Great thanks go to resigning board members Cindy Still, who served as Treasurer and to board members Karen Baru and Joanna Hughes. Their work for the betterment of our club and our breed has not gone unnoticed. Remaining on the board for another year will be Nancy Fuselier (Vice President), Sharon Montville (Secretary), Ron Abbott (board member), MJ Berendes (board member) and Jeanne Stanwood (board member).

Below are biographical sketches of these four candidates.

President: Patti Morgan

I live with my husband Doug Morgan (Dougie or James) and nine dogs, one mix breed who is 15 years old and 8 Bernese Mountain Dogs; and one cat; and the dogs don't mess with her. Doug & I can also have a basement full of wildlife; and as they get bigger move to the barn. I am a licensed Wildlife rehabilitator for the state of Colorado. Our eight Bernese Mountain Dogs have titles from conformation, obedience, Draft and therapy. I do weekly pet therapy visit at Pikes Peak Hospice in Colorado Springs.

To support our dog interests Doug is a Farmers Insurance agent. I spend my days with the dogs and taking care of wildlife. I am also the rescue chair for the BMDCR, and Ways & Means have been apart of my life for years. Dottie & I seem to take Ways & Means with us wherever we go.

We have hosted the BMDCR Bernerfiesta, 3 Draft test & two European style fun matches at our home in Black Forest, CO. At this time I serve as President of the BMDCR, and in the past have served on the board, and also Vice President. I am the awards chair for the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America.

I feel major issues facing the BMDCR in the further are Public Education, becoming AKC accredited,

and rescue. In the past year the club has made great progress in public education; and it will only get better. With puppy mills popping up all over the USA public education is even more important. Rescue is already seeing more activity, due to puppy mills or people not being educated.

Sara Karl: Treasurer

My name is Sara Karl I have owned Bernese for almost 16 years. I have been involved in Breeding, Showing, Obedience and Draft. I am a charter member of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies and have served on the board and as Vice President and Secretary.

I am also a member of the Colorado springs Kennel Club and have served in virtually every position in that club including Treasurer for four years. I am also a past President and Vice President of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America and am currently serving on the Specialty Committee.

Amy Gonzalez: Board Member

My name is Amy Gonzalez. My husband, Ruben and I live in Brighton, Colorado. I teach Spanish at Adams City High School in Commerce City, Colorado. Ruben and I share our lives with our two dogs. Jake is a 10 year old Rottweiler X German Shepard and Leo is a 2 1/2 year old Bernese Mountain Dog.

I have been an active member of the BMDCR for nearly 3 years and the BMDCA for 2 1/2 years. I attended the National Specialty in Spokane, Washington in 2001 and I will be attending the National Specialty in Long Beach, California in 2003. I am also a member of the Leonberger Club of America and the Rocky Mountain Leonberger Club.

In addition to attending BMDCR meetings and events, I have competed in conformation with my Berner, Leo. Now we enjoy obedience classes, agility training and we are beginning to draft.

I am also an active volunteer at the Boulder Valley Humane Society. For three years I have been a S.T.A.R. trainer, training shelter dogs so that may be stimulated mentally and physically while at the shelter. The S.T.A.R. program helps dogs learn basic obedience skills and builds behaviors that will help them adjust more easily in their new home. I also help with temperament testing for shelter puppies under 4 months of age.

My special interest in dogs includes training and working in the areas of obedience, agility and drafting. I am also concerned about issues of health in our beautiful Berner breed. I am passionate about my dogs as well as doing what I can to improve the lives of all dogs.

Tobey Pitchford: Board Member

I am interested in becoming a board member for the BMDCR for 2003. I have been a member of the BMDCR since 2000 and am owned by our three year old Berner Simon.

I have been active in the club doing miscellaneous jobs such as helping with the Draft competition at Patti Morgan's for 3 years, setting up, helping with Ways and Means, stewarding and other tasks that needed to be done.

I have attended many Dog Shows with the BMDCR both in state and out of state

I most recently attended my first National Speciality in Wheeling, West Virginia, not to compete but to take my beautiful Berner to get used to all the activity (the baby acted like a pro.) I also attended to watch and become educated in the competing process, and to shop and shop and shop.

Dear BMDCR members,

I just want to say Thank-you to all the BMDCR members who I spoke with at the European Fun Match on October 6th. I was a pretty sad and bitter person that day knowing that my Truckin couldn't attend 'cuz he was sick with cancer.

Most of us who have had BMDs for a while have gone through the heartache and being able to share my grief really did help. Truckin joined Dire Wolf, Stella Blue, Dewey, Dupree and Aiko-Aiko on the Rainbow Bridge on Tuesday, October 8th. Dan and I miss him terribly. He was my ultimate show dog and a great pet.

Hopefully it will be awhile until I have to say good-bye to another BMD.

Thanks for your friendship and compassion.

*Love,
Rae Valentine*



BMDCR Club Information

Meetings

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies holds regular meetings on the fourth Sunday of January, March, September and November, unless members are otherwise notified. There is an educational program followed by a business meeting. All programs begin at 2:00 p.m., and the business meeting about an hour later. Location of meetings will be announced each newsletter. Do not bring dogs to these meetings.

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. Please mark your calendars to reserve these dates for 2002. There may also be additional events – club-sponsored fun matches, club fund-raising activities, our supported entry or regional specialty, breeders showcases, or other all-breed events open to Berners – held at other times during the course of the year. You will be notified of these events through the newsletter.

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.

The newsletter is sent free of charge to all BMDCR members in good standing and to other regional Berner clubs that send us their newsletters. 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 OFA, GDC, 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.

At the September 22, 1991 general meeting, our club voted to follow the format used by the BMDCA for all Litter Box advertising in our newsletter. 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 GDC, OFA, OVC numbers for hips and elbows, including the letter rating and age in months at evaluation. The statement, 'elbows negative for dysplasia,' appearing on OFA certificates issued before institution of the OFA elbow registry, may be used." (October 1991 Alpenhorn) BMDCR Breeder Referral guidelines were modified by vote of the General members on November 18, 2001.

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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