



Jan-Feb-Mar 2021

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

BMDCEW 2021 DRAFT TESTS

We will be hosting two BMDCA Draft Tests this year. The dates are Friday, September 24th and Saturday, September 25th. The tests will be at Nashotah Park, Nashotah, Wisconsin. Our judges will be Barry Solomon and Patti Davieau, both from Colorado. The Chair is Lynne Kurz and the Test Secretary is Peggy Granger. The premium for the tests will be located on the club website. We will once again have the Covid Protocols in place that have been established by the BMDCA. In addition we will be adhering to whatever state and county guidelines are in place at that time.

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

If you are interested in learning about draft, but are unsure how it all works, being a steward at the tests is a great way to learn! Absolutely no experience is necessary. It's a great opportunity to see draft close up, talk with handlers and judges and ask questions.

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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
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 ALTERNATE: TBD

Sun, Nov, 7; 10:00 am
 TBD

General Member Meetings

Awards Dinner
 Sun, Feb 14th
 Thunder Bay Grille

Cancelled due to Covid-19
 Mukwonago Park
 315 Beulah Road
 Waukesha

Spring Fling
 Sat., June 19th

Cancelled due to Covid-19
 Mukwonago Park
 315 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 BMDCEW Sponsored Events for 2021

Awards Dinner
 Sunday, Feb 14th
 Thunder Bay Grille
 Waukesha
 10:00 noon lunch

Cancelled due to Covid-19

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 – 5:00 PM
 Mukwonago Park
 315 Beulah Road
 Mukwonago

Cancelled due to Covid-19

Draft / Carting Workshop
 TBD

Draft Test
 Friday, Sept 24th
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Sat. Sept 25th
 Nashotah Park
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Bernerfest
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**BMDCSEW March 6, 2021 Back 2 Back
Judge's Comments**

Thank you to all exhibitors and the committee for the honor and pleasure of judging your specialty. It was a great opportunity to see many beautiful dogs. Overall, there were many outstanding entries... but my final placements excelled in breed type, substance and movement. I was pleased to see so many with beautiful markings.

As in any large entry, there are breed specific things that show up which can be improved. Asked to critique the entry... overall I found little to fault... but a few had snipey muzzles, round light eyes, fine bone, inadequate spring of rib, and lack of moderate angulation. Some were weak in pastern and lacked the muscle tone and angulation for the proper reach and drive required for a Bernese Mountain dog. Generally, I thought the bitches were stronger than males. There were many very promising youngsters, and I was thrilled to see so many wonderful veterans.

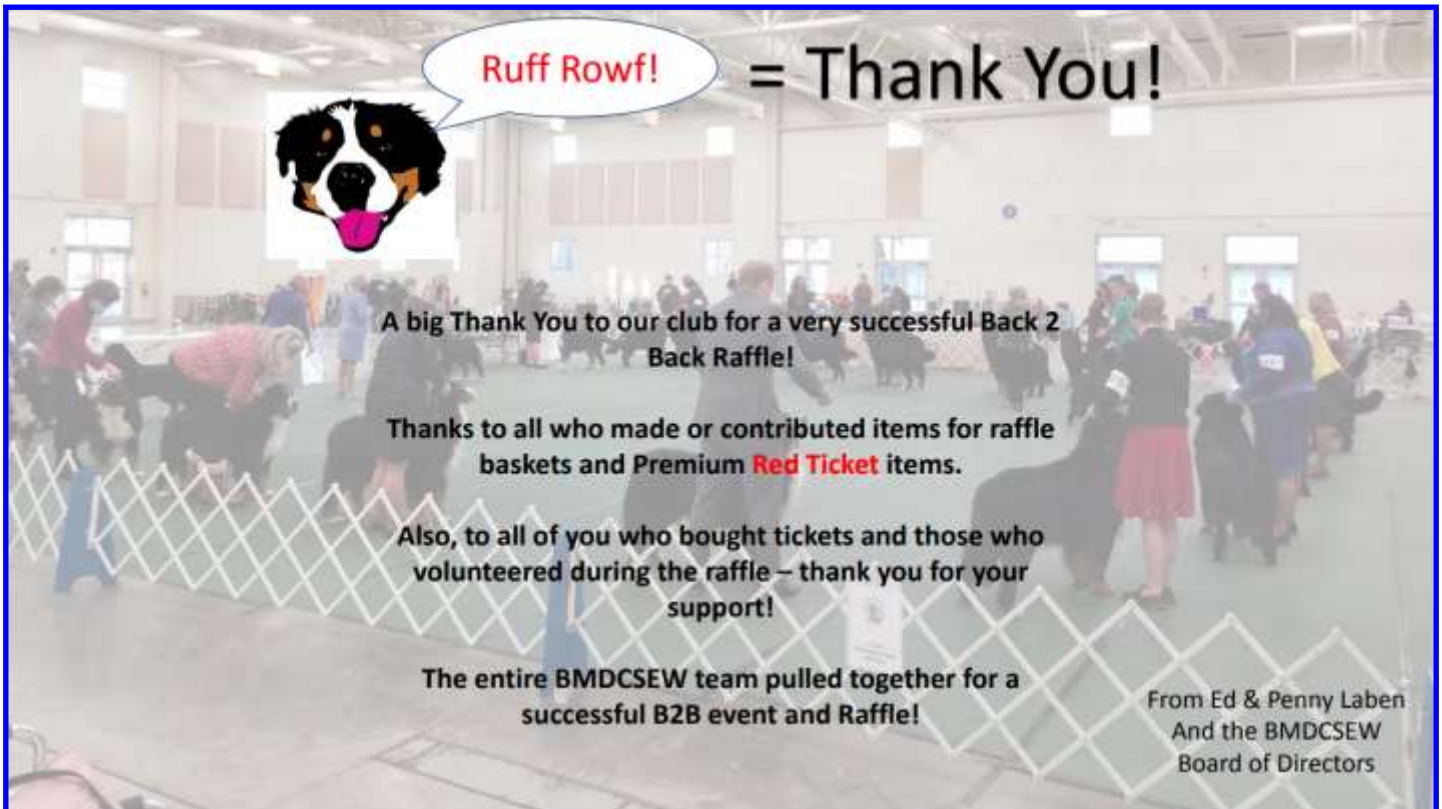
One of the great pleasures of judging a specialty is to have so many good dogs that you can create a final lineup that is consistent with your interpretation of the breed standard. Kudos to all the others who placed in their classes and to all the beautiful specials and veterans. I just did not have enough ribbons to go around.

Diane Anderson



The BMDCSEW Board thanks the following for their generous raffle creations and donation:

- The stitched Bernese(framed) was donated by Deb Reardon
- The art work on the orange suitcase was painted &



donated by Loyal Bouaoun

- The quilt was made by & donated by Sue Lutz
- Basket unknown contributor

Photos by Sue Wellenstein



National “Something” Day

Almost every day in the calendar year is “National” something. Some are serious days, and some are “fun” days. I pulled together a list of dates, weeks and months that signify tribute to dogs and cats in the USA based on the 2020 calendar (I started this in early 2020). Birds, bunnies and reptiles have their tributes also, but not on this list. *Black cats seem to be wildly celebrated, as variations of black cat Tribute Days are listed on different calendars throughout the year.

January 2020 Pet Tribute Days

Walk Your Dog Month

Unchain a Dog Month

National Train Your Dog Month

Jan. 2: National Pet Travel Safety Day

Jan 2: Happy Mew Year for Cats Day

Jan 8: National Labrador Retriever Day

Jan. 14: National Dress Up Your Pet Day

Jan. 22: National Answer Your Cat’s Question Day

Jan. 24: Change a Pet’s Life Day

Jan. 29: Seeing-Eye Guide Dog Birthday

February 2020 Pet Tribute Days

February focuses on responsible pet care, pet health and the all-important task of spaying/neutering our pets..

Pet Dental Health Month

Dog Training Education Month

National Cat Health Month

Responsible Pet Owners Month

National Prevent a Litter Month

Spay/Neuter Awareness Month (“Beat the Heat” month)

Feb. 7–14: Have a Heart for Chained Dogs Week

Feb. 11–12: Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show

Feb. 14: Pet Theft Awareness Day

Feb. 20: Love Your Pet Day

Feb. 22: National Walk Your Dog Day

Feb. 23: International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day

Feb. 23–29: National Justice for Animals Week

Feb. 25: Spay Day USA/World Spay Day

March 2020 Pet Tribute Days

March includes days that salute our K-9 military veterans and acknowledge a group of people who make life better for both pets and their people — pet sitters.

Poison Prevention Awareness Month

March 3: If Pets Had Thumbs Day

March 5–8: Crufts Dog Show

March 9–13: Professional Pet Sitters Week

March 13: K-9 Veterans Day

March 16–22: National Poison Prevention Week

March 23: National Puppy Day; Cuddly Kitten Day

March 28: Respect Your Cat Day

March 30: Take a Walk in the Park Day

April 2020 Pet Tribute Days

April focuses on some important aspects of pet care: heartworm prevention, pet first aid, Lyme disease and preventing cruelty.

Heartworm Awareness Month

National Adopt a Greyhound Month

National Pet First Aid Awareness Month

Prevent Lyme Disease in Dogs Month

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month

April 1–7: International Pooper Scooper Week; National Raw Feeding Week

April 4: Every Day Is Tag Day

April 6: National Siamese Cat Day

April 6–10: National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week; National Dog Bite Prevention Week

April 8: National Dog Fighting Awareness Day

April 10: National Hug Your Dog Day

April 11: National Pet Day; Dog Therapy Appreciation Day

April 17–23: National Pet ID Week; Animal Cruelty/Human Violence Awareness Week

April 18: Pet Owners Independence Day

April 21: Bulldogs Are Beautiful Day

April 23: National Lost Dog Awareness Day

April 25: International Guide Dog Day

April 26: National Kids and Pets Day; Hairball Awareness Day

April 27: World Veterinary Day

April 28: National Pet Parents Day

April 30: National Tabby Day; Adopt a Shelter Pet Day; National Therapy Animal Day

May 2020 Pet Tribute Days

Chip Your Pet Month

Pet Cancer Awareness Month (AKC)

National Pet Month (U.S.)

Responsible Animal Guardian Month

National Service Dog Eye Examination Month

Lyme Disease Prevention Month

May 1: National Purebred Dog Day

May 3: Mayday for Mutts; National Specially-abled Pets Day

May 3–9: National Pet Week; Be Kind to Animals Week; Be Kind to Animals Week

May 4–10: Puppy Mill Action Week

May 11: National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day

May 14: International Chihuahua Appreciation Day

May 30: International Hug Your Cat Day

June 2020 Pet Tribute Days

In June focuses on cat adoption because this is the time of year that shelters get lots of newborn kittens.

Adopt-A-Cat Month (AH)

Adopt a Shelter Cat Month (ASPCA)

National Pet Preparedness Month

National Microchipping Month

June 1–7: Pet Appreciation Week

June 4: Hug Your Cat Day

June 8: National Best Friends Day

June 9: World Pet Memorial Day

June 17: Take Your Cat to Work Day

June 19: National Garfield the Cat Day

June 19–25: Animal Rights Awareness Week



June 21: Dog Party Day
 June 22–28: Take Your Pet to Work Week
 June 24: Cat World Domination Day
 June 26: Take Your Dog to Work Day

July 2020 Pet Tribute Days

Doghouse Repair Month
 National Lost Pet Prevention Month
 National Pet Hydration Awareness Month
 July 1: ID Your Pet Day
 July 5: Pet Remembrance Day
 July 11: All-American Pet Photo Day
 July 15: National Pet Fire Safety Day
 July 21: National Craft for Your Local Shelters Day; No Pet Store Puppies Day
 July 31: National Mutt Day

August 2020 Pet Tribute Days

August brings us the dog days of summer with — what else? — National Dog Day. We have a day to remember those pets who have left our sides forever.
 National Immunization Awareness Month
 Aug. 1: DOGust Universal Birthday for Shelter Dogs
 Aug. 2–8: International Assistance Dog Week
 Aug. 5: Work Like a Dog Day
 Aug. 8: International Cat Day
 Aug. 10: Spoil Your Dog Day
 Aug. 15: National Check the Chip Day
 Aug. 17: International Homeless Animals Day; National Black Cat Appreciation Day*
 Aug. 22: National Take Your Cat to the Vet Day
 Aug. 26: National Dog Day
 Aug. 28: Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day
 Aug. 30: National Holistic Pet Day

September 2020 Pet Tribute Days

Happy Healthy Cat Month
 Guide/Service Dogs Month
 National Pet Insurance Month
 Animal Pain Awareness Month
 Responsible Dog Ownership Month
 Pet Sitter Education Month
 Sept. 1: Ginger Cat Appreciation Day
 Sept. 13: National Pet Memorial Day; National Hug Your Hound Day; Pet Birth Defect Awareness Day
 Sept. 19: Puppy Mill Awareness Day; Responsible Dog Ownership Day
 Sept. 20–26: National Dog Week; Deaf Pet Awareness Week
 Sept. 21–27: Adopt a Less-Adoptable Pet Week
 Sept. 23: Dogs in Politics Day (Checkers Day)
 Sept. 28: World Rabies Day; World's Largest Pet Walk

October 2020 Pet Tribute Days

National Animal Safety and Protection Month
 Adopt a Dog Month (AH)
 Adopt a Shelter Dog Month (ASPCA)
 National Pet Wellness Month
 National Pit Bull Awareness Month

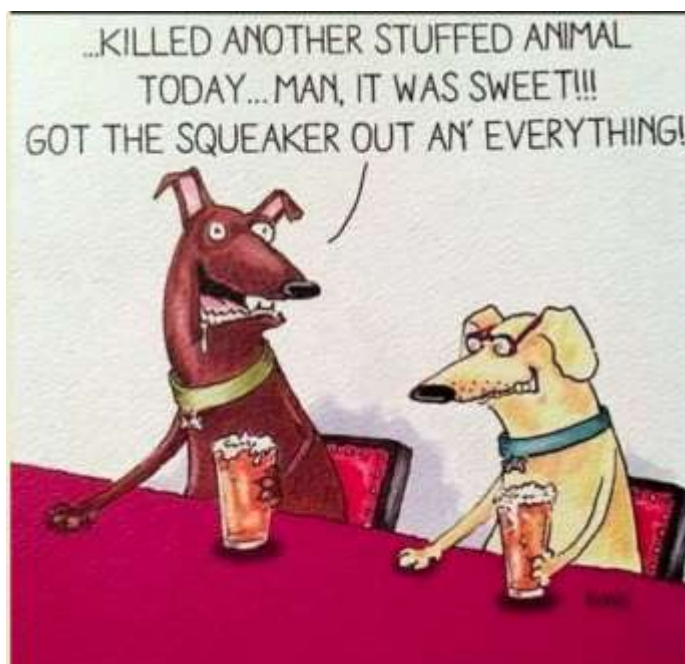
Oct. 1: National Fire Pup Day; National Black Dog Day; International Raccoon Appreciation Day
 Oct. 1–6: National Walk Your Dog Week; Animal Welfare Week
 Oct. 4: World Animal Day; World Pets Day
 Oct. 9: Pet Obesity Awareness Day
 Oct. 16: National Feral Cat Day
 Oct. 19–23: Veterinary Technician Week
 Oct. 26: National Pit Bull Awareness Day
 Oct. 28: Plush Animal Lovers' Day (perfect day to buy your pet a new squeaky toy)
 Oct. 29: National Cat Day (U.S.)

November 2020 Pet Tribute Days

Pet Diabetes Month
 National Senior Pet Month
 Adopt a Senior Pet Month
 Pet Cancer Awareness Month (AVMA)
 Nov. 1: National Cook for Your Pets Day
 Nov. 2–6: National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week
 Nov. 7: National Canine Lymphoma Awareness Day
 Nov. 17: National Take a Hike Day; National Black Cat Day* Thanksgiving (U.S.); National Dog Show Broadcast (Kennel Club of Philadelphia)

December 2020 Pet Tribute Days

December has a break in pet tribute days, possibly because we humans are very busy with the holiday tasks and celebrations and our pets often are recipients of our holiday cheer.
 National Cat Lovers' Month
 Dec. 2: National Mutt Day (again)
 Dec. 15: National Cat Herder's Day
 Dec. 5: Celebrate Shelter Pets Day. Humane Society of the United States.
 Dec. 9: International Day of Veterinary Medicine.





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2021 Trophies

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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



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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 in the adjoining column.

Publication is anticipated the last week of the quarter. Deadline for News, Articles and Advertisements are as follows:

March 20	1st Qtr. Jan-Mar Newsletter
June 20	2nd Qtr. Apr-Jun Newsletter
September 20	3rd Qtr. Jul-Sep Newsletter
December 20	4th Qtr. Oct-Dec Newsletter

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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