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Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Southeastern Wisconsin Newsletter

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Awards Banquet – February 11, 2024

As the year wraps up, we look back on everything our dogs have done this year. Whether a champion cuddler of epic proportions or a Grand Master Draft Dog and everything in between we want to celebrate you and your dog. While the ribbons and letters are nice it really is about your relationship with your dog. Each and every one of us gets to take the very best dog home! Join us on Sunday, February 11, 2024, at the Thunder Bay Grille in

Pewaukee. Who better to celebrate your fabulous dogs with other than those who share the love for this great breed? See the forms attached to sign up for your award plaque and to sign up to attend. The lunch is open to all members, you do not have to be getting an award to attend. Lunch is at 12:00pm There will be a club

meeting following lunch and the awards presented after that.

Awards Celebration
Sunday, February 11,
2024
Awards Form and Lunch
Registration attached to
this e-mail



Photo from 2023 Banquet

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BMDCSEW EVENTS

2024

Awards Luncheon
Sun Feb. 11
Thunder Bay Grille
Waukesha

Back2Back Specialty
Fri- Sat March 1 & 2
West Bend, WI

Draft Workshop and Spring Fling
Sat May 11th
Ixonia, WI
12:30 pm

Designated Specialties
Sat and Sun
July 27 and 28th
Waukesha

Draft Test
Fri-Sat Sept 27th - 28rd
Nashotah Park

Bernerfest
Sunday, Sept 29th

BernerGarde Newsletter / Updates

Attached to this email is the new Newsletter from BernerGarde. The Education committee has been very busy with updates to the database and new features. They have launched a new YouTube channel with videos to help you to

keep your information current. PLEASE take a moment to read the newsletter and learn about all the new features. The newsletter is filled with great tips, updates on the current research projects and super cute

T-shirts to support the database.

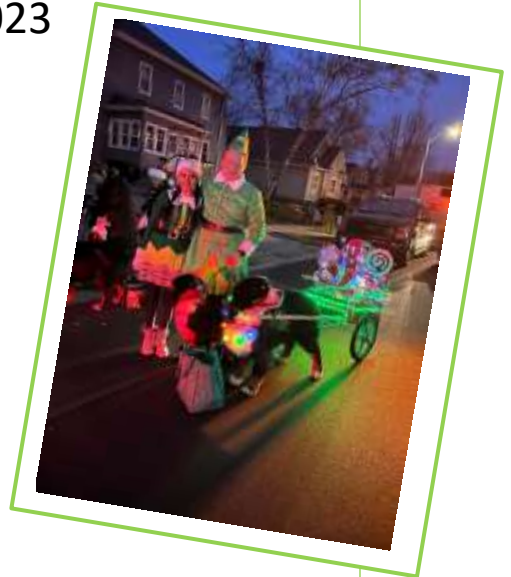
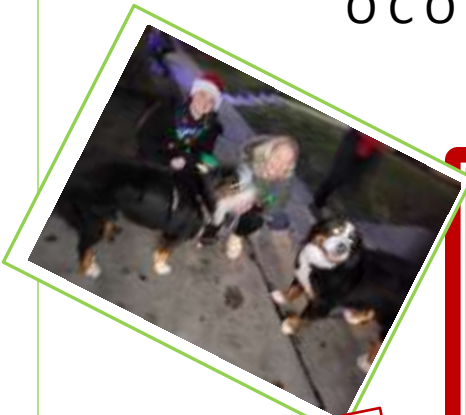
This database is not just a tool for breeders. Take a moment and look yourself up. Add a photo of your dogs or update their records. Just one new field – Last known alive date.



DID SOMEONE SAY PARADE?

OCONOMOWOC Christmas 2023

Oconomowoc Xmas Parade Saturday December 2, 2023 was awesome. We were number 17 in the line up, which means that we finish marching early and then get to watch the rest of the parade. It was a perfect night for the parade. In attendance were Holly Kuettel who brought along her neighbor Evie to help walk Gretel and Gidget. Dan and Cindy Falk had Zoli. Mary Alice joined the parade with her two dogs on a cart. Keith & Kerry Waltersdorf had three dogs Buddha, Glory, and Tangle. Kevin Gasper (Elf) and his helper Virginia Kuenzi entertained the crowds with dancing and tossing candy. Kevin had Wahly and Poppy marching in the parade. The spectators are always so eager to pet the Berners and of course the Berners love all the attention. Thank you to all that participated to help make it feel like Christmas



By: Kerry Waltersdorf



2024 Back 2 Back Regional Specialty

By: Karen Borre

I hope everyone is getting excited for our next Back-to-Back the 41st & 42nd Regional Specialty Conformation & our 36th & 37th Rally Obedience show.

Friday we will have judge Jana Stefancova from Slovakia judging. She has had Bernese Mountain dogs since 1992 & has been breeding since 1997. She has been a judge of all the Sennenhund breeds since 2006 & has judged National Specialties in BMD's in multiple countries including Australia, Belgium, Slovakia, Switzerland & many more European countries. This is the first time she will be judging in the US. Her kennel name is Balihara Ranch.

Mary Kay Walsh is our Sweepstakes judge on Friday. She is from Ohio. Mary Kay is a long time Berner owner and Breeder and uses the Kennel name of Enchant

Saturday Lisa Ebnet a long-time owner and Breeder from California will be our Conformation Judge. She uses the Kennel name Ebnet. She will also be judging Juniors.

Our Sweeps judge on Saturday is Jeff Kittner, while not a Bernese owner he has stewarded multiple times for them and has admired them.

Our Rally Obedience judge will be Cindy Pischke from Oshkosh both days. Cindy has been our

photographer for many years & this year agreed to judge as well.

This is a great opportunity to come and visit with other Berner people and learn about the breed. We will be offering Dog Show Tours and New Exhibitor Briefings both days if dog shows are new to you.

If you have any Questions feel free to contact me 262-812-3020 or kardon2009@yahoo.com

BMDCA Info Series spotlight

Did you know?

The BMDCA – Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America has a collection of articles on their website dedicated to all things Bernese. There currently 27 different articles on topics ranging from all about the Bernese and topics on buying, regional clubs and rescue, competing in everything from tricks to agility, to healthcare and grooming and recommended testing.

NEW THIS YEAR Bernese as Therapy Dogs.

https://www.bmdca.org/files/ugd/642781_43e88790a2e64bee93360ce17049bfac.pdf

“Check out the BMDCA website Info Series. There are 27 topics listed with introductory information on a wide variety of topics!”

2024 dues reminder!

Renewal form accompanies this Yodels issue.

Due to Lisa Patrenets by January 1, 2024

Bugziere's Summer Breeze CD BN RI FDC CGC TKN ANDD DD

By: Lyn Steffens

Summer & I had a wonderful weekend at the BMDCSEW Draft Tests at Nashotah Park! On Friday Sept 22nd, she passed her Novice test, earning the ANDD Title by having a total of 6 passes under 8 different judges. On Sat. Sept 23rd she passed Open, earning her Draft Dog Title! Summer's great attitude & her willing, joyful pursuit of good times keeps life

interesting but also makes her a pleasure to work with! So proud at what we have accomplished so far! Thanks to the Judges Ruth Nielsen & Steve Likevich for their positive comments & encouragement. I also want to thank the Draft Test Committee & stewards for all their hard work. Draft On!!





It takes a village. Please help

Help Wanted for B2B

The Back-to-Back offers several opportunities to learn more about Berners and the sport of showing dogs.

We could use some stewards for both Rally and Obedience. The hours are about 7:30 to 10:30 for both of them or about 1.5 hours for one. We won't know exact times until we have the show scheduled. If you want to learn more about either of these events this is a great way to learn, we do onsite training and it is not hard.

Judges Hospitality could also use a few more people. This is a great way to talk to judges from other

parts of the country and world on our favorite topic – Berners. Since all of the judges have not yet made travel plans, I am not exactly sure what I need yet. If we get enough people, it will not be a chore for any one person.

I do need someone to pick up 3 people from Slovakia at the airport on Wednesday, February 29th at about 5:00 pm and take them to the hotel in West Bend. They may also need to go to dinner. You cannot be showing to them during the weekend.

Thursday and Saturday night dinners are covered.

I need someone to take judges to dinner Friday evening, you cannot be showing your dogs to them on Saturday.

I will likely need airport pickups and taking people back to the airport. (you cannot show to them after you give them rides but if you are taking them after they are finished judging that is ok) Also picking up at hotel and taking them to show site.

If you can help or have questions let me know 262-812-3020 or kardon2009@yahoo.com

Thank you, Karen Borre, Show Chair

Spring Draft Workshop moving to Spring Fling!

Our club will be hosting a draft workshop on April 22, 2023. This is open to advanced dogs preparing for a draft test as well as true beginners and all levels between. We will start at 8am with the advanced dogs. Then transition to the beginners. It is beneficial for beginners to come and watch the advanced dogs work, but not required. If you are even just curious about draft, this would be a great introduction. Advanced teams should bring their own equipment. For the beginners,

there will be some equipment available to use during the workshop.

Everyone please bring a chair, crate or xpen, collar, leash, good treats for the dog, and something for your lunch. The club will provide donuts, coffee, and water.

“This is open to advanced dogs preparing for a draft test as well as true beginners and all levels between.”

Preregistration is required. The registration form has location and contact information if you have any questions.

Kay Wendorf, Peggy Granger, Kathy Heun

FUNDRAISER FOR DRAFT

Peggy Granger is still making custom car magnets to show off your dog's titles or add fun accents. Please contact her directly via email stormbmd@gmail.com

Congrats to Frank & Pauli !!

By: Mary Alice Eschweiler

I am so proud of Frank, Shepherdspatch Sir Francis, who was Winners Dog, Best of Winners and Best Owner Handled Dog (Over specials), from the Bred-By Puppy class, at the Saturday BMDCA Specialty in October! And he was Reserve

Winners Dog on Sunday. All at the tender age of 9 months.

Ch. October's Peter Pauli and Mary (Pauli) earned her Novice Draft Dog title at the Wisconsin draft tests in September.





Changes to the Yodels

By: Paige Hess

As the year ends, I am hoping to add a 5th issue of the Yodels in 2024 to try to time them more appropriately to our events. The goal is to publish a newsletter about a month prior to our annual events so that we can better inform

the membership about the events. Please refer to page 6 for the months of publication. I also wish to encourage the members to submit brags, photos and articles they feel may be of interest to the membership. While I cannot guarantee everything will be able to be used; I will try to

include as much as possible. I wish to thank those event chairs who work so hard to put on events and share both pre and post event information to share with the membership.

Deadlines are the 20th of the month before we publish.

CGC x's TWO! Member Brag

By: Kerry Waltersdorf

My silly 11 months old puppy, Stonehills Totally Tangled Rapunzal "TANGLE" got her first title CGC. Tangle is a very calm little girl and only gets excited when she sees people with hands in their pockets. She knows where the treats are kept.

I also decided to take CLOVER along for her test and she also passed. This is Clovers first title also. Stonehill's Clover is Feeling Lucky CGC. Clover is so sweet and finally calming down.

Kerry Waltersdorf STONEHILL kennels



25 years! Pins to be presented

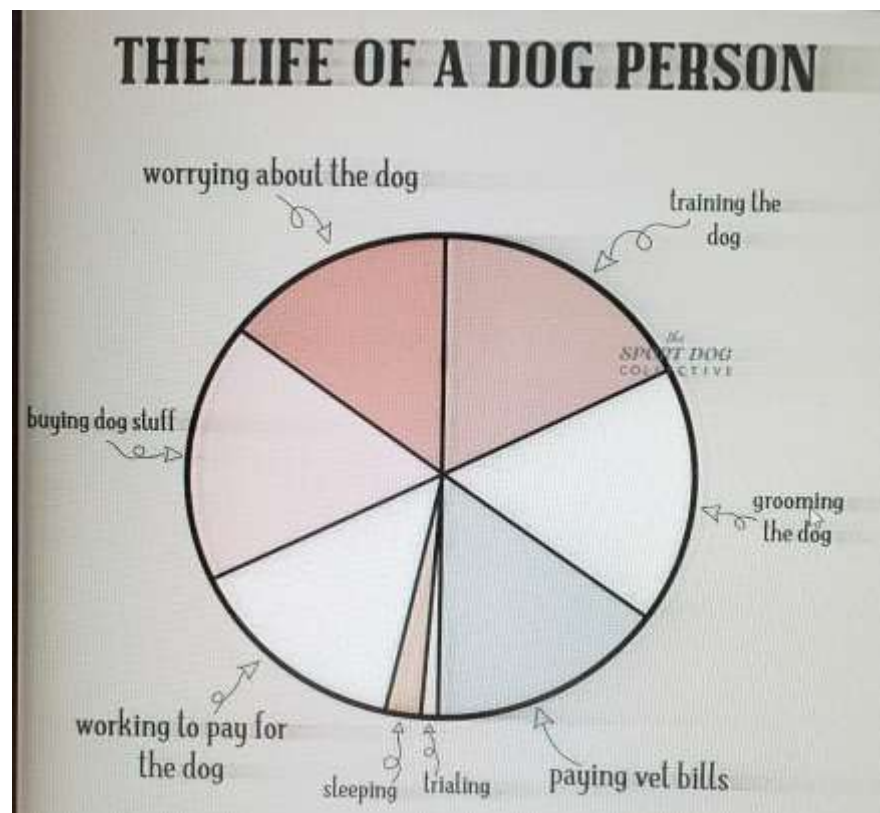
The following members earned their 25 year pins in 2024. Those attending the awards banquet will be presented their pins.

Robin Krumnow

Rebecca Dove

Jana & Dennis Boschi

Congratulations and thank you for your many years of dedication to the breed and the club! Please join us at the awards banquet to congratulate them on earning their pins.





Submissions can be sent to
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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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www.bmdcsew.org

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2024 Publish dates Feb. 1 * May 1 * July 1 * Sept 1 * Dec 1

Deadlines for contributions are 10 days before publish date.

BOARD MEETINGS 2024	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2024
Sat, Jan 20th Zoom Meeting 9:00 am	Sun Feb 11th Thunder Bay Grille 1:00 pm
Sun, Feb 11th Thunder Bay Grille 10:00 am	Sat, May 11th Western Waukesha County Dog Training Ixonla, WI 12:30 pm
Sat, March 23rd Zoom Meeting 9 am	Sat, July 27 th Waukesha Kennel Club Dog Show Waukesha County Expo 1000 Northview Road, Waukesha, WI 53188 1 hour after Bernese judging
Sat. May 11 th Ixonla, WI 10:00 am	Sunday, September 29th Nashotah Park W33N5113 County Road C Nashotah, WI 53058 10:00 am
Sun, Sept 29th Nashotah Park 9:00 am	Sun, Nov 3rd St Mary's Church Dousman, WI 12:30 pm
Sun, Nov 3 th St Mary's Church 10 am	

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