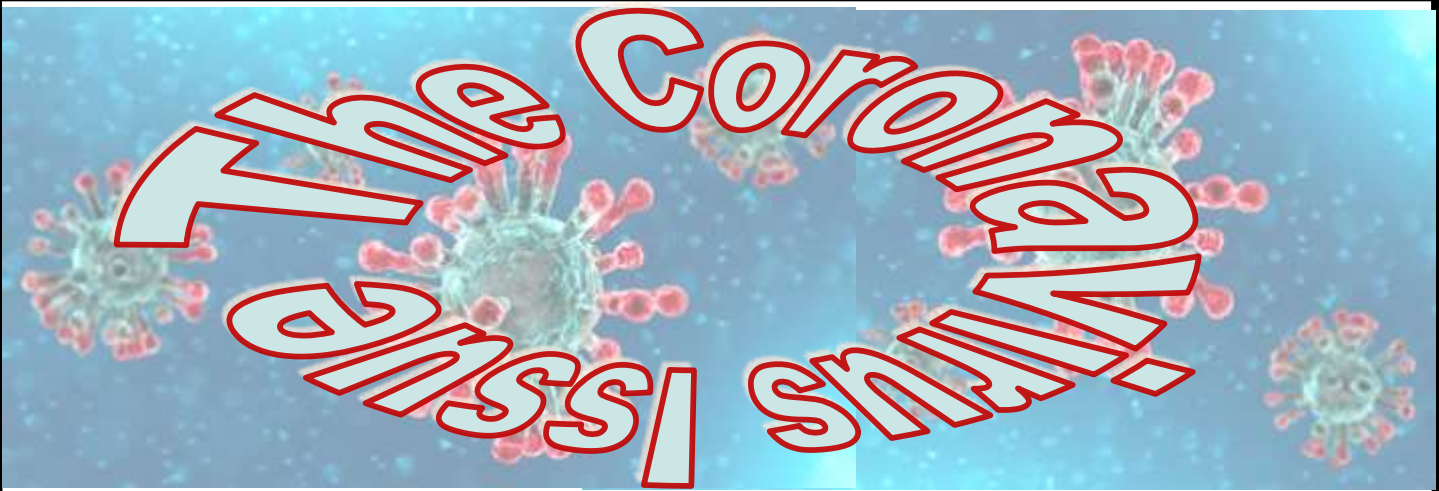




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# Yodels

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



### 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  
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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 12  
 8:00 AM  
 W8521 School Section  
 Rd,  
 Darien, WI

*Draft Test*  
 Friday, Sept 25th  
 &

Sat. Sept 26th  
 Nashotah Park  
 W330 N5113 Cty Road C  
 Nashotah

*Bernerfest*  
 Sunday, Sept 27th  
 Nashotah Park  
 W330 N5113 Cty Road C  
 Nashotah  
 10:00 AM

As we experience a "special" period in our lifetime I took the liberty to designate this issue of Yodels as "The Coronavirus Issue." Page 2 has some links to information related to dogs.  
 Sheldon Schall, Editor



**Editor's Note:** While some of the Covid-19 information may be redundant of other media material, I have attempted to put out dog/pet related Covid-19 relevant information from what I consider to be credible sources. I do not claim to be a knowledgeable resource on any of this; letting that up to the sources as indicated. Due to the length and graphics of the articles, Internet page links are posted below for your follow-up.

Hopefully we will no longer be dealing with Covid-19 in the next quarterly issue of the Yodels.

Sheldon Schall



### Coronavirus Information For Dog Owners

<http://www.akcchf.org/educational-resources/library/articles/AKC-CHF-Coronavirus-Information-for-Dog-Owners-Print-FINAL.pdf>

### Top Health Concerns

<http://www.akcchf.org/canine-health/top-health-concerns/top-health-concerns.html>



### AKC legislation concerns that need your support:

#### Coronavirus—Essential business declarations:

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/ask-elected-officials-declare-pet-services-essential-businesses-covid-19-related-closures/>

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/akc-urges-officials-allow-pet-food-service-suppliers-remain-open-covid-19-crisis/>

### Fake animal news abounds on social media as coronavirus upends life

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/2020/03/coronavirus-pandemic-fake-animal-viral-social-media-posts/>



### Covid-19 Q&A

Scroll down Q&A for 2 pet items

<https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/q-a-coronaviruses>



### Unfounded Fears That Dogs Can Spread COVID-19

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/canine-corner/202003/unfounded-fears-dogs-can-spread-covid-19-can-cause-harm>

## BMDCSEW 2020 Draft Tests

We will be hosting two BMDCA Draft Tests again this year. This year we will again be hosting the draft tests on Friday and Saturday, September 25 & 26, 2020. This will leave Sunday completely for Bernerfest. The draft tests will be at Nashotah Park, Nashotah, WI. Our wonderful judges are Eden Jonas from North Carolina and Patti Davieau from Colorado. The Chair is Lynne Kurz and the secretary is Peggy Granger. The premium list is on our club's website. You can also obtain it by contacting the test secretary.

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 Lynne 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!

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### 175th Anniversary for New Glarus

The New Glarus Chamber of Commerce has invited the BMDCSEW to march in their parade. Saturday August 1, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. The route is approximately 2 miles long. There will be more details to follow when I receive them.

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## 2020 Back To Back



I would like to gratefully acknowledge the talents of Sue Lutz, Joanne Brault & Loyal Bouaoun for donating their time to create the handmade amazing trophies for this years B2B. We are able to offer these prizes due to their generous donation of time and talents.

Also a huge thank you to all that donated toward the trophy fund again this year, you are all awesome.

Sue Wellenstein, Trophy Chair



It truly takes a village to put on a show as nice as our Back to Back is every year. I think this was the easiest one I ever chaired primarily due to so many hands helping out. Thank you to everyone who helped in so many ways, I hope I cover everyone. Kathy Bohm and her steward crew, Sue Wellenstein for the wonderful trophies, Marian Fenlon for the ribbons and making sure everything held together at ring side. Sue Lutz for reserved grooming which she has down to a science, Robin Krumnow, Deanna Scott, Monica Denison and Penny Laben for helping with judge's hospitality. Mary Alice Eschweiler and Kevin Gasper for cleaning up the ring on Friday at the end of the day to prep for Saturday. Monica Denison for signage and the National Anthem. Kristi Tursky, Kerry Waltersdorf and crew for the wonderful Raffle. All the club members that so generously donated completed baskets I think this was our best Raffle ever. Lisa Patrenets for taking care that payments were made properly and on time.

Cindy Pinsky our photographer, the 4H ladies for lunch and appetizers, WFP maintenance crew for assisting in anyway they could. WFP for working with us on having an open bar. The 4H dog project who did a great job of setting up the ring for us on Thursday. Kathy Dashlet for being so helpful as our secretary. Our Judges, Susan Parr, Eric Boupane, Lindsey Tompson, and Karen Ericson who rendered their opinions on all the beautiful dogs that were entered. Everyone who entered their dogs, didn't park in front of the doors and cleaned up after them.

Thanks to all that helped in ways not mentioned above. I am now turning over 2021-2022 to Deanna Scott and Lisa Patrenets. I am sure everyone will help them as much as they have helped me.

Karen Borre, 2020 B2B Show Chair



## Judge Karen Ericson, Back-2-Back Summary

First let me say that it was a great honor to judge the BMDCSEW Specialty. I thought the entry was superb and all of the breeders and owners can be extremely proud of what they have produced. There were many class dogs and bitches of very promising quality and I would love to see them when they are fully mature. The Veterans were incredible. We can all be thankful that they were shown and thriving at their ages. Hopefully it speaks to an increase in longevity within the breed. The Best of Breed Dog came from an amazing Veteran Dogs Class and was the picture of a strong draft dog. He was correct in proportion, size, bone and head qualities, with a lovely front and rear construction. He was very light on his feet and moved beautifully. Best of Opposite Sex was a move up from the Bred-by Class. She too was correctly constructed and virtually floated around the ring. Both of these dogs conformed well to the breed standard. Winners Dog was a young dog that shows great promise. In his case he was put together right and showed that quality as he moved around the ring. Winners Bitch and Best of Winners came from the Open Bitch Class and although young, she was also a standout. Her movement was lovely and she made her way with long ground covering strides. Overall, fronts and length of leg have definitely improved, but loins have gotten longer. Loins are important to stamina, as strength from the rear is transmitted to movement and those dogs whose loins are too long and therefore weaker, will tire more easily. I felt very privileged to be able to stand in the middle of the Best of Breed ring and gaze at what I would consider exceptional dogs and bitches with great depth of quality.

Just briefly I would like to comment on a couple of things, the most important being coats. Berners are to be shown in natural coats as prescribed by the breed standard. In order to be a true working dog in its country of origin, BMD's need an undercoat and a top coat that have retained natural oils and therefore the beautiful sheen and luster that are the hallmark of this wonderful breed. While I did see this in a number of dogs, there were many that were blown dry so there was no undercoat and their top coat was brittle. Without a natural coat, your dog is NOT functional in a mountainous environment, which is fundamental to the purpose of BMDs. The breed standard calls for discouraging sculpting and over grooming. It is something that good judges take into account when making their decisions. The use of bait is another area of concern. Many handlers use bait as a crutch to make their dogs behave. In the process there is a lot of arm waving and it is very distracting to both the judge and the dog. It mostly ruins the arch of neck and makes dogs look either ewe necked or stuffy necked, neither of which is attractive. One piece of bait, used judiciously to show expression when the judge is looking at the dog after the down and back should be enough. Train your dog to stand and stay at home. I hope these tips on how to better present your dog at its best will be helpful to

## Secret behind dogs' cold noses revealed by scientists

Sky News Monday 2 March 2020

Experts in Sweden and Hungary study three dogs who are able to detect very faint heat sources with just their noses.



Dogs can detect very faint heat sources - such as small animals - from 1.5m (5ft) away. **Researchers believe they have solved the mystery surrounding dogs' noses and why they are so cold.**

**A study revealed the phenomenon is down to their sniffers serving as ultra-sensitive heat detectors - and not anything to do with body temperature regulation.**

Scientists in Sweden and Hungary found that when the ambient temperature was 30C, a dog's rhinarium - or the bare end point of the nose - was 5C cooler.

And when the outside temperature was 0C, a dog's nose would be about 8C. The two factors equal out at 15C.

Such differences suggest the tip of the nose serves as a sensory function, according to the study published in the Scientific Reports journal.

It showed a dog's nose can detect very faint heat sources - such as small animals - from 1.5m (5ft) away.

Researchers from Lund University and Eotvos Larand University studied three dogs, who were trained to identify which of two identical four-inch wide objects had been heated 12C warmer than room temperature.

"All three dogs could detect stimuli of weak thermal radiation in double-blind experiments," said the researchers.

"In addition, we employed functional magnetic resonance imaging on 13 awake dogs, comparing the responses to heat stimuli of about the same temperatures as in the behavioral experiment. The warm stimulus elicited increased neural response.

"All stimuli of radiating heat used in our experiments were too weak to be felt by human hands, even at very short distances. We had to touch the surfaces to feel the warmth."



you in your future shows.

Once again, may I say thank you to the club for having me, to my wonderful ring stewards who were so terrific at organizing the entry and trophies and to you the wonderful breeders and exhibitors who brought such lovely dogs. Wishing you all the best in future shows and in the whelping box.

Yours in Berners,  
Karen Ericson





## 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 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> 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



### If a dog was your teacher, you would learn stuff like:

- \* When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- \* When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.
- \* Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
- \* Take naps.
- \* Stretch before rising.
- \* Run, romp and play daily.
- \* Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- \* On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
- \* When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- \* Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- \* Eat with gusto and enthusiasm; stop when you have had enough.
- \* Be loyal; never pretend to be something you're not.
- \* When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.





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<b>March 20</b>	<b>1st Qtr. Jan-Mar Newsletter</b>
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<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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