



May — June 2019

Yodels

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

"Juss keep'n dem bic
 show dog owners in
 line—don't yah know!"

BMDCEW 2019 Specialty, Craguns Resort, Brainerd, MN



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
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 32022 W Hwy K, Hartland

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



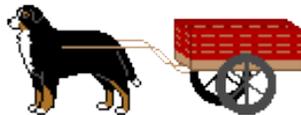
Yodels Moves to Quarterly Publishing

The Yodels will be published every three months rather than every other month. Information submittal deadlines and other Yodels Newsletter information is in a column on the last page of the newsletters. Pre-event reminder bulletins will be continued to be sent via email.



BMDCEW 2019 Draft Tests

We will be hosting two BMDCA Draft Tests again this year. But trying something a bit different. The draft tests will be on Friday and Saturday, September 27 & 28, 2019. This will leave Sunday completely for Bernerfest. The draft tests will be at Nashotah Park, Nashotah, WI. Our wonderful judges are Ruth Nielsen from Seattle, Washington and Susan van Ocker from Perkasio, PA. The Chair is Karen Borre and the secretary is Peggy Granger. The premium list is on our club's website.



There is still plenty of time to get ready for these tests! If you have any questions about training or getting started, feel free to contact either Karen or Peggy or the club's Draft Chairperson, Kay Wendorf.

If you are interested in learning about draft but just unsure how it all works, being a steward at the tests is a wonderful way to learn!! Absolutely no experience is needed! It is a great opportunity to see draft close up! And we can always use the help!!

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Berner Brags

I have always considered it a privilege to share these wonderful dogs with others by training them and having them certified for therapy work. This past year Stonehill's Dimples and Star were hon-



ored by the Aurora Psych



Hospital for the impact they have had on patients, workers and visitors. They were nominated for, unanimously approved, and received the "Star" award at a special award ceremony. I am very proud of these two and as their "driver" hope to continue to witness their magic for years to come.

Vicki Koralewski



Zoli (Stonehill For Auld Lang Syne Passed in Novice Obedience, Rally Advanced and Novice Draft Dog at the Nationals in Brainerd, Minn to

earn a Triathlete award. He earned his Rally Advanced title June 8 and his CD June 23! Thank you Kerry for this boy!



Cindy Falk

Will Cannabis for Dogs Live Up To the Hype?

From AKC on-line With the push for legalization there are factions promoting the various benefits for both human and animal use. The AKC has recently published two articles:

- ◇ [CBD Oil For Dogs, What You Need to Know](#)
- ◇ [How to Talk to Your Vet About Cannabis](#)



September 29, 2019

Volunteers needed to run:

- ◆ Games for Berners and their friends
- ◆ Raffle
- ◆ Agility course for fun all day long
- ◆ Berner playground all day long
- ◆ Grooming 101
- ◆ Tracking for treats
- ◆ Massage
- ◆ Face painting (children)

We need people to work 2 hour shifts; No previous experience necessary; Needed just a fun loving attitude.

Please contact Kerry Waltertendorf at:

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The American Kennel Club to Help Potential Puppy Owners With New Service "AKC Puppyvisor"

Customers can receive one-on-one help to find their new dog.

The American Kennel Club has launched AKC PuppyVisor™, a personalized dog concierge service to help potential



dog owners find their new best friend. Whether looking for a puppy or to give an older dog a good home, the service is designed to walk customers through each stage of the process.

AKC PuppyVisor™ helps dog owners in search of that perfect pup to add to their family by providing one-on-one service with an AKC Adviser. The adviser will assist a potential buyer in finding the right breed to fit their lifestyle, or if they are already set on a specific breed, help them find an AKC National Breed Club and navigate AKC Marketplace to find a responsible breeder that may have puppies available. Customers looking to rescue a dog will find help through access to breed rescues and breeders who have older dogs they are looking to re-home through the AKC Rescue Network.

"Owning a dog can be a wonderful experience. However, buying or rescuing a dog from a responsible source can sometimes be more of a process than a potential owner has anticipated," said Mark Dunn, Executive Vice President of the AKC. "The AKC can assist with our specific expertise in working with breeders and rescues, as well as providing information that owners can use to become responsible dog owners. We want

Study: Men With Beards Have More Germs Than Dogs

By [David Moya](#) as reported in the on-line HuffPost

All the bearded guys in the study had high microbial counts, compared with only 23 out of 30 dogs tested. Conclusion? Dogs are fine to share MRI machines. Looks like men with beards are going to be dogged with charges of bad hygiene. That's because a new study suggests that bearded guys actually have more germs than a dog's fur.

Researchers at the Hirslanden Clinic near Zurich, Switzerland, wanted to determine whether evaluating humans and dogs in the same MRI scanner would be hygienic. They did so by comparing the bacterial load in colony-forming units (CFU) of human-pathogenic microorganisms in specimens taken from 18 bearded men and 30 furry dogs. The researchers also compared the extent of bacterial contamination of an MRI scanner used by both dogs and humans with two other MRI scanners used exclusively by humans.

Turns out all the bearded bros showed high microbial counts, compared with only 23 out of 30 dogs. In fact, seven of the men had so much beard bacteria they were at risk of getting sick, according to the [BBC](#). The jointly used scanner also had significantly lower bacteria counts than the scanners used only by humans. "On the basis of these findings, dogs can be considered as clean, compared with bearded men," study author Andreas Gutzeit told the BBC.

The study was published in February but went viral earlier this week. However, some beard buffs are making cutting remarks about the study. Keith Flett, founder of the pro-hirsute Beard Liberation Front, cast doubt on the report to the [Daily Mail](#). "I think it's possible to find all sorts of unpleasant things if you took swabs from people's hair and hands and then tested them," he said. "I don't believe that beards in themselves are unhygienic. "There seems to be a constant stream of negative stories about beards that suggest it's more about pogonophobia than anything else."



customers to have a positive experience when getting their new canine family member and form a beautiful bond for many years to come."

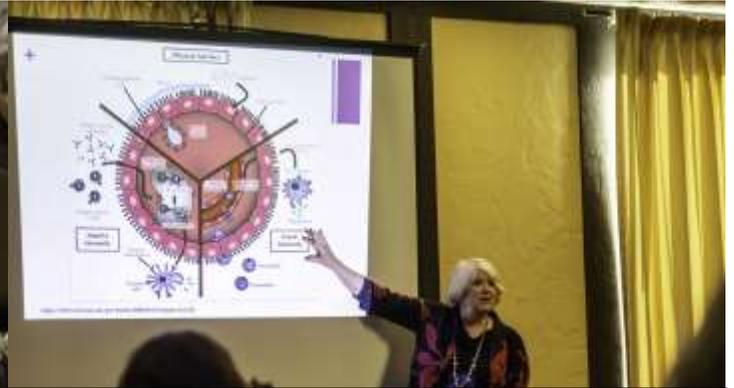
With AKC PuppyVisor™ customers get over 100 years of combined experience from advisers who are breeders, trainers and dog owners through live telephone support. AKC PuppyVisor™ advisers can also help with locating events where owners can see different breeds and meet breeders in person. Customers who purchase the service also receive preparation for conversations with breeders, helpful information for bringing the new puppy/dog home, a lifetime subscription to AKC GoodDog! Helpline and AKC Vetline™.

AKC PuppyVisor™ is available for \$249 at www.akc.org/puppyvisor





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Why Is My Dog Twitching in His Sleep?

By Anna Burke via AKC on-line Jun 28, 2014

As I write this, my dog is napping next to me. Every once in a while, she'll twitch in her sleep; her eyes, nose, lips, and feet moving as if she is dreaming about chasing something. But is



she?

Have you ever stopped to wonder why dogs twitch in their sleep, or if this seemingly benign behavior could be a problem? Veterinarians and researchers have been studying animal sleep behavior for a while now, and some of the answers to your questions may surprise you.

Why Do Animals Twitch in Their Sleep?

Your dog is not the only one that twitches in his sleep. As it turns out, almost every animal scientist has studied experiences this phenomenon, which is known as myoclonic twitches.

Puppies and other infant animals are especially twitchy in their sleep. Some scientists suggest that this has something to do with early development. These twitches could, on a simplified level, be the body's way of figuring out "what is this limb, and what am I supposed to do with it?" For now, this is just a theory, but the more we learn about sleep in animals and humans, the more answers we will have about the role sleep and myoclonic twitches play in our development.

Like puppies, senior dogs also twitch more than middle-aged adult dogs. One theory proposed that could explain this is that the part of the dog's brain that paralyzes the large muscles during sleep (preventing your dog from actually jumping up to chase that dream squirrel) is underdeveloped in puppies and less efficient in old dogs.

Regardless of the reasoning, even middle-aged dogs twitch, which means there is definitely something going on in your dog's head when he's asleep. Your dog isn't alone in this. You may have noticed that you or your loved one's twitch in their sleep, sometimes resulting in an accidental elbow jab or kick. These twitches are believed to be associated with dreams.

Do Dogs Dream?

Since we can't exactly ask our dogs if they can dream and if so, what they dream about, science has come up with some interesting ways to determine if dogs and other animals dream.

A 2001 study at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) found that laboratory rats trained to run in a maze exhibited similar brain activity during rapid eye movement (REM) sleep to that when they were actually in the maze, leading researchers to conclude that the rats were dreaming about the maze they ran in earlier. Their data was so specific, in fact, that they could determine where in the maze the rat was dreaming itself just by looking at the unique signature of the rat's brain activity. Since rats are less complex than dogs, it seems safe to conclude that our dogs dream, too.

We can't know exactly what dogs dream about, since scientists have not studied them as closely as they have studied rats, but researchers have observed that certain breeds of dogs tend to perform breed-specific behavior in their sleep. Pointers, for instance, point, and English Springer Spaniels exhibit flushing behavior during REM sleep.

Should I Wake My Dog Up from a Nightmare?

Dreaming about a pleasant activity, such as chasing a ball or hunting, is one thing, but what about those times when your dog seems distressed during sleep? Those whimpers, tiny howls, and barks tug at our heartstrings, and many owners are tempted to wake their dogs the way they would a child having a nightmare. This may not be the best idea. Disrupting a dog during REM sleep, which is the sleep cycle in which most dreams occur, can result in serious consequences.

If you've ever been woken up in the middle of a bad dream, then you know that it can take a few seconds for your brain to realize you are awake, and that the monster is not breathing down your neck. Like us, dogs take a moment to adjust, as well, but unlike with us, when a dog is awakened in the middle of a nightmare, it can lead to an unintended bite. This is dangerous for all members of your household, so be sure to explain to any children or houseguests that waking up a dreaming dog is not safe.

If nothing else, disrupting your dog's sleep can make him sleepy, which can be a problem for working dogs or dogs involved in showing and sports. The best thing you can do for a dog experiencing a nightmare is to be there to comfort him when he wakes up.

What if My Dog Is Having a Seizure?

Sometimes a dream is not a dream at all. The AKC's Chief Veterinary Officer, Dr. Jerry Klein, explains the difference between normal twitching during sleep and a seizure. "All dogs dream, and some manifest dreaming with twitching, paddling, or kicks of their legs. These movements are often brief (lasting less than 30 seconds) and intermittent," he says. "Seizing dogs' limbs, on the other hand, tend to be rigid and stiffer, with



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:

helpwithgrief.org/ Help With Grief

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

more violent movement.” He goes on to explain that seizing dogs cannot be easily woken, (not that you should attempt to wake up a sleeping dog for safety reasons), and that seizing dogs may also urinate or defecate during a seizure. Afterward, you may notice your dog drooling, panting, or acting disoriented.

Talk to your veterinarian if you suspect that your dog might be having seizures in his sleep instead of dreaming. Seizures can have a variety of causes, from epilepsy to cancer, and it is in your dog's best interest to be seen immediately to try and diagnose the cause.

What Should I Do if My Dog Is Twitching in His Sleep?

Unless you suspect that your dog might be having a seizure, twitching during sleep is normal. Follow the old adage “let sleeping dogs lie,” and, if you are like me, take a moment to reflect on how adorable your dog is while she sleeps, and wonder what she might be dreaming about. 



Dr. Marty Greer presentation at Berner University during BMDCSEW 2019 Specialty, Craguns Resort, Brainerd, MN

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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

Non-Member advertising is additional 50% per ad and subject to space.

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 within this publication.

Publication

Publication is anticipated the last week of the quarter. News, articles and advertisements must be submitted by:

- 1st quarter Yodels: March 22
- 2nd quarter Yodels: June 22
- 3rd quarter Yodels: September 22
- 4th quarter Yodels: December 22

Articles written by members of the BMDCSEW 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.

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