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December Photo Winner

Congratulations to....
Lynne Mueller !

Luke (#71166) loved the snow. Here he is "wishing" for more!
Lynne Mueller



YOUR photo could be our next issue's cover! Still accepting photo contest entries! Please include your dog(s) Bernergarde number(s) with your photo. Cover photos are then eligible to win the gift basket at the awards luncheon!

and the Berners charmed everyone they met!

See page 7 for photos from the event!

WI Dog Fair 2024

Submitted by: Krista Dahl-Koehler (Denali)

The Badger Kennel Club restarted and hosted the Wisconsin Dog Fair this November. The event was a huge success reaching out to the general public with steady crowds and wonderful educational events and demonstrations. The Bernese Mountain Dog was well represented in their meet-the-breeds-style booth. A special

thanks to BMDCSEW members Jane Hill (Geronimo) and Wendy Kerr for their participation and support, as well as club adjacent participants Patrick Pluebke (Randall) and Barb and Mike Pratzel (Yona). Additionally, a special thanks to members Kathy Bohm and Kerry Waltersdorf for their support and educational materials. We received great feedback from the event

BMDCSEW EVENTS

2025

Awards Dinner Feb. 9th
Thunder Bay Grille

Back 2 Back Specialty
Feb 28 – Mar 1
West Bend

Spring Fling May 10
Ixonia

Summer Splash
Specialties
July 25 – 27
Waukesha

Draft Tests and
Bernerfest Sept 26 – 28
Nashotah Park



WHAT'S YOUR DOG'S *new year's resolution?*

Pick the first letter of your dog's name:

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| A. chase less | J. find more | S. even the score with |
| B. stop barking at | K. snuggle with | T. stop licking |
| C. sniff interesting | L. stay away from | U. stop hiding from |
| D. eat fewer | M. lick more | V. not steal |
| E. stop jumping on | N. not stalk | W. seek revenge on |
| F. play with | O. tolerate silly | X. accept affection from |
| G. slobber less on | P. smile at | Y. boldly face |
| H. be nicer to | Q. warmly greet | Z. extend the paw of friendship to |
| I. not destroy | R. not freak out about | |

Then pick their age:

- | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 0 - 1 strangers | 4 butterflies | 8 toys | 12 shoes |
| 1 balls | 5 rabbits | 9 birds | 13 leaves |
| 2 cats | 6 fluffy butts | 10 postmen | 14 brooms |
| 3 vacuums | 7 humans | 11 hats | 15+ neighbours |



Finally, pick the last letter of their name:

- | | |
|---|--|
| A. everyday | N. until my birthday |
| B. when it suits me | O. on days that end in 'Y' |
| C. on Sundays | P. unless they taunt me |
| D. unless necessary | Q. until Easter |
| E. for at least a week | R. unless they outrun me |
| F. with utter happiness | S. if I'm being watched |
| G. three times a week | T. unless they smell bad |
| H. when at the park | U. when inside the house |
| I. unless they look weird | V. except after midnight |
| J. except on Mondays | W. and without whining |
| K. for a whole, entire year | X. before breakfast time |
| L. when I can be bothered | Y. until Santa Paws visits |
| M. and certainly not laugh about it afterwards | Z. and expect praise for doing so |



2024 National Specialty Profit Distribution

Heart of MI	Heartland	NE IL	Rockies	SE WI	Buckeye	Twin Cities	Lone Star
Dawn G		Sharon B	Dottie	Keith	Nicole	Julie L	Denise Mc (Rally)
Jennifer Z	Becky Day	Dee	Kim	Brycie	Patti G		Denise Mc (Scentwork)
Annette W	Suzanne L	Debbie T	Steph	Jane	Anne Creek		Renee Jaquier
Brenda C		Buffy	Vicky H	Kerry Waltersdorf	Pascal G		Tracey Keith
Karen L		Michele D	Julia		Erica H		
Bob T		Tori	Sara K		Chan Keith		
Hunter		Lynne W	Renee M				
Mona		Layal	Beth D				
			Lori K				
8	2	8	Sandy D	4	6	1	4
			Alice				
			11				
18.2%	4.5%	18.2%	25%	9%	14%	2.3%	9.1%

2024 National Participation

Contributed by Jane Haefner

Profits from working on the 2024 National Specialty

The 2024 National Specialty was run by a consortium of regional clubs whose members volunteered to **chair** or co-chair a committee. Below shows what clubs and what members volunteered. The profit from the National Specialty this year was over \$84,026 was profit which is split 50/50 with the Bernese Mtn. Dog Club of America. The regional clubs split the profit by dividing it by regional clubs and then members from the clubs themselves. Some clubs have numerous individuals who volunteer while other clubs have just a few!

The two committees that bring in the most profit are Ways & Means and the Raffle.

Ways and Means run by the Waltersdorf's brought in over \$47,904 net profit. This committee started 3 years ahead showing the logo to vendors, finding merchandise and finding an embroider that they could work with along with creating new merchandise continually during the 2 years before the specialty. Keith lugged the merchandise to regional specialties as well as attending the

national (2023) preceding this year's national. Keith was assisted by Kerry, and Brycie Marine and they held monthly videos on the 2024 National Specialty face book page modeling the merchandise.

Brycie Marine also worked on the logo which involves selecting a theme, finding pictures, and finding an artist with ideas we provided, getting quotes, and checking the feasibility of the logo going on merchandise and how it will print out.

Brycie also worked on Suds & Studs which was a first time ever presented at a national, show casing stud dogs, held on Tuesday night in conjunction with the Welcoming Party. They had hoped for at least 15 entries and received over 50! She helped create ideas for symbols used, solicited businesses to donate beer and transported all the beer with help from Keith to the national and sadly had to attend tastings for the selections!!

Jane Haefner chaired Judges Hospitality for the conformation judges which included 3 international judges. Making hotel reservations, dinner reservations and transporting all during the specialty as well as

communicating with them well in advance before the national specialty.

We all had help from others. None of these jobs stand on their own with just 1 person.

The reasons for the incredible amount of profit has to do with record entries and the cost of the show location. Purina Farms only charged the club approximately \$12,000+ for the entire week which included all the equipment and sound systems. Some years we pay as much as \$5000 a day for a ball room with no equipment.

The person who coordinated the entire specialty starting 3 years ahead was Dottie Schulte. She was wonderful to work with and for, is extremely talented and kept all the chairs informed by having 2 monthly zoom meetings. The dividing up of the profits was new this year with the hopes that all clubs had a chance to make money for their club and hopes that in the future, regional clubs will encourage members to chair a committee.

It truly takes a village to put on a national specialty.



Member Brags



Beulah has been busy! In August, she earned the Preferred Companion Dog Excellent (PCDX) title. She has nice scores, one of which gave her a HIT of the preferred classes. Then in October at the draft tests hosted by the BMDCGTC CLUB, she passed open draft for her 5th time. This qualified her for the BMDCA Master Draft Dog title. So she is now Stonehill Collects Taxes From Beulah Stormfront PCDX, TDX, RN, MDD.

She is a truly amazing girl. I could not have asked for a better partner for all of our adventures!! Thank you Kerry Waltersdorf and Beth Spano for breeding such a terrific girl!!

Peggy Granger

Attention Event Chairs

Please reach out to the people listed below to ensure that club members and / or the general public are aware of your events. Whether you are needing volunteers before an event, have details about your event; or photos after the event; please let us know so that we can share.

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Team SuSa is on a roll!

Summer and Sam had a busy fall draft season earning two new brace titles. Advanced Novice Brace and Brace Draft Dogs. As well as some individual legs in both novice and open.

Lyn Steffens and Paige Hess



We did it!

Zeke was awarded his Championship at the BMDCNI Regional Specialty held October 25th-27th. We were hunting for those elusive majors for what seemed like ages, and we were lucky enough to be awarded two back to back 5 point majors! Thank you to the judges, Steve Hayden and Shilon Bedford, that found my boy among a beautiful group of dogs. A huge thank you to Tim, Ethan, Brycie, Chris and Vance for never giving up on us and always believing that this was possible. Zeke is now officially: CH CastleMtn Miracle Zeke FDC CGC TKN

Lexie, Tim, and Ethan Lau



BernerFest 2024

For 2024 Bernerfest we couldn't have had a more beautiful day. The weather was perfect and the breeze kept the yellow jackets away. There were 8 people from our entire club who volunteered to help, but unfortunately only 5 showed up. We 5 were mighty and well organized. Tammy Lindvig showed up at 8:00 am to help Keith set-up the agility course, people games, duck toss, grooming 101, pick-a-pop and all the baskets and prizes for the

festivities, which began at 10:00am. Stephanie Delmore was the person in charge of the duck toss. I manned the pick-a-pop game. Robin Krumnow had a steady stream of participants at grooming 101 trimming the hair on the ears and paws and doing pedicures. Robin Krumnow also made and donated the Sloppy Joe's. MaryGail Vowell bought and donated chips, cookies and beverages. She and April Siejkowski were the lunch

ladies. Holly Kuettel donated her very special handmade cutout and painted Berner cookies, almost too beautiful to eat. Because the weather was so perfect many of the participants sat around the picnic tables and just visited. It was so nice to see everyone relaxing and enjoying quality time with their berners and newly made friends.

Thank you Berner volunteers, Kerry Waltersdorf

What a landmark - our 50th Draft test!

On September 27 & 28, 2024, our club, BMDCSEW, hosted our 49th & 50th BMDCA Draft Tests! They were held at Nashotah Park. It is a perfect place to hold draft tests...spacious and plenty of shade ring side, in the ring and on the freight hauls. The weather was wonderful...50 - low 70s both days with a few clouds. Our judges were Jennifer Brightbill from Oregon and Nancy Van Horne from Washington.

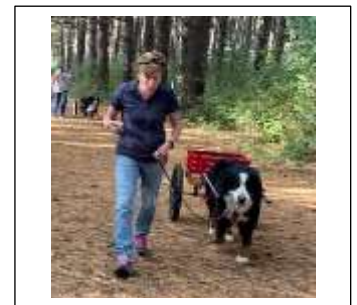
Paige Hess was our main secretary. Her organizational skills and attention to detail made for well run tests. Kathy Bohm stepped in as secretary of the day on Saturday which allowed Paige to enter and handle her own dog. Kathy stepped right in and handled that day perfectly. Thank you to Paige and Kathy!! Many volunteered to help steward. Their help included setting up the ring and taking down at the end of each day, setting the narrows for each team, doing the visual and audible distractions, handing the load to the entrant and accepting the load back from the entrant, getting each cart to the ring entrance in the proper order and place, and leading each freight haul. Our stewards were Robin Krumnow, Joanne Brault, Kay Wendorf, Kathy Heun, Carri Lindblom-Borisch, Kathy Koehler, Krista Dahl-Koehler, Lyn Steffens, and Karen Borre. The judges commented on how smoothly the

tests ran. That is due to these stewards being in position consistently on time. Thank you! Thank you!! The stewards are the backbone of the tests. On Friday, we had 24 entries which is a full test! Two entrants withdrew for different reasons, so 22 teams ran. Of those, we had 13 passes. On Saturday, we had 25 entrants which is a full test plus one alternate. A number of entrants withdrew because of passing and completing their titles on Friday, so 17 teams ran. Of those, we had 11 passes. Paige Hess was instrumental in coming up with some special ideas for celebrating our 50th draft test. A cake was ordered with decorations for our 50th. She also made up cute wrappers for a candy bar that again celebrated the 50th. She contacted the club's historian, Karen Borre, who was able to find photos and the catalog from our very first draft test in 1996 along with information for a brief write up of our club's draft test history. All these were given to each entrant and steward and the judges along with a homemade dog cookie donated by a friend of the Chairperson. All in all, it was a wonderful celebration of our 50th draft test with two days of perfect drafting camaraderie!

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Granger Draft Test Chair



Kay Wendorf with Zytta in our first test.



50 tests later Hank, also a Serendipity breeding was entered with Lynne Mueller.





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The first draft test held by our club was in 1996. This year we held our 49th and 50th tests.



OPEN DRAFT ENTRIES	
101 BEMROCKS BOUGH HYDE COX RDD WP35238801, 04/18/91. Basic Control Waived. Breeder: Lawrence Letsche DVM/Lorrie Carlton. By CH Halidon Journey to Somrock x CH Halidon's Somrock Dream. Owner: Sherrie Start, 1512 N. Summerton, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. (60#)	107 BRIGHTTIZ BAILEY BUFFALO GAL TD 12/17/92. Breeder: Debbie Gotze. By CH Dallybeck's Echo Jackson CD x CH Frischnicht's Freedom Seeker. Owner: Kathy Borje, 1184 Hwy. 349, Indianapolis, IA 50125.
NOVICE DRAFT ENTRIES	
102 CH DARRAE CLASSIQUE DANCS WA CGC WP49669007, 07/29/93. Breeder: Elizabeth Bradley. By CH Donar V Mutschen x CH Sandusky's Promises Promises CD NDD. Owner: Dave & Tim Gabis, 12913 Cardiff, Olathe, KS 66062.	108 CH NORTHCOTE'S TIME AFTER TIME COX NP37528503, 09/18/91. Basic Control Waived. Breeder:ERRY & JACK Luderus. By CH Donar V Mutschen x CH Mi-Ja's Northcote Holiday COX. Owner: Kay Wandorf, #8521 School Section Rd., Darwin, MI 53114.
103 SEANTIS HOECHSTE ADELA CD WP41933901, 01/02/92. Basic Control Waived. Breeder: Ernest Bensch. By Slicko V Syberg x Freya V Attisvil. Owner: Marsha Dorat Queer, 311 Spartan Dr., Monroeville, PA 15146.	109 LAKE HAUS BRIAR TUCK CD SEC CD WP40664601, 03/06/92. Basic Control Waived. Breeder: Carol Ewart & Roberts Carpenter & Jon Ewert. By CH Vlasa B-E The Alpine General x Lake Haus Candy Cane. Owner: Cynthia & Daniel Falk, 1234 Market Place, Waukegan, WI 53106-7144.
104 CH MI-JA'S NORTHCOTE HOLIDAY COX * NP928177, 11/22/85. Breeder: Mary Jane Mielke. By CH Bev's Starbuck V Mi-Ja CD x CH Bev's Mister Storm Watch COX. Owner: Jack &ERRY Luderus, 225 Bishop Ct., Douglas, WI 53118.	110 FRISCHNICHT BARKLEY SPARKLES WP30609301, 09/02/90. Breeder: Jeff & Beth Frischnicht. By CH Donar V Mutschen x CH Kunderhof's Ellie Esna V Bev's CD. Owner: Ruth Ann & Russell VanHoorst, 512 Heather Ln., Dyer, IN 46311-2324.
105 CH TRISTAN'S HANDSONE HANSE COX NP37621906, 09/15/91. Basic Control Waived. Breeder: Lauris LeBeau & Christopher Milar. By CH Donar V Mutschen x Weybar's Imasha Tristans. Owner: Nancy Jean & Lauris LeBeau, 46455 Betty Hill, Plymouth, MI 48170-3070.	111 CH SRIEL'S KING KONG BUNDY CD NP33344801, 11/22/90. Basic Control Waived. Breeder: Ellen Klein. By CH Bev's Baron V Greyhairs x Jeffrey's Dixi Maggie Mae. Owner: Katherine Andrasaki, 110 Reddon, Baldwin, IL 61008.
106 CH REVELIND'S SOUND FOR GLORY CD NP38089004, 11/09/91. Basic Control Waived. Breeder: Debra Smith. By CH Tailpine's Lodger x CH Frostfyr's Fancy Dancer CD. Owner: Michelle & Todd Schuster, 6800 W. 172nd Terr., Stillwell, KS 66085.	112 GLORYS ARANIS ALBXNOM V KENT NP49758733, 07/10/92. Breeder: Ann Comfort. By CH Wotan x CH Espresso's Glory V Legacy. Owner: Brenda Soderer, 10440 W. Meridian Rd., Rockton, IL 61072-9796.
* Basic Control also Waived.	113 ADORIS V HOCHADEL WP57403503, 08/21/94. Breeder/Owner: Marsha Gursi Dueser, 211 Spartan Dr., Monroeville, PA 15146. By CH Donar V Mutschen x Seantis Hochste Adela CD.





Rescue Corner

Wendy Kerr

Currently we have a 4 year old female named Emma in our rescue program. Emma is from an Amish breeder here in Wisconsin. She is fearful of people and noises also alarm her. Men are scarier than women, in her eyes. I am happily fostering this timid girl with high hopes that she will warm up to people, come out of her shell and be able to enjoy life. It has been a challenging year in rescue trying to find homes for each dog whose owner has requested help. I have not been successful with re-homing every dog this year. Foster homes and adoptive homes are needed. If you are interested in learning more about rescue, would like to foster or adopt a rescue or know someone who would, please contact me. Email: wisconsinbmd@gmail.com



Emma

Photos from the WI Dog Fair 2024 submitted by Krista Dahl-Koehler





Oconomowoc Christmas Parade

"I'll Be Home For Christmas"

Saturday December 7, 2024

Line-up 4:30 p.m.

Start time 5:00 p.m.

Parade Guidelines: NO Santa's please!!! Each unit must have lights. Music is highly encouraged

NO throwing candy, must hand-out to the spectators
Units enter from Lisbon and Oakwood. Participants may be dropped off and then walk to their assigned unit numbers.

Questions: Kerry Waltersdorf
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GCH CH Highlands Road less
Traveled V Gusto RN

Hiker had a great weekend at the Illinois Regional Specialty at the end of October, on the 2 days we were able to show.

He got an AOM on Friday under breeder judge Sandy Novocin with Jess Anichini, one of his breeders, at the end of the leash. He also got his 3rd leg and New Title in Rally Novice and 2 legs in Beginner Novice Obedience, with me on the end of the leash.
Karen Borre

Holiday Reminders

Always a good reminder to review the list of holiday foods to avoid sharing with your pets.

<https://www.pawlicy.com/blog/holiday-foods-dogs-can-and-cant-eat/>



Suggested by Lyn Steffens

Trametinib?

Please read the attached flyer on this very promising drug, currently in clinical trials that has potential to treat Histiocytic Sarcoma.

Looking for something fun to do with your dogs?

Check out Bring Fido for a list of pet friendly events in the state.

<https://www.bringfido.com/event/state/wisconsin/>

Current listings include photos with Santa, Turkey Trots, and the first weekend in Dec is the New Glarus Christkindli Market. Check it out!

<https://www.swisstown.com/events-ng/christkindlimarket>





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Articles written by members of the BMDCEW 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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BOARD MEETINGS 2025	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2025
Sat, Jan 18 th Zoom Meeting 9:00 am	Sun Feb 09 th Thunder Bay Grille 1:00 pm
Sun, Feb 09 th Thunder Bay Grille 10:00 am	Sat, May 10 th Western Waukesha County Dog Training Ixonla, WI 12:30 pm
Sat, March 22 nd Zoom Meeting 9 am	Sat, July 26 th Waukesha Kennel Club Dog Show Waukesha County Expo 1000 Northview Road, Waukesha, WI 53188 1 hour after Bernese judging
Sat. May 10 th Ixonla, WI 10:00 am	Sunday, September 28 th Nashotah Park W33N5113 County Road C Nashotah, WI 53058 10:00 am
Sun, Sept 28 th Nashotah Park 9:00 am	Sun, Nov 2 nd St Mary's Church Dousman, WI 12:30 pm
Sun, Nov 2 nd St Mary's Church 10 am	

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