



January — February 2018

Yodels

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

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
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 ALTERNATE: Eschweiler's
 32022 W Hwy K,
 Hartland

Sun, Nov, 4, 10:00 am
 Olympia Resort,
 1350 Royale 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
 Waukesha
 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,
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Draft / Carting Workshop
 TBD
 W8521 School Section Road
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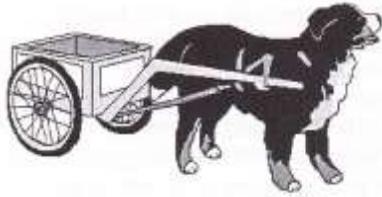
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FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2017
 &
SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2017
Washington County Fair Park
3000 Hwy PV, West Bend WI
Show Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



2018 Draft Tests

The applications are in process for the 2018 Draft Tests September 28th, 29th and 30th. You have approximately 7 months to get your dogs ready to go, so now is the time to get started. Peggy Granger is chair on Friday and Karen Borre is chair on Saturday and Sunday, please contact us with any questions. Check the web site for more information as it becomes available:

<https://www.bmdcsew.org/draft-tests>

2019 National Specialty

We are just over a year away from the 2019 National Specialty which is being hosted by a consortium of clubs from Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Just so everyone is up to date. Denise Peck (MN) is show chair, Dee McDuffee (IL and WI) is assistant show chair, Karen Borre (WI) Conformation Chair, Nancy Meyer (MN) Assistant Conformation chair, Brycie Marine (WI) and Julie Latterell (MN) are Co-chairs for the performance events. There are many other people working on this and putting in lots of time, *if there is something you would like to help with let us know and we will put you in contact with the right chair.*

We are still looking for a raffle chair. We have people willing to work on the committee but not a chair.

I am looking for some help on a couple of projects. One is ring decorations to go along with our lake theme: Meet us at the lake. I have some ideas but could use someone that would like to brainstorm and is maybe a little artsy to work on this with me.

I am also heading up the Veteran's Gala, we have decided to highlight our veterans by doing veterans sweeps in the evening. I would like someone from our club (or one of the other clubs) to work with me on this to help make it a special evening. We will also be working with Karen Johnson the banquet chair and possibly some other committee members. There a lot of fun ideas floating around.

Please contact me if you are interested:

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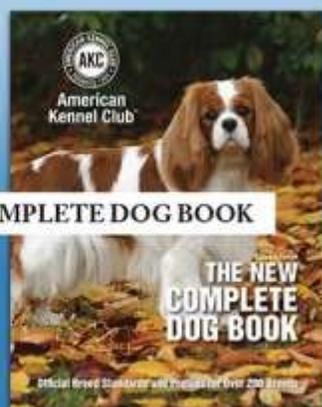


2018 Back-2-Back Premium is available on the web site:

<https://shoutout.wix.com/so/7M0G7q5J?cid=e251e414-4715-4273-90d0-63957191b45b#/main>

Back-2-Back Judging Program is also available:

<https://shoutout.wix.com/so/6M6sQUcK?cid=e251e414-4715-4273-90d0-63957191b45b®ion=af5a20da-4833-4c0b-8616-bc77be4176bf#/main>



THE MAKING OF THE NEW COMPLETE DOG BOOK

Presented by Mara Bovsun

THE NEW COMPLETE DOG BOOK

The New Complete Dog Book has been completely reformatted, with over 800 color photographs. Along with complete breed information, it spotlights finding well-bred puppies, sports and activities for dogs and owners, AKC programs, and canine anatomy.

[https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/the-new-complete-dog-book-the-american-kennel-club/1125698868?ean=9781621871736/#/](https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/the-new-complete-dog-book-the-american-kennel-club/1125698868?ean=9781621871736#/)

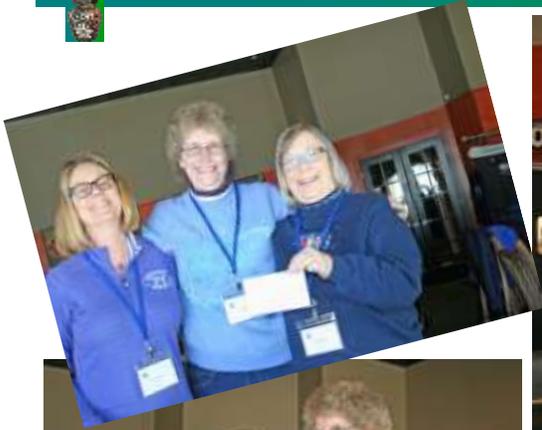


Berner Brags



Zoli got his UKC RO-1 title on 2/18/18 at Bark River Dog Club trials. Amazing!

Cindy Falk



2018 Awards Dinner
Photos by:
Kerry Waltersdorf





Year of the Dog

Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival in modern China, and one of the Lunar New Years in Asia, is an important Chinese festival celebrated at the turn of the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar. Celebrations traditionally run from the evening preceding the first day, to the Lantern Festival on the 15th day of the first calendar month. The first day of the New Year falls on the new moon between the 21st of January and 20th of February. In 2018, ***the first day of the Lunar New Year was on Friday, 16 February, initiating the year of the Dog.***



Year of the Dog display; Bellagio Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

This is a Year of Earth Dog, starting from the 2018 [Chinese New Year](#) on Feb. 16 and lasting to 2019 Lunar New Year's Eve on Feb. 4.

Dog is the eleventh in the 12-year cycle of Chinese zodiac sign. The Years of the Dog include 1922, 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018, 2030, 2042...

Dog is man's good friend who can understand the human's spirit and obey its master, whether he is wealthy or not. The Chinese regard it as an auspicious animal. If a dog happens to come to a house, it symbolizes the coming of fortune. The invincible God Erlang in Chinese legend used a loyal wolfhound to help him capture monsters.

Dog - Personality and Characteristics Candid, allegiant, quick-witted

The Dog is the symbol of honesty, frankness and extremely loyalty in all groups. People having the Chinese zodiac Dog sign always have industrious, genuine and righteous characteristics. In addition, most of them have a good sense of humor. Their smooth-talking and resourceful personality traits win high popularity among surrounding people.

People born in the Year of the Dog are usually independent, sincere, loyal and decisive according to Chinese zodiac analy-



sis. They are not afraid of difficulties in daily life. These shining characteristics make them have harmonious relationship with people around.

Strengths

Cool-headed, insistent, active. Valiant, loyal, responsible, clever, courageous, lively

People born in the Year of the Dog have straightforward personality traits according to Chinese zodiac analysis. In career and love, they are faithful, courageous, agile, smart and warm-hearted. They know how to keep secrets and inspire other people's confidence. They could be good leaders. If they fall in love with someone, they would not change. They can also be tremendously stubborn at the right times.

Weaknesses

Lack of patience, conservative, anxious. Sensitive, conservative, stubborn, emotional

Most women under this sign are quite appealing but lack stability. They can be cold emotionally and sometimes distant at parties. They can find fault with many things and are noted for their sharp tongues. They are irritable and usually bothered by unwarranted anxiety. They sometimes try to flaunt and be brave. They are likely to be an armchair theorist but deficient in practical experience.

Career

Loyal, keen, creative, patient

Most Dog people are born theoreticians which mean that they seldom apply the theory into practice throughout daily life. Although they have wonderful ideas and good proposals, they lack practical experience. Consequently, if they can meet a nice and intelligent leader, they can make full use of their advantages. They are loyal to their jobs and no matter how many troubles they meet, most of them won't give up easily. They can always complete work tasks within the required time. Bosses can trust them and give them vital work to do. Thus, generally speaking, they can get promotions and have stable incomes in early and middle ages.

Best Jobs for Dog

Their honest, cheerful, candid and right-minded characteristics facilitate find satisfying jobs easily. During work, they prefer to solve problems in a simple and efficient way. They like doing competitive work because their outstanding abilities need to be aroused by difficulties. Suitable Jobs: doctor, teacher, lawyer, writer, politician, judge, accountant, civil servant, programmer, or philosopher

Wealth

Money management, stable income, saving money all the time

They can always foresee and catch many golden opportunities to expand own business and gain promotions. If they want, they can try their best to fight for their goals. Generally speaking, most of them have busy and challenging jobs that require their involvement in many social activities. Their charming personality traits win them high popularity among colleagues and business partners. However, although they have stable and abundant income, they are not good at saving and man-



aging money. As a result, they may experience money shortages. Thus, they are not advised to invest large amounts of money into unfamiliar fields. In addition, recording daily costs and controlling unnecessary expenses are good ways to save money.

gested when they feel unwell.

Love Compatibility of the Dog

Best Matches: Rabbit

They are born to be a perfect match. Similar personality traits and common hobbies add much fun to their love relationship.

Lucky Numbers	Lucky Colors	Lucky Flowers	Lucky Directions
Three Four Nine	Green Red Purple	Rose Oncidium Cymbidium Orchids	<p>South, Southeast East</p>



Things Should be Avoided:

Unlucky Numbers: 1, 6, 7

Unlucky Colors: blue, white, golden

Unlucky Direction: north, west

Love and Relationships

Shy, loyal, impressive, enchanting
 Although most people born in the Year of the Dog don't know many methods to please their soul mates, they belong to the most loyal type. They have many attractive characteristics in love relationship, such as kind-heartedness, considerate and responsible that can provide enough sense of security to their partners. However, they easily get hurt by others' words and behaviors sometimes because of their sensitive personality. Thus, it is better not try to cheat them as far as possible in daily life. This always reduces their trust. In addition, they are willing to seek a simple and comfortable love life. Giving them enough space and appropriate distance is an effective way to keep love fresh all the time.

Health

Gastrointestinal and respiratory disease, neuralgia, influenza
 They are susceptible to fatigue from their busy work. They always want to accomplish every work task perfectly; consequently, this tends to increase blood pressure. Lower immunity may bring several respiratory diseases. It is suggested to get enough sleep and keep a healthy diet. In daily life, lightly-flavored food is much better. Eating less hot and spicy food can avoid gastrointestinal problems efficiently. In addition, regular exercise is needed. A timely treatment is sug-

They can understand each other and face difficulties with enough patience.
Bad Matches: Dragon, Sheep, Rooster
 Different sense of worth cause many conflicts in their daily life. Both of them are not willing to share inner true feelings. The lack of effective communication and trust won't bring a happy and relaxing marriage life.

Dog's Personality by Blood Types

- ◆ Blood Type O: They are brave, clever, honest and optimistic. Outstanding work abilities and good tempers make them achieve a lot in early and middle lives.
- ◆ Blood Type A: Helping others with all efforts is their biggest virtue. Extensive and stable interpersonal relationship can provide much necessary help to their career.
- ◆ Blood Type B: They always try to achieve success by their own efforts. Honesty and optimism are their shining points.
- ◆ Blood Type AB: With high self-control and prudence in their nature, they always obtain bosses' recognition in early and middle ages.

Which Type of 'Dog' Are You? Combining the 12-zodiac cycle and the 5-element cycle, people show diverse traits and horoscope. See what kind of Dogs you are.

Types	Years of Birth	Personality Traits
Wood Dog	1934, 1994	Honest, reliable, considerate, having a strong feeling for justice.
Fire Dog	1946, 2006	Kind-hearted, cautious, working in a down-to-earth way.
Earth Dog	1958, 2018	Persistent, meticulously attentive, with good fortune in wealth.
Metal Dog	1910, 1970	Conservative, accommodating, strong sense of self-respect.
Water Dog	1922, 1982	Foresighted, responsible, but some self-centered.





Learning to Speak Dog – The Meaning of Your Dog’s Barks

From AKC.org

Stephanie Gibeault, MSc, CPDT | December 13, 2017;

Does your dog understand you better than you understand him? Or do you have a good grasp of what your dog is trying to say? Dog owners spend a great deal of time and effort training their dogs to understand humans, but they don’t always put the same energy into learning the language of their canine companions. Dogs communicate in many ways, including body language, scent, and of course barks, whines, and growls, but barks are likely the first thing you think of when you consider dog communication. And according to Dr. Stanley Coren’s book, "How to Speak Dog: Mastering the Art of Dog-Human Communication," there is far more complexity involved than you might realize.



Barks made in different situations sound different and likely have different meanings. They are not a one-size-fits-all vocal signal, and they definitely serve a greater purpose than simply saying “hey” or “look out.” They are also emotionally complex. Dogs don’t just bark when they are excited, although it can seem that way when they are trying to get your attention. They bark when they are frightened, lonely, surprised, irritated, and more. That means there are different barks for different moods, as well.

A dog can vary the pitch of his bark, the number of barks in a row, and the space between barks in order to change the bark’s meaning. In terms of pitch, the lower the bark, the more serious the dog. For example, a dog enjoying playtime will tend to have a higher-pitched bark than one that is warning off intruders or disciplining a rude companion. Consider the barks your dog makes when a stranger is coming up the front walk compared to those he makes when you walk in the door. The first is alerting the house to a possible intruder, whereas the second is saying “welcome home” and is likely higher in tone. A

lonely dog will also make higher-pitched barks to request companionship, sometimes rising in tone to sound almost like a plaintive yelp.

In addition, the more barks in a row, the more aroused the dog is. A single bark may be given when a dog is surprised or annoyed, as if to say, “huh?” or “knock it off.” On the other hand, a long string of barks likely indicates the dog is far more worked up, such as the prolonged sound of alarm barking.

The space between barks is also worth consideration. The quicker the succession of barks, the more aggressive the dog is probably feeling. For example, when a dog is on the attack, his vocalizations will have the shortest pause between barks of any other barking sound. By comparison, the lonely “don’t leave me alone” bark has far longer pauses between sounds.

According to Hungarian research, humans, even those who don’t own dogs, are better at classifying dog barks than you might think. Prerecorded dog barks were played to human listeners, then the listeners were asked to categorize the barks. They were given a list of possible situations that could have elicited the barking and asked to choose the most appropriate one. In addition, they rated the emotion the barking dog was feeling. The results showed that people can match the bark to the situation with accuracy far higher than chance and can identify the dog’s emotion using the pitch of the bark and the pause between barks.



If you would like to assess your own bark interpretation skills, check out the bark test available at NOVA: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/nature/meaning-dog-barks.html>

No matter how well you fare on the test, you can always improve your understanding of dog language by paying more attention to what your dog is telling you when he barks.





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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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.

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March 20 Mar-Apr Newsletter
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July 20 Jul-Aug Newsletter
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November 20 Nov-Dec Newsletter

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