



January — February 2019

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

March 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 The First Day of Spring	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Mark your March BMDCSEW Calendar

Plan to attend

Back 2 Back

Spring Fling

Details in Upcoming Events below

2019 Board Meetings

Sat, January 19; 10:00 AM
 Thunder Bay Grill
 N14W24130 Tower Place
 Waukesha

Sun. Feb 10; 9:30 AM
 Thunder Bay Grille
 N14W24130 Tower Place,
 Waukesha

Sat., Mar 30; 9:00 AM
 Western Waukesha County
 Dog Training Club
 W1314 Cedar Drive, Ixonia

Sat, June 15; 10:00 AM
 TBD

Sat, Sept 29; 9:00 am
 Nashotah Park
 W330N5113 County Road
 C, Nashotah, WI 53058
 INCLEMENT WEATHER
 ALTERNATE: Eschweiler's
 32022 W Hwy K, Hartland

Sun, Nov, 3; 10:00 am
 St. Mary's Church
 36014 Sunset Drive
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General Member Meetings

Awards Dinner
 Sun. Feb 10th
 Thunder Bay Grill
 1:00 pm
 N14W24130 Tower Place
 Waukesha

Spring Fling
 Sat., March 30th,
 12:30 pm
 Western Waukesha County
 Dog Training Club
 W1314 Cedar Drive, Ixonia

Waukesha 2019 KC Show
 Saturday, July 27th
 1 Hour after BMD judging
 Waukesha County
 Expo Center
 1000 North view Road

Bernerfest 2019
 Sun., September 29th
 10:00 am
 Nashotah Park
 W330 N5113 Cty Road C
 Nashotah

Annual Member Meeting
 Sunday, November 3rd
 12:30 am
 St. Mary's Church
 36014 Sunset Drive
 (Hwys 18 & 67)
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Upcoming BMDCSEW Sponsored Events for 2019

Awards Dinner
 Sunday, Feb. 10th
 Thunder Bay Grill
 Waukesha
 12:00 am lunch

Back-To-Back Specialty
 Friday—Saturday
 March 1—2
 6:00 AM—6:00 PM
 Washington Co.
 Expo Center
 3000 Pleasant Valley Rd,
 West Bend

Spring Fling
 Saturday, March 30th
 10:00 AM—4:00 PM
 Western Waukesha County
 Dog Training Club
 W1314 Cedar Drive,
 Ixonia

2019 BMDCA Specialty
 May 5—11
 Meet Us at the Lake
 Cragun's Resort and Hotel
 on Gull Lake
 11000 Craguns Drive
 Brainerd, MN 56401



Draft / Carting Workshop
 TBD
 W8521 School Section
 Road
 Darien

Draft Test
 Friday, Sept 27th
 &
 Sat. Sept 28th
 Nashotah Park
 W330 N5113 Cty Road C
 Nashotah

Bernerfest
 Sunday, Sept 29th
 Nashotah Park
 W330 N5113 Cty Road C
 Nashotah
 10:00 AM



Are you attending the 2019 National Specialty in Brainerd, MN?

If you are, would you please consider helping me, Keith Waltersdorf, in the 2019 National Specialty Ways and Means booth? Our clubs, (Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin) are the hosts for 2019. To support the specialty and our clubs we have an excellent assortment of 2019 logo merchandise. Many of you already own some of this wonderful product. I would appreciate your support and help during the show in Brainerd. The Bait Shop, (name of our shop), will be open from Monday May 6 to Saturday May 11. The shop hours are listed below.



Monday 5/6	Tuesday 5/7	Wednesday 5/8	Thursday 5/9	Friday 5/10	Saturday 5/11
8:30a -7:00p	8:30a – 5:30p	8:30a – 5:30p	8:30a – 5:30p	8:30a – 7:00p	8:30a – 12:00p

What kind of fun things would you do? Besides working with me, I will be there all day-every day, here are some of your duties;

- Re-stock items
- Organize and fold merchandise
- Answer question and assist customers
- Sell our fabulous assortment



Shifts would be for two hours, or as much time as you can spare, and a 15 minute training activity would begin your shift.

I realize it is very early to determine when you might be available. Not a problem. The schedule will not be completed until later in April.

But right now, I need to know if you would be willing to help me. If so, all I need is your contact information. Final shift hours will not be finalized until closer to the show.

Thank you for considering helping in The Bait Shop at the National Specialty in Brainerd Minnesota.

Call, Text, or Email me

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How Much Do You Know About the History of Dogs??

[Take the quiz](#)

Proposed Legislation Impacting Breed and Dog Clubs.

While not directly impacting the BMDCEW the proposed legislation will prohibit organizations that train hunting dogs or sponsor hunting dog trials or contests from using live game in the trial or contest.

SB30

<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/related/proposals/sb30.pdf>

AB29

<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/related/proposals/ab29.pdf>



WEB Link to Wisconsin dog laws added to section "Some Web Sites You May Be Interested in" which is a section always appearing on the next to last page of the Yodels. Newsletter. It is the 1st link in the text box.

These Wisconsin statutes are from the Michigan State University Animal Legal & Historical Center's reference site that comprise the state's dog laws. Among the provisions include dog licensing provisions, hunting laws impacting dogs, Owner's liability for damage caused by dog, and seizure of dogs by humane officers.

I feel it is worth your time to open the link and view the topical headings.

Another interesting reference link is a [USA map](#) that compares the various state laws. Wisconsin appears to be proactive.



What do dogs see when they watch TV?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SpC8U30Hnrs>



Veterinarian Says the Most Heartbreaking Thing About Putting Down Pets

By Diana Bruk via BestLife Online

Having a pet and experiencing the love that they give is one of life's greatest blessings. And, outside of the hilarious trouble they can sometimes cause, the only downside of owning one is that they don't live as long as humans do. Recently, Twitter user Jessi Dietrich took her 2-year-old cat, Rick, to the vet to get surgery for a very serious a UTI blockage. (Luckily, Rick made it!). But while she was there, she asked the vet what the most difficult part of his job was, and his answer nearly broke her:

"He said when he has to put an animal down, ninety percent of owners don't actually want to be in the room when he injects them, so the animal's last moments are usually them frantically looking around for their owners."

She posted his response as a tweet to her account, and it quickly went viral and made everyone cry.

Some people shared photos of their final moments with their pets, and there is not enough Kleenex in this world to deal with them.

But it also inspired people to stay in the room when their pets are given their lethal injection, no matter how difficult it may be. After all, your pet has stayed with you through your most challenging times, so you owe it to them to do the same.

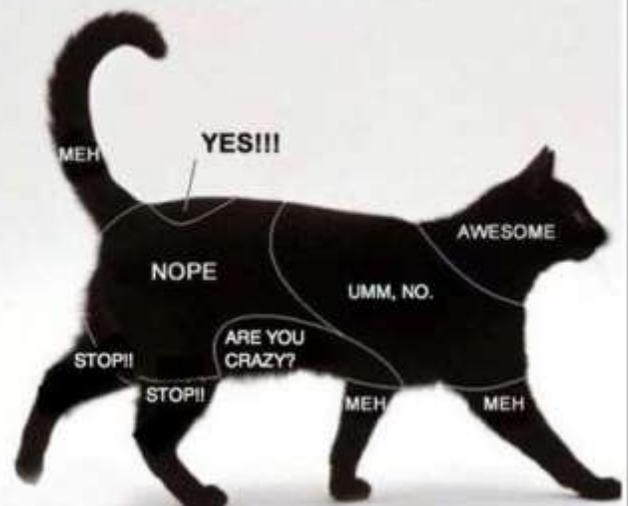
And many people said that as unbearable as watching them pass away was, it was worth it in the long-run, as they found comfort in the knowledge that they were able to give their best friends a proper goodbye.



Two more states aim to protect pets in "hot" cars.

Georgia Senate Bill 32 was introduced in January and would provide civil damage immunity for any person who, in good faith, rescues or attempts to rescue an incapacitated or endangered animal from a locked motor vehicle. Similarly, Idaho, another state without a "hot car" law has one legislator again pushing the "Dog and Cat Rescue Act," which failed in 2018 (2018 Senate Bill 1244-aa). Currently, 30 states have some sort of law on pets in locked cars. But, in much of the country right now, people may be asking, what about pets in *cold* cars? Ten states actually mention both extreme hot or extreme cold in their laws, while other states say conditions that endanger an animal or present "imminent danger." Either way, it's clear that the laws protect animals under both conditions even though these laws are typically known as "hot car" laws. See [Map of Laws](#) for more.

PETTING CHART FOR YOUR CAT



PETTING CHART FOR YOUR DOG



Pics From the Past

: 1909. "Midwinter carnival, children's parade with dog sled. Upper Saranac Lake, N.Y."





Should you get your pet's DNA tested? Scientists urge caution

By [Frankie Schembri](#) intern with Science
Jul. 25, 2018



You've probably seen an ad for a company that wants to tell you about your genome. Just spit in a tube, send it in, and you can learn about your disease risk.

Now, you can do the same for your pets, at least according to nearly a dozen—and growing—companies on the market. But how accurate are these tests—and why are these businesses not subject to the same regulations as those that analyze human DNA?

Science chatted with Lisa Moses, a veterinarian affiliated with Harvard Medical School in Boston, and Elinor Karlsson, director of vertebrate genomics at the Broad Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Both are authors on an [opinion piece](#) published today in *Nature* about these and other potential issues with the booming pet genomics industry. This interview has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: What kind of pets are being tested?

Lisa Moses: It's overwhelmingly dogs. There are some tests for cats, but right now it's about 90% dogs.

Q: Why would an owner want to get their pet's DNA tested?

Elinor Karlsson: A lot of dog owners are interested in what breeds are in their dog, or some fun facts, like how big their dog could get. But there's also testing for somewhere between 100 and 200 different genetic variants that have been linked to disease.

Q: Is the process of testing a dog's DNA different from testing a human's?

E.K.: Dogs and humans are very similar to one another, so you can use the same technology to look at dog DNA or human DNA. With these direct to consumer tests, for dogs or humans, often you're not looking at every single part of the genome. You're just looking for changes, or mutations, that are linked to some kind of disease or condition.

Q: How accurate are the tests for dogs that are now on the market?

E.K.: With genetic tests for humans, there have been so many studies that look at whether or not a certain mutation in your genes actually leads to you developing a certain disease. There just isn't this massive body of work on dog genomes. So many of these tests are telling owners that their dog could get a certain disease without any major studies on how likely that is to happen. The science needs to catch up.

Q: What are the dangers of potentially inaccurate test results?

L.M.: In my veterinary practice, I've seen more and more people coming in with results that show their dog has a chance of developing conditions like epilepsy, heart disease, and degen-

erative muscular disorders, and they want to make treatment decisions right away. They're ready to pay for more tests or medical interventions that the dog might not actually need, that could be quite expensive, and that could be invasive for the dog. In some cases, people preemptively end their dog's life if they think their dog is predisposed to a degenerative disease, because don't they want their pet to suffer.

Q: Genetic testing kits for humans are regulated. Why aren't pet tests?

L.M.: With any new technology, regulation often lags behind, and for humans, there's been more time for conversations to take place, and rules have been established that govern how the tests are vetted. With veterinary medicine, there hasn't been a formal and systematic discussion about the ethics related to these new technologies. We need to start talking about this, because right now a lot of people are in the dark.

Q: What might happen if this industry continues to go unregulated?

L.M.: I worry that if the tests don't improve, people are going to notice that their dogs don't actually get the diseases they're at risk for. I don't want people to lose the idea that there is tremendous value in genetic testing, if we do it right. We really do have the potential to figure out that our patients get diseases long before they do permanent damage, if we are able to make this happen.

Q: How can we improve genetic testing for pets?

L.M.: We need to start with a conversation that encompasses the international veterinary community, the testing industry, and the scientists. We have to come up with some mutually agreed upon ways to report these results, and figure out how to validate them. We'd need to have transparency on how the tests are done, how the science is done, and talk seriously about data sharing. There's a consortium, [the International Partnership for Dogs](#), and they're trying to do some standardization and data sharing. But, it's brand new and I don't know yet how successful they're going to be.

Q: What kind of things could we learn from pet genetics, if we do it right?

E.K.: [Dogs carry a lot of the same diseases humans do](#). By studying dogs, we could learn a lot about the causes of things like cancer, or diabetes, and use that information to develop new treatments for humans.





BREEDER REFERRAL 2019

The BMDCSEW is currently looking to renew and update the Breeder Referral listing for 2019. Your name, kennel name, phone number, and e-mail address will be listed on our club web-site. 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 and mail the [Breeder Referral form](#) at this link.

Some Websites that you may be interested in:

- www.animallaw.info/statute/wi-dog-consolidated-dog-laws#s173_41 Wisconsin dog related laws
- www.bmdca.org/ Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Website
- 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:

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

More ... Dog Stuff

Do you know ...



- ◆ In 2006 Patti Lawson, a single attorney from Charleston, WV, published "[The Dog Diet: A Memoir – What My Dog Taught Me About Shedding Pounds, Licking Stress and Getting a New Leash on Life.](#)" Patti won the Dog Writers Association of America's Humor Book of the Year Award for 2006.
- ◆ Zorba, an English Mastiff, is the heaviest dog on record, weighing 343 lbs at the age of 8 in 1989.
- ◆ According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the smallest dog on record was a Yorkshire Terrier in Great Britain who, at the age of 2, weighed just 4 ounces.
- ◆ Gibson, a 3-year-old Great Dane in Sacramento, Calif., was named the world's tallest dog by Guinness Book of World Records in 2005. Gibson stands 7 feet tall when upright.
- ◆ George Washington had 36 foxhounds, and one was named Sweetlips.
- ◆ The average city dog lives 3 years longer than a country dog.
- ◆ The U.S. has the highest dog population in the world. France has the 2nd highest.
- ◆ The Lundehund breed has 6 toes and can close its ears.
- ◆ The most successful mountain rescue dog ever was a St Bernard named Barry, who lived during the early 1800s and saved 40 lives.
- ◆ A 12-pound Yorkshire Terrier named Oliver once defended an elderly woman from an 80-pound Akita. The woman escaped to safety and the Yorkie survived with only nine stitches.
- ◆ Two dogs survived the sinking of Titanic.
- ◆ At the end of the Beatles' song "A Day in the Life," an ultrasonic whistle, audible only to dogs, was recorded by Paul McCartney for the enjoyment of his Shetland sheepdog.

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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.

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