



July — August 2017

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Bi-monthly newsletter of the
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Southeastern Wisconsin
Website - bmdcsew.org



Join the fun for an hour or the full festivities: Sunday, September 24th ; 10:00 AM—3:00 PM
Nashotah Park, W330 N5113 County Road C, Nashotah
Approx. 4 miles North of I-94 at Delafield
Approx. 3/4 mile North of Hwy 16

2017 Board Meetings

Sat, January 21, TBD
Eschweiler's home
32022 W Hwy K, Hartland

Sun. Feb 12,
Thunder Bay Grille
N14W24130 Tower Place,
Waukesha, WI 53188

Sat., April 8, 2017 9:00 am
Western Waukesha County
Dog Training Club
W1314 Cedar Drive, Ixonia

Sat, June 17th, 10:00 am
Eschweiler's
32022 W Hwy K, Hartland

Sat, Sept 23th, 3:00 pm or
after Draft is finished
Nashotah Park
W330N5113 County Road C,
Nashotah, WI 53058
INCLEMENT WEATHER
ALTERNATE: Eschweiler's
32022 W Hwy K, Hartland

Sun, November 5, 10:00 am
Olympia Resort
1350 Royale Mile Road,
Oconomowoc

General Member Meetings

Sun. Feb 12, 2017
Thunder Bay Grill
N14W24130 Tower Place
Waukesha
11:00 am Dinner
12:00 PM meeting

Spring Fling
Sat., April 8,
10:00 am—4:00 pm
Western Waukesha County
Dog Training Club
W1314 Cedar Drive, Ixonia
Meeting 12:30 pm

Waukesha KC Show
Saturday, July 25th
Waukesha County
Expo Center
1000 North view Road
1 Hour after BMD judging

Bernerfest 2017
Sun., September 24th
Nashotah Park
W330 N5113 Cty Road C
Nashotah
9:30 AM or following
draft walk-through

Annual Member Meeting
Sunday, November 5th
St. Mary's Church
36014 Sunset Drive
Dousman
12:30 PM

Upcoming BMDCSEW Sponsored Events for 2017

Awards Dinner
Sunday, Feb. 12th
Thunder Bay Grill
Waukesha
11:00 AM

Back-To-Back Specialty
Friday—Saturday
March 3—4
Washington Co.
Expo Center
3000 Pleasant Valley Rd,
West Bend

Spring Fling
Saturday, April 8th
10:00 AM—4:00 PM
Western Waukesha County
Dog Training Club
W1314 Cedar Drive,
Ixonia

Draft / Carting Workshop
Saturday, June 24
W8521 School Section
Road
Darien

Draft Test
Friday, Sept 22rd
Nashotah Park
W330 N5113 Cty Road C
Nashotah

Draft Test
Sat. Sept 23th
Nashotah Park
W330 N5113 Cty Road C
Nashotah

Bernerfest 2017
Sunday, Sept 24th
Nashotah Park
W330 N5113 Cty Road C
Nashotah
10:00 AM



Double Digit Berners!

Are you familiar with Berner-Garde? Did you know there is an interest in tracking all Bernese who have reached double digits in age? If you have been fortunate enough to have shared your home with a Berner who has lived to 10 or more years of age please check to ensure they are listed on the Double Digit Berner list. bit.ly/DoubleDigitBerners This personal project is a labor of love created and maintained by Karlo Laforteza. The easiest and best way to make sure your Berners are represented is to regularly update their Berner-Garde profiles. Karlo has recently shared his list publicly on Google Docs and invites people to use the list to research the lines represented there. Links are conveniently provided to each dogs Berner-Garde profile. And while you're checking out your dogs Berner-Garde profile, add a photo or two of your dog.

You can also submit your *double digit Berner* to the Alpenhorn Veteran issue published each winter. The last 5 years are also featured on the BMDCA website. You do not need to be a BMDCA member to have your dog included; however, your dog DOES need to be in the Berner-Garde database. Details on how to submit your Veteran can be found here also.

Did you know...

The BMDCA has a lovely senior gallery on the website that dates back to 2013. You can click on each dog, and/or their Berner-Garde number, to find out additional details about every one of them!

<http://www.bmdca.org/srgallery/>

Paige Hess



Pics From The Past



IN LOVING MEMORY



Abby and Shandy both arrived in Rescue the spring of 2009. They were *the first two dogs I fostered*. Adoptions were swift, friendships made and play dates scheduled. These two dogs were to stay friends for the next eight years. Abby eventually came back to live with me. She aided me with other fosters that I had in my home until placement.



Shandy went on to become a popular therapy dog and a loving pet.

In July 2017 they both passed over to continue their play dates at the Rainbow Bridge.

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September 2017 BMDCSEW Draft Tests

We will be having 3 Draft Tests again this year, the same weekend as Bernerfest. You still have time to get a dog ready. All of the information and the premium list is on our newly redone Web site www.bmdcsew.org. You can contact us if you need further information: Karen Borre, Draft Test Chair and Paige Hess, Draft Test Secretary.



Berner Fest 2017



Sunday September 24th

10 AM – 3 PM Nashotah Park

Attention Club Members!

We need more volunteers for the day of the event and some planning activities leading up to the event. No experience necessary.

Games for Berners and their People

Judges for fun contests

Agility Course

Food Servers

Raffle Ticket Sales

Groomer to back up Robin

Puppy Playground

Raffle Basket builders

...and more

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Did you know that AKC Reunite now has connectivity with most veterinary practice software programs? Why is this important? With this

connectivity, veterinary clinics can automatically enroll a pet's microchip information with AKC Reunite with the information already on the pet's electronic record. No more paperwork, no more tracking down pet owner contact information, no more hassle!

Ask your veterinarian to take a closer look at AKC Reunite. We can easily get them set up with our paperless microchip program and also likely offer them significant savings compared to their existing microchipping provider! We are just a call (800-252-7894) or email (microchip@akcreunite.org) away!

Blue and Cloudy Eyes In Dogs: Find Out What It Means

From Internet: Proud Dog Mom



Are your dog's eyes turning cloudy or blue? While visual changes are common in aging pups, it's important to monitor, [track](#), and report these changes to your veterinarian. Below, I've outlined five common conditions that can cause blue or cloudy eyes — while some are benign, others are very serious and can lead to total blindness.

Nuclear Sclerosis

Nuclear Sclerosis is a hardening of the eyes' lenses and is common in older dogs. It usually develops in both eyes at the same time and the eyes gradually take on a cloudy, bluish-grey appearance. Nuclear Sclerosis isn't painful and veterinarians say dogs should be able to adapt to any minor vision changes, meaning they should still be

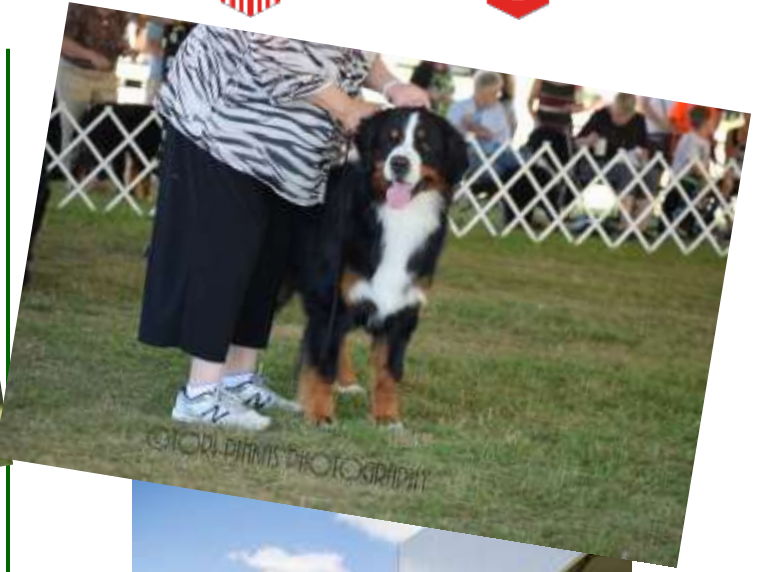
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Waukesha Kennel Club 2017 Show

Tori Pinkas & Sheldon Schall Photos







AKC and the Museum of the Dog Announce Official Move to New York City



St. Louis's loss is New York City's gain.

In early 2019, the Museum of the Dog returns to New York City, joining AKC headquarters in the historic Kalikow Building at 101 Park Ave. The Museum, which was founded in 1982 in New York, relocated in 1987 to St. Louis, MO. AKC will move into its new home in early fall 2018.

"This building is one of the most beautiful in NYC with wonderful amenities," said Ron Menker, Chairman of the AKC during a joint announcement today from the Kalikow. "This move is reflective of our growth and expansion as organizations. We look forward to building a long relationship with HJ Kalikow & Co."

Both organizations teased this move earlier in the year, but with this joint announcement, we now have a better sense of timing for when the museum's unique collection of dog art will come home to rejoin and enhance New York's prolific and inimitable art scene.

"The AKC Museum of the Dog houses one of the largest collections of dog art in the world," said Candy Caciolo, President of the AKC Museum of the Dog Board. "This new space gives us an opportunity to bring this collection to the culture loving audience of New York City and its many visitors from around the world."

Editor's Note:

My wife and I visited the Museum of the Dog In St Louis this past June. The dog art-work (paintings and sculptures) is fantastic. The only "downer" was that the museum has only one (1) piece of art that depicts the Bernese Mountain Dog breed and that was off-display so we didn't get to view it. They did have a display of commemorative show medallions donated from the Kettle Moraine Kennel Club, but no reference to the state; I am assuming from Wisconsin.



able to see. No treatment is necessary for Nuclear Sclerosis, but a vet check is imperative for an accurate diagnosis.

Corneal Dystrophy

Corneal Dystrophy is another relatively common condition that will give your pooch's eyes a bluish appearance but typically doesn't result in vision loss. This is an inherited, progressive condition that typically affects both eyes, causing the most damage to the cornea. There are three types of corneal dystrophy:

- Epithelial corneal dystrophy
- Stromal corneal dystrophy
- Endothelial corneal dystrophy

Cataracts

Dogs who suffer from cataracts will typically develop a cloudy, whitish, or crackly appearance in their eye/s. This clouding of the eye lens prevents light from passing through, ultimately causing a loss of vision. Cataracts can appear in one or both eyes and it can progress at varying rates. In some cases, cataracts progress slowly over a few years, while, other times, blindness can occur within just a few days or weeks. It's crucial to get an accurate diagnosis and discuss an appropriate treatment plan with your vet.

It's also important to note that there are different types of cataracts and it's possible for dogs to develop them at an early age.

Glaucoma

Glaucoma is a condition where the aqueous humor (the eye's fluid) doesn't drain properly. Since the eyes will continue to produce fluid, failure of proper drainage leads to an increased pressure within the eyes. This increase in pressure causes damage to the internal structures of the eyes, leading to visual changes and can eventually cause blindness. This is a very serious condition and must be treated by the vet.

Anterior Uveitis

This is another serious condition that threatens your canine kid's vision. Anterior Uveitis is inflammation of the iris and ciliary body within the uvea of the eye. This condition is known to be painful and often leaves dogs squinting and pawing at their eyes. Some other common symptoms include:

- Excessive tearing
- Discharge
- Cloudy eyes
- Redness
- Changes to the shape and/or color of the iris
- Swelling

It's important to schedule a vet appointment and seek treatment immediately to prevent further damage. Your vet will likely prescribe eye drops, ointments, and medications.

In Summary

If you notice any changes to your dog's eyes, contact your vet immediately for a proper diagnosis and, if needed, treatment. While some changes may be painless and benign, others can lead to permanent eye damage and blindness.





Some Websites that you may be interested in:

www.bmdca.org/ Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Website
<http://www.bernergarde.org/home/> Berner-Garde Foundation
www.bestbeau.ca/BMD_Health_Info_Links.html BMD Health Site
www.pettravel.com Pet friendly travel accommodations
www.dogbitelaw.com Dog Bite Law
www.barcinc.net/ Bernese Auction Rescue Coalition
www.akc.org Official American Kennel Club Site
www.rallyobedience.com/ Rally obedience Site
www.uexplore.com/health/poisonplants.htm Plants that are Poisonous for Dogs
www.vet.upenn.edu/pennhip/index.html University of Pennsylvania Hip Improvement
Offa.org Orthopedic Foundation for Animals
www.vmdb.org/cerf.html Canine Eye Registry Foundation (CERF)
www.caninehealthinfo.org/chicinfo.html Canine Health Information Center
www.behaf.org/ Berner Emergency Health Assistance Foundation (Behalf)
www.bmdcni.org/index.html Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northeastern Illinois
<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/petfoodrecall/#Dog> U.S. Food & Drug Administration Dog Food Recalls

Pet Loss and Bereavement:

<http://www.tufts.edu/vet/petloss/> Tufts University Pet Loss hotline
http://www.petpartners.org/Pet_Loss_Websites Pet Loss web sites
<http://www.petpartners.org/page.aspx?pid=372> Pet loss references and resources

BREEDER REFERRAL 2017

The BMDCSEW is currently looking to renew and update the Breeder Referral listing for 2017. Your name, kennel name, phone number, and e-mail address will be listed on our club website. To be listed, you must have volunteered to work *at club events in the past year*. If you would like to participate please fill out the form below and mail to:

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 Oshkosh, WI 54904
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1) Please complete:

Name: _____
 Kennel name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone number: _____
 E-mail address: _____

2) Check one:

Would you like to be listed as a: ☐ breeder or ☐ educator

3) Please name the club event(s) in the past year that you volunteered your time at and the task or duty did you perform there:

Club event:

Task performed:

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Litter announcements

The Yodels Newsletter is intended for educational and BMDCSEW related activities. The Yodels will not publish litter announcements. Please refer litter announcements to the Breeder Referral as posted in the adjoining column.

Publication is anticipated the 5th of the second month. **Deadline** for News, Articles and Advertisements are as follows:

January 20 Jan-Feb Newsletter
March 20 Mar-Apr Newsletter
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July 20 Jul-Aug Newsletter
September 30 Sep-Oct Newsletter
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