



March — April 2017

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

Congressional Veterinarians Introduce Resolution Honoring Purebred Dogs

U.S. Congressmen and veterinarians Ted Yoho, Ralph Abraham, Kurt Schrader and have joined forces across the aisle to introduce a Congressional Resolution in support of **National Purebred Dog Day**. The resolution highlights the essential and important role that purebred dogs and breeders of purebred dogs have played throughout United States history and spotlights the many ways purebred dogs continue to serve U.S. citizens as military working dogs, guide and service dogs, search and rescue dogs, disease detection dogs and more.

National Purebred Dog Day (NPDD) is celebrated on May 1 and was originally created by Colorado dog enthusiast Susi Szeremy in 2013 as a way to increase awareness and celebrate all of the ways purebred dogs better our lives. Thousands of breeders and dog owners from across the United States celebrate purpose-bred dogs and the predictability of breeds during NPDD on all social media platforms.

"The American Kennel Club appreciates this recognition of National Purebred Dog Day," said Dennis B. Sprung, AKC President and CEO. "The predictability of purebred dogs not only makes them great family pets, but it also makes them wonderful service dogs, military dogs, search and rescue dogs and working dogs in our society. It is important to set aside a day to honor the pride, purpose, and preservation of these dogs and to celebrate all they do to enhance our lives." Link to view a copy of: [H. Con Res. 46](http://H.Con.Res.46).

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 17th, 10:00 am
Eschweiler's
32022 W Hwy K, Hartland

Sat, Sept 23th, 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

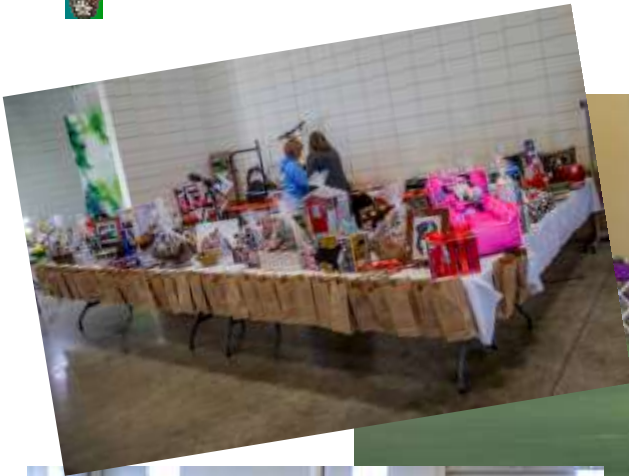


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Spring Fling





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Berner Fest 2017

Sunday September 24th
10 AM – 3 PM Nashotah Park

Attention Club Members!

We need more volunteers for the day of the event and some planning activities leading up to the event. We are looking for enough people to run two shifts (Setup to Lunch, Lunch to teardown) for each role so everybody gets to enjoy the day along with their volunteer support. No experience necessary.

Games for Berners and their People
Judges for fun contests
Agility Course
Food Servers

Raffle Ticket Sales
Groomer to back up Robin
Puppy Playground
Raffle Basket builders

...and more

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**Please plan to donate a Raffle Basket or
Raffle item.**

**We will collect raffle items at the July 29th
meeting at the Expo.**

Thanks!



Maggie

Maggie arrived in rescue on January 21, 2017. She had just torn both of her cruciate ligaments. Surgery was the first order of business. Many thanks to Dr. Todd Schatz at Lakeside Animal Hospital in Oshkosh

for working Maggie in to his already full surgery schedule. Maggie is 5 years old and her breeder is Kinship. A typical bernese, Maggie adores being petted. She would whirl her tail around as I walked toward her and plop down on the floor, exposing her belly so that I could rub it for her. She was a perfect houseguest and was recovering very nicely from having one knee operated on when I decided to look for a home for her. Even though she still needed surgery on her other knee, Judith Heilizer of Madison didn't mind. Maggie had her new forever home. I'm so happy that Judith was willing to make this kind of commitment to a dog who was so in need of it. Judith and Maggie are a match made in heaven. Once again I am left missing the company of a dear foster dog.



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Nominating Committee for 2018

The Board appointed:
Karen Borre— Chair of the Nominating Committee,
Peggy Granger,
Paige Hess .
Monica McElroy-Denissen - Alternate

More . . . Dog Stuff Do you know . . .



We all should know by now that our dogs evolved from the wolf. The wolf is still around with the genetics of the wolf and the culture of the wolf pack continuing to be studied.

A WOLF PACK EXPLAINED

"A typical large wolf pack: the first 3 are the old or sick, they give the pace to the entire pack as it moves from one area to another. If it was the other way around, they would be left behind, losing contact with the pack. In case of an ambush they would be sacrificed.

Then come 5 strong ones; the front line. In the center are the majority of the pack members, then another 5, again the stronger of the pack following.

Last is the alpha wolf. He controls everything from the rear. In that position he can see everything, sees all of the pack members and determine the direction the pack will travel. The pack moves according to the elder's pace and help each other, watch each other."



The name of the Insured is . . .

The 10 wackiest pet names have been selected from Nationwide's pet insurance database of more than half a million insured pets and are listed below.

- ◆ Empress Tzu Tzu
- ◆ Cheesebro
- ◆ Dunkin Butterbeans
- ◆ Choo Choo Boo Boo
- ◆ Farah Pawcett
- ◆ Fiona Penny Pickles
- ◆ Monsieur Colonel Mustache
- ◆ Tango Mango
- ◆ The Other Dude
- ◆ Yeti Spaghetti



Top 10 Reasons Why It Costs More to Get Your Dog Groomed Than Your Own Hair Cut!

10. Your hairdresser doesn't wash and clean your rear end.
9. You don't go eight weeks without washing or brushing your hair.
8. Your hairdresser doesn't give you a sanitary trim.
7. Your hairdresser doesn't trim your ears.
6. Your hairdresser doesn't remove the boogies from your eyes.
5. You sit still for your hairdresser.
4. Your haircut doesn't include a manicure or pedicure.
3. Your hairdresser only cuts the hair on your head.
2. You don't grow, bite or scratch at your hairdresser.
1. The likelihood of you pooping in the hairdresser's work-space is pretty slim.



2017 Spring Fling Chili Cook-off

Five chili cooks provided quite a variety of chili to choose from. Holly Kuettel's chili received the most spoons-up votes.



"When a dog wags her tail and barks at the same time, how do you know which end to believe?" - Anonymous

Dog Invites Itself Into a Woman's Home

An older tired-looking dog began to wander into a woman's yard, almost daily. The home owner could tell from his appearance and collar that he was well fed and well taken care of. One day the woman was sitting on her porch and the dog calmly came over to her and put his head on her knee. She gave him a few pats on the head and when she went into the house the dog followed her into the house, walked down the hall and curled up at the end of the hall and went to sleep. A



little over an hour later the dog went to the door and the woman let the dog out.

This continued on and off for several weeks. Finally, the woman pinned a note to the dog's collar: "I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap."

The next day the dog arrived back with a different note pinned to his collar: "He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3. He's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?"



HOT ASPHALT AWARENESS

AIR TEMP ASPHALT TEMP

77° 125°

86° 135°

87° 143°

AT 125° F, SKIN
DESTRUCTION
CAN HAPPEN
IN 60 SECONDS.

Data source: Journal of the American Medical Association





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 (Behalf)
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 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 *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@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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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:

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March 20	Mar-Apr Newsletter
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