



January — February 2017

# Yodels

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



**FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017 & SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017**  
**Washington County Fair Park**  
**3000 Hwy PV, West Bend WI**  
**Show Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

## 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  
**INCLEMENT WEATHER**  
**ALTERNATE:** Eschweiler's  
32022 W Hwy K, Hartland

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**  
TBD—June  
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



## BMDCSEW REGIONAL SPECIALTY VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

### Conformation Ring Stewards.

#### Obedience &/or Rally

Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

I have openings for conformation volunteers on both days. You will be rewarded with a great view of the matches, a great learning experience if you are interested in Conformation and Lunch will be provided for those who volunteer. Please contact Kathy Bohm at [bohmk@charter.net](mailto:bohmk@charter.net) or 608-289-7889 for additional information.

Please volunteer for stewarding in obedience and/or Rally! I have some volunteers for Saturday but still need Friday volunteers. Please let me know! [duryeaemj@comcast.net](mailto:duryeaemj@comcast.net)  
Pat Duryea, Obedience/Rally Chair

## More "Scratch" on Fleas

By Sheldon Schall

A few years ago I wrote an article on fleas which I will not repeat in this space. I have a tendency to quote statistics and easily transcribed facts via numbers. Looking for information to fill white space I came across a series of articles on fleas.



- ◆ There are 1900 species of fleas; 99.9% is the Ctenocephalides species (also referred to as "cat flea") found on our cats and dogs.
- ◆ Female fleas can lay 50 eggs per day and over 500 eggs over their life.
- ◆ A flea infestation is made up of: 50% eggs, 35% larvae, 10% pupae and 5% adults.
- ◆ Only 1% (1 of 100 fleas) of the flea population on a dog is seen by the owner.
- ◆ Fleas prefer a temperature of 65—80 degrees and 75—85% relative humidity.
- ◆ Pet owners spend \$4 billion per year in professional flea control, groomer bills relating to fleas, vet bills relating to fleas and over the counter flea medications/treatments.
- ◆ Wisconsin pet owners are most impacted by fleas March through October.



## 25+ years of BMDCSEW membership

During the February Awards Dinner 21 BMDCSEW members were recognized for their many years of membership and were presented with a respective certificate.



### Year Joined, Name, Years Of Membership

1977, Carri Lindblom-Borisch, 39  
 1977, Mary Alice Eschweiler, 39  
 1981, Linda Packard, 35  
 1981, Tony Packard, 35  
 1983, John Griffin, 33  
 1983, Lynn Griffin, 33  
 1983, Jane Haefner, 33  
 1983, Lyn Steffens, 33  
 1984, Ann Milligan, 32  
 1984, Elaine Squires, 32  
 1985, Cherie Bond, 31  
 1986, Karen Borre, 30  
 1986, Peggy Granger, 30  
 1987, Kathy Koehler, 29  
 1987, Benita Theleen, 29  
 1987, Bert Theleen, 29  
 1989, Cynthia Falk, 27  
 1989, Marian Fenlon, 27  
 1989, Dian Phelan, 27  
 1989, Kay Wendorf, 27  
 1991, Kerry Luderus, 25

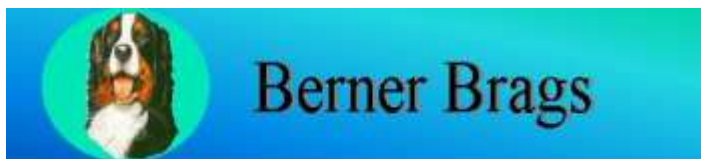


## Confession from a Vintage Kitchen Utensil collector

From Readers Digest

A collector had a "utensil" in her collection that's intended purpose was a mystery. It looked like a cross between a metal slotted spoon and a spatula. It was displayed among other vintage utensils in a decorative utensil caddy her kitchen.

During a walk through a rummage sale she discovered an identical "utensil" in its original package. The mystery of the spoon/spatula was solved when she found it was a pooper-scooper



Artio earned her Rally Novice title on December 16 at Northwest Obedience Club's Rally Trial. I'm very proud of her. She tied for the highest score of 99. She took second place because a field spaniel was faster. She had two first places with perfect scores of 100 at the Illinois specialty.



Lois Leidahl-Marsh

**"I named my dog "5 Miles" so I could tell people that I walk 5 miles a day."**

**Unknown**



**Spotted outside a veterinary hospital in Clinton, Utah:**

**"Happy Father's Day! Neutering Special."**

## 2016 Awards Dinner Thunder Bay Grill, Waukesha



### Dog Food Recall

Blue Buffalo has announced it is voluntarily recalling one specific lot of its Blue Buffalo Homestyle canned dog food due to possible **aluminum metal contamination**.

Please visit the following link:

[Blue Buffalo Dog Food Recall of February 2017](#)





## AKC Funds Women's Shelters

Studies have shown that nearly half (48%) of women delay leaving an abusive situation out of concern for their pet, and 70% of victims report that their abuser threatened, injured or killed their pet.

The AKC Humane Fund's Women's Shelter Grant program attempts to tackle this problem by supporting shelters that welcome pets on-site. These grants make it easier for abused women with pets to seek shelter and help break the cycle of domestic abuse.

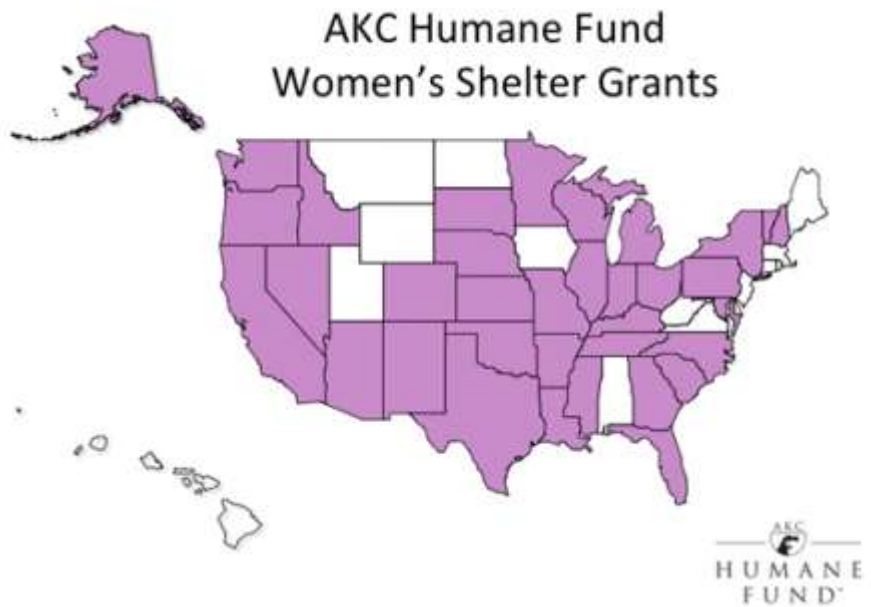
As an organization that is committed to advancing the well-being of all dogs, it is heartbreaking when domestic abuse threatens the happiness and health of humans and their pets. Women experiencing domestic violence endure extremely difficult situations, and having to choose between seeking safety and protecting their pet shouldn't be one of them. That's why this grant program is so important—it saves lives.

Since 2014, our program has donated to 38 shelters across the country, contributing nearly \$108,000 dollars.

This map highlights the locations across the country where the AKC Humane Fund has supported Women's Shelters with this program.

With the donations from this program, these shelters can provide beds, foods, veterinary care, medications, and more for pets of domestic abuse survivors. Women can safely leave abusive situations with their pets and once safe, pets can help provide support, hope, and joy to their owners during the recovery process.

Do you know a Women's Shelter that could benefit from one of these grants? In support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we urge individuals to donate to the program and shelters to apply. Learn more about donating here. If you want to apply for a grant, check out the qualifications and application form here



## More fat, less protein, keeps dogs' sniffs up to snuff

A research team from Auburn and Cornell universities (led by Dr. Joseph Wakshlag, faculty and chief of nutrition at Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine's) has sniffed out a new way to boost dogs' detection talents can be further improved through diet. Its findings could change how detection dogs are fed and boost their detection abilities.

Dogs tested in the new facility signaled with 90 percent and above accuracy. They found they can push detection performance even further with the right kind of food. Bucking conventional thinking, the group found that cutting protein and adding fats helped trained dogs perform better in exercise and detection tests. Measuring how different diets affected each dog, they found that dogs eating the normal diet enhanced with corn oil returned to normal body temperatures most quickly after exercise and were better able to detect smokeless powder, ammonia nitrate, and TNT. "Corn oil has lots of polyunsaturated fats, similar to what you'd find in a lot of nuts and common grocery store seed oils," said Wakshlag. It could be that fat somehow improves nose signaling structures or reduces body temperature or both. But lowering protein also played a part in improving olfaction."



"If you're a dog, digesting protein raises body temperature, so the longer your body temperature is up, the longer you keep panting, and the harder it is to smell well," said Wakshlag. "A sled dog or greyhound may need more protein to keep going. But detection dogs tend to exercise in shorter bursts and need to recover quickly and smell well. For that, less protein and more fat could help."



## Protecting Your Dog's Paws

Originally posted at the [Sault Dog Blog](#), by MamaJ, a co-authored blog.}



When was the last time you took a good look at your dog's feet? In case it's been a while, let's take a peek at this neat structure. The bottom of your dog's front foot will have six distinct pads: four digital pads, one metacarpal pad, and one carpal pad (See image). Abrasions on these pads are fairly common, especially if your dog does a lot of running around on hard surfaces.

Originally, we were going to post about this earlier in the season, but it actually makes more sense to discuss your dog's foot pads now that snow is melting. Why? When the snow starts to melt, you'll likely begin to notice tons of sand and debris along the edges of the road and on sidewalks. Simply having the pavement make an appearance can mean injury for your pup's feet!

Fortunately, you have a few options for keeping your dog's pads in tip-top shape.

There are commercial products available to coat the foot pads

before exercise. Many contain natural wax and are a safe choice for dogs. The wax provides a barrier between your dog's pads and the surfaces on which he walks. It won't however, moisturize the skin.

When you return from a walk with your dog, you may want to rinse his feet in warm water to remove any sand, chemicals, salt, or ice from the surface of his feet and between his toes. Mild soap isn't necessary, unless your dog stepped in something undesirable - just be sure to rinse off the soap well. The fur between the toes often collects a ton of debris. With clean feet, your dog will also have a better chance to avoid ingesting harmful things when he licks his feet clean afterwards.

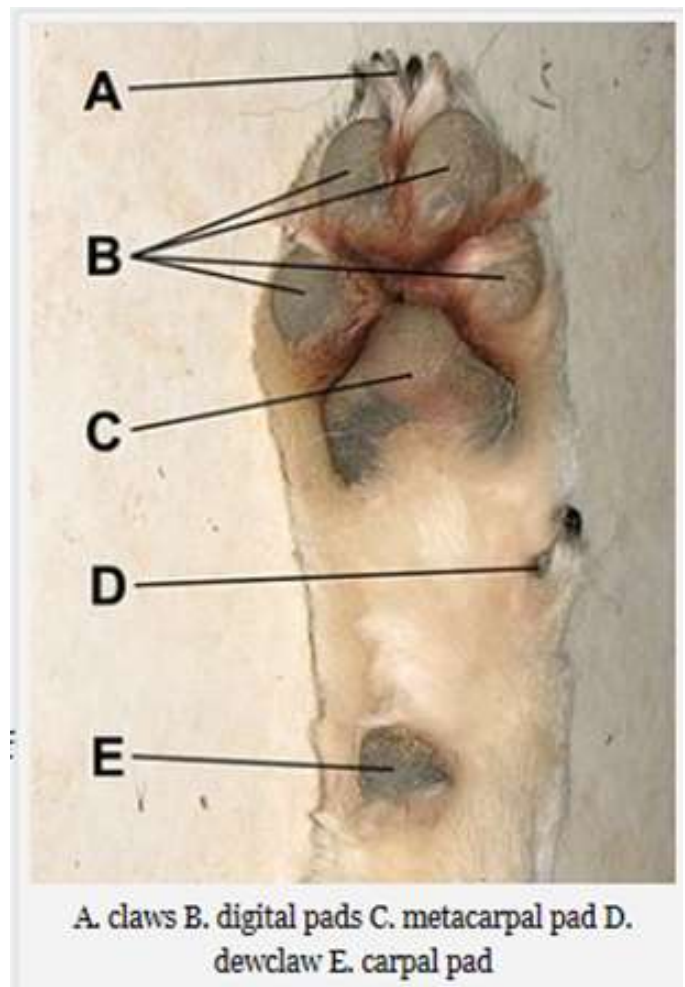
Once your dog is at rest (for most, this is at night), give his feet a good once-over. Check for missing pieces of pad - these spots will appear smooth and pink. You might even notice some blood. Often, you'll find an abrasion when your dog is

walking on snow and you see blood on the snow. Be sure to check the regular skin between the toes, too. Sometimes, a claw can nick the skin when a dog plays. If your dog still has his dewclaws on the front paws, look at those, too. Dewclaws can be torn (or completely removed) during boisterous play. While this isn't life-threatening, it can become a source of infection and will bleed quite a bit.



Again, while the dog is at rest (hopefully, ignoring you!), apply a thin coat of a moisturizer. Creams are best because they are thick. A word of caution: whatever you put on your dog's feet will likely be licked at some point - so choose only natural products. It may sound strange, but olive oil works well. You can also crack open a vitamin E capsule and apply its contents. Once moisturizing is complete, applying the wax will help lock the oil in place.

After a few pampering sessions, your dog's feet will be the envy of the dog park!





## Dog Food Review

An article summarizing the review of 115 brands of dog food at the following Internet link was published in November 2016: <http://www.reviews.com/dog-food/>



The Review.com article is not clear on the qualitative or quantitative facets behind the research other than the narrative at: <http://www.reviews.com/about/> and the explanations and descriptions in the article itself. Never-the-less it is an interesting article to read; somewhat expressing what dog food manufacturers do not want us to know. Summarizing:

### According to Review.com research, they:

- ◆ Developed a list of over 11,000 people with connections to the dog food industry and narrowed it down to the best for their review purpose.
- ◆ Over 20 experts contributed their valuable time to the project, including veterinarians, dog trainers, animal behaviorists, university researchers, and authors.
- ◆ Surveyed 300 dog owners and asked them if they knew what was in their dog's food.
- ◆ Gathered a list of over 8,000 search queries to find out what matters most to dog owners.
- ◆ Read and analyzed 72 of the most popular articles and studies on dog food.
- ◆ Compiled a list of 2219 formulas from 115 brands and reviewed their ingredients.

### Their criteria in developing a conclusion:

- ◆ They removed products where the first ingredient is not a meat of any kind.
- ◆ They removed products containing corn, soy, wheat, grain, or flour.
- ◆ They removed products containing beet pulp or sugar.
- ◆ They removed products that contained by-products or sauces.
- ◆ They reviewed brands for recalls, ingredient sources, history, and customer satisfaction.
- ◆ They reviewed the remaining formulas based on the best ratio of protein, fat, and carbs, as well as the source of protein.

### That left them with the following 25 dog food brands:

1. ACANA
2. Addiction
3. Annamaet
4. AvoDerm
5. Back to Basics
6. By Nature
7. Earthborn Holistic
8. Fromm
9. Grandma Lucy's
10. Hi-Tek Naturals
11. Horizon

12. K9 Natural
13. Lotuz
14. Nature's Logic
15. Orijen
16. Pinnacle
17. Precise Holistic Complete
18. Primal
19. Stella & Chewy's
20. Stewart
21. Stewart Pro-Treat
22. The Honest Kitchen
23. The Real Meat Company
24. Wysong
25. ZiwiPeak

You are able to set filters and display more brands in the "Our Final Choices" section of the Internet article.

They also looked at the "best" dog foods in their study based on specific types, which I have linked to below:

#### Best Dry Dog Food

<http://www.reviews.com/dog-food/dry/>

#### Best Canned Dog Food

<http://www.reviews.com/dog-food/canned/>

#### Best Puppy Dog Food

<http://www.reviews.com/dog-food/puppy/>

#### Best Grain-Free Dog Food

<http://www.reviews.com/dog-food/grain-free/>



## Canine Performance Science Program

The Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine EcoDogs program is a strategic partnership between the college's CPS and the Auburn University School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences. The EcoDogs program was established to detect plant and animal species in the field for the benefit of ecological research, management, and conservation. Canines are the most efficient and sensitive mobile detection system on the planet. The EcoDogs have found underground microscopic tree root fungi, Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus in cattle, scat from a variety of species, invasive Burmese Pythons in the Florida Everglades, and more. Whether you are looking for trace amounts of a biological material, chemical pollutants, or tracking a dynamic animal, if it has an odor, they can find it. According to the Director, we can find what you can't see, because you can't hide odor. Our dogs have extraordinary capabilities and can efficiently locate your target of interest in an unbiased manner.





### 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 *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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 5705 Saint Ives Road  
 Oshkosh, WI 54904  
 920-231-2881  
[bugziere@new.rr.com](mailto:bugziere@new.rr.com)

#### 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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Member advertisements may be placed at:  
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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 5<sup>th</sup> 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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