



Oct-Nov-Dec 2019

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

Merry Christmas



Happy New Year

2019 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
INCLEMENT WEATHER
ALTERNATE: TBD

Sun, Nov, 1; 10:00 am
TBD

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 2019 KC Show
Saturday, July 25
1 Hour after BMD judging
Waukesha County
Expo Center
1000 North view Road
Waukesha

Bernerfest 2019
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 2019

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
TBD

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



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.



USDA RELEASES KEY REPORT ON CANINE IMPORTS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has released a key report finding that over 1 million dogs are imported into the U.S. each year. And, of those one million, less than one percent are subject to thorough health screenings that ensure they are healthy and free of disease before entering the country.

The 2018 Farm Bill provision, which was strongly supported by the National Animal Interest Alliance, directed USDA to coordinate with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to estimate the number of dogs entering into the U.S. each year. All three agencies share some jurisdiction over canine imports; however, the data released today demonstrates little to no oversight exists for 99% of these imports.

With the increase of unscreened dog imports, the U.S. has seen diseases from rabies, to canine influenza, to leptospirosis brought into the country. The publication of this report represents a critical first step in the process to update the current statutory and regulatory framework for dog imports to ensure animal and public health is protected.

NAIA applauds Secretary Sonny Perdue, Under Secretary Greg Ibach, Administrator Kevin Shea, and others at the Department of Agriculture for releasing this critical data to the House and Senate Agriculture Committees. And we are grateful to Representatives David Rouzer of North Carolina, Jim Costa of California, Kurt Schrader of Oregon, Ted Yoho of Florida, Ralph Abraham of Louisiana and Senators David Perdue of Georgia and Bob Casey of Pennsylvania for their efforts on this important issue. **Submitted by Mary Alice Eschweiller**

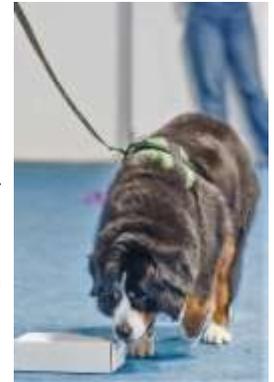


Berner Brags

Yes, you can teach an old dog new tricks! Iris, at age 10 years, ventured into Scent Work. This was new for both of us. Iris loved it! She worked with her usual enthusiasm and enjoyment. Iris earned the Scent Work Container Novice title. Three trials...three passes...new title!! Iris never stops amazing me. She is an absolute dream to work with.

Thank you!

Peggy Granger



BERNERFEST 2019 Wrap-up



Oh that Mother Nature sure likes to play games on our Bernerfest. At least She held-off with the rain in the morning so we could set-up. I need to thank Vicki Koralewski for the gate control job. At the end of the day she handed in donations of \$130.00 for the club. Our newest member Kevin Gasper not only helped set-up and take-down tents

he also groomed dogs between down pours of rain. The games run by Deanna Scott, Nancy Smith and Lisa Patrents went on rain or shine. Our raffle chair Robin Krumnow along with her volunteers Beth & Peter Spano, Jane Hill, Dawn Perry, Kathy Bohm, Stephanie Delmore, Kerry Luderus and Holly Kuettel were very busy selling raffle tickets. The raffle yielded \$730.00. Again this year Holly Kuettel made her famous Berner cookies and all the proceeds were donated back to the club. Cindy Falk our Draft demo person unfortunately had no takers due to the constant rain. Cindy Kummer volunteered to do the CGC testing again this year. A non-member Aaron Krumnow spent the whole day doing doggie massages. The food chairs Ed & Penny Laben again out-did themselves. Their friends Gareth & Cody Trinko provided the clubs lunch with Italian Beef sandwiches. Gareth & Cody generously donated all the proceeds \$208.00 back to the club. If anyone wishes to try more of their delicious items you can go to their restaurant. "Bougey's Bar & Grill" on 16760 W. Greenfield Ave. Brookfield, WI. 262-784-4092.

Thank you to all the volunteers and the spectators who participated in our 2019 Bernerfest,

Kerry Waltersdorf





Sit. Study. Fetch a bachelor's degree in dog training

A four-year program in “canine training and management” officially launched this fall at the State University of New York at Cobleskill amid a surge in demand for specially trained dogs to detect security threats and assist veterans in the wake of 9/11.

While several institutions hand out training certificates and at least one small private college, Bergin University of Canine Studies in Penngrove, California, awards a bachelor's in dog handling, the program at Cobleskill is more ambitious in its scope.

“I do believe this is the first of its kind of this caliber of degree” at a major university, said Nick Hof, chairman of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers.

Professor Stephen Mackenzie, who has trained military and police dogs for 40 years and authored professional manuals on the subject, said he developed Cobleskill's Bachelor of Technology degree partly in response to a heightened demand for dogs capable of sniffing out explosives in the aftermath of Sept. 11.

“The security and working dog industry really expanded” following the attacks, Mackenzie said. Law enforcement agencies also need dogs that can ferret out drugs or to assist in search and rescue. And they need skilled people to raise and train those dogs and the handlers they'll work with.

The need for service dogs trained to assist those with post-traumatic stress disorder or reduced mobility has also expanded as veterans started returning from multiple tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. There's also a growing demand for dogs trained to assist people with autism, seizure disorders, diabetes, impaired vision or hearing, and a range of other conditions, according to Assistance Dogs International, a coalition of programs that train and place service dogs.

Pet owners are also seeking trainers to teach Bailey basic manners, to stop Lucky from lunging on the leash and to generally ensure successful adoptions for shelter dogs. Hof, who does in-home dog training in Cincinnati, Ohio, said demand increases every year for professionals who charge up to \$150 an hour to cultivate companionable canines.

While training is an important part of the degree, Mackenzie said students also take many science courses to learn about dog health, nutrition and genetics at the century-old agricultural college sprawled across 900 acres (3.5 square kilometers) in central New York. The degree program will build on work with canines already underway at the school.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates there were about 14,300 animal trainers in the U.S. in 2016, up from 10,000 in 2013. The number of training jobs is expected to increase 22% from 2016 to 2026.



Cobleskill's canine program was a major deciding factor in choosing a college, said undergrad Jessie Show, who grew up near Scranton, Pennsylvania. She said she plans to train service dogs for people with physical handicaps.

“You see a lot of online certificates or self-taught individuals” doing dog training, Show said. “Here, we're learning from experts in the field. Dr. Mackenzie is world-renowned for temperament testing, and he instills his knowledge on us.”

Show spent the spring semester working with Luna, whose owner does research on a fungus that afflicts golf greens. She taught Luna to find a fungus sample placed in one of four boxes. On a recent afternoon, Luna streaked into a training room to sniff a line of boxes, leaping to catch a ball that Show released when she chose correctly.



“We try to find where each dog is best fit for their personality and temperament,” Show said. “Luna isn't spectacular at obedience, but she's very dedicated in a detection search.”

The dogs, about 50 new ones each semester, are volunteered by members of the college faculty and the community. There's a diversity of breeds, including border collies, spaniels, German shepherds and poodles. Some have behavior problems the students work to resolve.

The program requires a 600-hour internship at a dog-related business, such as Guiding Eyes for the Blind, the American Kennel Club Headquarters or Search Dog Foundation.

“There are many people who don't have college degrees and are very successful in the dog industry,” Mackenzie said. “But if you want a balance of science mixed with hands-on experience, and if you're going to go to college anyway, this is a really good option if you want to work with dogs.”





Photos provided by Kerry Waltersdorf



2019 Oconomowoc Christmas Parade





THIS DAY IN HISTORY: DECEMBER 10TH- THE DOG THAT CAUSED A RIOT

From "Today I Found Out"

On December 10, 1907, a reported thousand men, many medical students, marched through London defending the practice of surgery on live animals (vivisection). This demonstration ended in Trafalgar Square when the police charged the rioters on horseback, culminating in a street battle of several hours' duration. Incredibly, all of this ire was directed at a small statue of a terrier erected in memory of a dog that had died under inhumane circumstances in 1902.

The saga began when a small brown terrier was used in an illegal vivisection by physiologists Edward Starling and William Bayliss at University College London. In the presence of 60 medical students, the inadequately anaesthetized animal was cut open, and deprived of the function of its pancreas. Instead of being put down in accordance with the Cruelty to Animals Act, the animal was kept alive, wailing pitifully for weeks until it was used in a further experiment (to prove the results of the first) on February 3, 1903.

Dr. Starling cut the dog open again and inspected the results of the previous experiment, a process that took about 45 minutes. The terrier was then brought into the lecture hall and strapped on its back to an operating table. With its legs and head clamped and mouth muzzled, the animal endured another incision as it struggled helplessly against the restraints. The wound was stimulated with electricity in an effort to prove salivary pressure was independent of blood pressure.

The experiment was a failure, and a medical student, future Nobel laureate Henry Dale, put the poor dog out of its misery by putting a knife through its heart.

Unfortunately for those responsible for this act of cruelty, two animal rights activists from Sweden, Lizzy Lind af Hageby and Leisa Schartau, had enrolled in medical school solely for the purpose of exposing the cruelty of vivisection. When the women exposed the doctors at UCL, they sued for libel claiming they were within the law. They won the court case.

The battle of public opinion was another thing. The anti-vivisectionists decided to take up a collection and use the funds to erect a statue in memory of the poor little dog so ill-used in the name of medicine.

Batterslea agreed to provide a spot for it, and in September 1906, the memorial was unveiled. A plaque bearing this inscription read:

In memory of the brown terrier dog done to death in the laboratories of University College in February 1903, after having endured vivisection extending over more than two months and having been handed over from one vivisector to another



till death came to his release. Also in memory of the 232 dogs vivisected at the same place during the year 1902. Men and women of England, how long shall these things be?

This insult to the doctors really got their knickers in a twist. When legal efforts to have the statue removed failed, "anti-doggers" made attempts to destroy it themselves, necessitating 24-hour surveillance to prevent acts of vandalism upon it. Finally, upper-class medical students and doctors were swarming the streets of London with sledgehammers because of a small statue of a little brown dog.

Was it really that cut and dried?

Probably not, considering the political climate of the time. The anti-vivisection lobby had a high overlap with another controversial special interest political group – the women's suffrage movement. Of course, not all anti-vivisectionists were suffragists, but medical students used anti-suffrage sentiment to gain support for their crusade against the brown dog statue. In the end, most all of the "anti-dogger" medical students were men, while the majority of the anti-vivisectionists were women.

The statue was ultimately removed on March 10, 1910 due to all the controversy and the mounting police costs to protect it from constant attempts to destroy and deface it. Removing the statue in turn gave rise to protests by people wanting the statue put back. But after it was completely destroyed, those protests died down. A new version of the statue was later put up on December 12, 1985, funded by the National Anti-Vivisection Society and the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection. It was briefly removed in 1992, but relocated to a more secluded location in 1994 in the Woodland Walk of Battersea Park.



FDA Warns Dog Owners to Stop Feeding Pig Ear Dog Treats Over Salmonella Concerns

- Do not feed any pig ear treats to your dog
- Both dogs and humans can get sick from handling or eating pig ear treats

New concerns are surfacing about pig ear dog treats. The [U.S. Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are investigating a few strains of Salmonella suspected to be contaminating pig ear treats and infecting people who handle them. The FDA pig ear alert on July 31 advised dog owners to stop feeding pig ears to their pets completely. As of September 5, the CDC reports 143 people infected from 35 states, with 33 people hospitalized. The CDC notes that *many of these cases are drug-resistant*, although fortunately, no one has died.

If you have pig ear treats on hand, throw them away immediately in a wrapped, secure container that wild animals can't access. Wash your hands thoroughly and make sure to disinfect any surfaces the pig ear treats touched to avoid cross-contamination.





BMDCSEW ANNUAL MEETING

"The Pros and Cons of Early Spay/Neutering"

Presented by:

Dr. Erika Romman of Delavan Lakes Veterinary Clinic



The American Kennel Club Celebrates 1 Million Dogs Passing AKC's Canine Good Citizen Test

By [Samantha Seymour](#) Aug 14, 2019

The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest purebred dog registry and leading advocate for dogs, is celebrating one million dogs passing their AKC Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) Test. The millionth dog to pass the test was a Bernese Mountain Dog named Fiona who is owned by Nora Pavone from Brooklyn, NY. Fiona attended instructor Kate Naito's CGC classes at Brooklyn's Doggie Academy as the initial step toward her future role as a grief therapy dog in nursing homes.

"We are very proud of Fiona and the other hundreds of thousands of dogs that have passed the CGC test," said Mary Burch, PhD, Director of the Canine Good Citizen Program. "Many of these dogs go on for additional training to make a difference in the lives of others."

Started in 1989, AKC's Canine Good Citizen Program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and good manners for dogs. The 10-step test consists of basic commands and actions like accepting a friendly stranger, sitting, staying, coming when called, walking through a crowd, and behaving politely around other dogs, among others. All dogs who pass the test may receive a certificate from the AKC.

"A million CGC dogs is an amazing milestone. The program has done so much good, from helping dog owners teach their pet good manners to rehabilitating dogs that have had behavioral issues," said Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President of AKC Sports & Events. "CGC instructors can be justifiably proud of

the great work they have done for dogs and their owners."

The Canine Good Citizen Program has been adopted and utilized for many activities that require basic good citizen behavior. CGC training and titles are used as a prerequisite by therapy dog groups. Many service dog organizations start their dogs with CGC training, and shelter organizations are utilizing the "CGC Ready" program to demonstrate that their rescue dogs are good citizens. Several dog daycare facilities train dogs for the test and 4-H clubs around the country have been using CGC as a beginning dog training program. Other countries (including Korea, India, England, Australia, Japan, Hungary, Denmark, Sweden, Canada, and Finland) have developed CGC programs based on the AKC's Program.

Legislative Resolutions endorsing the CGC program as a way of teaching responsible dog ownership and canine good manners have been passed in 48 states, and police and animal control agencies use the CGC program for dealing with dog problems in communities. In addition, some homeowner's insurance companies encourage CGC testing, and an increasing number of apartments, condos and businesses require that resident dogs pass the CGC test.

More information about the AKC Canine Good Citizen Program can be found at: <https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/>





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

Proposed 2019 SENATE BILL 478 an act to amend 173.41 (15) (b) 1. and 173.41 (15) (c); and to create 173.41 (9m) and 173.41 (15) (am) of the statutes; relating to: sales of dogs and cats by pet stores and providing a penalty.

<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/related/proposals/sb478.pdf>



[Where is Your Dog on the Canine Family Tree?](#)

“A dog reflects the family life. Whoever saw a frisky dog in a gloomy family, or a sad dog in a happy one? Snarling people have snarling dogs, dangerous people have dangerous ones.”

— Arthur Conan Doyle,

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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

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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 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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