



July — August 2018

Yodels

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

Games

Agility

Photos

Grooming



Raffle

CGC

Lunch

Kid's Activities

Sunday, September 30th
Nashotah Park

W330n5113 County Road C, Nashotah, WI 53058

Festivities begin at 10:00 AM

2018 Board Meetings

Sat, January 20; 10:00 AM
 Eschweiler's home
 32022 W Hwy K, Hartland

Sun. Feb 11 9:30 AM
 Thunder Bay Grille
 N14W24130 Tower Place,
 Waukesha

Sat., April 7, 2017 9:00 AM
 Western Waukesha County
 Dog Training Club
 W1314 Cedar Drive, Ixonia

Sat, June 16th, 10:00 AM
 Eschweiler's
 32022 W Hwy K, Hartland

Sat, Sept 29th, 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, Nov, 4, 10:00 am
 Olympia Resort, 1350 Roy-
 ale Mile Road,
 Oconomowoc

General Member Meetings

Sun. Feb 11, 2018
 Thunder Bay Grill
 N14W24130 Tower Place
 Waukesha
 11:00 AM Dinner
 12:00 PM meeting

Spring Fling
 Sat., April 7,
 10:00 am—4:00 PM
 Western Waukesha County
 Dog Training Club
 W1314 Cedar Drive, Ixonia
 Meeting 12:30 PM

Waukesha 2018 KC Show
 Saturday, July 28th
 Waukesha County
 Expo Center
 1000 North view Road
 1 Hour after BMD judging

Bernerfest 2018
 Sun., September 30th
 Nashotah Park
 W330 N5113 Cty Road C
 Nashotah
9:30 AM or following
draft walk-through

Annual Member Meeting
 Sunday, November 4th
 St. Mary's Church
 36014 Sunset Drive
 Dousman
 12:30 PM

Upcoming BMDCEW Sponsored Events for 2018

Awards Dinner
 Sunday, Feb. 11th
 Thunder Bay Grill
 Waukesha
 11:00 AM

Back-To-Back Specialty
 Friday—Saturday
 March 2—3
 6:00 AM—6:00 PM
 Washington Co.
 Expo Center
 3000 Pleasant Valley Rd,
 West Bend

Spring Fling
 Saturday, April 7th
 10:00 AM—4:00 PM
 Western Waukesha County
 Dog Training Club
 W1314 Cedar Drive,
 Ixonia

Draft Test
 Friday, Sept 28rd
 Nashotah Park
 W330 N5113 Cty Road C
 Nashotah

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 Sat. Sept 29th
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Bernerfest 2017
 Sunday, Sept 30th
 Nashotah Park
 W330 N5113 Cty Road C
 Nashotah
 10:00 AM

**Canine Good Citizen
 testing at BernerFest**

10:00 AM — 1 :00 pm

Cindy Kummer





The BMDCSEW has a spot in the Green County Cheese Days Parade on Sunday, September 16th at 12:00 noon in Monroe, Wisconsin.

<https://www.cheesedays.com/>



The start and end are at the Green County Fairgrounds.

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Green+County+Fairgrounds/@42.6020195,-89.6372612,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x8807decd1986a853:0xf7cd50bcf8536fe2!8m2!3d42.6020155!4d-89.6285065>

Parade route map:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/52d2fd9ae4b02dafb0c803c3/t/57e87db3beafb41130eb9d/1474854324430/parade+route+map.pdf>

Kerry Waltersdorf is taking the lead on this event; contact info below:

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(Cell) 262-366-1939

People need to let Kerry know that they are coming. They should dress in either Swiss clothing or wear a club/Berner shirt. Dogs need to be well behaved, on a 6-foot lead (no flexis) and under control (If they need to use a prong collar, they should hide it under a bandana or something else so it isn't visible). They should bring water for their dogs. Dogs pulling carts and wagons need to be very well trained and in good condition for the parade. No handing out candy along the route.



AKC Government Relations



Dear Legislative Liaisons and Club Officers,

Over the next several weeks, the U.S. Congress will consider requiring enhanced health checks for dogs being imported into the United States.

These enhancements are urgently needed because a [recent surge in pet imports has been linked directly to new outbreaks of disease](#) including canine flu, an increase in instances of dogs with rabies - including the canine variant that had previously been thought eradicated in the U.S., brucellosis, and a variety of other threats to pet, human and livestock populations.

The AKC and the National Animal Interest Alliance are working together to support these enhancements, which include:

- Clarifying administrative oversight of import protocols,
- Requiring that rabies vaccinations and health certificates are signed by a competent veterinary authority, and
- Establishing a centralized electronic database to track dog imports.

As an AKC club, the AKC Government Relations Department presents and speaks for your interests in Congress. *However, it is critical that Members of Congress also hear directly from you, their voters. We urge you to [review this letter](#) to congressional leadership in support of the measure, and let us know if your club wishes to individually sign onto the letter.*

If your club can participate, please email the name of your club to sbuchalter@russellgroupdc.com and copy naiaonline@naia.org and doglaw@akc.org.

Full Congress will be back in session on September 4, **so we ask that you respond before Tuesday, August 28.**

Thank you for your support and leadership for the wellbeing of all dogs.

Sincerely, Sheila Goffe



September Draft Tests

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Draft test being hosted by the Bernese Mountain Club of Southeastern Wisconsin. The test dates are September 28th, 29th and 30th at Nashotah Park, Nashotah, WI. Peggy Granger is chair for Friday and Karen Borre is chair for Sat & Sun. Kathy Bohm is secretary for all three days!!

Our judges are Karyn Beyer from California, Val Horney from Colorado, and Phil Atkinson from Massachusetts.

The premium for the test can be found on our club website as well as the BMDCA website. Entries are limited to 24 entrants. Entries close at the address of the Secretary at 6:00 pm. on September 18th. Please pass the word to others that may be interested in entering and are not members of our club.



We also need volunteers to Steward. This is a fun and easy job with no experience needed. If you are interested in learning about Draft, stewarding at the test gives you an up front look at how its done. Please contact Karen Borre or Peggy Granger if you can volunteer.

Our weekend will end on Sunday with our annual Bernerfest celebration. Come and cheer on our wonderful working Berners! Hope to see you all in September.

The premium list is ready and can be obtained from the club's web site.

Peggy Granger - stormbmd@gmail.com;
Karen Borre - kardon2009@yahoo.com;
Kathy Bohm - bohmk@charter.net.

Our Club has been gifted a handmade draft cart as a raffle for Bernerfest. I would like to thank Bonnie and Tammy Lidvig for this very



generous gift. Bonnie and Tammy got their first Berner Desmond from Kerry Waltersdorf. They had intended on training Desmond to pull the cart, but soon realized that Desmond is more of a couch potato and had no interest in drafting. Bonnie and Tammy always enjoy coming to Bernerfest and thought it would be a great raffle item.

Thank you Bonnie and Tammy for this most generous gift .
Kerry Waltersorf



Berner Brags

Summer has been very busy for a few of the STONEHILL dogs: Stonehill's Crystal U-R-Unstoppable CGC, RN became a Champion

CH. Stonehill's Jasper the Friendly Ghost CGC, NDD, TDI added a CD title to become a Versatility Dog

Stonehill's Pop your Cork Buddha CGC added a Championship title

These dogs are always so willing to please. Loved by Kerry & Keith Waltersdorf

"Dogs laugh, but they laugh with their tails. What puts man in a higher state of evolution is that he has got his laugh on the right end." - Max Eastman

2019 BMDCEW Officer Nominations

The 2018 Nominating Committee of the BMDCEW is presenting the following slate to the membership:

- ◆ Sue Wellenstein—President
- ◆ Kerry Waltersdorf--Vice-President
- ◆ Lisa Petrenets--Treasurer
- ◆ (Secretary not an open position this year)
- ◆ Deanna Scott--Board
- ◆ Karen Borre--Board
- ◆ Kristi TurskyBoard

In accordance with Article IV, Section 2 and 3 of the BMDCEW By-Laws:

Section 2 Nomination

C. Additional nominations may be made by a member in good standing in attendance at the September meeting providing that the person nominated does not decline when person's name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall have obtained the written consent of the nominee before such nomination.

D. If no valid additional nominations are made the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected and no election will be required. If additional nominations are made, the election will be held at the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 3. ELECTION

The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The three (3) nominated candidates for other positions on the Board who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected.

Deanna Scott—Nominating Committee Chair



2018 WKC Show &



BMDCSEW Meeting





Should I Let My Dog Sleep With Me?

By Stephanie Gibeault, MSc, CPDT

American Kennel Club, Jul 24, 2017

Do you let your dog sleep in your bed with you at night? Research has shown that slightly less than one-half of all pet owners share their bed or bedroom with their pet. Even so, you have likely been told by at least one well-meaning person that your dog should sleep on the floor, in his crate, or in his own bed. However, according to recent research, there are many benefits to co-sleeping with your dog, and there is nothing to be ashamed of.



The journal *Human Nature* recently published a study by Smith et al. entitled “A Multispecies Approach to Co-Sleeping: Integrating Human-Animal Co-Sleeping Practices into Our Understanding of Human Sleep.” The researchers looked at the practice of allowing a dog to sleep in the bed or bedroom, comparing it with adult-child co-sleeping.

The study pointed out that sleeping in the same bed or bedroom as our pets is not just a modern phenomenon. In fact, some traditional cultures considered co-sleeping with animals as beneficial. For example, Aboriginal Australians often slept beside their dogs and/or dingoes for warmth and protection from evil spirits. Unfortunately, modern culture tends to focus on the negative aspects of co-sleeping rather than the benefits.

It’s true there are some health concerns related to co-sleeping with your dog. Human allergies can be aggravated, for example. There is also the risk of transmission of disease, from both the dog to the human and the human to the dog. However, such transmission is rare.

Quality of sleep can also be affected. Previous studies have shown that owners sharing a bed with their pet report greater sleep disturbances than people whose pets did not sleep in their bed. One factor that may explain this difference is that dogs are polyphasic sleepers and average three sleep/wake cycles per nighttime hour, whereas humans are monophasic

sleepers (one period of sleep over a 24-hour cycle). Dogs also stay alert for sounds, even when sleeping, which may make them lighter sleepers than their humans.

Urban myths abound about dogs sharing their human’s sleeping spot. For example, your dog will think he’s dominant to you or he will become spoiled. While there can be a link between bed-sharing and behavior problems, it’s not known whether co-sleeping creates the problem or the problem leads to co-sleeping in the first place. For example, a dog that shares his owner’s bed might have problems with separation anxiety. However, did the co-sleeping create the excessive attachment or did the dog’s excessive attachment cause the owner to let him into the bed?

Sometimes, the issues are unrelated, and co-sleeping simply highlights already existing problem behavior. For example, a dog with resource guarding issues might growl and bark to protect his sleeping spot on your bed. But the problem is really about your dog unnecessarily defending what he sees as his items and territory, not about the co-sleeping.

For a well-adjusted, well-behaved dog, it’s quite unlikely that sleeping in your bed or bedroom will do anything except delight your dog, comfort you, and enhance the dog-owner bond. But if your dog is showing signs of aggression or any other problem behavior that is being worsened by co-sleeping, provide your dog with his own sleeping space while you consult with a professional trainer, a behavior consultant, or your veterinarian.

Despite the drawbacks to co-sleeping with a dog, the researchers explain that so many owners do it because the benefits likely outweigh the disadvantages. Studies have shown many physical and mental health advantages to owning a pet, and co-sleeping increases the amount of time spent with that pet, potentially increasing those benefits. For example, co-sleeping can increase the feelings of comfort and companionship your dog provides.

Co-sleeping with your dog can also ease anxiety and provide a feeling of safety and security. Your light-sleeping canine will alert you to anything out of the ordinary, so you can rest easy through the night. Dogs are also perfect bed warmers, keeping you toasty on a cold night. And finally, there is no substitute for waking up to a tail-wagging dog.

The research study concluded that even though society may not currently regard co-sleeping in the best light, because of the many benefits, there is no need for unnecessary concern. I think those of us who share our beds and bedrooms with our dogs already know that any disturbance or inconvenience is well worth a nighttime of snuggles.





AKC Rally eligibility changes effective August 1, 2018

The AKC Board of Directors passed a recommendation to change the eligibility requirements for the Rally Intermediate class to allow dogs that have earned a qualifying score in the Advanced class to enter the Intermediate class. Once a dog has earned the Advanced level title, it is no longer eligible to participate in the Intermediate class unless entries have closed. The purpose is to remove eligibility barriers to exhibitors competing in the optional Rally Intermediate class.

This recommendation is a change to Regulations (see below) and becomes effective for trials held on or after August 1, 2018.

Issued as a supplement to the AKC Rally Regulations amended to November 1, 2017

Chapter 1. General Regulations

Section 16. Entry Eligibility, Change of Entry.

After a dog earns a title from an "A" class, it may continue showing in that "A" class for 60 days. After 60 days, it may compete in that level "B" class.

A dog may continue to compete in Novice B until it receives a qualifying score in the Rally Advanced class.

A dog may compete in the Novice B and Intermediate class at the same trial.

A dog may compete in the Intermediate and Advanced class at the same trial.

After a dog earns a qualifying score in Advanced, they are no longer eligible for the Novice class.

Once a dog earns a qualifying score in Advanced, the dog may be shown in the Novice class at trials for which entries have closed; if entries have not closed they must be changed.

After a dog earns the Rally Advanced (RA) title it is no longer eligible for the Rally Intermediate class.

Once a dog earns the Rally Advanced title, the dog may be shown in the Rally Intermediate class at trials for which entries have closed; if entries have not closed they must be changed.

Chapter 3. Classes and Titles.


Section 5. Rally Intermediate Class. To be eligible for entry in this class dogs must have won the Rally Novice (RN) title but may not have won the Rally Advanced (RA) title prior to the close of entries.

All dogs are judged on leash. Rally Intermediate must have 12 to 17 signs (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary signs. Intermediate courses will have a minimum of three advanced level signs. There are no jumps in this class.

A "Green Insert" will be added to the regulation books

Issued: April 18, 2018

Sincerely,

Pamela Manaton, Director of Obedience, Rally & Tracking 

What dogs 'see' when they smell something

Posted in Plants & Animals By [Virginia Morell](#), Mar. 5, 2018

A dog searching for a lost child is typically given an item of clothing to smell. But what does that scent "look" like? To find out, scientists tested 48 dogs, half of which had special police



or rescue training. In a laboratory room, the scientists slid each dog's favorite toy across the floor to a hiding place, while the dog waited in another room. One researcher then brought the dog to the testing room and pointed at the starting point of the odor trail and told the dog, "Look for it! Bring it!" In one trial, the dog found either its favored toy or—surprise!—a different item. Many of the surprised dogs continued searching for the toy used to lay the scent trail—an indication that **they had a mental representation of what they expected to find**, the scientists report today in the *Journal of Comparative Psychology*. Both family dogs and working dogs scored about the same on the tests, confirming previous studies showing that education doesn't necessarily improve a dog's performance. Previous studies have shown that horses have mental images of their owners and other horses—based on the sounds of their voices and whinnies. But scientists know little about how smell and cognition are linked in animals that rely heavily on smell—such as dogs, elephants, and rats. Now, we have a better idea at least for our pooches: They picture what they're searching for.

Top 10 Male Dog Names:

1. Max
2. Charlie
3. Cooper
4. Buddy
5. Jack
6. Rocky
7. Oliver
8. Bear
9. Duke
10. Tucker

Top 10 Female Dog Names:

1. Bella
2. Lucy
3. Daisy
4. Luna
5. Lola
6. Sadie
7. Molly
8. Maggie
9. Bailey
10. Sophie



Some Websites that you may be interested in:

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 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:

<http://www.tufts.edu/vet/petloss/> Tufts University Pet Loss hotline
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 2018

The BMDCSEW is currently looking to renew and update the Breeder Referral listing for 2018. 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 the form below and mail to:

Sue Wellenstein
 5705 Saint Ives Road
 Oshkosh, WI 54904
 920-231-2881
bugziere@gmail.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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· \$5.00 per quarter page copy ready / \$10 editor set-up
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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 **5th** of the second month. **Deadline** for News, Articles and Advertisements are as follows:

January 20 Jan-Feb Newsletter
March 20 Mar-Apr Newsletter
May 20 May-Jun Newsletter
July 20 Jul-Aug Newsletter
September 30 Sep-Oct Newsletter
November 20 Nov-Dec Newsletter

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