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



**Bernese Mountain Dog Club
 of the Greater Twin Cities**

**2019 BMDCA Specialty
 May 5-11**

**Cragun's Resort
 and Hotel
 on Gull Lake**

**11000 Craguns Drive
 Brainerd, MN 56401**



**Bernese Mountain Dog Club
 of Southeastern Wisconsin**



**Bernese Mountain Dog Club
 of Northeastern Illinois**

2019 Board Meetings

Sat, January 19; 10:00 AM
 Thunder Bay Grill
 N14W24130 Tower Place
 Waukesha

Sun. Feb 10; 9:30 AM
 Thunder Bay Grille
 N14W24130 Tower Place,
 Waukesha

Sat., Mar 30; 9:00 AM
 Western Waukesha County
 Dog Training Club
 W1314 Cedar Drive, Ixonia

Sat, June 15; 10:00 AM
 TBD

Sat, Sept 29; 9:00 am
 Nashotah Park
 W330N5113 County Road
 C, Nashotah, WI 53058
 INCLEMENT WEATHER
 ALTERNATE: Eschweiler's
 32022 W Hwy K, Hartland

Sun, Nov, 3; 10:00 am
 St. Mary's Church
 36014 Sunset Drive
 Dousman

General Member Meetings

Awards Dinner
 Sun. Feb 10th
 Thunder Bay Grill
 1:00 pm
 N14W24130 Tower Place
 Waukesha

Spring Fling
 Sat., March 30th,
 12:30 pm
 Western Waukesha County
 Dog Training Club
 W1314 Cedar Drive, Ixonia

Waukesha 2019 KC Show
 Saturday, July 27th
 1 Hour after BMD judging
 Waukesha County
 Expo Center
 1000 North view Road

Bernerfest 2019
 Sun., September 29th
 10:00 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 2019

Awards Dinner
 Sunday, Feb. 10th
 Thunder Bay Grill
 Waukesha
 12:00 am lunch

Back-To-Back Specialty
 Friday-Saturday
 March 1-2
 6:00 AM-6:00 PM
 Washington Co.
 Expo Center
 3000 Pleasant Valley Rd,
 West Bend

Spring Fling
 Saturday, March 30th
 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
 Western Waukesha County
 Dog Training Club
 W1314 Cedar Drive,
 Ixonia

Draft / Carting Workshop
 Saturday, June 15
 W8521 School Section
 Road
 Darien

Draft Test
 Friday, Sept 27th
 &
 Sat. Sept 28th
 Nashotah Park
 W330 N5113 Cty Road C
 Nashotah

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



**BMDCSEW Back to Back Specialties, West Bent , WI
BREED JUDGES REPORT
Joe and Janet Lobb - Judges
March 1&2, 2019**

I would like to thank the membership of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Southeastern Wisconsin for inviting me to judge your specialty. I would also like to recognize all the people who put the show into action. Your hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed. I would also like to thank all the breeders and their crews for bringing such a great entry of dogs and bitches.

My overall impression of the quality ranged from Good to Exceptional! Proper judging is accomplished when virtues are rewarded and faults minimized. There were some issues, as there usually are. I will ask that breeders pay special attention to front assemblies, proper eye shape and color and although it was only a few cases, bites must not be overlooked. Tails continue to be an ongoing battle, that being said I think overall improvements in that area were apparent.

As far as the winners go, they all showed correct type and temperament. The males were all quite masculine and the bitches all very feminine. The icing on the cake for these winners was ideal coats, proper bone and correct movement. I felt the puppies were very promising. This being evident, they were rewarded accordingly.

Congratulations to all, Keep up the good work.

Joe Lobb

Firstly I'd like to thank the BMDCSEW for the honor of judging one of your 2019 Specialties. The members and exhibitors were all welcoming and gracious and it was a pleasure to work in your beautiful facility. It is clear you are all passionate about your Berners and I enjoyed the many entries, the sportsmanship displayed by all, and the efficiency of my ring steward.

Overall I was very pleased with the quality of the entries including some very promising youngsters.

For the most part the exhibits were presented in good form, both mentally and physically, with a variety of coat conditions, as I'd expect with this breed at this time of the year. As always, I'm attempting to find the 'complete package', however no dog is perfect, so I need to weigh in the virtues and deficiencies, then reward and forgive accordingly. I would prefer to see and feel more bone in many cases on both sexes, and front ends

could certainly use more 'fill'. I'd like to see improvement in front angles and placement (a problem encountered in many breeds these days) Balance is so important and many entries provided that adequately, but both fronts and rears could benefit from more correct bone lengths and angles in order to produce the required balanced outline I look for in this breed. I did see improvement in tail sets and toplines but noted a few questionable bites and some light eyes. For the most part I

saw purposeful and sufficient gait when exhibits were moved at the appropriate speed.

We all want to see this breed thrive and be our companions for more than a few years. I wish you all continued success in your efforts to accomplish this. Thank You for another wonderful experience with BMD's and the people they keep.

Janet Lobb



Thank-You, Thank-You, Thank-You

Thank-you to all in our club members that donated baskets, items, time, and bought tickets for our Back to Back raffle. We had another successful raffle that was complimented more than once from non-club people. This raffle could not happen without our club member support!

Thanks,
Kristi Tursky

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB LAUNCHES AKC B.A.R.K. PROGRAM TO GET KIDS EXCITED ABOUT READING

Raleigh, NC- The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest dog registry, leading industry authority and advocate for dogs, is pleased to announce the launch of the AKC B.A.R.K. Program.

The AKC B.A.R.K. (Be A Reading Kid) Program is a program designed to get children excited about reading. The goal of the AKC B.A.R.K. Program is to provide children with a fun, educationally enriching experience that also allows them to bond with a canine companion.

In this program, children will read to a dog of their choosing and a parent or guardian will assist them in logging their hours on the AKC website. If a child does not own their own dog, their parent/guardian can find a local AKC Canine Ambassador and arrange a visit. Canine Ambassadors are members of AKC clubs and support their club's public education efforts by visiting schools and youth organizations, often with their own dogs. They promote purpose-bred dogs, responsible dog ownership and safety around dogs. After reaching certain milestones, children will receive incentives for the hours they have read.

Dogs participating in the program will be acknowledged with a certificate for their volunteerism. The AKC B.A.R.K. Program is rewarding for both the children and dogs involved.

"One of AKC Public Education's most important goals is ever strengthening the human-canine bond and we are excited to see the B.A.R.K. Program assist in that," says Meredith Saraceno, AKC Public Education Manager. "With the help of our valued AKC Canine Ambassadors, we will be able to offer this program nationwide."

To learn more about the AKC B.A.R.K. Program, or sign your child or dog up to participate, please visit <https://www.akc.org/public-education/akc-b-r-k-program/>.



Berner Brags

Iris just keeps on going! At age 9.5, she is still plenty eager to do things. So we tried Rally Obed. She qualified three shows in a row with all first placings!! That earned her the Rally Novice title. She is now CH CT Stonehill's Stars In Her Eyes CD, RN, Grand Master Draft Dog. Next we will see where nose work leads us! Thank you, Kerry, for such a sweet, happy, amazing girl!!

Peggy Granger



Breeze has been busy already this year. In February, she earned the Rally Novice title. Three shows, three qualifies, new title. Then in March, she did the same thing earning the Rally Advanced title. Three shows, three qualifies, new title. I was not sure about this venture into Rally, but we just might give Excellent a try, too. CT Stormfront Delightful

Breeze at Stonehill CD, RN, RA, Grand Master Draft Dog.



Dog Owners vs. Cat Owners Happiness

Dog owners were much happier than cat owners in the respected General Social Survey for 2018, the WashPost's Christopher Ingram reports:

"Dog owners are about twice as likely as cat owners to say they're very happy, with people owning both falling somewhere in between."

"Dog people ... are slightly happier than those without any pets. Those in the cat camp ... are significantly less happy than the pet-less."

Why it matters ... "These differences are quite large: The happiness divide between dog and cat owners is bigger than the one between people who identify as middle and upper class."

There's a catch: "Correlation doesn't equal causation, and there are probably a number of other differences between dog and cat owners that account for some of the differences."

"The General Social Survey data show that dog owners, for instance, are more likely to be married and own their own homes than cat owners, both factors known to affect happiness and life satisfaction."

The survey found 6 in 10 households have at least one pet.

The Most Horrifyingly Impressive Things Dogs Have Eaten

The folks at [Veterinary Practice News](#) asked vet clinics to send the craziest pet x-rays they have taken via a enter the "They Ate WHAT?" contest. I don't have room for the x-ray photos; but the following are some of the descriptions.

- ◆ A Chocolate lab pup swallowed a six-inch corn-dog stick.
- ◆ Five rubber ducks plus two toy parts. The owner had been wondering why her toddlers' ducks were disappearing.
- ◆ When an owner realized that one of two shish-kabob skewers of meat and veggies were missing from the kitchen table, she took the dog to the vet. The doctor thought there was no way a dog could swallow a 12 inch skewer, but to his surprise, there it was on the x-ray.
- ◆ A 3-year-old Great Dane was taken to the vet after he started vomiting. X-rays showed a large amount of foreign material in the pup's stomach. Exploratory surgery removed 43 socks.

- ◆ Colby, a 10-month-old Golden Retriever, started vomiting and kept throwing up for nearly two days. The vet discovered the pup had eaten an entire intact light bulb. After a day of intravenous fluids, Colby passed the light bulb intact.



- ◆ A 7.5-week-old puppy named Elvis went with his owners on a fishing trip. Apparently, the chicken liver bait was enough to entice the pup to try it out hook and all. The hook had perforated the stomach, but thanks to timely surgery and antibiotics, Elvis made a full recovery.
- ◆ A 9-pound Chihuahua had 9 sewing needles removed from all over the body. Presumably, the pup ate a box of sewing needles, then the needles migrated throughout his body. The dog required a ventral abdominal exploratory and a ventral sternotomy. He is now needle-free.
- ◆ A 12-year-old Welsh Corgi ate nearly 2 cups of pea gravel from a turtle tank.
- ◆ A two-year-old Pug named Stella was brought to the vet after she continuously vomited one night. During an abdominal exploratory, one quarter and 104 pennies were found in the pup's stomach.
- ◆ A Lab was brought in to the vet's office after she swallowed a pocket knife. The vet fed her a small meal and administered Apomorphine, which induced a vomiting episode that expelled the 9.2 by 2.3 cm knife.
- ◆ A 15-month-old Golden Retriever puppy was suspected of eating a missing Hacky Sack. Radiographs gave a clear picture of the intact Hacky Sack inside the puppy's stomach. Apomorphine was administered and the dog vomited out the intact Hacky Sack.





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Back 2 Back





BMDCSEW Supported Entries

Saturday, May 18 and Sunday May 19, 2018

Oshkosh Kennel Club Spring Show

Reserved Grooming Space for BMD Entries

Winnebago County Expo Center

500 E Sunnyview Road, Oshkosh, WI 54901

Entries Close Wednesday, May 1st

Send in your entries TODAY so you don't forget!

Event Superintendent Roy Jones Dog Shows

royjonesdogshows.com



Mr. Dale Meyer will be judging on Saturday
Ms. Carol S Brown will be judging on Sunday
The numbers for majors go down May 1st so your
chance for a major is better -
don't forget to enter now!!



BREEDER REFERRAL 2019

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

Some Websites that you may be interested in:

www.animallaw.info/statute/wi-dog-consolidated-dog-laws#s173_41 Wisconsin dog related laws

www.bmdca.org/ Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Website

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 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:

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 Pet loss references and resources

Traveling with your pet? - Know the respective state laws.

Many people traveling inter-state with their dog or cat. Do you know that each state has specific rules for bringing that pet into / through their respective state. For example: the basic requirements for pet dogs or cats to enter Florida are:

- All dogs and cats 3 months of age and older transported into Florida must have a current rabies vaccination. Adequate proof of current vaccination must be from a licensed veterinarian.
- All dogs and cats must have a health certificate issued by a licensed and accredited veterinarian in the state of origin, dated within 30 days of entry, stating that the dog or cat:
 - Is free from signs of any infectious or communicable disease,
 - Did not originate within an area under quarantine for rabies, and
 - Is not known to have a history of exposure to a rabies-infected animal prior to importation.
- For dogs and cats entering Florida to be sold, you must also comply with Florida's Pet Law ([Florida Statute 828.29](#)).

Health certificates are not required for:

- Dogs or cats imported for exhibition purposes only, and that will remain in the state less than six months, or
- Any service animal or working dog.

Click this link to the [USDA APHIS Pet Travel web page](#) for regulations relating to traveling with a pet. This web page also includes a drop-down box to select individual state regulations.



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- \$10 per half page copy ready / \$20 editor set-up
- \$5.00 per quarter page copy ready / \$10 editor set-up

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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.

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- 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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