



September — October 2017

Yodels

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

Presidents Message

Well it's been a challenging year! We are resurging with new people taking leadership roles, leavened by the old guard, but we need to address our commitment to our only show, the annual Back to Back in the Spring. Many more clubs are now putting on regional specialties that draw exhibitors who are closer to the show site and as the premier regional back to back specialty we need to pay more attention and effort to it by all. Come join us Nov 5 to discuss this important issue!

Tony Packard, President



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
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ALTERNATE: Eschweiler's
32022 W Hwy K, Hartland

Sun, November 5, 10:00
am
Olympia Resort

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



BernerFest 2017 Wrap-up & Thank You

BernerFest took on a tropical flair this year as temperatures pushed up into the mid-90s over the weekend. The team responded by bringing in extra shade, swimming pools and a large ice water trough for the event and assured people through social media that the event would be “cool dog” friendly. In spite of the heat, attendance was very good and Berners and their people had a full day to mingle, learn and play together



The raffle tables were a big hit, thanks to the efforts of Penny, Holly, Charla and Kathy and many guests stayed until the end of the day to be there for the drawings.

The lunch, catered by Bougey's Bar and Grill, was also very popular, and we ran out of Italian Beef by 1:00. Because of the heat, bottled water was free all day.

A new feature this year that was very well received was the portrait photos by T. S. Dixon photography in front of Alpine scene backdrops, one of which was hand painted by Holly Kuettel's niece. Posing in front of the snow covered Alps helped some of our beloved Berners cool off in the heat of the day!

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the day a



success and a big thank you goes out to all the companies who provided products, gift cards and certificates for the raffle as well as those members who donated items.

BernerFest 2017 volunteers: Jane Hill, John Baumann, Kerry & Jack Luderus, Robin Krumnow, Vicki Koralewski, Rebecca Dove, Debbie Schneider, Kathy Bohm, Kristi Tursky, Carl Eschweiler, Monica McElroy-Denissen, Stephanie & Mike Delmore, Holly Kuettel, Kerry Waltersdorf, Charla Steinke, Darci Buttera, Kathy Trimborn-Uterl, Penny Laben, Ed Laben, Karen Herlugson, Monica Andres, Barry Solomon.

Penny & Ed Laben



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the draft test, I could not have done it without you. Special thanks to Paige Hess, our well-organized draft test secretary and Peggy Granger, the past chair who mentored me along the way and kept me on track. The stewards who showed up with smiles on their faces and braved the heat: Cindy Falk, Michelle Dominy, Benita Thelen, Lynne Kurtz, Kathy Bohm, Joanne Brault, Marian Fenlon, Carri Lindbloom Borisch, and Kay Wendorf. Also, Ed and Penny Laben for access to the trailer and being good

sports about us using as much shade as possible on Sunday while they were setting up Bernerfest. Kerry Waltersdorf for taking the trailer after Bernerfest.



The Budura's and Eschweiler's for taking good care of the judges while they were here. That helped a lot. The judges, Barry Solomon Eden Jonas and Larry Bohlig for working under some trying conditions with good humor. Last but not least all the people who entered then actually showed up in 90-degree temperatures to show. Everyone took care of their dogs, themselves and watched out for each other.

Karen Borre

Dog Sense—Contributed by Cindy Falk

“Properly trained, a man can be a dog's best friend.”

Corey Ford

The great pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself too.”

Samuel Butler

And in the comic strip Mutts by Patrick McDowell: Everyone thinks they have the best dog—and none of them is wrong.”

W.R. Purche



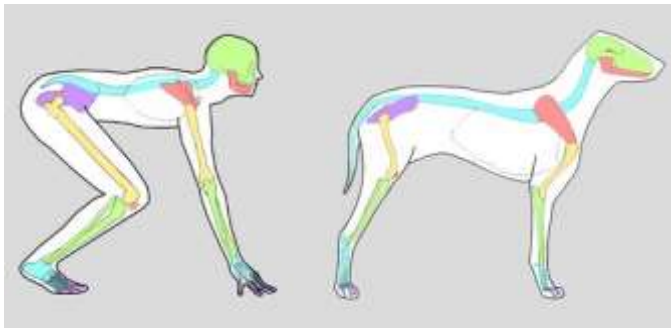
Differences & similarities: Human & Animal Anatomy

There are an enormous number of traits that humans and animals share; this is because of the evolutionary process of inheriting characteristics and traits from successive generations that all lead back to a common ancestor.

Humans and animals share the same basic muscles and bones, but they appear at different sizes, proportion and ratios based on the animal. Bipedes are animals that traverse their environment on two legs, like us humans. Quadrupeds are animals that use four limbs to travel around like dogs, horses, cows, cats, and many other four limbed mammals.

In terms of locomotion, evolution has developed two very common forms of movement using the same muscles and bones. As shown below, humans and dogs share the same groups of bones and muscles even though they have completely different forms of locomotion.

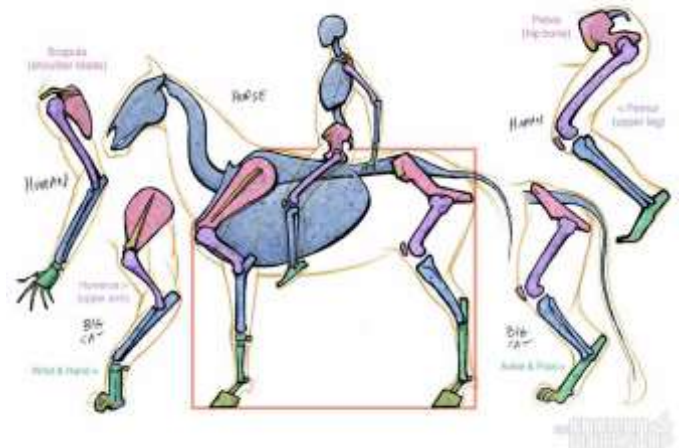
In diagram A, a human man is shown next to a dog, the bones are highlighted on each animal and they are shown to be the same bone but in different proportions and ratios. What many people would think to be a dog's upper leg is actually its lower leg, and what many people think is its slower leg is actually the equivalent of a human palm.



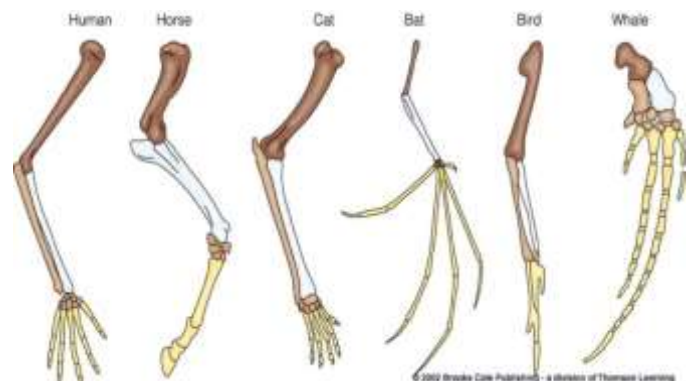
Using the same two animals as a comparison, human hands and dog paws when seen side by side share the exact same bones in different places. As seen in diagram B the thumb of the human is a vestigial part of the dog's foot, meaning a mutation from a previous ancestor that still appears in subsequent generations but is no longer used for the same purpose.



In the comparison shown below in diagram C, the same bones shared between humans, large cats, and horses are pointed out, it is clear that many mammals have very similar skeletal structures regardless of their form of locomotion. Like the common misconception about dogs, the upper leg of most quadrupeds is hidden behind layers of muscle and fat, this is why colour coded Skelton diagrams are the most digestible forms of delivering information about the similarities and differences between human and animal anatomy.



Another very interesting area of anatomy that shares similarities and differences across multiple different species types is the bones of the hand. The human hand can be seen in many other animals such as bats, birds, whales, horses, cats and other mammals. The diagram below shows how the same bones are reconfigured in other species to suit different purpose, including completely different types of locomotion including deep sea diving and swimming and even flight. It is interesting to see how the bones that we would see as the fingers can be fused together to create bird wings, or they can splay out to create bat wings. In the example of the horse, the 'foot' of the horse that the hoof appears on is actually just one 'finger' bone.



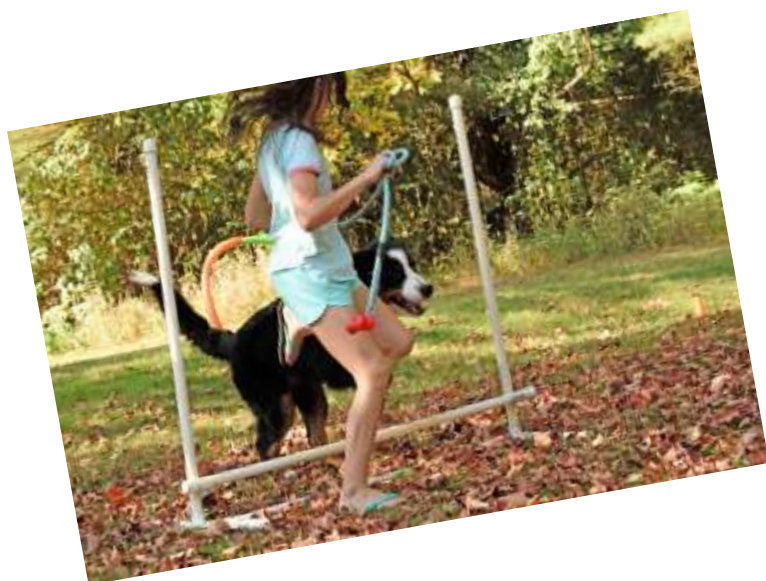
From: Kyle Hall HDN Portfolio

Brain, M., 2014. *How Evolution Works*





2017 BernerFest





I just have to share my HUGE brag. Today, 10-14-2017, my girl, Iris (CH Stonehill's Stars In Her Eyes CD, TDX, GMDD) joined the ranks of a very elite group of Berners. Iris passed the VST Tracking Test giving her the title of Champion Tracker!! There are only 6 other Berner Champion Trackers! She did a wonderful job and ran her track in 13 minutes. This is a dream come true! Thank you is just not enough to say to Kerry Waltersdorf for letting Iris come into our lives!!
Peggy Granger



Photos by Lisa Patrenets





IF A VACCINE LASTS A PERSON HIS OR HER WHOLE LIFE, WHY DO I HAVE TO VACCINATE MY PET ANNUALLY?

In the U.S., vaccines are licensed based on the minimum duration they can be expected to last. It is expensive to test vaccines across an expanse of years so this is not generally done. If a vaccine is licensed by the USDA for annual use, this means it has been tested and found to be protective to at least 80% of the vaccinated animals a year after they have been vaccinated. Some vaccines are licensed for use every three years and have been tested similarly. Do these vaccines last a lifetime? We cannot say that they do without testing and this kind of testing has yet to be performed.

It is also important to realize that some diseases lend themselves to prevention through vaccination while others do not. For a vaccine to generate solid long lasting immunity, the infection must be fairly generalized to the entire body (like [feline distemper](#) or [canine parvovirus](#)) rather than localized to one organ system (like [kennel cough](#) or [feline upper respiratory viruses](#)). Vaccination for localized infections tends to require more frequent boosting whereas there is potential for vaccination for systemic disease to last for many years.

Since the mid-1990's most veterinary teaching hospitals have restructured their vaccination policies to increase the duration of some vaccines from one year to three years based on independent studies rather than on the studies used by the USDA for vaccine licensing. The American Association of Feline Practitioners has vaccination guidelines for cats living in different exposure situations and the American Animal Hospital Association has guidelines for dogs. These guidelines can be found at:

www.aahanet.org/publicdocuments/caninevaccineguidelines.pdf

WHY DO BABY ANIMALS NEED A SERIES OF SHOTS AND HOW MANY DO THEY NEED?

When a baby kitten or puppy is born, its immune system is not yet mature; the baby is wide open for infection. Fortunately, nature has a system of protection. The mother produces a special milk in the first few days after giving birth. This milk is called "colostrum" and is rich in all the antibodies that the mother has to offer. As the babies drink this milk, they will be taking in their mother's immunity. After the first couple of days, regular milk is produced and the baby's intestines undergo what is called "closure," which means they are no longer able to take externally produced antibodies into their systems. These first two days are critical to determining what kind of immunity the baby will receive until its own system can take over.

How long this maternal antibody lasts in a given puppy or kitten is totally individual. It can depend on the birth order of the babies, how well they nursed, and a number of other factors. Maternal antibodies against different diseases wear off

after different times. We DO know that by 14-20 weeks of age, maternal antibodies are gone and the baby must be able to continue on its own immune system.

While maternal immunity is present in the puppy's system, any vaccines given will be inactivated. Vaccines will not be able to "take" until maternal antibody has sufficiently dropped. Puppies and kittens receive a series of vaccines ending at a time when we know the baby's own immune system should be able to respond. We could simply wait until the baby is old enough to definitely respond as we do with the rabies vaccination but this could leave a large window of vulnerability if the maternal antibody wanes early. To give babies the best chance of responding to vaccination, we vaccinate intermittently (usually every 2-4 weeks) during this period, in hope of gaining some early protection.

When a vaccine against a specific disease is started for the first time, even in adult animal, it is best to give at least two vaccinations. This is because the second vaccination will produce a much greater (logarithmically greater) response if it is following a vaccine given 2-4 weeks prior.

From: Mar Vista Animal Medical Center



AKC NEWS

The Public Education Department has launched a new webpage for teachers. [This Educator Resources page](#) offers lesson plans for grades K-12 in the subjects of language arts, math, science and social studies which are rigorous, engaging and aligned to national curriculum standards. The new webpage also includes hands-on activities for young children and research based professional development articles for teachers. New content will be published to this webpage each month.



In response to Hurricane Harvey, which ravaged areas of Texas and Louisiana, the AKC Humane Fund has donated \$10,000 to the city of Houston through its "Sandy Fund."

Four different challenge grants have been established to match funds donated to AKC Reunites Pet Disaster Relief Fund in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. Barbara and Bob Amen of the Greater St. Louis Training Club, the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America Charitable Trust, the American Shih Tzu Club Charitable Trust and Assisi Animal Health each pledged to match donations to AKC Reunites Pet Disaster Relief Fund dollar for dollar up to a total amount of \$10,000 each.





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:

Sue Wellenstein
 5705 Saint Ives Road
 Oshkosh, WI 54904
 920-231-2881
bugziere@new.rr.com

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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· \$10 per half page copy ready / \$20 editor set-up
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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
May 20 May-Jun Newsletter
July 20 Jul-Aug Newsletter
September 30 Sep-Oct Newsletter
November 20 Nov-Dec Newsletter

Articles written by members of the BMDCSEW on any topic/subject that may be of interest to Bernese members are welcome. Non copyrighted articles or those that can be reprinted with permission are welcome as well.

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