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Yodels

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



2019 BernerFest

Refer to companion flyer

SEPTEMBER 2019						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2019 Draft Test

DRAFT TEST ENTRIES CLOSE ON
 SEPTEMBER 17TH

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
 Dousman

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

Draft / Carting Workshop
 Saturday, June 15
 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
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 10:00 AM



Yodels Moves to Quarterly Publishing

The Yodels will be published every three months rather than every other month. Information submittal deadlines and other Yodels Newsletter information is in a column on the last page of the newsletters.

Pre-event reminder bulletins will be continued to be sent via email.



BMDCSEW 2019 Draft Tests

We will be hosting two BMDCA Draft Tests again this year. But trying something a bit different. The draft tests will be on Friday and Saturday, September 27 &



28, 2019. This will leave Sunday completely for Bernerfest. The draft tests will be at Nashotah Park, Nashotah, WI. Our wonderful judges are Ruth Nielsen from Seattle, Washington and Susan van Ocker from Perkasio, PA. The Chair is Karen Borre and the secretary is Peggy Granger. The premium list is on our club's website.

There is still plenty of time to get ready for these tests! If you have any questions about training or getting started, feel free to contact either Karen or Peggy or the club's Draft Chairperson, Kay Wendorf.

If you are interested in learning about draft but just unsure how it all works, being a steward at the tests is a wonderful way to learn!! Absolutely no experience is needed! It is a great opportunity to see draft close up! And we can always use the help!!

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Judges Selection for 2021 Back To Back Specialties

The judges' selection committee for 2021 is Karen Borre, Deanna Scott and Kathy Bohm. We will be meeting later this fall, likely October to select judges for 2021. If you have any suggestions, we would like to hear from you. Not only for Conformation but also Obedience/Rally. Remember we do breeder judges for Conformation and Sweeps. The sweepstakes judge does not need to be a licensed AKC judge. If it is someone we may not be familiar with it would be helpful if you let us know why you think they would be a good candidate.



September 29, 2019

Volunteers needed to run:

- ◆ Games for Berners and their friends
- ◆ Raffle
- ◆ Agility course for fun all day long
- ◆ Berner playground all day long
- ◆ Grooming 101
- ◆ Tracking for treats
- ◆ Massage
- ◆ Face painting (children)

We need people to work 2 hour shifts; No previous experience necessary; Needed just a fun loving attitude.

Please contact Kerry Waltertendorf at:

stoneg8Kerry@gmail.com or 262-397-8622



Bucky

July-August, 2019

We have had quite a dry spell for two years in rescue. I have assisted with a few re-homes but my first rescue since 2017 arrived July 5, 2019, as an owner surrender. A three-year-old, intact male. Bucky never showed any signs of discomfort or

sadness as I fostered him. He was completely at ease in his new surroundings and was never a bit of trouble. The only problem I ran into was when Bucky



spotted me petting my dog instead of him. Bucky would immediately trot over to stand in between us. Other than being a bit needy, Bucky is very mild mannered, sweet, well behaved and doesn't have a care in the world. After a check-up, getting neutered, and some time to heal, Bucky was enthusiastically adopted by Kathi and Courtney of Madison, Wisconsin. They are busy giving Bucky all the love he needs.

Wendy Kerr
BMDCEW Rescue Chair



Berner Brags

Prudence's first weekend out as a special, she took best of opp specials.

We had a great weekend in Waukesha. Prudence took best of Bugziere's Peek A Boo



g dog.



A few weeks ago I was so honored to be able to have a 10 Year Birthday Party for a litter of three one male and two females.



It owned by Debbie Thornton was the male that sired this litter at 10 years old. Although there were are a litter to remember. Peggy Granger had asked if the litter theme could be stars and so it was.

STAR "LUKE" BG#71166 Luke lives with Lynne Kurz in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Lynne keeps Luke

arts:

VD, TDX, VST, CT

STONEHILLS STARS IN HER EYES "IRIS" BG#71167 lives with Peggy Granger in Elkhorn, Wisconsin CD, NDD, WD, CH, VD, DD, BNDD, MDD, ABNDD, BDD, ANDD, TDX, MBDD, GMDD, VST, CT RN

STONEHILLS STAR SAPHIRE FROM INDIA "SAPHIRE" BG#71168 Saphire lives with me Kerry Walt achievements include: CD, CH, NDD, VD, CGC

As you can see this is a very intelligent litter and all are people pleasers. I thank Peggy and Lynne for all you have done to make these stars shine.

Then 8-24-2009

Now 8-24-2019



My next special lady is Stonehills Shania Cho-Cho Twain "SHANIA"

DOB August 13, 2006. Shania lives with Dawn Perry in Wisconsin. Dawn keeps Shania very busy by involving her in many doggie outings to parks and dog festivities at fair grounds. Shania still goes to her favorite job Therapy Dog work. Shania visits not only nursing homes but schools and libraries. Shania has never missed participating in the Oconomowoc Dog Show. Shania attended the 2019 National Specialty in Minnesota.

I am so honored to be able to share a few pictures and memories of my 2019 seniors. This past wonderful moments shared with not only the dogs but also with their owners. My first beautiful in Minnesota. "Journey" was the Oldest Bitch present at the active in Agility, Rally, Obedience and Therapy Dog.





The American Kennel Club Launches AKC PupPals Program

By *Samantha Seymour* Aug 20, 2019



The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest dog registry, leading industry authority and advocate for dogs, is proud to announce the launch of the AKC PupPals Program. The AKC PupPals Program provides dog owners a unique opportunity to uplift a child who is seeking the comfort only a dog can provide.

A parent/legal guardian may request an AKC PupPal for a child that may be suffering from an illness, the illness or death of a loved one (human or pet), the deployment of a parent, or otherwise going through a difficult time. In order to serve this need, AKC Public Education is seeking help from dog owners. Owners may utilize an online form to submit a photo of and information about their dog.

AKC Public Education will utilize this information to create and send a card to the child. The card will include facts about the breed, an owner provided photo, fun information about the dog, and a personalized letter to the child. All dogs are welcome to participate.

"AKC Public Education is always seeking ways to highlight the importance of the human-canine bond and bring communities together. The AKC PupPals Program is another way to accomplish that and we look forward to providing children with the comfort of a canine friend," says Meredith Saraceno, Public Education Manager.

To learn more about the AKC PupPals Program, please visit <https://www.akc.org/public-education/akc-puppals-program/>

Draft Tests September 27th and September 28th

We are doing two days of Draft Tests this year on Friday and Saturday. Entries close September 17th. See the BMDCSEW.org website for more information and directions. We would love to have spectators to cheer the teams on and we could still use another steward or two. If you have any questions the best way to reach me is e-mail kardon2009@yahoo.com Karen Borre – Draft Chair

US Postal Service honors military working dogs with new 'forever' stamp

The furriest members of the armed forces will grace the U.S. Postal Service's newest stamps to be released Aug. 1, 2019. .

The new red, white and blue stamps featuring military working dogs were designed to "honor the nation's brave and loyal canines," according to a Postal Service statement released last week.

The stamps will feature artist renderings of four breeds commonly used as military working dogs: German shepherd, Dutch shepherd, Labrador retriever and Belgian Malinois, according to an image of the stamps.



In four different stamps, each breed is pictured wearing a working harness, posing against a backdrop of a white star against a red or blue background, according to the image.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael DeCarli, a master-at-arms at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, said he plans to purchase a stamp and feels honored to have his profession featured on the classic icon.

DeCarli, of Evansville, Ind., deployed last year to Qatar and Syria with his military working dog, Adam. DeCarli and the 6-year-old German shepherd worked to detect explosives and went on patrols in the two countries from April to December 2018.

"Postage stamps for a long time have been a collector's item featuring important people and events," DeCarli said. "To be considered in that, I feel very honored as part of the [dog-handler] community."

The U.S. has used military working dogs alongside service-



5 Amazing Things Dogs Can Sense About Humans

All Dogs Matter by Katie Finlayon February 27, 2015

Dogs are extremely keen, intuitive animals that we learn more about every day. It's recently been discovered that some dogs can warn their epileptic owners before a seizure happens or notify their diabetic owners if their blood sugar is too low. These amazing things haven't yet been able to be trained and only some dogs display the behavior. But there are things that all dogs can sense about humans, and they're amazing.

#1 – Your Mood

It shouldn't be surprising that dogs can sense what mood we're in. Dogs will often become very stressed when we're stressed or angry and they'll often become clingy if we're sad. In fact, many dog trainers have noticed the difference in results they get from their dogs depending on the mood the trainer is in at the time.



#2 – When You're Not Paying Attention

Dogs are intelligent and just like people, they know when we aren't paying attention. Have you ever noticed that you lost sight of your pooch for just 10 seconds and that's when he stole the hamburger off the table? Dogs know exactly the right



members since World War I for multiple purposes, including explosives and narcotics detection, search and rescue and security, according to the U.S. War Dogs Association.

Their senses of smell and sight "are literally superhuman," allowing dogs to do what servicemembers alone could not, according to the War Dogs Association.

Chief Petty Officer Autumn NoRunnerHerron, a master-at-arms and regional kennel master for Navy Region Japan, said in an email to Stars and Stripes that the stamps will build awareness among civilians, "helping them understand the contribution of the 1 percent that serve and the smaller percentage of those who earn the title of K9.

"The military working dog is born into service without anyone asking them if they wish to serve," NoRunnerHerron said. "Even with this fact of involuntary service, the military working dog is still the bravest and most dependable of warriors on the battlefield and at home."

The military working dog stamps will be issued as "forever" stamps, meaning they "will always be equal in value to the current First-Class Mail 1-ounce price," according to the Post Office statement. Postage rates are 55 cents per stamp.

time to make their sneaky moves because they know when we aren't watching, even if we're standing right there!

#3 – Inequality

A recent study published in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* has shown that dogs can see inequality right before their eyes. In the study, researchers paired dogs together and gave them both the same obedience command. They would reward one dog with a treat while the other got nothing and soon discovered that the neglected dog soon stopped offering the behavior and would even stop paying attention to the researchers altogether.



#4 – When You're Sick

While many owners can vouch for their dogs staying close by and comforting them when they're ill, it's recently been discovered that dogs might be able to smell cancer cells. Researchers have tested dogs' noses by having them smell multiple blood samples and watching as the dog indicates the one sample that contains cancer cells. Doctors and scientists hope to soon be able to rely on a dog's smell for better testing of cancer.



#5 – If You're Untrustworthy



Japanese researchers at the Kyoto University of Japan studied 34 dogs and published their findings in the journal *Animal Cognition*. With the knowledge that dogs will explore an area or

object pointed out by a human, they wanted to discover how long it would take dogs to realize they were being misled by humans, if they realized it at all. It turns out the dogs picked up on untrustworthy people pretty quickly. In one round, an experimenter pointed to a container with food inside. The second round, the container had no food and in the third round the food was put back inside. But from following the experimenter to the empty food container in the second round, the dogs had learned not to trust that they would be rewarded, so they stopped following the experimenter's cues. However, when they brought a different experimenter out, the dog would initial trust that person until they were misled.





When visiting my house please remember:

I live here, you are a guest

To you I am a dog, but here I am the baby

They love me, they are only friends with you

They like me more than they like most humans

If you don't like dog hair stay off the couch

You will be sniffed, possibly licked—deal with it!

Dear members of the Berner community--

We have had a researcher request samples from the repository at Michigan State University from dogs "diagnosed" with Bloat / GDV (Gastric Dilatation) for his upcoming research study on GDV.



IMPORTANT-- If your Berner (living or deceased) has a blood or cheek swab DNA sample in the BMD Repository and has experienced a Bloat/GDV event, please be sure that information is added to your dogs Berner-Garde health record. It is important to make these updates as soon as you can! If you are able to get information from your vet that would allow this information to be entered into the database as "diagnosed", that would be extremely helpful for this research effort, as it will enable us to provide diagnosed GDV samples to the researcher for this important project.

We also need "anecdotal" bloat/GDV information on dogs that have blood and cheek swab samples in the BMD Repository as well, as this is also very important for us to have for researchers, and to help us to identify control dogs for this and future GDV studies. Even if your dog does not have DNA sam-

ples in the Repository, please update any Bloat/GDV information into the Berner-Garde Database for future research studies as well.

Our Berner-Garde site operators are ready to receive and verify your dog's Bloat/GDV information updates now. And a reminder about the importance of updating your dogs health record in Berner-Garde, especially date and cause of death information. This is important for any dogs in the database, but especially critical for dogs with DNA samples in the Repository!

If you need help entering updated information on your dog, please contact me (see contact info below).

Thank you so much for your help!

Brycie Marine
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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 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 and mail the [Breeder Referral form](#) at

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](http://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 (Behaf)

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:

helpwithgrief.org/ Help With Grief

www.tufts.edu/vet/petloss/ Tufts University Pet Loss hotline

[www.petpartners.org/Pet Loss Websites](http://www.petpartners.org/Pet_Loss_Websites) Pet Loss web sites

www.petpartners.org/page.aspx?pid=372 Pet loss references and resources

Man gets a tattoo that he sees on his rescue dog not knowing the tattoo is to signify that he is neutered.

Bear is Chris Mendiola's rescue pup. Mendiola noticed that his beloved pup had a mark on his pelvic area and decided to tattoo the same symbol onto himself as a sign of solidarity. He had good intentions but unfortunately should've done a bit more research into what the tattoo actually meant...



BMDCSEW member meeting July 27th Waukesha Kennel Club Show. At Waukesha County Expo Center. Amy Kessler voted in as a new member.

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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 within this publication.

Publication

Publication is anticipated the last week of the quarter. News, articles and advertisements must be submitted by:

- 1st quarter Yodels: March 22
- 2nd quarter Yodels: June 22
- 3rd quarter Yodels: September 22
- 4th quarter Yodels: December 22

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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