



YODELS

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Southeastern Wisconsin Newsletter

Congratulations to Peggy Granger!

July 2024
Volume 2, Issue 3

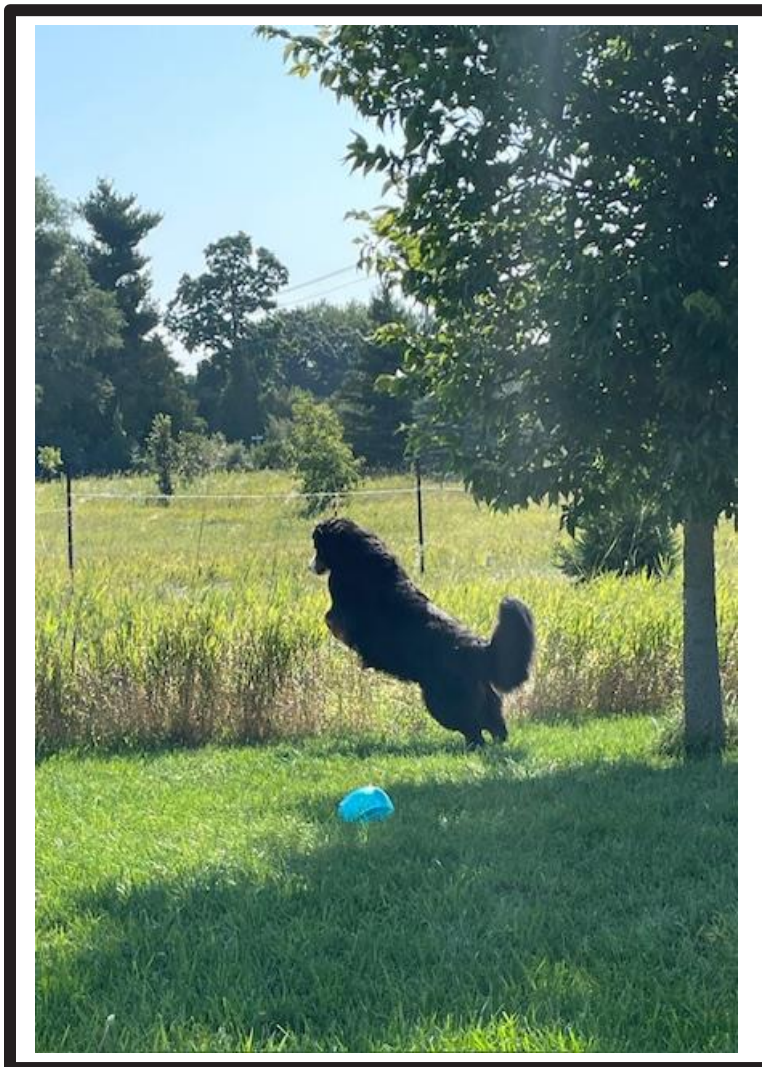
Inside this issue:

Waukesha Specialty	2
Draft Clinic photos	2
Senior Spotlight	3
Sieger Show Report	7
Fall Draft Tests	7
Club Contacts	8
Resources	8

Winning Photo

"Beulah, chipmunk hunting fox style. Never gets one, but hope springs eternal."

– Peggy Granger



BMDCSEW EVENTS

2024

Designated Specialties
Sat and Sun
July 27 and 28
Waukesha

Draft Test
Fri-Sat Sept 27 - 28
Nashotah Park

Bernerfest
Sunday, Sept 29
Nashotah Park

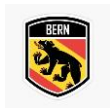
Draft Workshop at the Spring Fling – Kay Wendorf

We had about 12 participants. Many hoping to be ready for tests in the fall and some who had never started. They seemed to be happy with the workshop. Big thanks to Kathy Heun and Peggy Granger for their major help with this event. Hauling

equipment and helping at every level.

Kathy Heun and her poodle Maisie helping demonstrate how to fit a siwash harness at the draft workshop





Pics from the Draft Workshop



Photo Contest

Wow, ya'll can take some photos! -- Our judge had a very difficult time choosing our featured photo. So much so that they requested that the photos already be submitted continue to be eligible for future issues. So if you have already submitted a photo it will continue to be in consideration for the issues for the entire year. New photos can still be submitted anytime. Just send them via email to me with the subject line Photo Contest. One photo will be selected each issue. At our awards banquet we will display all the winning photos and the people in attendance will be able to vote on their favorite one. That person will win a gift basket. On January 1 we will close out those photos and start over. If you have not been selected and want your photo to still be considered you can resubmit it.

Summer Splash Specialty in Waukesha

Please check out the details on our website including a click to MB-F to enter the shows. There are 3 days of Specialties along with 3 days of Sweeps. Make your hotel reservations early as this is a super busy weekend in the area. There will be a membership meeting Saturday after judging.

<https://www.bmdcsew.org/>

Attachments

Included with this issue are a couple documents. The minutes from the recent board and membership meetings as well as a very important flyer about a clinical trial on a treatment for histio. The UW Madison Vet Hospital is participating. Please read this information and if you find yourself with a diagnoses please consider this option. Finally there is the Berner-Garde newsletter.



2024 Senior Spotlight



Opal is 7 years old. Her date of birth is 3/24/17. BG #141196 Sue Wellenstein is her breeder. She has been with me since she was 7 months old and has seen many rescues come and go. She's the apple of my eye. The love of this breed continues.

Wendy Kerr



De-Li's Ask Me "Siri" BG#138436

Siri is a veteran? Wow

She is titled in Obedience, Rally, Scentwork and Shadowing me.

Joanne Brault



Zoli (BG#128130) turned 8 on New Years Eve, 2023. He still shows no signs of slowing down. I am so proud of his courage in coming back from our dog attack 4 years ago. He has gone on to earn another 11 titles since then in spite of his and my anxieties around other dogs! Thank you Kerry!

Cindy Falk



Astia's Sacred Treasure,
CGC, FDC, RN, RI
(Kaylee) BG# 145130
06/04/2016

So very thankful and thrilled she just had her 8th birthday!! She battled Blastomycosis and complications from the disease for 16 months this past year! Finally negative tests!!

She is so very special and loved so much!

Sue Lutz



Dimples BG#108044 and Star BG#110338

They were both Loved Therapy Certified dogs who visited Aurora Psych hosp., Dewey Center, and Kradwell school for over ten years. They both visited 2 or 3 times each week and every Saturday. They both provided countless comfort and joy to anyone who met them. Both girls were awarded Outstanding Star Awards. We lost Dimples on Oct. 8th at 10 and a half years of age. Star is a retired Champion as well who misses her dearly as we all do. Enclosed is a picture of both of them, the day they received their Star awards. Thank You!

Vicki Koralewski





2024 Senior Spotlight



This is Ruby, she will be 8 years old in early September. You would never know it aside from the gray in her eyebrows. BG# 136711

Lexie and Tim Lau



Magi, 13.3 yo dob 3/25/11 BG# 114104
Kameridge's Dream Worth Keeping
Owners Kelly Pitzen (Leist) and Kathy Koehler
She loves her family and is the best ambassador of the breed.

Kathy Koehler



Katniss (Swiss Stars Girl on Fire from Castlemtn) will be 8 in September and hasn't slowed down at all! She is goofy, full of life, and still keeps me on my toes. BG#136714

Lisa Patrenets



Raven Kutka, RN, TKI, TDI
BG# 139476

Raven turned 7 last November. She enjoys opening the door to let herself and her fellow dogs into the house, cleaning up any food you may have forgotten to put away, searching the yard for errant duck eggs and generally being the most loving girl.

Laura Kutka



This is Breena, Demitra's Stately Lady of Kameridge
CGC, BN, RN, RI, FDC BG# 138939
She's 7 1/2 DOB 11/8/16

Kathy Koehler



Jada (Serendipity Jada Jing Jing Jing CD RN NDD)
7 years old (BG# 139702) and half-sister
Dreamer (CH Serendipity Dreamchaser CD RN)
8 years old (BG# 127901)

Kay Wendorf



2024 Senior Spotlight



Louie Louis Luther!! He's been such a great friend!
BG# 13050 DOB 01/18/2016

Brycie Marine



Ranger, CH, UCH Swiss Star's In a Class of His Own v
Thistledown BN, RA, CGC (BG#139642)
He is 7-years-old and working on his draft titles and his
Novice Obedience titles, but mostly he is the Buddy
Dog. As a Veteran Ranger just earned his CD!
Loved by Carri and Don Borisch



Here is our Italian born, American loved beauty, Giselle.
(BG#116378)

She is now double digits at 10.
She still is very active despite her arthritic back end.
Kristi & Jay Tursky



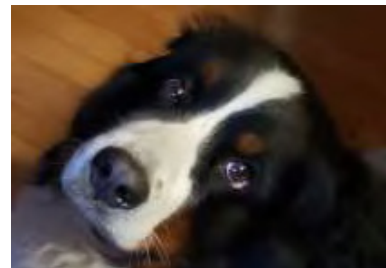
Nora (BG#132512) Nora is out of a breeding (Kaden x
Olivia) that Amy (Kessler) & I bred. She is an awesome
girl, very easy to live with. She did live with Amy's family
for a time & was known as "NoNo", but not here. She
loves to spend time with us, short walks on the trail,
eating (anything), being petted & her special friend, Sue
Lutz. We hope she stays with us for many more years.

Sue and Nick Wellenstein



Here is our miracle boy Maverick. (BG#120499) He
turned 9 in March. Pictured with his lil buddy Bandit
who is 12. All seniors in our house.

Kristi & Jay Tursky



Lionhearts Nestled Under the Oaks aka Nessie is 7
years old. She is a very sweet girl! BG# 139620
DOB 12/14/2016

Kathy Bohm



2024 Senior Spotlight



Hello! My name is Tully (Bugziere's Natural Born Lover- "Nigel"). I am 8 years old and one of the "N" litter puppies from Sue Wellenstein's beautiful, Olivia, and Sue Lutz's handsome, Kaden. Natural Born Lover is the perfect name for me! My owners, Monica and Rich, tell me I am the sweetest boy around. I love to meet new people everywhere I go. I parade around and invite people to pet me with my chocolate brown eyes. I thrive on attention! Don't worry, I give kisses in return. I am not much of an athlete. While I sometimes enjoy a mini walk to sniff my surroundings, I'd much rather lay in the grass and watch neighbor dogs walk by. In fact, I trained my dogwalkers to take me on car rides when I am not in the mood for a stroll. Some might say I am stubborn. I just know what I like! Speaking of what I like, I am happiest with my family. I trained them well! I greet them by running around the house with either a shoe or pillow in my mouth. They greet me by chasing me around. I may be 8 years old, but I still play like a puppy! In winter, my family and I play in the snow. In summer, I look forward to cooling off in the refreshing lake water. My family likes to take me wherever they go. They say I bring joy to people. While I am grateful for the compliment, it is just me being me! BG#132513

Monica and Rich Andres

Enjoy the celebration of these 2024 seniors. The plan is to continue this as an annual feature in the July issue of the Yodels. You can submit your senior anytime and it will be saved for the upcoming July issue. Dogs need to be owned by a club member and you must include their Berner-Garde number to be included. Please submit a photo and a sentence or two about your special dog.



There is a new feature in Berner-Garde. It is the Last Known Alive. You can enter an update quarterly. And this is not just for our beloved seniors. All dogs can be updated. Why not check it out RIGHT NOW.

https://bernergarde.org/DB/People_Search

Click this link to go to the people search. Enter your name and your dogs will pop up. You can click on each one of your dogs. When you do, the dogs record will pop up. In the top box on the right hand side will be a clickable field Last Known Alive. You enter your name, your email address, country. And submit. Easy Peasy! And check out the fun graphics that will show up for our seniors!

“Every white hair
is one day of
experience in
being the very
best friend
you’ve ever had.”

– Jaymi
Heimbuch



Seiger Show report

By: Kevin Gasper

I had the pleasure to judge the Sieger test for the BMDCSEW Saturday May 11, 2024. I want to express my sincerest gratitude to the BMDCSEW for asking me to evaluate the animals, for the people who entered their dogs for me to evaluate as well as Sue Lutz, for being my keeper of notes, and going through each section of each evaluation with me. Now to write about the puppies, and adult dogs I had the pleasure to evaluate.

Puppies can be very hard to evaluate, as puppies (especially Berner puppies) change overnight. Overall, the puppies were put together well, and had very nice portions, and were sound. I did

want to see a little more stop, slightly shorter muzzle, and more back skull on some of the puppies, but I was overall pleased with type, portions, and movement. Temperament on the puppies were sweet, but slightly unsure to make with how to show, but nothing too serious to fault on. My best puppy in evaluation, was an 11 month old male who had a lot of type, clean movement, and good portions on his body. He has a lot of potential, and I look forward to watching him continuing his show career

The adult animals appeared to have different strengths and weaknesses, but it should be noted that some of the animals were slightly over the 1 year mark, and still weren't at full maturity. Overall, the animals had good portions to match their bodies, and for the

most part were sound. I did observe undershot bites, varying degrees of eyes from being loose and round, to tight and oval, slightly sloped toplines, different front and rear angles, and animals lacking markings. My least concern is and always will be markings, as it has nothing to do with having a "working dog". My breed winner was an 18 month bitch. She was very sound, and balanced, and her portions matched her body.

Best Puppy

Lionhearts Make Mine A Double – Mattie and Sue Wellenstein

Best Adult

Jaberwock's Down the Rabbit Hole – Denali and Krista Dahl-Koehler

Fall Draft Tests – Premium Available

Our fall draft tests are coming together nicely. We will once again meet in Nashotah Park on Friday, September 27 and Saturday, September 28. Our judges this year are Jennifer Brightbill and Nancy Van Horne. The premium list is already up on our website

for those that want to enter early! The annual Bernerfest is also being held that weekend in Nashotah Park. Stay tuned for more details on the Sunday event.





Submissions can be sent to
Paige Hess, Editor
phessco@aol.com



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

We're on the Web!

www.bmdcsew.org

The contents of the Yodels represent the views and opinions of the authors, and not necessarily those of the BMDCSEW or it's members, nor does publication constitute endorsement.

The Yodels is published five times a year to coincide with the events

2024 Publish dates Feb. 1 * May 1 * July 1 * Sept 1 * Dec 1

Deadlines for contributions are 10 days before publish date.

BOARD MEETINGS 2024

Sat, Jan 20th
Zoom Meeting 9:00 am

Sun, Feb 11th
Thunder Bay Grille 10:00 am

Sat, March 23rd
Zoom Meeting 9 am

Sat. May 11th
Ixonia, WI 10:00 am

Sun, Sept 29th
Nashotah Park 9:00 am

Sun, Nov 3th
St Mary's Church 10 am

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2024

Sun Feb 11th
Thunder Bay Grille 1:00 pm

Sat, May 11th
Western Waukesha County Dog Training
Ixonia, WI 12:30 pm

Sat, July 27th
Waukesha Kennel Club Dog Show
Waukesha County Expo
1000 Northview Road, Waukesha, WI 53188
1 hour after Bernese judging

Sunday, September 29th
Nashotah Park W33N5113 County Road C
Nashotah, WI 53058
10:00 am

Sun, Nov 3rd
St Mary's Church Dousman, WI 12:30 pm

Club Contacts

BMDCSEW Officers and Directors

President
Sue Wellenstein
bugziere@gmail.com

Vice President
Deanna Scott
driftlessbernese@yahoo.com

Secretary
Marian Fenlon
meipaw@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer
Lisa Patrenets
lpatrenets@gmail.com

Directors
Mary Alice Eschweiler
sheppatch@aol.com
Sue Lutz
suelutz0119@gmail.com
Brycie Marine
lbmarine@new.rr.com

Committees

Breeder Referral
Lisa Patrenets

Carting / Drafting
Kay Wendorf

Education
Kerry Waltersdorf

Membership Chair
Sue Wellenstein

RCC Representative
Paige Hess

Records/Club Historian
Karen Borre

Rescue Chair

Wendy Kerr
4529 Milwaukee Street
Madison, WI 53714
608-212-8138
wisconsinbmd@gmail.com

Sunshine

Lyn Steffens
lsteffens@new.rr.com

Website

Marian Fenlon
meipaw@sbcglobal.net



We are on Facebook

www.facebook.com/BMDCSEW