



# YODELS

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Wiley was just 5 months old in the picture "Fall Puppy"

Congratulations to: Kristi Tursky This is LionHeart Wreaking Havoc "Wiley" BG# 229632

Photo contest pictures can be submitted at any time by emailing them to PHHessCo@aol.com

## BMDCSEW EVENTS

### Next Up

September Draft Tests  
Nashotah Park  
September 25 & 26

Bernerfest Sunday  
September 27

Annual Meeting  
St. Mary's Church  
November 1  
Lunch noon  
Meeting 12:30

## Waukesha Summer Specialties

This year we hosted TWO specialties on Friday, one on Saturday and a Supported Entry on Sunday.

### Friday Show #1

Sweepstakes: Kami West  
Classes: Jane Haefner  
Results:  
<https://tinyurl.com/5dw8asnh>

### Friday Show #2

Classes: Joe Walton  
Results:  
<https://tinyurl.com/yecrmytw>

### Saturday

Sweepstakes: Addy Cui  
Classes: Janet Lobb  
Results:  
<https://tinyurl.com/u8fybr8s>

### Sunday

Classes: Paula Nykiel  
Results:  
<https://tinyurl.com/bdhnuccp>

These beautiful quilts were  
hand made and completely  
donated by Sue Lutz!





## Judges Report Waukesha

BERNESE SPECIALTY 7-24-27  
by Jane Haefner

Thank you for inviting me to judge our wonderful breed. I had a great entry and appreciate your support. The entry was up this year and I hope it continues to grow.

I had 20 specials show up. There were so many different ways I could have gone with the quality I had in my ring.

My class dogs/bitches opinion: we have some problems with sloppy fronts and narrow rears. Most were in good coat and properly presented. Bites were correct except for one.

Puppies: surprised me by being so uniform! No high in the rear etc. They were a nice moving group and their futures look promising.

Best Puppy was Lavish's Try Before Your Deny and Best of Opposite was Shepherdspatch Ultimate Bear Hug lovely future representatives of the breed.

My best of breed dog Ch. Holiday's Romantic Fantasy was a typy 5 yr old male with good sturdy bone, balanced, and moved well.

My Best of Opposite was Ch. Jenda's Did Your Boots Stop Workin' V Summers', a lovely bitch, good reach and drive, had good bone.

Winners Dog and BOW Lionhearts Waging My Bet (winner dog both Friday & Saturday) was a classic male with good bone that

displayed with a true Bernese should look like. Bone in proportion to size (height and length). Nice head piece.

Winner Bitch Astia's Winterschlafl high Society V Flutterby was winners bitch 3 out of the 4 shows. Kinda hard not to miss her! She is a beautiful bitch, balanced, good bone and moved well. She has a lovely head piece. She was handled well, and by that, I mean not a lot of hands on.

### Award of Merits:

Ch. Alpenspirit Anyway You Want It is a young male with lots of promise. Good top line, balanced, lovely side gait. He was BOB 2 out of the 4 shows.

My Veteran Bitch Lionhearts Uptown Funk was a 9-year-old bitch who had good bone, and still moved strong. It takes a breeder judge to truly recognize just how special she is to our breed.

The show was a great success; I had a wonderful time judging.

Congratulations to all!

I would like to thank Karen Borre my ring steward. As Karen said to me "we have come full circle". I taught Karen many years ago how to steward! She was organized and kept the ring moving. If someone would like to learn how to steward, please contact me.

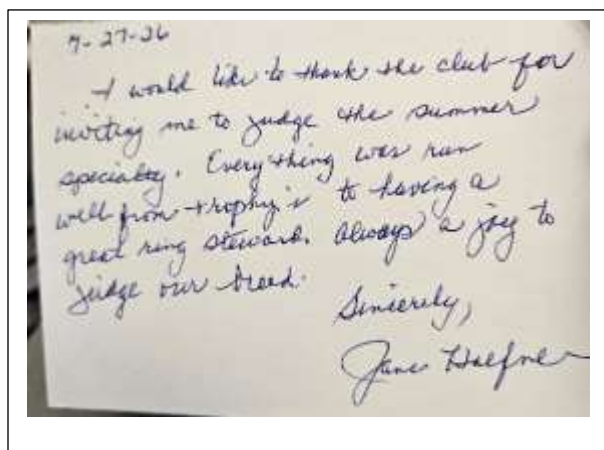
## Summer Splash

By: Sue Wellenstein

I want to thank everyone that was involved with, entered, or helped with the two shows on Friday at Waukesha.

Huge thank you to Sue Lutz for making and donating the three quilts, to Karen Borre for stewarding for both shows. Kathy Koehler for picking up the judge for the second show.

A huge thank you goes out to all the members of our club that entered and showed their dogs Tammy Lindvig, Paige Hess, Angie Hansen, Carri Borisch, Sue Lutz, Cindy Kummer, Peggy Granger, Mary Alice Eschweiler, Laura Kutka, Amy Kessler and Kerry Waltersdorf. I think we actually might've made a profit.



## BernerGarde Newsletter

Check out the latest BernerGarde Newsletter here.

link: <https://bernergarde.org/home/Newsletters>

Please take a look at the many health initiatives taking place so that should you get an unfortunate diagnoses you will be aware of any trials or breaking developments in treatments!



GO AHEAD  
**BRAG**  
A LITTLE

Brags can be submitted any  
time by emailing Paige at  
[phhessco@aol.com](mailto:phhessco@aol.com)



**CH Lionhearts Make Mine A  
Double – “Matt” went Select at  
the Lake Elmo specialty under  
Lisa Ebnet BG#215936**



Enjoying our new screen porch,  
Nora at 10 years and 4 months.  
BG#132512

Alpenhorn Veterans Issue is currently accepting submissions for the upcoming issue. Click here to submit your dog!  
<https://www.bmdca.org/senior> You do NOT need to be a BMDCA member. Dogs need to be 10 years or older. It is FREE! (if you are not a BMDCA member you can purchase a copy of this issue once it is published – details available at the link provided) Take the time to celebrate your amazing senior Berner!!

## Draft Tests

BMDCSEW is hosting BMDCA Draft Tests on Friday, September 25 & Saturday, September 26. Closing date is Tuesday, September 15, 2026.

This year our judges will be Beth Dennehy from Colorado and Jan Burgan from Maryland.

Held once again at Nashotah Park in Nashotah, WI (just west of Milwaukee). This park features abundant shade and gentle hills. There is a park shelter with bathrooms. This is an All Breed Test. Premium can be found at [bmdcsew.org](http://bmdcsew.org) or [bmdca.org](http://bmdca.org). Or reach out to our test secretary Paige Hess at [phhessco@aol.com](mailto:phhessco@aol.com) for a copy sent via email.

We could use a couple more volunteers to help at the tests. No experience is needed...honest! It would be a great way to learn about draft and how it all works! Contact Peggy Granger at [storbmd@gmail.com](mailto:storbmd@gmail.com) if you can help.





## BernerFest!

Bernerfest will be held Sunday, September 27th, from 11am to 2:30pm. I hope you have saved the date and plan to attend.

I am still in need of a few volunteers. I need 2 people to man the lunch table. This includes helping setup, taking money and supervising the food line.

I am in need of a volunteer or 2 to help Kevin with his musical Berners game. Kevin is also leading a group hike and could use some help. Must be willing to walk the short hike route and supervise.

I need someone to assist Krysta on the Welcome table.

I need a couple people to help with my "new" event this year which is an additional fundraiser for the club. Its called "Chuck A Duck" Contact me for details.

Keith Waltersdorf has taken on the "Game of Chance" fundraiser. Keith needs baskets and NEW donation items. Please contact Keith if you have items to donate. I will also be at the Draft Test on Friday if anyone wants to drop off donations.

There may be other little things someone can do to help. Please ask and I will not turn down the help. The more help we have means everyone can enjoy the day.

Spread the word, pray for good weather and let's make this a great Bernerfest.

Contact information for me, Kevin and Keith can be found in the membership directory.

Kathy Bohm

### Next Issue!

The next issue of the Yodels is scheduled for November 30. Please submit your brags, photo contest entries or articles by November 20.

Send them to Paige at [phhessco@aol.com](mailto:phhessco@aol.com)

**DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 20!**

## Cheese Days – Monroe, WI

Submitted By: Carri Lindblom-Borisch

The parade is at 12:30 on Sunday, September 20th of the festival. We would like to have well behaved Berners in carts or walking. Traditional Swiss clothing is the best choice for the people. Contact me at [tdbmds@comcast.net](mailto:tdbmds@comcast.net)





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](http://www.bmdcsew.org)

## Yodels

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**Deadlines for contributions are 10 days before publish date.**

**BOARD MEETINGS 2026**

Sat, Jan 17<sup>th</sup>  
Zoom Meeting 9:00 am

Sun, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>  
St Mary's Church 10:00 am

Sat, March 21<sup>st</sup>  
Zoom Meeting 9 am

Sat. May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Ixonla 10:00 am

Sun, Sept 27<sup>th</sup>  
Nashotah Park 9:00 am

Sun, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>  
St Mary's Church 10 am

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2026**

Sun Feb 8<sup>th</sup>  
St Mary's Church Dousman, WI 1:00 pm

Sat, May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Western Waukesha County Dog Training  
Ixonla, WI 12:30 pm

Sat, July 25<sup>th</sup>  
Waukesha Kennel Club Dog Show  
Waukesha County Expo  
1000 Northview Road, Waukesha, WI 53188  
1 hour after Bernese judging

Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>  
Nashotah Park W33N5113 County Road C  
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10:00 am

Sun, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>  
St Mary's Church Dousman, WI 12:30 pm

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