



May — June 2017

# Yodels

Bi-monthly newsletter of the  
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Southeastern Wisconsin  
Website - [bmdcsew.org](http://bmdcsew.org)

## The Nominating Committee would like to present our slate of candidates for 2018

- ♦ President- Sue Wellenstein
- ♦ Vice President- Kerry Waltersdorf
- ♦ Treasurer- Carl Eschweiler
- ♦ Board of Directors- Karen Borre, Kristi Tursky, Deanna Scott
- ♦ Marian Fenlon- Secretary is not up for election this year

Respectfully submitted, Karen Borre, Peggy Granger, Paige Hess

Article IV of the BMDCEW Constitution has the details to make additional nominations if anyone would like to. Eligible candidates must be members in good standing and have attended 2 meetings in 2016.

Next member meeting is Saturday, July 25th during the Waukesha Kennel Club Dog Show.

### 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am  
Eschweiler's  
32022 W Hwy K, Hartland

Sat, Sept 23<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm or  
after Draft is finished  
Nashotah Park  
W330N5113 County Road C,  
Nashotah, WI 53058  
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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 27th  
**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 BMDCEW 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  
10:30 AM



## Berner Brags

Just have to brag about my girls. Iris and Breeze earned their fifth brace open pass in Iowa.



That completed the requirements for them to earn the Brace Master Draft Dog title. For Iris, since she has already completed the three other advanced draft titles of ANDD, BNDD, and MDD, she is also now a Grand Master Draft Dog. Thank you Kerry Waltersdorf for such wonderful, beautiful working Berners! I could not be prouder!

Peggy Granger  
Photo by Debbie Fields

### 2017 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](http://www.bmdcsew.org). You can contact us if you need further information: Karen Borre, Draft Test Chair and Paige Hess, Draft Test Secretary.

After a sheep herding talking Bernese Mountain Dog gets all the sheep in a pen, he reports to the sheep rancher: "All 100 accounted for."

"But I only have 96 sheep," says the rancher.

"I know" says the sheep herding Berner; "I rounded them up."



## Meka

May, 2017

Meka was surrendered on May 5, 2017. A little on the short side and with a shaved coat, Meka has her own unique look. Between her size, short hair cut and her bubbly, energetic personality she is very puppy-like. A very happy, smiley girl, with tail wagging, Meka enjoys being petted and receiving attention. She had become a bit fearful of people, but with positive reinforcement this issue is being rapidly over-come. It didn't take long before she started to regain curiosity about people and a willingness to meet them with the slightest bit of encouragement. Meka was adopted on May 31 by Karen and George Collas of Janesville. Karen and George have over 30



years of experience owning dogs and enjoy rescuing. They were thrilled to get Meka - their first Berner. Meka is settling in wonderfully with her new forever family, who are terrific people.

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### The American Kennel Club Announces The 'AKC Safety in Salon' Course

By educating on the best practices in grooming safety, the AKC helps teaches pet care professionals in the most up-to-date safety practices, so they can provide the best care possible to pets and for their owners.

The course is designed to cover best practices focusing on pet care, health and safety and to enhance the knowledge and practices of trained groomers to ensure that these needs are met for all dogs in a salon. It is currently held onsite at grooming expos and industry trade shows around the country and will be made available on Canine College, AKC's education portal, by the end of the month.



# 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. We are looking for enough people to run two shifts (Setup to Lunch, Lunch to teardown) for each role so everybody gets to enjoy the day along with their volunteer support. 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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**Please plan to donate a Raffle Basket or  
Raffle item.**

**We will collect raffle items at the July 29th  
meeting at the Expo.**

**Thanks!**





## The Scoop on Dog Poop

By Sheldon Schall

While visiting Salt Lake City, Snow Bird and other areas in Utah I noticed many trailheads and hiking areas posted with “DOGS PROHIBITED” signs. I thought this was strange because many motels and parks in Utah are dog friendly so I asked the owner of Wood Haven why all the trails along the mountain and valley were posted. His reply was that “the snow melt was critical to feeding the aquifers that supply drinking water to Salt Lake City and the many other communities in the valley. Some years ago bacteria common to dog feces was discovered in the water. Consequently, the Dogs Prohibited postings.” So that got me to thinking about what I could dig up on dog poop (from here on referred to as DP) to write about in the Yodels to maintain an educational objective.



In 1991 the EPA labeled DP a non-source pollutant similar to herbicides, insecticides and toxic chemicals. Bacteria, worms and other parasites thrive in DP waste and eventually washing away into the public water supply. Your private well has the same risk.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), pet droppings can contribute to diseases animals pass to humans, called zoonoses. Children are most susceptible, since they often play in the dirt and put or get things in their mouths or eyes. When infected dog poop is deposited on your lawn, the eggs of certain roundworms and other parasites can linger in your soil for years. Anyone who comes into contact with that soil—be it through gardening, playing sports, walking barefoot or any other means—runs the risk of coming into contact with those eggs; especially your dog sniffing and patrolling. Some of the parasites your lawn could harbor include Cryptosporidium, Giardia, Salmonella, as well as hookworms, ringworms and tapeworms. Infections from these bugs often cause fever, muscle aches, headache, vomiting, and diarrhea in humans.

Contrary to what many of us may think, the longer DP lays on the ground the greater a contamination it becomes. Roundworm is a common parasite in DP, along with many others, and as the DP becomes spread-out from rain the parasites and bacteria spread-out as well and become active over a longer period of time.

Like most elements of dog life, inventors and entrepreneurs have made millions of dollars off of dog poop. Shovels, scoops, rakes and bags of many sorts have been designed and fabricated to help dog owners deal with DP. I read an article about a guy who wants to have DP bags printed with Donald Trump’s face on the bag, but bag companies are turning him down with the excuse they do not want to get involved in politics.

Along with the means of picking up DP, you can probably find a company in your Yellow Pages directory for hire to pick up the DP in your yard on a regular schedule. DoodyCalls is a national pet waste management company based in Charlottesville Virginia that has 55 franchise in 22 states picking up DP to the tune of almost \$5 million a year.

According to Marc Samson, DoodyCalls communication director “dog poop in any form isn’t exactly fun, but some breeds are more of a challenge than others. It’s the really small dogs and the really large ones that are the hardest to pick up after,” Samson told The Huffington Post. “Apparently, Chihuahuas are the hardest. The smaller the dog, the smaller the waste, which makes it hard to find — especially in a large yard. Large dogs like Mastiffs and Great Danes are difficult for the obvious reasons, scooping a large yard full of poop from huge dogs is a serious workout. The weight adds up quickly.” In my opinion, somewhat of a “Da! statement.

Body fluids contain individual DNA and that holds true with dogs. The Chicago Tribune reports that Luxe, a pet-friendly apartment complex in Chicago, is one of many residential buildings in the U.S. taking great measures to prevent irresponsible dog owners from walking away from their pooch’s waste. The apartment building hired a DNA-testing company called PooPrints to identify the pooper and subsequently its perpetrating person. Luxe’s management company sent a letter to residents calling DP “a real concern for our community,” with the demand that each resident send in a DNA cheek swab sample from their dogs, according to the Tribune. Now, when dog droppings are found on building grounds, employees send a sample to a lab in Tennessee for identification. Residents found to be at fault will be fined \$250 for their first offense and \$350 for any that follow. Ernie Jones, a sales manager for BioPet, the company that owns PooPrints, told the Tribune that most clients report a 95 to 99 percent reduction in dog poop on their properties after running the program.

The San Francisco Chronicle reports an initiative in San Francisco to convert dog poop into compost. San Francisco has about 120,000 dogs that means 32 million pounds of DP produced each year, with the vast majority of it going into the landfill. A new program would help divert the dog waste into compost with the use of compostable poop bags. The company BioBag is partnering with community volunteers to provide the bags as well as supply bins and coordinate a pick-up service for the dog waste.

During the period of time I have been working on this topic I coincidentally stumbled across a notice from my township garbage collection company that DP is not to be disposed of in the weekly garbage.

When writing about DP there has to be some statistics:

- 78.2 million dogs reside in the USA and they poop an average of twice a day
- Collectively that amounts to 30,000 tons of DP waste a



- day, or
- 10 million tons of DP waste a year
  - That is equivalent to 267,500 fully loaded semi tractor-trailer rigs hauling DP down the road, or
  - If collectively stretched bumper to bumper the semi caravan would stretch 3,800 miles
  - A single gram of dog waste can contain 23 million fecal coliform bacteria
  - Dog feces is as high as 3rd on the list of contributors to contaminated water

may have several causes: a step may mean the dog has detected an interesting smell ahead; a step or a scoot may be an aid in the passage of the stool; a scoot may be the dog cleaning off his/her rear-ends or indicate the dog has anal gland issues.

The Kick – is thought to be a similar move as a cat kicking litter over its stool; or an additional means of using their paw sweat glands to mark their territory.

The indecision – the smell of a dog's poop along with the anal gland odorant identify an individual dog, so your

## What's the Perfect Dog Poop?

*Every dog is unique, so your dog's standard of normal, healthy poop may be slightly different than another dog's. The important thing is to talk to your veterinarian if you discover any changes from your dog's usual routine.*



### COLOR

Dog poop should be chocolate brown. If your dog is eating food with added colors in it, the colors might come through too.



### SHAPE

Dog stool should be shaped like logs and maintain their form. If droppings are round, your dog may be dehydrated.



### CONSISTENCY

Normal dog poop should be compact, moist, and easy to pick up from the grass, but feel like Play-Doh when squished. Diarrhea or watery feces without any form at all is often an indication of intestinal upset.



### SIZE

The volume of your dog's waste should be proportionate to the amount of food he regularly consumes. It also increases as the fiber content in his dog food increases.



### CONTENT

Mucus could be an indication of an inflamed colon, while excessive grass in addition to the poop's fecal contents could be an indication of stress or gastric upset. If he has a dermatological problem and he's losing hair or licking a lot, he may have increased hair in his stool. Small, white bits in your dog's stool may mean he's got worms, so a trip to the veterinarian is in order!

Some dogs may have peculiar habits, ritual or mannerisms when they poop:

The Stare – may digress to the wild ancestry of dogs, a defecating animal is vulnerable. By staring at you, a member of their pack, your dog is making sure that you're keeping watch for any potential baddies, and is watching your body language for signs of approaching danger.

The Spin – dogs tend to turn in a circle several times before laying down or squatting to poop to get a quick read on what is around him/her to know if it is safe to lay-down or squat.

The Scoot – a few steps forward or a butt drag motion

dog may just be finding the right spot to drop the marker.

The Compass – a team of researchers believe that dogs are magneto-sensitive to the earth's magnetic field and when taking a poop will align their body along a north-south axis.

The Snack – while this is not a very common occurrence, a dog may eat its own feces. There is even a term for this: Coprophagia. It is believed this occurs as a result of enzyme or pancreatic deficiencies, poor intestinal absorption of nutrients, parasites or a low nutrient dog food.

The Hide – this may be a personality trait, but some dogs



will not poop if someone is watching. One expert on how dogs poop believes this has to do with a dog feeling secure while in a vulnerable position.

We have to look at the DP in order to pick it up and we then make some observations (maybe subconsciously). Sometimes we can tell what our dog has been eating by looking at what they leave behind. Whole kernels of corn, crayon chunks, carrots, other objects that should never have been eaten in the first place. When picking up back-yard DP a friend of my wife discovered her "lost" wedding ring; a short section of the band visible not encased in the doggy-doo.

Color and texture is a good indicator of dog health and nutrition. Most vet visits that I can recall included a question from the vet on what the dog's stool looks like.

Normal DP varies from dog to dog, breed to breed and can change depending on the type of dog food being eaten. In general, dog stool color should be "basically brown" and neither too soft and liquid (diarrhea) nor too hard to pass comfortably (constipation).

**Fecal Scoring Chart:** <http://mousebreath.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/Fecal-Score-Chart-499x600.jpg>

Some abnormal DP color indicators are (Disclaimer: This information is extracted from references - See your vet.):

- Black or Very Dark DP – A "tarry" or "sticky" consistency may be a sign of a gastrointestinal ulcer or a stomach ulcer.
- Red DP or Streaks of Blood in Stool – This can indicate bleeding further down the GI tract. Streaks of blood in your dog's poop may be colitis (inflammation of the colon), a rectal injury, an anal gland infection or possibly a

tumor.

- Pink or Purple DP - Anything that resembles raspberry jam could indicate hemorrhagic gastroenteritis (HGE). Grey or Greasy-looking DP that appears fatty, glistens or comes out in large, soft amounts could indicate Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency or EPI. Commonly referred to as maldigestion, EPI is a disease in which the pancreas does not produce the necessary enzymes to digest fat.
- Green DP - It could mean your dog has eaten a large amount of grass. It can also be a parasite, rat bait poisoning or other internal issues.
- Orange DP - It could indicate a liver issue or biliary disease, or it could just mean that your dog's poop moved too

quickly through the GI tract to pick up the bile which changes poop to the normal brown color we expect.

- Yellow DP - Yellow mucus usually indicates a food intolerance, especially if you've recently changed your dog's diet. Take a look at what your pet's been eating and

## The Color Wheel of Dog Poop

*If your dog's poop is anything but chocolate brown colored, consult your veterinarian.  
Color changes could be an indication of larger, more serious internal problems.*



try to rule out any new ingredients that could be causing stomach upset.

- White Specks in DP - Worms often look like white grains of rice in your dog's stool.

As an "after-thought," where are you sitting as you read this article?

### References:

Huffington Post  
Chicago Tribune  
San Francisco Chronicle  
AKC  
Nestle Purina





### Some Websites that you may be interested in:

[www.bmdca.org/](http://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](http://www.bestbeau.ca/BMD_Health_Info_Links.html) BMD Health Site  
[www.pettravel.com](http://www.pettravel.com) Pet friendly travel accommodations  
[www.dogbitelaw.com](http://www.dogbitelaw.com) Dog Bite Law  
[www.barcinc.net/](http://www.barcinc.net/) Bernese Auction Rescue Coalition  
[www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) Official American Kennel Club Site  
[www.rallyobedience.com/](http://www.rallyobedience.com/) Rally obedience Site  
[www.uexplore.com/health/poisonplants.htm](http://www.uexplore.com/health/poisonplants.htm) Plants that are Poisonous for Dogs  
[www.vet.upenn.edu/pennhip/index.html](http://www.vet.upenn.edu/pennhip/index.html) University of Pennsylvania Hip Improvement  
[Offa.org](http://Offa.org) Orthopedic Foundation for Animals  
[www.vmdb.org/cerf.html](http://www.vmdb.org/cerf.html) Canine Eye Registry Foundation (CERF)  
[www.caninehealthinfo.org/chicinfo.html](http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/chicinfo.html) Canine Health Information Center  
[www.behaf.org/](http://www.behaf.org/) Berner Emergency Health Assistance Foundation (Behalf)  
[www.bmdcni.org/index.html](http://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](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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#### 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  
· \$5.00 per quarter page copy ready / \$10 editor set-up  
Non-Member advertising is additional 50% per ad and subject to space.

### **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:

<b>January 20</b>	<b>Jan-Feb Newsletter</b>
<b>March 20</b>	<b>Mar-Apr Newsletter</b>
<b>May 20</b>	<b>May-Jun Newsletter</b>
<b>July 20</b>	<b>Jul-Aug Newsletter</b>
<b>September 30</b>	<b>Sep-Oct Newsletter</b>
<b>November 20</b>	<b>Nov-Dec Newsletter</b>

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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