



# Yodels

Quarterly newsletter of the  
 Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Southeastern Wisconsin  
 Website - [bmdcsew.org](http://bmdcsew.org)



In this difficult and unprecedented year, we are going ahead with hosting two BMDCA Draft Tests. The DWC has put together some well thought out protocols for

clubs to follow. These are added below. This should help us to put on tests that are as safe as possible for everyone involved.

The tests are on Friday and Saturday, September 25 & 26, 2020 at Nashotah Park in Nashotah, Wisconsin. As most of you know, Nashotah Park is a lovely lightly used park with plenty of shade to keep the dogs cool and plenty of open space to enable social distancing. Nashotah Park also has modern rest rooms with running water making hand washing easy. Due to statewide restrictions on the number of people allowed at gatherings, spectators need to be restricted

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### 2020 Board Meetings

Sat, January 18; 10:00 AM  
 TBD

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

Sat., Mar 28; 10:00 AM  
 TBD

Sat, June 13; 10:00 AM  
 Mukwonago Park  
 W320S8315 Beulah Road  
 Mukwonago

Sat, Sept 27; 9:00 am  
 Nashotah Park  
 W330N5113 County Road  
 C, Nashotah, WI 53058  
 INCLIMENT WEATHER  
 ALTERNATE: TBD

Sun, Nov, 1; 10:00 am  
 TBD

Saturday, Jan 23; 12:30

### General Member Meetings

*Awards Dinner*  
 Sun. Feb 9th  
 Thunder Bay Grill  
 1:00 pm  
 N14W24130 Tower Place  
 Waukesha

*Spring Fling*  
 Sat., June 13th,  
 12:30 pm  
 Mukwonago Park  
 W320S8315 Beulah Road  
 Mukwonago

*Waukesha 2020 KC Show*  
 Saturday, July 25  
 1 Hour after BMD judging  
 Waukesha County  
 Expo Center  
 1000 North view Road  
 Waukesha

*Bernerfest 2020*  
 Sun., September 27th  
 9:00 am  
 Nashotah Park  
 W330 N5113 Cty Road C  
 Nashotah

*Annual Member Meeting*  
 Sunday, November 3rd  
 12:30 am  
 St. Mary's Church  
 36014 Sunset Drive  
 (Hwys 18 & 67)  
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### Upcoming BMDCEW Sponsored Events for 2020

*Awards Dinner*  
 Sunday, Feb. 9th  
 Thunder Bay Grill  
 Waukesha  
 12:00 noon lunch

*Back-To-Back Specialty*  
 Friday–Saturday  
 February 28 & 29  
 6:00 AM–6:00 PM  
 Washington Co.  
 Expo Center  
 3000 Pleasant Valley Rd,  
 West Bend

*Spring Fling*  
 Saturday, June 13th  
 10:00 AM–4:00 PM  
 Mukwonago Park  
 W320S8315 Beulah Road  
 Mukwonago

*Draft / Carting Workshop*  
 Saturday, September 26  
 8:00 AM  
 W8521 School Section  
 Rd,  
 Darien, WI

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this year.

We have had to make a judge change. Patti Davieau has had to back out for personal reasons. Eden Jonas will still judge both days. Kathy Berge will judge on Friday and Peggy Granger will judge on Saturday. Kathy Bohm has volunteered to be secretary on Saturday to free up Peggy Granger to judge. Thank You to Kathy!!

#### DWC Recommendations for safety due to COVID 19:

Clubs, officials, and participants are required to follow state, local, and facility guidelines that apply to Nashotah Park and Wisconsin.

Practice social distancing consistent with guidelines in effect at the time of this event. Avoid congregating to the extent possible.

Avoid shaking hands, hugging, or other physical contact.

Avoid touching dogs that are not your responsibility.

Masks must be worn when in close proximity (6 8 feet) to others.

It is recommended that handlers bring their own masks and sanitizing items. Some masks and sanitizing products will be available on site.

Box lunches may be ordered as written in the premium. Water will be provided. Please bring any other beverages that you choose.

An area will be marked off for the secretary and judges. No one is allowed to enter this area.

Self-check in will be used at these tests.

Handlers **MUST** be available when doing equipment check. Judges will not handle any harnesses or weights. Handlers need to be present to do that for the judges.

The gate steward will only handle the cart/rig with a sanitary process. Some changes have been made to maneuvering and basic control for safety. Entrants are being informed to enable training.

Recall: Handler keeps the leash with them when leaving the dog.

Load and Unload: Handler must wear a mask prior to approaching these stations. Then the steward will approach to greet without a handshake for the load. For unload the handler again must wear a mask prior to the steward approaching. The

steward will still pat the dog. The handler may choose to wipe the dog's head after this. The steward will not handle the load at all. It will be picked up and returned to a chair next to the steward and then cleansed between each team.

Group stay and Freight Haul: Masks must be worn and 6 feet distancing maintained.

At all times, and especially when in doubt, do what will not cause harm to you or those around you.

Take charge of yourself and if you need to take extra precautions for your comfort level, please do so.

Peggy Granger



**new glarus**  
 the new glarus chamber of commerce  
 175th Anniversary  
 for New Glarus  
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 has invited the BMDCEW to march in their  
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**POSTPONED TO 2021**

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## Onyx

4/13/20 (Rescued) - 8/1/20 (Adopted)

Onyx arrived in rescue on April 13, 2020 as an owner surrender. Fearful of new people, she was not happy to be with me. With

some coaxing on my part and some observation on her part, she decided (after several days) that things would be OK. She became a sweet, happy, friendly girl over the duration of her stay. Her smile was that much sweeter having had to earn it. As a 7 ½ year old



who was afraid of new people she wasn't the easiest to place. However, Sally and Brian came along and decided Onyx would be the new addition to their family. Meetings at a park were set up for Onyx to get to know Sally, Brian and their Berner, Bert. The meetings would be very helpful for Onyx in her transition to her new family. Many thanks to Sally and Brian for taking the time to let Onyx get to know them and for giving this older Berner a warm and loving home. Another hard one for me to say goodbye to – but a happy ending for a sweet girl who deserves lots of love.

Wendy Kerr, Rescue Chair

## ATTN: Vital Health Updates Needed!

The BMD Repository at MSU has over 1200 DNA samples for dogs older than 7 years of age that are missing important health updates. This makes these precious DNA samples unusable to health researchers. In the next few weeks, Berner-Garde Foundation will be reaching out via email to the owners of the dogs who donated these samples.

Emails will be coming from [Berner-Garde\\_Updates@bernergarde.org](mailto:Berner-Garde_Updates@bernergarde.org). If you receive such an email, please know that this is not SPAM, it is Berner-Garde reaching out to you so we can get these key updates on your dog.

If you receive an email, we ask that you please fill out and return the short questionnaire.

Do it for the love of a Berner!

Brycie Marine and Julie Latterell

Co-Liaisons, BMD Repository at MSU

## New Histiocytic Sarcoma Test Statement from Berner-Garde

After consideration of the available information in regard to the Antagene Histiocytic Sarcoma test, The Berner-Garde Foundation (BGF) has determined that it will display only that an individual dog has been tested. The resulting index A, B or C will not be displayed. However, BGF will store the results. BGF supports the testing of BMDs for ongoing research. However, key data for this research has not been shared or peer reviewed. When scientific information on the validity of the test as a risk prediction tool becomes available the BGF will re-assess its position on public display of the index.

This policy is consistent with several countries in Europe.

This policy will be effective on **August 1, 2020**.

For more information on this test visit: [https://www.bmdca.org/health/Antagene\\_histio\\_pretest.php](https://www.bmdca.org/health/Antagene_histio_pretest.php)

Or visit Antagene at <https://www.antagene.com/.../command.../histiocytic-sarcoma-test>

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Brycie Marine

### ADDENDUM:

Message from Dr. Vilma Yuzbasiyan-Gurkan of the BMD Repository at Michigan State University.

We are pleased to share that the first clinical trial of trametinib, identified as a potentially effective treatment for histiocytic sarcoma by Dr. Vilma Yuzbasiyan-Gurkan and her team is launched by Dr. Marilia Takada, formerly a graduate student of Dr. Yuzbasiyan-Gurkan at Michigan State, now doing her residency in radiation oncology at the University of Wisconsin. This is the first step in development of a treatment and it seeks to answer the question "is this drug safe and tolerated in dogs with cancer?"

***At this stage, the study is OPEN TO ALL DOGS WITH CANCER who have not received any prior cancer treatment.*** The cost of the drug is covered by the study, and some support is provided for the study participants. If the results indicate that the drug is tolerated at doses predicted to be efficacious, a second, larger study would be launched to test efficacy. The molecular aspects of the study will be carried out at Michigan State University. For details, see the attached flyer [in Comments]. We encourage you to contact Dr. Marilia Takada directly at [takada@wisc.edu](mailto:takada@wisc.edu).

***Special recognition:*** A special thank you to the BMDCA. This clinical trial is a direct result of the "mouse" study funded by the BMDCA in 2014 through the BMDCA's AKC CHF donor advised fund

*Also refer to Yodels email pdf attachment: Trametinib UWVC flyer*





## K-9 Units Are Public Safety Tool That Must Be Preserved

Posted to AKC Government Relations, [Politics](#) August 12, 2020 by [Sheila Goffe and Don Slavik](#)

As cities debate police funding in the wake of coast-to-coast protests, municipalities should take great care to protect the one public safety tool that no community can do without — highly trained police K-9 units.

Put aside the myths and inaccuracies — there is little doubt highly trained police dogs are keeping American communities safe from terrorism, crime and are doing their part to protect precious freedoms. End or underfund the K-9 police units, and every community will be less safe and less secure.

A few examples to underscore their irreplaceable role.

Bomb-sniffing dogs patrol sporting events, parades, marathons and festivals on the lookout for the threat of foreign and domestic terrorism. Highly trained police dogs work tirelessly to find the missing and the dead, bringing relief or closure to families.

Police dogs encounter the most dangerous of circumstances to stop crimes in progress and find the drugs and weapons that would otherwise enter the community. They reduce the time needed to search buildings and to find people in distress.

It should be brightly underlined that amid many recent peaceful protests, police dogs are protecting Americans who are exercising their right to march and assemble.

Unlike fictional portrayals in film and TV, modern police dogs are used primarily as search tools and only rarely for physical apprehension, and even then, only for violent suspects.

Officer Troy Caisey, head dog handler for the Boston Police Department and one of the nation's foremost experts on police dogs, says that police dogs are almost always leashed in Massachusetts. When a dog locates a suspect, the dog is on a leash and can be recalled, allowing officers to give additional warnings to a suspect to surrender.

Contrary to claims that police dogs destabilize an encounter between suspect and police, it is exactly the opposite. Police dogs are powerful de-escalation tools because, as Caisey says, "Individuals will fight with 10 police officers, but they will not fight with a dog."

In most encounters between police and a suspect, the mere announcement by officers that a dog is present will cause suspects to decide against resisting or fleeing, thereby saving lives.

Police dogs offer another crucial advantage during dangerous searches — they provide greater reaction time for an officer.



Because dogs search ahead of officers and alert when they find a suspect, less opportunity exists for an officer to be startled into an instantaneous decision, such as whether to use their weapon.

And because police dogs will only obey their handlers, they can never be commandeered to escalate a situation, unlike a gun or taser grabbed from a police officer.

The enduring myths that "biters" make good police dogs are just that — myths. A non-aggressive, well-socialized dog is essential for police work because they spend so much time patrolling busy, sometimes volatile, crowds.

K-9s are selected from high-quality dogs specifically bred for their even temperament. Handlers choose breeds that are driven to use their noses, not their teeth. In the rare event that a dog is required to physically apprehend a person, they have been trained to use only back molar pressure, not a puncturing bite.

K-9s in most all jurisdictions undergo rigorous and continuous training to national standards. To serve in Massachusetts K-9 units, for example, dogs must complete a 14-week training program and then pass several days of testing by outside evaluators.

The dogs then spend six to eight months on city patrol before being allowed to train in narcotics or explosives detection. After certification, every dog must have 16 hours per month of ongoing training — and many dogs are additionally certified by national police dog associations and, if bomb-sniffers, by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

These extraordinarily well-trained animals are positive, non-lethal law enforcement tools.

As America rethinks policing, K-9 training and deployment programs should remain non-negotiable.



### AKC Canine and Me

AKC Public Education has created a way to further involve young people in activities with their dogs. AKC Canine and Me is a program that invites teens (13 and older) and young adults to complete specific activities with their dog(s) and send a short video to AKC to show off their progress.



Each month, we will provide participants with a brief introduction to each AKC sport and event and encourage them to try some basic elements of the sport/event. Participants will record themselves and their dog(s) completing the various skills and then upload their videos through the Cinebody app. At the end of each month, one person will be chosen to win a \$50 Amazon gift card.



## BREEDER REFERRAL 2020

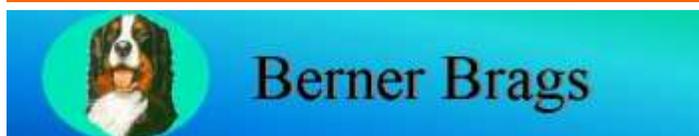
The BMDCSEW is currently looking to renew and update the Breeder Referral listing for 2019. Your name, kennel name, phone number, and e-mail address will be listed on our club website. To be listed, you must have volunteered to work *at club events in the past year*. If you would like to participate please fill out and mail the [Breeder Referral form](#) at this link.

### Some Websites that you may be interested in:

[www.animallaw.info/statute/wi-dog-consolidated-dog-laws#s173\\_41](http://www.animallaw.info/statute/wi-dog-consolidated-dog-laws#s173_41) Wisconsin dog related laws  
[www.bmdca.org/](http://www.bmdca.org/) Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Website  
[www.bernergarde.org/home/](http://www.bernergarde.org/home/) Berner-Garde Foundation  
[www.bestbeau.ca/BMD\\_Health\\_Info\\_Links.html](http://www.bestbeau.ca/BMD_Health_Info_Links.html) BMD Health Site  
[www.pettravel.com](http://www.pettravel.com) Pet friendly travel accommodations  
[www.dogbitelaw.com](http://www.dogbitelaw.com) Dog Bite Law  
[www.barcinc.net/](http://www.barcinc.net/) Bernese Auction Rescue Coalition  
[www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) Official American Kennel Club Site  
[www.rallyobedience.com/](http://www.rallyobedience.com/) Rally obedience Site  
[www.uexplore.com/health/poisonplants.htm](http://www.uexplore.com/health/poisonplants.htm) Plants that are Poisonous for Dogs  
[www.vet.upenn.edu/pennhip/index.html](http://www.vet.upenn.edu/pennhip/index.html) University of Pennsylvania Hip Improvement  
[Offa.org](http://Offa.org) Orthopedic Foundation for Animals  
[www.vmdb.org/cerf.html](http://www.vmdb.org/cerf.html) Canine Eye Registry Foundation (CERF)  
[www.caninehealthinfo.org/chicinfo.html](http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/chicinfo.html) Canine Health Information Center  
[www.behaf.org/](http://www.behaf.org/) Berner Emergency Health Assistance Foundation (Behaf)  
[www.bmdcni.org/index.html](http://www.bmdcni.org/index.html) Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northeastern Illinois  
[http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/petfoodrecall/#Dog](http://http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/petfoodrecall/#Dog) U.S. Food & Drug Administration Dog Food Recalls

### Pet Loss and Bereavement:

[www.tufts.edu/vet/petloss/](http://www.tufts.edu/vet/petloss/) Tufts University Pet Loss hotline  
[www.petpartners.org/Pet\\_Loss\\_Websites](http://www.petpartners.org/Pet_Loss_Websites) Pet Loss web sites  
[www.petpartners.org/page.aspx?pid=372](http://www.petpartners.org/page.aspx?pid=372) Pet loss references and resources



Lynne Kurz and Serendipity Grand Slam owned by Lynne and myself and bred by me received two Majors at the shows at Waukesha



Kay Wendorf

### The AKC Museum of the Dog Opens in NYC

The AKC Museum of the Dog has reopened for business Tuesday, August 25. The Museum of the Dog was temporarily closed to the public to support New York City's effort to contain the spread of COVID-19. Visitors can get a sneak-peak into the next exhibition, Presidential Dogs, coming September 2020.



[https://museumofthedog.org/?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20200828\\_prcomms\\_akc\\_communicates&utm\\_term=AKC%](https://museumofthedog.org/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20200828_prcomms_akc_communicates&utm_term=AKC%)

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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 **last week of the quarter**. Deadline for News, Articles and Advertisements are as follows:

<b>March 20</b>	<b>1st Qtr. Jan-Mar Newsletter</b>
<b>June 20</b>	<b>2nd Qtr. Apr-Jun Newsletter</b>
<b>September 20</b>	<b>3rd Qtr. Jul-Sep Newsletter</b>
<b>December 20</b>	<b>4th Qtr. Oct-Dec Newsletter</b>

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