



January — February 2016

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

## Presidents Message

I retired from a Chicago law firm eight years ago after 38 years of a general law practice, and we moved out to Galena IL( 5 miles from Iowa and 5 miles from Wisconsin), with two BMDs. We got our first BMD in 1981, after the notorious Quonset hut specialty in a blizzard. At the time we had a little Chevette, and when our first dog (Woof) got to be about 6 months old, one day when driving someplace with him I thought the car was running rough and needed a tune up. Actually it was the dog panting and causing the car to vibrate! What had we gotten ourselves into? We've been members of BMDCSEW since 1981, encouraged by Mary Alice (then Horstick) and Carri (then Paulsen) and other early members.

I enjoy reading and music (I have a stalled project of converting about 1000 old vinyl to CDs, which my kids point out is just getting me from antique to obsolete) I love to cook, and sing with a good church choir and the Tri State Chorale. We're down to just one dog now (Beau), who loves to go into pockets of jackets and trousers to retrieve handkerchiefs and eat them, despite efforts to secure same.

One of the goals I have for the SEW club is to improve our outreach to younger non members, perhaps by ramped up social media work, including an education piece about health issues. (Do you really want to

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### 2016 Board Meetings

Sat, January 23, 10:00 A.M.  
Eschweiler's  
32022 W Hwy K, Hartland

Sun, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am  
Thunder Bay Grille  
N14W24130 Tower Place,  
Waukesha, WI 53188

TBA

### General Member Meetings

Sun, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>,  
Thunder Bay Grill  
N14W24130 Tower Place  
Waukesha  
11:00 am Dinner  
12:00 PM meeting

**Spring Fling**  
April 16<sup>th</sup>  
German Shepard Dog Club  
of Wisconsin  
W224 S6950 Guthrie Dr.

Big Bend (map link)  
Meeting 12:30 pm

**Waukesha KC Show**  
Sat, July 30<sup>th</sup>  
Waukesha County  
Expo Center  
1000 North view Road  
1 Hour after BMD judging

**Bernerfest 2016**  
Sept 25<sup>th</sup>  
Nashotah Park  
W330 N5113 Cty Road C  
Nashotah  
9:30 AM or following  
draft walk-through

**Fall Annual Meeting**  
St. Mary's Church  
36014 Sunset Drive  
Dousman, WI  
12:30 PM

### Upcoming BMDCSEW Sponsored Events for 2016

**Awards Dinner**  
Sunday, February 7  
Thunder Bay Grill  
Waukesha  
11:00 AM

**Back-To-Back Specialty**  
Friday—Saturday  
Mar 4—5  
Washington Co.  
Expo Center  
3000 Pleasant Valley Rd,  
West Bend

**Spring Fling**  
April 16<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 AM—4:00 PM  
German Shepard Dog Club  
of Wisconsin

W224 S6950 Guthrie Dr.

Big Bend (map link)

**Draft / Carting workshop**  
Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>  
W8521 School Section  
Road  
Darien, WI 53114

**Draft Test**  
Friday, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Nashotah Park  
W330 N5113 Cty Road C  
Nashotah, WI

**Draft Test**  
Sat. Sept 24<sup>th</sup>  
Nashotah Park  
W330 N5113 Cty Road C  
Nashotah

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drop \$1000 on your vet for something that is preventable?) The SEW club has long been the premier club for Berners nationally, having hosted 5 national specialties, and the March 5th event will be our 25th Regional specialty, so we want to maintain the club as an obedience and conformation showcase, but to continue as such we need more, younger members, and we need to know what their interests are in owning one of our beautiful dogs. So I will need help from all of you! I am happy and grateful to be your president.



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*More ... Dog Stuff*  
*Do you know ...*



... the sentence "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" that appears when you check the fonts on your computer uses every letter of the alphabet.  
 ... cats have over one hundred vocal sounds; dogs have only about ten.  
 ... touching or tapping gently on a dog's whisker (vibrissae), with each tap the eye on the same side of the face will blink and they move their face in the opposite direction.  
 ... a dog actually does not have to make physical contact with an object like a wall to know it is there. The vibrissae are so sensitive that they register slight changes in air currents off the object's surface.  
 ... if a dog's whiskers have been clipped they actually move more slowly because they are not getting the information that they depend upon to tell them where things are around them.

## CRAFT BEER FOR DOGS IS NOW A THING

Posted on MSN.com by: Liz



Finally, the day hipsters hounds have been waiting for. A brew made just for them.

An Indianapolis brewery Flat 12 Bierwerks has created a beer that's safe for dogs—and pretty darn tasty, too.

"I think every employee here owns a dog," Valerie Green of the brewery told the Indianapolis Star. "We are all very dog-friendly."

According to the Indianapolis Star, the beer is essentially a soup made from bones (donated from the meatery/smokehouse next door), vegetables, brewers yeast, and wort (which is actually used in beer brewing). To be dog-safe, it contains no alcohol or carbonation, but to maintain authenticity, it's kept in a keg.

The brewery launched the brew during an event for a local animal-welfare organization Heaven After Hell Rescue.

Pints (well bowls) sell for \$1 a pop. No price yet established for barrels.

## IMPORTANT JAN-FEB ATTACHMENTS

The February Board Minutes and the General Meeting 2\_7 Minutes include discussion relating to modifications to the BMDCSEW Contribution (a.k.a. Donation) Policy. The proposed modified BMDCSEW Contribution Policy is included as a separate attachment. The modified policy document is "red-line" mark-up for the membership to review for further discussion and approval at the April general membership meeting.

Note that the General membership Meeting will be held Saturday, April 16th during the Spring Fling at 12:30 pm.

The location is:

German Shepard Dog Club of Wisconsin  
 W224 S6950 Guthrie Dr.  
 Big Bend, WI



*The Bernese Mountain Dog Club  
of Southeastern Wisconsin*

*Cordially invites you to join us on*

**March 4th & 5th, 2016**

*for our*

**25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Back Specialties**

**Washington County Fair Park**

*3000 Pleasant Valley Road, West Bend, Wisconsin*

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*Our spacious location offers reserved grooming*

**Friday**

*Conformation Judge - Dawn Cox of Pennsylvania*

*Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes Judge - Debbie Jahnke of Wisconsin*

*Obedience Judge - Julianne Cepulis of WI Rally Judge - Ronda Bermke of WI*

**Saturday**

*Conformation Judge - Lisbet Ramsing of Denmark*

*Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes Judge - Angela Wagenblast of Ontario*

*Obedience Judge - Julianne Cepulis of WI Rally Judge - Ronda Bermke of WI*

**Entries close** 6:00 PM (CST) Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at the  
home of Show Secretary or for Conformation  
when numerical limit has been reached

Download complete **Premium List** from our Web Site at  
[www.bmdcsew.org](http://www.bmdcsew.org)

**Show Secretary** - K9 Secretarial Services by KAD  
[k9secretary@centurytel.net](mailto:k9secretary@centurytel.net)

**Show Chair** - Mary Alice Eschweiler - [sheppatch@aol.com](mailto:sheppatch@aol.com)





## BMDCSEW "New" Award Winners - 2015

<u>Dog's Name / Owner(s)</u>	<u>Title(s)</u>
1) The Proper Earl Of Wiltshire Erin Flynn	CGC
2) Lionheart's Ooo La La Sue Wellenstein	Champion Grand Champion
3) Serendipity Zivalicious Michele Dominy & Kay Wendorf	Rally Novice Rally Advanced Rally Excellent CD Novice Draft Dog
4) Stonehill's Feast Your Eyes On Beryl Jody Bogdan & Kerry Waltersdorf	Champion Dock Senior CGC
5) Blumoon's Bechamel Beau Linda Packard	Rally Novice
6) Stonehills Jasper the Friendly Ghost Kerry Waltersdorf, Robin Krumnow, Rebecca Dove & Dee McDuffee	Champion CGC Therapy Dog
7) Stonehill's Crystal U-R Unstoppable Kerry Waltersdorf, Robin Krumnow & Rebecca Dove	CGC
8) Serendipity Fancy Cash V Kardon Karen Borre	Rally Novice
9) Jaberwock's Whoo's At Owl's Roost Jane Hill	Champion
10) Great Lakes It's All Greek To Me Jane Hill	Champion Grand Champion
11) Starlight's Shining Star Angela Hanson	Champion Versatility Dog



## BMDCSEW "Additional" Award Winners - 2015

1) Barberry Jumping At The Chance BN, RE, NAP, NJP Terry Rudolph	OAP OJP
2) Barberry Jonquil BN, RN, CGC Barb Waltenberry	Rally Advanced Champion
3) Ch. Stonehill's Stars In Her Eyes CD, TD, MDD, BNDD Peggy Granger	Advanced BNDD Brace Draft Dog





4) Stormfront Delightful Breeze At Stonehill TD  
Peggy Granger

Novice Draft Dog  
CD  
Working Dog  
Draft Dog  
Brace Novice Draft Dog  
Brace Draft Dog  
TDX



5) Brookhills J Northern Lights V Northcote CD, RA, CGC  
Kerry & Jack Luderus

Rally Excellent

6) GCh. Ridon Hennet Joig  
Dee McDuffee

Grand Champion Bronze

7) GCh. De-Li's Sweet Surprise CD, BN, RE, OAP, OJP  
Joanne Brault

Novice Draft Dog



8) Twelve Oaks Tosh The Terrific CGC  
Michele Dominy

CD  
Rally Novice

9) GCh. Nobleheart's Rigel  
Jody Bogdan

Grand Champion Silver  
CGC

10) GCh. Blumoon's Steamboat Willie CD, RE, DD, BNDD, CGC

CDX  
Advanced NDD  
Master Draft Dog



11) GCh. Shepherdspatch Nelly CD, RA, NDD, BNDD  
Mary Alice Eschweiler

Draft Dog

12) Stonehill's Wish Upon A Star RN, TD, NDD, CGC  
Lynne Kurz & Kerry Waltersdorf

Advanced NDD

13) Stonehill's U-R-A Rising Star CGC, TDI  
Vicki Koralewski, Kerry Waltersdorf &  
Lynne Farrell

Champion

14) Ch. Stonehill's Jade Is The One and Only CGC, TDI  
Robin Krumnow, Rebecca Dove &  
Kerry Waltersdorf

NAP  
NJP



15) Stonehill's Gaelic Highlands CGC  
Robin Krumnow, Rebecca Dove &  
Kerry Waltersdorf

Therapy Dog



## So God Made A Dog

Place cursor over hyperlink, press Ctrl key and  
left click

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJ7AfSO2fKs>





**Berner-Garde Foundation:**  
**For the Love of a Berner**  
 By Brycie Marine, Berner-Garde Trustee & Co  
 -Liaison to the BMD Repository at MSU

This column is dedicated to helping clarify and inform **The Alpennhorn** readers about subjects of interest pertaining to the Berner-Garde Foundation database and the Bernese Mountain Dog Repository at Michigan State University (MSU), which is a collaborative effort between the Berner-Garde Foundation and the BMDCA.

**Q.** Why is it so important that I update my Berner's health information in the Berner-Garde Foundation database on a yearly basis?

**A.** Health information is the "heart and soul" of the Berner-Garde Foundation Database. Current health information held in the database on individual dogs and their relatives helps breeders make more informed breeding decisions to produce healthier dogs. Also, having current health information in the database makes each blood, cheek DNA, and tissue sample held in the BMD Repository more valuable for use in any given research study. Not having any current medical information on any donated sample held in the BMD Repository renders the sample useless. The BMD Repository needs to know the medical background of each and every sample it holds to be able to offer the correct sample to the right research study.

**Q.** What kind of health information should I enter into the Berner-Garde Foundation Database?

**A.** All health information is important! You never know what research study might "come knocking at our door." Please include not only major illnesses for each of your Berners, but also health issues such as allergies, skin diseases, thyroid, ear infections, eye problems, tick-borne diseases, heartworm, digestion problems, chronic diarrhea, fly snapping, behavioral issues, orthopedic surgeries, skin biopsies, dental issues, etc. Whatever health issue for which you might take your dog to the Veterinarian, we would like you to include that information in your Berner's individual database page. You can and should also report good health as well. One of the most important things to record, and often the most difficult, is your Berner's date and cause of death. This information helps provide concrete data as we identify both improvements in health, but also where we might focus research efforts for newly emerging health problems in our breed.

**Q.** What's the best way for me to update my Berner's health information in the Berner-Garde Database?

**A.** It's SO Easy! Just go to the Berner-Garde website at [www.berner-garde.org](http://www.berner-garde.org) and proceed directly to your Berner's individual dog page in the database. Click on the "Submit Data" button, which is on the left side of the page. On the next page click on the "Individual Dog Submission Form" button. A form

will pop up that you can fill out online. If your dog is already entered into the database there is a highlighted section that will ask you to click the box. Then scroll down to the section that best fits the health information you want to enter into the database. Some information may need to be verified by your Veterinarian, but a Site Operator will let you know if further documentation is needed. That's it . . . anybody can do it in just a couple of minutes! Please consider updating all of your Berners' information today and then keep it updated on an annual basis!



**COULD YOUR PERSONALITY BE CAUSING YOUR DOG'S BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS?**

By: Liz Donovan

Bad behavior is the top reason dogs are relinquished to shelters, but what if the problem is not with the dog, but with the owner?

Researchers at the Center for Canine Behavior Studies in Bloomfield, Connecticut, are exploring the possibility that a dog's bad behavior could be caused by his owner's personality and psychological status. Dr. Nicholas Dodman, professor at Tufts University, and Dr. James Serpell, director of the Center for the Interaction of Animals and Society and a professor at University of Pennsylvania, are currently conducting the largest ever owner—dog personality study, called the Animal Ownership Interaction Study, to learn how owners may influence their pets. They hope to use the findings to ultimately improve the bond between pets and owners and discover how to better predict personality matches for people looking to acquire a dog.

The researchers cite studies that have shown that "the owners of a sample of aggressive dogs were significantly more likely to rate themselves as tense, shy, and emotionally unstable ... than a comparable sample of owners of non-aggressive dogs." Also, research suggests, "an owner's style of interacting with a dog can have a negative influence on the animal's working ability and likelihood of displaying undesirable behaviors."

The researcher's hypothesis the following:

"Taken together, these findings suggest that the influence of owner attitudes, personality, and psychological status on the behavior of their dogs is probably mediated via their effect on the quality of the dog-owner relationship and the various interactions that comprise that relationship."



*Is this really a surprise??*





## BE PREPARED

By Brycie Marine  
Bernier-Garde Trustee and Co-  
Liaison to the Michigan State  
University Repository



At this year's Specialty in Monterey, I was approached by a couple of people who had recently lost their Berners to cancer. Suddenly and unexpectedly their dogs had become ill.

They mentioned that they had wanted to submit and send frozen tissue samples from their beloved Berners to the BMD Repository at Michigan State University (MSU), but didn't know how to do that at the time when their Berners passed away. So it didn't happen. I felt sad that they could not follow through on their wishes. It would have been a wonderful, last gift from their Berners to donate samples to researchers in order to help find better treatments and possible cures for the cancers that we all too often see in our dogs.

This article is being written to help all of you if one day you suddenly find yourself with a very ill Berner, you're at the emergency clinic, you have received the heartbreaking news from your vet, and you wish to send your dog's samples to the BMD Repository at MSU.

### Step 1.

If your veterinarian has diagnosed your Berner with cancer, have a conversation indicating that you would like to donate a fresh frozen tumor sample to the BMD Repository at MSU. Tell your vet that when it's your Berner's time s/he will need to do a simple necropsy to retrieve the sample. If your Berner has not already donated a blood sample to the Repository, you may wish to have your vet draw a blood sample at this time as well. Unfortunately, a DNA cheek swab sample will not be possible at this time as DNA cheek swabs require a special kit that a veterinarian would not have on hand at their clinic. If by chance you do have time to prepare ahead, you can obtain both the DNA cheek swab and blood kits with instructions through MSU. Information can be found on the Berner-Garde website under the Repository button or here is a direct link - <http://cvm.msu.edu/research/the-bernese-mountain-dog-dna-and-tissue-repository-at-michigan-state-university/shipping-kits-for-samples>. (Having the blood drawn and DNA cheek swab done early in life is the smart way to go. Please, if your regional club is holding a Berner-Garde Clinic or you can attend a National Specialty, that's the perfect and most economical time to collect both on your Berner.)

### Step 2.

Go to our website at [www.bernergarde.org](http://www.bernergarde.org). The Berner-Garde (BG) website has all the contact information and instructions to make this process an easier one, not only for you, but also

for your veterinarian. If you need help during business hours, contact Marlee Richter, [CVT](#), at the Repository. She can answer your questions and help your veterinarian with the process of harvesting the samples and shipping them back to the Repository. She is more than willing to talk to your veterinarian and their staff if they need help. If you need someone after hours you can contact me, Julie Latterell, or Lori Jodar. All of our contact numbers are on the Berner-Garde website under the Repository navigation button and printed below. We definitely recommend that you contact one of us if this is your first time donating tissue samples to the Repository. We can then make sure that the process is being done in the correct manner and that shipping the sample(s) is successful.

If you cannot reach any of us and your Berner is about to be euthanized, and you want to submit tissue samples, just tell your veterinarian to do a simple necropsy within ONE HOUR of euthanasia. Your veterinarian needs to collect the tumor sample (about a 2 inch piece, if possible) (a little smaller is acceptable too) and then split it in two. DOUBLE bag one of the pieces and immediately freeze it in the vet's freezer. Ship the other piece to a diagnostic lab to determine the type of cancer. Your vet can prepare and send the diagnostic sample to the lab of his/her choice. We strongly prefer Michigan State University Diagnostic Lab Department, if possible. If you decide to donate a blood sample too, have your vet use a purple top tube with a coagulant in it and draw 6-10 ml, and place the sample in the refrigerator before euthanasia.

This is all that you need to do at that point. The next business day call Marlee at the Repository and she will help you to complete the process. The frozen sample can remain in the freezer indefinitely, so there is no hurry.

Please. . . On a regular basis, familiarize yourself with the BG website and the information it provides – before tragedy hits. It's always hard to try to find what you need when you are in an emotional upheaval or pressed for time. If you read the information on the BG website ahead of time, you will be more prepared and comfortable with the process of submitting samples. If your wish is to collect samples from your Berner, there is also information on the BG website that you can print and give to your veterinarian ahead of time, before your Berner becomes ill, so the process is easier for him or her.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask any of the contact people listed below. We are here to help you and your Berner.

Tel: 517-432-2808 – Marlee Richter, CVT, MSU Repository Contact

Tel: 920-235-0131 – Brycie Marine, Berner-Garde Co-Liaison to the Repository

Tel: 231-330-3499 – Lori Jodar, Berner-Garde President

Tel: 651-324-8832 – Julie Latterell, Berner-Garde Co-Liaison to the Repository



## Procedure to donate a sample to the BMD Repository

### JUST FREEZE IT!

At the time of euthanasia let your Veterinarian know that you would like to donate a sample of your Berners cancer, to the BMD Repository at MSU.

Instruct your veterinarian to double bag and FREEZE a ½ to 1 inch sample of the tumor immediately after the necropsy. (Necropsy needs to be done immediately after euthanasia)

If you do not have a pathological diagnosis on your dogs cancer, have your vet collect a sample for that too, to be sent to a diagnostic lab,( preferably DCPAH). Store this sample in formalin.

Have your vet hold onto both of these samples until you are ready emotionally to continue the process of sending them to the diagnostic lab and the repository.

When you are ready contact Marlee(vet technician at the BMD Repository at MSU). She will guide you through the process, send you the appropriate mailing kits and talk to your veterinarian clinic personnel to ensure that you're Berners samples get to the repository safe and sound.

Marlee's contact information is:

Marlee Richter, LVT. LAT, Research Assistant II/s  
RATTS - Research And Teaching Technical Support  
[bern timers@cvm.msu.edu](mailto:bern timers@cvm.msu.edu)  
517-432-2808 office

Please give a copy of this to your veterinarian at the time of euthanasia so they can also see the correct instructions.

Below is a listing of the tissue sample kit locations. The kits are kindly sponsored by the BMDCSEW. If anyone finds themselves in a position that they would like to send a tissue sample to the BMD Repository at MSU, these members would have a kit for them to use at no charge. We tried to put the kits all around our membership area, so hopefully it would be just a short drive to pick it up. The shipping and dry ice is not included. Any questions on how to use the kits or how to submit a sample please contact me at: [lbmarin@new.rr.com](mailto:lbmarin@new.rr.com) or 920-235-0131

Brycie Marine; Berner-Garde Trustee  
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2. **Peggy Granger Elkhorn WI 262-742-3695**  
[stormbmd@gmail.com](mailto:stormbmd@gmail.com)
3. **Dee McDuffee Elburn IL 630-365-0190**  
[craiganddee@comcast.net](mailto:craiganddee@comcast.net)
4. **Lois -Leidahl-Marsh Des Plaines IL 847-635-9263** [bern timersplus@comcast.net](mailto:bern timersplus@comcast.net)
5. **Joanne Brault Fond du Lac WI 920-922-2351**  
[rbrault@thesurf.com](mailto:rbrault@thesurf.com)
6. **Mary Alice and Carl Eschweiler Hartland WI 262-367-6564** [sheppatch@aol.com](mailto:sheppatch@aol.com) [mudlake2@aol.com](mailto:mudlake2@aol.com)
7. **Dawn Perry-Giersch Milwaukee WI 414-975-3534** [dawngiersch@aol.com](mailto:dawngiersch@aol.com)
8. **Sheldon Schall Waunakee WI 608-849-8175**  
[Schall59@charter.net](mailto:Schall59@charter.net)

This photo to the right shows you where the submission form button is on the dogs database page is.

**Berner-Garde** The Open Bernese Mountain Dog Database

**Dog Detail Display** Done With This Record

Dog Name: SHEPHERDSPATCH MRL FIBBER MCGEE Dog ID: 70174  
 Call Name: MCGEE Sex: Male  
 Registration #: WS32595701 Kennel Club: American Kennel Club  
 Registration #2: Kennel Club #2:  
 DNA Reg #: V813368 (AKC) Whelp Date: Nov 30, 2009 Litter ID: 18920 View  
 Stud Book Date: (available at stud) Frozen Semen: Deceased:  
 Data Source: BQ Dog Submission Rescue Type:  
 Last Updated: 2/5/2013 8:16:00 PM

Repository forms

People Relationships Litters Cards/Tests Health Physical Studies Titles Photos Pedigree COI

Owner(s)

People ID	Owner Name	Address	Reside	
View	31267	JULIE A LATTERELL	SPRING VALLEY, WI	Yes

Breeder(s)

People ID	Breeder Name	Address	
View	13992	CARL ESCHWEILER	HARTLAND, WI
View	134	MARY ALICE ESCHWEILER	HARTLAND, WI





## Berner-Garde Breeder Kits - "Easy as 1, 2, 3..."

By Dr. Randall Carpenter, DVM

I was recently asked to participate in a pilot program to assist the Berner-Garde

Foundation (BG) in procuring DNA samples on entire litters to be stored in the Bernese Mountain Dog DNA and Tissue Repository (BMD DNA) at Michigan State University (MSU). I found the process to be easy, seamless, and painless. You could say it was as easy as "1, 2, 3..."

The Berner-Garde Foundation was established to assist in an effort to improve the health of Bernese Mountain Dogs. Their efforts are designed to support scientific

research into diseases and genetic conditions affecting our Berner populations. With the support of the BMDCA, Berner-Garde has established a repository of DNA and tumor tissues from Berners around the world. To date, DNA from over 2,700 Berners is being stored at MSU. In an attempt to provide multiple DNA samples from closely related dogs, a pilot program has been established. Its goal is to DNA test and submit samples on entire litters all at one time. These samples will assist researchers and their projects by providing readily available data and specimens. The newly established "Breeder Kits" allow for entire litters, rather than sporadic individuals, to have DNA samples obtained and submitted.

Here is how it works:

- ◆ When your litter of Berner puppies are born, simply contact the BMD DNA and Tissue Repository at Michigan State University. Marlee Richter, LVT, LAT, is the primary contact at [bern timers@cvm.msu.edu](mailto:bern timers@cvm.msu.edu). When you tell her how many puppies you have, she will provide you with a kit, which includes all of the needed supplies to submit your puppy DNA samples.
- ◆ Go to the Berner-Garde website to register the litter. Each individual puppy will be given a BG ID number.
- ◆ Contact your veterinarian to schedule an appointment. I would highly suggest doing this when the puppies are 6-8 weeks old. This is a perfect time to do physical examinations, check fecal samples for parasites, give any needed vaccinations, and obtain the 6 mls of blood to be submitted to the BMD Repository. Be sure to bring your Breeder Kit to this vet visit. The blood samples are easily obtained from the jugular vein. The amount of blood needed for DNA testing is very inconsequential for puppies at this age. Most veterinarians and veterinary technicians are more than happy to participate in such a worthwhile project. This is also a great time to microchip your pups.
- ◆ Submit the DNA blood samples in the supplied kit to the BMD Repository at Michigan State University, Attention: Marlee Richter, LVT, LAT. All the directions for submission are provided in the puppy kit. *Additional information about the new owners of each puppy can be entered into*

*the BG database at a later time.*

This is a golden opportunity to assist Berner-Garde in its efforts to improve the health and longevity of this wonderful breed. The samples collected, along with the health and pedigree information in the Berner-Garde database, will assist researchers who have been hampered in the past by a lack of samples, as well as insufficient medical and pedigree information. Order your Berner-Garde Breeder Kit today.

For questions or concerns contact Brycie Marine ([lbmarin@new.rr.com](mailto:lbmarin@new.rr.com)); or Marlee Richter, LVT, LAT ([bern timers@cvm.msu.edu](mailto:bern timers@cvm.msu.edu))



### DANGER!!! Dog Restraints In Cars Fail Most Crash Tests!

by Kenn Bell

While not always doing it, I think most responsible dog owners agree that it's a good idea to use dog restraints to protect your pet in case of a car accident.

Well, according to the Center for Pet Safety, a non-profit watchdog group, 25 of 29 products failed during crash tests.

"Pet owners should be screaming about this," said Center for Pet Safety CEO Lindsey Wolko. "If you get into an accident and one of these products fails, it puts you, your family members and it puts other drivers on the road at risk."

Walk added, "Pet products are not defined as consumer products by the Consumer Products Safety Commission, so they bypass any kind of any oversight or regulation."

The Center for Pet Safety found the following four dog restraints to be the best of the bunch:

- ◆ Sleepypod Mobile Pet Bed with PPRS Handilock.
- ◆ [Gunner Kennel G1 Intermediate with Strength Rated Anchor Straps](#)
- ◆ PetEgo Jet Set Forma Frame Carrier with ISOFIX-Latch Connection
- ◆ [Sleepypod Clickit Utility](#)



Approx. \$600

Approx. \$100



### What Makes A Dog Presidential?

By DogTime Staff

Every president since Warren Harding has brought a dog to Washington, and over half of *all* U.S. presidents owned at least one dog during their terms. Barack Obama has Sunny and Bo.

White House hopeful Donald Trump loves his Labrador Retriever named Spinee and Hillary Clinton has two dogs, Tally and Maisie.

No dog owner information the other candidates.



## Berner Brags

GCHS Nobleheart's Rigel CGC

We are delighted for our Rigel, now two years in a row in the Top Ten for our breed! Eight was our lucky number for 2015, showing for eight months, with eight group placements and finished the year at 8th for Breed and All Breed! Rigel was also the 2nd ranked bitch for both Breed and All Breed and ranked 1st again in Grand Championship Points in Illinois, and moved up to 4th in the nation. What an honor for her to be rewarded with such wonderful placements throughout the year and how very fortunate I am to be able to share the joy of such a wonderful heart! We love this sweet girl! Going for Gold in 2016!



Jody Bogdan and Cathy Mellalieu  
Thanks!  
Jody

GCH CH Stonehill's Feast Your Eyes On Beryl DS CGC

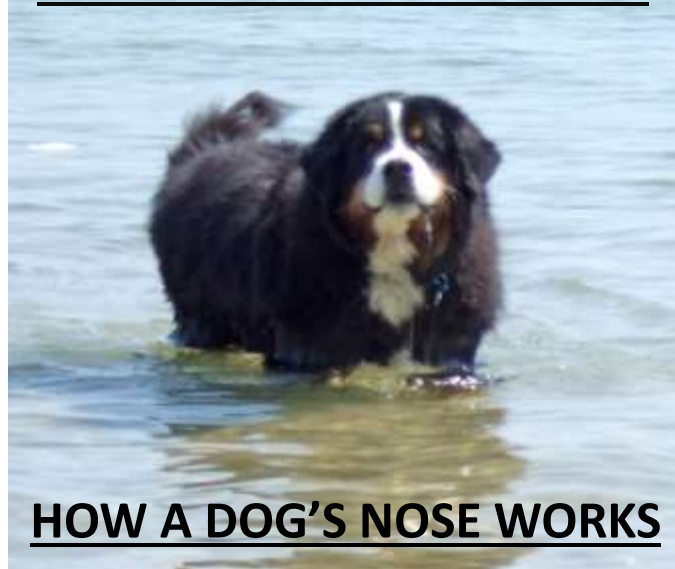
I am so pleased to say Beryl, who just turned two at the end of November, earned his Grand Championship with a BOB and that 3rd major needed at the Oshkosh show in January. A



heartfelt thank you to all of those who stepped in to help along the way, with special gratitude to his breeder Kerry Waltersdorf, for entrusting me with this fabulous, fun loving, dock diving, big boy! He is always entertaining!

Jody Bogdan

## WHY DO WET DOGS STINK?



## HOW A DOG'S NOSE WORKS

## *Internet Links*

### **BREEDER REFERRAL 2016**

As you will recall our Board initiated in early 2014 a new process to keep our breeder list up to date. The time has come to do this work for our website in 2016. With thanks to those of you who have submitted the form in this and earlier years, I ask you to fill out our 2016 form and send it to me USPS preferred. I am not accessible electronically from now till March 10 so it will be easiest to deal with the (several, I hope) forms when I return. The DEADLINE for getting the forms to me and being on the list for the remainder of 2016 will be APRIL !, no fooling. Thanks so much for helping to keep our list as accurate as it can be.

Linda Packard



### 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  
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[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 2016

The BMDCSEW is currently looking to renew and update the Breeder Referral listing for 2014. 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 *two of our club events, or chaired an event in the past year*. If you would like to participate please fill out the form below and mail to:

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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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