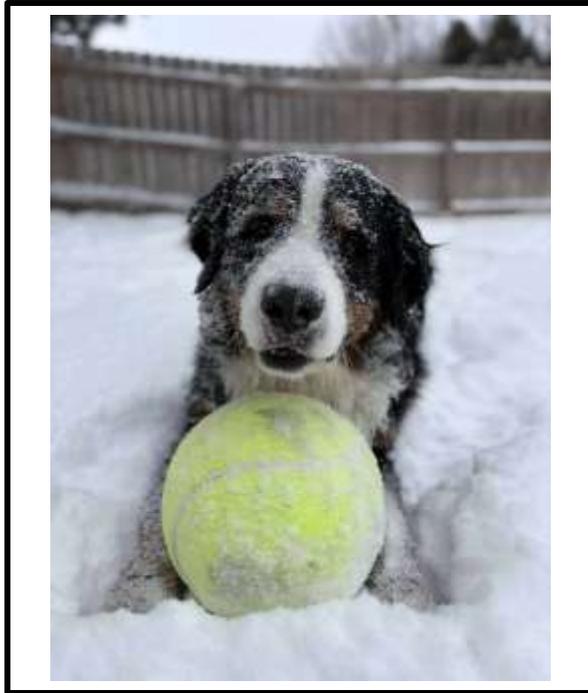




# YODELS

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Southeastern Wisconsin Newsletter



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Congratulations to: John Baumann! "Geronimo" BG # 224942:  
"Pictured is Geronimo as a baby"

Photo contest pictures can be submitted at any time by emailing them to PHHessCo@aol.com

## BMDCSEW EVENTS

## Spring Fling Is Coming Together!

Spring Fling will be May 2, 2026 in Ixonia. The plan is to have a Draft demo, a Rally demo, a Grooming demo, puppy play time and some fun games. Lunch will be a Chili Cook off. All dependent on getting enough people to help.

We start at 10:00. I could use some volunteers especially at the beginning as I will be in a board meeting likely until 11:00.

I can be contacted a 262-812-3020 or [kardon2009@yahoo.com](mailto:kardon2009@yahoo.com)  
Karen Borre

Bring a crock pot of Chili (need about 3) Winner will get a fun prize and bragging rights  
Bring chili toppings  
Bring a desert (2 or 3 easy like cookies or brownies)

**Demo's to be about 1/2 hour each.**

• Draft Demo (provide information on equipment etc)

- Rally Demo (provide information on who offers classes)
  - Grooming Demo (simple like how to brush, do nails, ears, trim feet for a pet dog)
  - Help supervise puppy play time (puppies under 6 months)
- Help with games (we do not want to duplicate what is done at Bernerfest)  
Suggest some games to me even if you cannot attend.

**I appreciate everyone's time and expertise, let me know what works for you.**

## Next Up

**April 18<sup>th</sup> Draft Workshop**  
Wendorf Residence

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Fling Membership Meeting**  
Western Waukesha Dog Training Club



## Back 2 Back 2026 is a Wrap

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! It truly takes a village to put on this show and I love that people show up to do it. Thank you to all my Stewards for Obedience and Rally and to Kristy Tursky and Krista Koehler for learning about conformation stewarding. Sue Lutz for reserved Grooming and Stewarding Conformation both days, Marian Fenlon for taking care of ribbons, being chief ring steward, the Catalog and helping with set-up. Sue Wellenstein for handling Trophies for more years than I know, as well as helping with set up. Kathy Koehler for lunches. Also, thanks to all the people who donate to the Trophy and Ribbon fund. Ed and Penny Laben for stepping up to take over "Raffle" which is so important for the financial end of this event. Thanks to everyone who donated to the "raffle". Also, a special thank you for people who stepped up to help with Judges Hospitality, Sue Lutz, Peggy Granger, Paige Hess and Sue Wellenstein. If I did not mention you by name know that your time and effort is always very appreciated.

Karen Borre

## Vintage Cart for Sale

Please see the attached flyer for the vintage wooden cart that was donated to the club. The family had hoped that someone would be able to use it as it was intended. Due to the age of the wood we do not feel it is suitable to pull much weight but it would be a great décor piece for someone or a showpiece in a local parade. Bids close May 1.



## BernerGarde Updates

Updating your dogs last know alive date is one of the easiest things to do. And also very important!

On your dogs main page, just click the 'Update last known alive' button on the right side of the screen.

It will take you to a page where you fill out your name and email and click 'submit alive date'. That's it!

We suggest doing it every 6 months or on their birthday.

See the screenshots below for additional guidance.



## Where are the 7+ 's?

Do you have a Berner who turned 7 or more in 2026? We want to see them! Please send a photo and a short write up of how awesome they are. Whether they are a couch potato who never left your property or a super show dog, doesn't matter. We LOVE our seniors! The Senior shoutout is coming up in the July issue so you have plenty of time to get your photo and submit it. Please include your dogs BernerGarde number.

Send them to Paige at [phhessco@aol.com](mailto:phhessco@aol.com)

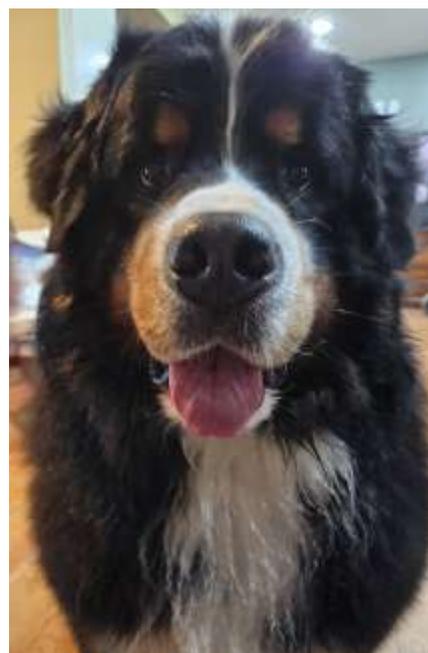


GO AHEAD  
**BRAG**  
A LITTLE

Brags can be submitted any time by emailing Paige at [phessco@aol.com](mailto:phessco@aol.com)



Next Yodels Issue is May 15!  
Deadline for brags, articles, photos, and event updates is May 5.



Jimmy is a Grand Champion! GCH CH Lionheart's Five O'Clock Somewhere was honored an Award of Merit on Friday and Select Dog on Saturday to finish his Grand. By far the dog with the most personality I have ever had. Can't wait to see what the future brings.

Paige Hess

## Draft Workshop

Our club will be hosting a draft workshop on April 18, 2026 at the Wendorf Residence.

This workshop is open to advanced dogs preparing for a draft test as well as true beginners and all levels in between. We will start at 9am with the advanced dogs. Then transition to the beginners. It is beneficial for beginners to come and watch the advanced dogs work, but not required. If you are even just curious about draft, this would be a great introduction.

**To participate in the workshop, you must preregister.** Observers are welcome to come and watch and learn and get hooked on this fun activity with your dog.

Advanced teams should bring their own draft equipment. For the beginners, there will be some equipment available to use during the workshop.

Everyone please bring a chair, crate or xpen, collar, leash, and yummy good treats for the dog.

**Preregistration is required.** The registration form has location address and contact information if you have any questions. It is located on the club's website...[bmdcsew.org](http://bmdcsew.org).

Kay Wendorf  
Kathy Heun  
Peggy Granger  
Lynne Mueller



## ... Oconomowoc Parade ...

By: Kerry Waltersdorf

On a perfect winter night, our Bernese Mountain Dogs became the stars of the Oconomowoc Christmas parade on December 6th. With their thick, fluffy coats and gentle expressions, the dogs marched proudly down the route, tails wagging as holiday music filled the air. Several of them pulled small carts decorated with twinkling lights, garlands, and ornaments, adding an extra touch of charm to the festive scene.

The crowd along the parade route couldn't get enough of the adorable dogs. Children pointed and waved excitedly, while adults smiled and snapped photos as the dogs passed by. The kids made their way close enough to get a few pets, and the Berners loved it! Our Berners calm, friendly nature made them a favorite among spectators, and cheers followed them down the street.

Adding to the joy, some of the owners like Rebecca Gordon and her friend, walked alongside their dog, handing out candy to children in the crowd. Laughter and thank-you echoed as kids reached out eagerly for treats, making the moment even more memorable. Kevin Gasper was also a big hit, dressed in a Christmas sweater decorated with lights, and walking with Poppy who was pulling a cart. Mary Alice Eschweiler and her friend Sherry Gasper each walked a dog in the parade. Kerry & Keith Waltersdorf brought their grandson Charlie to help handle their four dogs.

By the time the Bernese Mountain Dogs disappeared from view, they had left behind happy faces and warm hearts, proving that sometimes the simplest moments bring the most holiday magic.





# Awards Banquet 2025



Check out all the title earners here - <https://www.bmdcsew.org/our-dogs>

## 2025 Awards Banquet

The 2025 Awards Dinner was held at St. Mary's Church in Dousman on Feb. 8th. This year we presented awards to 8 dogs who earned titles for the first time and 15 dogs who had earned additional titles. In total, our club members & their dogs received 74 titles! Congratulations to all of you! A complete copy of the list of award winners will be posted on our BMDCSEW website.

Thanks to Mary Alice & Carl Eschweiler for ordering & providing the drinks, catered dinner and yummy desserts.

We had a good turn-out of club members who came to attend the meeting, receive awards and enjoy a meal together. It was a good opportunity to share news and celebrate the hard work & accomplishments of our members & their wonderful Berners.

Lyn Steffens

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## In Memoriam ...

Sadly, our club recently lost two members. Both Jane Hill and Bonnie Lindvig will be greatly missed. Our condolences and heartfelt sympathy go out to all their friends and family.



## RESCUE CORNER

Wendy Kerr



**Oliver:** Oliver has had his TPLO surgery on his right knee. Surgery went smoothly and he is busy with his rehabilitation. I am deeply

honored and appreciative of the donations we received in order to make this surgery possible. My sincere thanks to everyone who made a donation on Oliver's behalf and is supportive of rescue. A very special thank you to Holly and Kurt Kuettel and Sheila Friedel for going above and beyond to help Oliver with his rehabilitation and with their donations. It takes a village and this situation wasn't one I could have managed alone.



**Willow:** Willow is a 2 year old female. Due to her separation anxiety and her owner's job responsibilities, Willow needed a new home with family members who could be home with her. David from my waiting list enthusiastically responded that he and his partner would love to re-home her. People who work from home are a real advantage for dogs who dislike being alone. Willow will get some work on her anxiety with David and all the love and companionship she needs. A heartwarming union. My small part in joining David and Willow brings a lot of joy.

## 2025 Photo Contest Winner!

Congratulations to Peggy Granger, who regularly contributes to the photo contest, for her winning Photo of the Year. Her photo was from the December 2025 issue. Peggy won a gift basket filled with treats and gifts.

If you would like to participate in the 2026 contest you just need to email your photo to Paige Hess at [pjhessco@aol.com](mailto:pjhessco@aol.com). Photos must be taken by the club member and all Berners need to have a BernerGarde number. Enter as often as you'd like. Once submitted, your photo will be in consideration for all issues the rest of the year.





Submissions can be sent to  
Paige Hess, Editor  
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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*

We're on the Web!  
[www.bmdcsew.org](http://www.bmdcsew.org)

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Deadlines for contributions are 10 days before publish date.

BOARD MEETINGS 2026	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2026
Sat, Jan 17 <sup>th</sup> Zoom Meeting 9:00 am	Sun Feb 8 <sup>th</sup> T.B.D. 1:00 pm
Sun, Feb 8 <sup>th</sup> T.B.D. 10:00 am	Sat, May 2 <sup>nd</sup> Western Waukesha County Dog Training Ixonla, WI 12:30 pm
Sat, March 21 <sup>st</sup> Zoom Meeting 9 am	Sat, July 25 <sup>th</sup> Waukesha Kennel Club Dog Show Waukesha County Expo 1000 Northview Road, Waukesha, WI 53188 1 hour after Bernese judging
Sat. May 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ixonla 10:00 am	Sunday, September 27 <sup>th</sup> Nashotah Park W33N5113 County Road C Nashotah, WI 53058 10:00 am
Sun, Sept 27 <sup>th</sup> Nashotah Park 9:00 am	Sun, Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> St Mary's Church Dousman, WI 12:30 pm
Sun, Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> St Mary's Church 10 am	

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