



November — December 2017

Yodels

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

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Merry Christmas

- ♦ BMDCSEW 2018 Membership Renewal Application
- ♦ BMDCSEW 2017 Awards Application
- ♦ BMDCSEW Awards Luncheon Reservation

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

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



BMDCSEW AT THE 2017 OCONOMOWOC CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Oconomowoc Christmas Parade was very well attended of course Mother Nature helped by giving us warm temperatures. There were 20 dogs many walkers and children to hand out candy to the eager crowds. Both dogs and walkers were decorated in lights from head to toe. All of the dogs on carts were full of blinking lights, which pleased the crowds. Thank you to all who came and walked in the parade and shared their dogs with the crowds. We all enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate at the end of our walk.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
Kerry Walterdorf



Photos by
Kerry Waltersdorf





BMDCSEW 2017 Annual Meeting



AKC Adopts New Legislative Position Statement Supporting Domestically-bred Working & Detection Dogs

Government Relations Department | November 29, 2017

Today, military working dogs such as ex-plosives detection dogs play a visible and un-precedented role in our national security. Few people realize, however, that 80-90 percent of the dogs America relies on for national security are imported from overseas vendors. Reliance on foreign and uncertain sources for such an extraordinarily high percentage of the dogs that protect the public and our national security should concern all Americans.

With a vast increase in worldwide demand for working and explosives detection dogs, it is increasingly difficult for the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security, local law enforcement, other government agencies, and private security providers to obtain the quantity and quality of dogs needed for explosives detection work. Therefore, the AKC Board of Directors has adopted the following new position statement.

Support for Detection and Working Dogs

The American Kennel Club values the contribution that working and detection dogs make to national security and the extraordinary role that these dogs play in protecting the peace and security of individuals, communities and nations against extremist threats. The AKC honors the breeders, trainers and handlers of these dogs, and supports expanded scientific research and breeding programs to ensure that sufficient high quality domestically-bred dogs are available to ensure public safety and national security, and that specialized care is provided to assure the wellbeing of these dogs.

The AKC Government Relations department continues to work with members of Congress to secure more information about the cause and possible solutions for the shortage of domestically-bred explosives detection and working dogs for national security purposes. Language in the recently-passed 2018 National Defense Authorization Act (HR 2810) will require re-portal on specific aspects of current military working dog procurement and breeding programs to help address this issue and provide long-term, sustainable, high- quality sources of domestically bred working dogs to meet our national security needs.





Breed Quizzes

Link: [Can you identify the breed by it's feet?](#)

Link: [Can you identify the breed by its nose?](#)

Link: [Can you identify the breed by it's tail?](#)

Link: [Can you identify the breed by it's coat?](#)

Are you an "average American" dog owner?

- ◆ 70% describe themselves as dog people.
- ◆ 11% buy their pets a gift on Valentine's Day
- ◆ 17% (45% in Missouri) dress their dog in custom for Halloween.
- ◆ 56% of dog owners purchase a Christmas gift for their dog.

Overheard in a vet clinic as a Chihuahua went into a barking and slavering frenzy when a huge Bernese Mountain dog patient entered the clinic. "Oh, please," said the chihuahua's owner to his dog. "The only way you could hurt that dog would be if you got stuck in his throat."



Dogs can read human emotions

By Virginia Morell Jan. 12, 2016 ,
Published in ScienceMagazine.org

Dog owners often say they “know” that their dog understands what they’re feeling. Now, scientists have the evidence to back this up. Researchers tested 17 adult dogs of various breeds to see whether they could recognize emotional expressions in the faces and voices of humans and other dogs—an ability that’s considered a higher cognitive talent because two different senses are involved. Each dog took part in two test sessions with 10 trials. One by one, they stood facing two screens on which the researchers projected photos of unfamiliar but happy/playful human or dog faces versus the same faces with angry/aggressive expressions (as in the photo above). At the same time, the scientists played a single vocalization—either a dog bark, or an unfamiliar human speaking in Portuguese, a language none of the dogs had previously heard, or a neutral sound. **The dogs looked much longer at a face (dog or human) when the expression matched the tone of the voice**, a measure that’s also been used to assess various cognitive abilities of other mammals, the scientists report online today in *Biology Letters*.



The dogs were best at this when looking at a fellow dog, which supports another study showing that dogs preferred looking at images of other dogs rather than those of humans. It’s the first time that a species, other than humans, has been shown to be capable of interpreting the vocal and facial expressions of an entirely different species of animal—a talent that surely helps Fido survive in its ecological niche: the jungle of the human home.



Bernese Mtn. Dog, Ch. Shepherdspatch O'Rora Borealis, CD, RA, DD, owned and bred by Mary Alice Eschweiler, finished her Companion Dog Title at Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club, Novice B, score 182 -1/2 to become a BMDCA Versatility Dog. Her other legs were earned at the BMDC NE Illinois, 10/28 and 10/29, 182 and 178-1/2 and 4th place both days. To be a Versatility Dog, the dog has to have earned an AKC championship, a BMDCA draft title (she has advanced) and an AKC companion title.

Mary Alice Eschweiler,



What better way to spend a Sunday than to be out tracking with your dog? And, better yet? . . . accomplishing something you thought you could never do! On Sunday, October 29th, Stonehill's Wish Upon A Star (aka Luke) passed a VST test in DeKalb, ILL at Northern Illinois University, hosted by the Glenbard Club. That was the pass we needed to become a Champion Tracker!!! I just couldn't let his litter mate Iris outdo him!



Thank you so much to the Glenbard Club and my tracklayer for hospitality, a great location and a really stinky track!! Thank you to our judges, Darlene Barnard and Arthur Twist. Thank you to Inge Suchenak for being my mentor, talking me off the ledge, build-

ing our confidence and helping me see what my dog was capable of. Thank you to Peggy Granger for your support and all of those hours we have spent laying track, debating why or why not our dogs worked well or not on any given day, and in general being the crazy ladies out tracking again. Thank you to Kerry Waltersdorf for breeding this dog and giving me the opportunity to work with him and love him to pieces.

I'll be the first to admit it was not perfect handling on my part. I still have so much to learn. But, I am thankful for the pass and as happy as can be to have accomplished this with Luke.

Lynne Kurz





Submitted by Mary Alice Eschweiler

AKC Reunite would like to thank the tremendous response from AKC clubs and individuals across the country who have donated to our Pet Disaster Relief Fund for Hurricane Harvey. As of Friday, we have received donations from **114 AKC clubs and concerned people totaling \$235,000!** The long recovery is just beginning for Texas, and these donations are helping, with over \$70,000 in cash and supplies already donated to shelters in the disaster zone including Harris County Animal Services, the Humane Society of Southeast Texas, the Humane Society of Aransas County and Brazoria County SPCA.

Earlier this week, Tom Sharp, President and CEO of AKC Reunite, presented an AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer to Harris County Animal Services in Houston and saw the destruction firsthand. "I'm glad we were able to donate the equipment to help the animal services department in Houston. They are doing a great job handling a huge number of pets found in the storm. The shelter has committed to keeping these displaced pets at least thirty days for their owners to claim them, knowing that many owners remain in shelters or evacuated. Shelter personnel are showing up to help even as many of their own homes have piles of sheetrock and furniture piled 6 feet high on the front yard. The devastation and mountains of belongings being disposed of went on-and-on as I drove through Houston."

While we are making more grants to help with the Harvey aftermath, we are preparing for the US landfall of Hurricane Irma, plus monitoring a plague of wildfires in the western states. Therefore, we are asking that going forward, donors target funds to our general Pet Disaster Relief Fund. Through this effort, just as the Hurricane Harvey campaign, AKC Reunite pledges that 100% of the funds received will be used to help pets in need, with zero administrative or overhead expenses charged against those donations.

AKC Reunite thanks the pet lovers, the AKC clubs and delegates, The American Kennel Club, the AKC Humane Fund, the AKC Canine Health Foundation, and all who have responded to help take care of pets displaced by Hurricane Harvey. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all affected by and still within the path of Hurricane Irma. Remember, the safest place for your pets is with you!

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What dogs hear when we talk to them

By Virginia MorellJan, Science Magazine, 10, 2017 ,

We often say the same sweet, nonsensical things to our dogs that we say to our babies—and in almost the same slow, high-pitched voice. Now, scientists have shown that puppies find our pooch-directed speech exciting, whereas older dogs are somewhat indifferent. The findings show, for the first time, that young dogs respond to this way of talking, and that it may help them learn words—as such talk does with human babies.

To find out how dogs reacted to human speech, Nicolas Mathevon, a bioacoustician at the University of Lyon in Saint Étienne, France, and his colleagues first recorded the voices of 30 women as they looked at a dog's photograph and read from a script, "Hi! Hello cutie! Who's a good boy? Come here! Good boy! Yes! Come here sweetie pie! What a good boy!" (The scientists were afraid the women would ad lib if they spoke to a real dog.) The women also repeated the passage to a person.

When the scientists compared the human- and dog-directed speech, they found that, as expected, the women spoke in distinctive, high-pitched, sing-song tones to the pooches—but not the humans. "It didn't matter if it was a puppy or an adult dog," Mathevon says. But the women did speak at an even higher pitch when looking at puppy photos.

Next, the researchers played these recordings in short trials with 10 puppies and 10 adult dogs at a New York City animal shelter and videotaped their responses. Nine of the puppies reacted strongly, barking and running toward the loudspeaker even when the recording had been made for an older dog. Some even bent toward the loudspeaker in a play bow, a pose meant to initiate horseplay, suggesting they may regard dog-directed speech as "an invitation to play," Mathevon says. The puppies were less interested in the recordings of the women speaking to the person. And the adult dogs? "They didn't care at all," Mathevon says. It made no difference if they heard speech directed at puppies, older dogs, or humans. "They had a quick look at the speaker, and then ignored it."

The scientists aren't sure why the adult dogs were so disinterested. It may be that they need to interact with an actual person, not a disembodied voice, or that they need to hear a familiar voice, Mathevon says. But for the puppies, the women's exaggerated, high-pitched, dog-directed speech served a purpose: "It got their attention," says Mathevon, who thinks this way of talking may help them learn words, just as our baby talk helps human infants learn language. Other research, however, disputes this idea.

Still, the study shows that even in our speech "we care for and treat dogs of all ages like human infants," which is likely "an important part of their success in human environments," says Monique Udell, an animal behaviorist at Oregon State University in Corvallis who was not involved with the work.

The scientists don't yet know whether puppies have an innate response to dog-directed speech or whether it is something they learn.





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 BMDCEW 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:

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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
May 20	May-Jun Newsletter
July 20	Jul-Aug Newsletter
September 30	Sep-Oct Newsletter
November 20	Nov-Dec Newsletter

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