



Oct-Nov-Dec 2020

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

Merry Christmas



Happy New Year

2021 Board Meetings

Sat, January 23; 9:00 AM
WebEx Video Conference

Sun. Feb 14, 10:00AM
Thunder Bay Grille
N14W24130 Tower Place,
Waukesha

Sat., Mar 27; 9:00 AM
WebEx Video Conference

Sat, June 19; 10:00 AM
Mukwonago Park
W320S8315 Beulah Road
Mukwonago

Sat, Sept 26; 9:00 am
Nashotah Park
W330N5113 County Road
C, Nashotah, WI 53058
INCLEMENT WEATHER
ALTERNATE: TBD

Sun, Nov, 7; 10:00 am
TBD

General Member Meetings

Awards Dinner
Sun. Feb 14th
Thunder Bay Grill
1:00 pm
N14W24130 Tower Place
Waukesha

Spring Fling
Sat., June 19th,
12:30 pm
Mukwonago Park
W320S8315 Beulah Road
Mukwonago

Waukesha 2019 KC Show
Saturday, July 31
1 Hour after BMD judging
Waukesha County
Expo Center
1000 North view Road
Waukesha

Bernerfest 2019
Sun., September 26th
10:00 am
Nashotah Park
W330 N5113 Cty Road C
Nashotah

Annual Member Meeting
Sunday, November 7th
12:30 am
TBD

Upcoming BMDCSEW Sponsored Events for 2021

Awards Dinner
Sunday, Feb. 14th
Thunder Bay Grill
Waukesha
12:00 noon lunch

Back-To-Back Specialty
Friday–Saturday
March 5 & 6
6:00 AM–6:00 PM
Washington Co.
Expo Center
3000 Pleasant Valley Rd,
West Bend

Spring Fling
Saturday, June 19th
10:00 AM–4:00 PM
Mukwonago Park
W320S8315 Beulah Road
Mukwonago

Draft / Carting Workshop
TBD

Draft Test
Friday, Sept 24th
&
Sat. Sept 25th
Nashotah Park
W330 N5113 Cty Road C
Nashotah

Bernerfest
Sunday, Sept 26th
Nashotah Park
W330 N5113 Cty Road C
Nashotah
10:00 AM



RING STEWARDS NEEDED

Our Regional Back to Back Shows are still looking for volunteers. Here are the positions I still need to fill.

- ◆ Ring Steward for Regular Classes on Friday.
- ◆ Ring Steward for Sweeps on Saturday.
- ◆ Table Steward for Conformation Ring both days.

The Ring Steward positions require knowledge of Conformation procedures.

The Table Steward will hand out Armbands and check exhibitors in as well as assist with cleanup as needed.

The dates of the shows are February 28 and 29th. The show is at Washington County Fair Park in Westbend, Wi.

If you can help, please contact Kathy Bohm at bohmk@charter.net or 608 289 7889.



Thank You

I want to give a huge thank you to everyone in our club who worked so hard to put together another terrific Draft Test. I know how much work goes into this. You are all wonderful. Also a huge thank you to the judges!

Cindy and Zoli



I totally agree with Cindy!!! It was wonderfully run. Everyone pitched in. It was great seeing everyone who came. If you didn't make it, believe me, you were missed. Whoever ordered the weather did a super job! The whole COVID thing made a good opportunity for some jokes. Everyone complied with wearing masks and social distancing.

I was especially pleased to see Karen Borre enter the ring as an exhibitor! No titles for her dogs but a lot of success anyway.

A friend of mine, Mary Ellen Meyer, is about to apply to judge BMDs and came to watch "for a little while". She stayed three hours and learned a lot about the working abilities of the breed and what fun (and frustrations) we can have. She was VERY impressed and said that this helped her learn a lot about the breed. Thanks to all!

Mary Alice



Zoli (Stonehill For Auld Lang Syne) passed Open on both Friday Sept 25 and Sat Sept 26 to earn his DD title and 2/5 of the way to MDD! I am so proud of my brave boy! A huge thank you to the judges and the many supporters at the event. An even bigger thank you to Kerry Waltersdorf for breeding a dog with the great temperament Zoli has exhibited and for allowing him to live with us. And thank you to the club for the "Sunshine".



Cindy Falk and Zoli



Thanks to all who put this on and also all the support I got from the judges and other exhibitors. I learned a lot in training and I learned a lot from the feedback I got from the judges. To those of you who have not tried Drafting it was an interesting and fun experience with building a team with your dog.

Karen Borre



After 10 years of being an only child, MICA finally had a job which was to watch over baby Ben. Since the day Ben was born MICA has been his shadow. Now that Ben is older MICA has learned that Ben is a non-stop food source. She is the best nanny.



The year 2020 was filled with nothing but happy days for the doggies of STONEHILL.

Our first celebrations was for Stonehills SHANIA Cho-Cho Twain, TDI. Shania turned 14 years old. We had a party for her and many of her doggie and people friends attended. She was buried in presents and good treats. In true fashion Shania shared her bounty with the other dogs. Shania is owned and loved by Dawn Perry and Kerry



Our second celebration was for SAPHIRE, LUKE and



IRIS who turned 11 years old. SAPHIRE is the queen of our house, and the other Berners and Brussels Griffons know it. The other dogs all respect her place as Alpha, SAPHIRE never barks or growls. She enjoys sleeping on the sofa and taking naps in the flower beds around the house. At the party all the litter mates were enjoying the treats and food. IRIS is owned by Peggy Granger and Kerry. LUKE unfortunately went over the rainbow bridge recently, LUKE was loved by Lynne Kurz and Kerry

Our next celebration was for 11 year old JADE. JADE is a very independent lady. Whenever you go to visit JADE will greet you with a pull toy and demands a game of tug-o-war. After she wins you must go to the refrigerator and give her a carrot for winning. She won't hesitate to give you the stink eye if you forget to give her the carrot. She was always ready to participate in the fund raisers. Jade is owned by Robin Krumnow, Rebecca Dove & Kerry



Kerry Waltersdorf

Bernese Mtn Dog, GCh. Shepherdspatch Peter the Great, CD, TD, RE, CGC, NDD (Novice Draft Dog), passes his Bernese Mt Dog Club of America's Open Draft Test, 9/25, Nashotah, Wi. Owners/breeder, Mary Alice Eschweiler. Add "DD" to his accomplishments.

Mary Alice Eschweiler





2020 Oconomowoc Christmas Parade

There were 4 Berners at the Oconomowoc parade this year, Zoli, Shania, Trapper and Odie. Covid obviously Impacted the participation of BMDCSEW participants.



Photos and narrative provided by Cindy Faulk

Berner-Garde Foundation Website & Database Upgrade

Hi Everyone!

Berner-Garde Foundation has been busy this past year doing a much needed upgrade of our BG Data Base and Website! Both are now more phone friendly with a simple, modern feel! It went live last night and is ready for your viewing!

[Berner-Garde Research - Berner-Garde Foundation](#)

We hope you will enjoy the new updates!

Brycie Marine, Berner- Garde Trustee
Co-Liaison to the BMD Repository at MSU



Photo from UPS driver's Facebook Friends account

Genetic Testing



Yesterday, at the AKC Delegate meeting, a presentation was given regarding genetic testing. It covered much of what many BMD breeders have discussed over the years, specifically Degenerative Myelopathy testing.

Currently, the CHF website has three areas where we provide information related to genetic consultation. Directly on the "[Genetic Consultation](#)" page, "[For Veterinary Professionals](#)", and "[For Breeders](#)". Each of these pages will list the genetics whitepaper as a resource AFTER the webinar at 11am ET on 9/15/20.

Additionally, the genetics whitepaper will be discussed and linked at this page, going live after the 9/15/20 webinar: <http://www.akcchf.org/educational-resources/library/articles/review-of-the-current-state.html> . It will include a PDF download of the resource like the other webpages mentioned above but is completed dedicated to the endeavor.

Susan Hamil, Shoreline DFA

Submitted by: Mary Alice Eschweiler, Waukesha KC Delegate to the AKC

From the AKC

Have you ever been unsure about the best way to apply genetic test results in the care of your dog or the planning for your breeding program? You are not alone.

The dramatic increase in genetic testing available for dogs provides an exciting, but sometimes overwhelming, opportunity for dog owners, breeders, and veterinary professionals to improve the health of dogs at the individual and population levels. To provide a foundation in canine genetics that will help you interpret and understand the implications of genetic test results, the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF), in collaboration with the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA), offers a [Review of the Current State of Genetic Testing in Dogs](#).

This detailed document is written for your understanding – regardless of your scientific background. It contains helpful diagrams and video lectures to help you master the basic principles necessary to practically and thoughtfully apply genetic test results to the care of your dog(s) and breeding stock. The types of genetic tests currently in use, their application in breeding programs, and their limitations will be discussed, as well as potential negative effects of the misuse of test results in both pet and breeding dogs.

Review of the Current State of Genetic Testing:

[CANINE GENETIC TESTING 07-28-2020_FINAL_with-links.pdf \(akcchf.org\)](#)



Refer to Berner Garde Email Attachments



*Celebrates
25 Years!*

**Thank you everyone for being part of the journey.
You are the ❤️ of the organization.
We couldn't do it without you!**

*Our
Amazing
Volunteers,
Past &
Present*

*Contributors
to the
Repository
& Database*

*Financial
Donors*

*Repository
Staff*

*Our
Wonderful
Partner,
The BMDCA*

Researchers

*Our
Beloved
Berners*



**Here's to the
next 25 years ...
"For the love of a Berner"**



Clifford The Big Red Dog

From Today I Found Out Jan 16, 2012

Clifford the Big Red Dog was originally going to be named “Tiny”. Most of us know the story of Clifford the Big Red Dog: being born the runt of a litter of puppies; no one expected him to grow very big, but when Emily Elizabeth chose him as her friend, she gave so much love to her tiny ball of fur that he grew over 25 feet tall. Thus, the start of a whole set of adventures for the young girl and her big red dog.



The author of this beloved children’s series is Norman Bridwell. He discovered early on that he was not good at sports or shop class, and even though his teachers told him he was not a very good artist, Norman spent a good portion of his free time drawing, because he loved it. After studying art at the John Herron Art Institute and Cooper Union, another art school, he became a commercial artist.

In 1962, in the attempt to supplement his income to support his wife and daughter, Bridwell created a portfolio of his drawings and approached children’s book publishers with a goal of becoming a book illustrator. Fifteen publishing houses later, Bridwell still did not have any offers to illustrate books. An editor at Harper & Row told him that his art was not good enough, and she couldn’t see anyone offering him an opportunity to illustrate books. However, she did pick out one of his sketches— one of a young girl on the back of a horse-sized bloodhound— and told him to write a story to go along with his picture. Bridwell did as she suggested.

As a boy, Bridwell dreamed of owning a big dog that he could ride and have as his best friend. So, he enlarged the dog in the picture, transformed him into more of an “all-around” dog, and wrote a story about the dog and his young girl companion. When it came time to name his characters, Bridwell decided on the name the dog “Tiny”, but his wife, Norma, told him the name was boring. Cherishing memories of her childhood imaginary friend, Clifford, she proposed this name instead, which he ultimately went with. Bridwell decided to name his young girl protagonist Emily, after his daughter.

Three days after his discussion with the editor at Harper & Row, Bridwell submitted the manuscript and drawings to Scholastic without expecting anything to come out of it (he was

quite used to rejection at this point). Three weeks later, Scholastic offered to publish Bridwell’s first book, *Clifford the Big Red Dog*. Not wanting to get his hopes up, he told his wife the book was a fluke and she shouldn’t expect any other books to follow. Forty Clifford books later, with over 44 million copies in print, including those translated into other languages, Bridwell is now a best-selling author-illustrator. Not bad for a for a guy who was never considered very good as a writer or illustrator in school.

What inspires Bridwell’s story ideas? Dogs- his dogs, dogs in movies, dogs in stories, dogs everywhere. They are, after all, an undeniable source of entertainment. Thanks to this, Bridwell has had plenty of stories to tell about Clifford and Emily Elizabeth, and, in 1970, he was making enough money from the series and other children’s books he wrote and illustrated that he was able to give up his other commercial artwork career.

While Bridwell’s books about Clifford have never been well embraced by critics, millions of young readers love Bridwell’s stories and artwork. When asked why kids love the stories of Clifford and his adventures, Bridwell said this about the big red dog, “He makes mistakes, he’s clumsy, he’s not perfect. But he’s always forgiven because he means well.”

Just think, if Bridwell listened to his schoolteachers when they told him he wasn’t a very good artist or writer, or if he succumbed to discouragement when children’s publishing companies piled on the rejections, Clifford may have never found his way in the world of children’s literature, and without Bridwell’s wife and her imaginary friend, Clifford, the world probably would’ve known the beloved canine as Tiny, the Big Red Dog.





BREEDER REFERRAL 2021

The BMDCSEW is currently looking to renew and update the Breeder Referral listing for 2021. 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 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 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 Pet Loss web sites

www.petpartners.org/page.aspx?pid=372 Pet loss references and resources

CBD Oil For Dogs: How Magical is It?

Pages 20—21 in [Fetch Magazine](#)

[Fall2019.indd \(fetchmag.com\)](#)



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