



# BerNews

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## ***Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Greater Twin Cities***

*The BMDCGTC was formed in 1988 to help promote the best possible breeding, training, health, and well-being of the purebred Bernese Mountain Dog.*

## **President's Letter**

*-Micky Trent (Merlin, Cammie & Viva)*

Rejoice Berners! Fall is coming and cooler weather is on the way. Summer was hot this year and July and August were slow months for club activities. The weather cooperated to give us a beautiful morning for our Regional Specialty on August 26<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the St. Croix Club's cluster of shows in August. Over 60 Bernese Mountain dogs came to participate. Special thanks to Sharon Krantz, Julie Latterall, Karen Johnson, Nancy Mayer, Sarah Tennessen, Sarah Reischel and Catherine Fors for organizing and putting on a great show, raffle and banquet! Many club members came to watch, and we hope that you all enjoyed the event. Our specialty was followed by 2 more days of all breed shows and a 3<sup>rd</sup> show day for working breeds, so it was a big weekend for Berners. We held a general club meeting on Saturday after selection of best of breed.

This Fall will be a busy time for the club, with lots of opportunities to learn and play. We had a booth at the AKC Responsible Dog Owner Day on 9/10 at Washington County Fairgrounds. This event promotes responsible health and mental care for dogs and includes opportunities to learn about many breeds' issues related to their care. The BMDCGTC Health and Wellness Day was held on 9/24 at Inver Grove Heights Animal Hospital. This event provided an opportunity for club members to get many important health screens for your dogs. And you can't miss our two-day Draft Test at Hanson Park in New Brighton on October 22 and 23! What better way to learn about one of the traditional activities of Berners? Please consider volunteering to help with this activity. It is a great way to see an event and serve the club at the same time. We will be holding a Club meeting at 2:00 on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> in conjunction with the Draft Test at Hanson Park. Even if you can't stay for the whole Test, come catch some of Saturday and stay for the meeting. If you are interested in a position on the BMDCGTC Board, nominations will be taken at the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting. Stay tuned for more events and don't forget to check out the Event page on the club website for details. Enjoy the cooler weather!

**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Greater Twin Cities  
Minutes: General Membership Meeting  
Washington County Fairgrounds, Lake Elmo  
August 27, 2011**

**Call to Order at 9:40 A.M. Quorum: Yes**

Minutes of the last meeting will be presented at the next meeting.

**Report of President:** Micky Trent thanked Sharon Kranz and all the committee chairs and helpers for our Regional Specialty on August 26.

Our first agility trial in conjunction with the BMDCA was a success and was chaired by Kris Osojiniki. The club will end up earning about \$2000 on this event. Thank you and great job to Kris and others that helped with the trial.

Responsible Dog Owners Day will be at the Washington County Fairgrounds on September 10. Please participate if you can, as we need people to be at our booth and to do draft demonstrations.

Our Draft test will be on October 22 & 23. We can use many volunteers. Talk to Denise McCabe for arrangements.

Health and Wellness day is coming up soon, on September 24. We will have a date arranged for Winterfest soon.

**Report of Secretary:** Karen Johnson

**Report of Treasurer:** Denise McCabe no report at this meeting

**Report of Committees:**

Rescue-Coleen Carroll

Playpals-Marilyn Blake,

Newsletter-Shannon Cihlar-Shannon can use items for the newsletter, which will be coming out soon.

Breeder Referral-Deb Wilkins

Public Education-Julie Latteral

RCC-Micky Trent

Website

Historian

Legislative-Debby Wilkins

Membership-Susan Acklen-The directory has been put together and it is ready to go out to the membership.

Trophy- Karen Johnson & Sarah Tennessen

Ways & Means-Sarah Tennessen

**Unfinished Business:**

We will continue the process of working toward accreditation with the AKC. Next item is to plan an A match.

**Meeting Minutes cont.****New Business:**

A vacancy on the Board of Directors has been filled by Julie Latterell, who was appointed by the Board.

Karen Johnson mentioned seeing a kennel club website that had a section with club members doing activities with their dogs. She felt this may be a way to demonstrate online some of the many activities that we do with our dogs.

**With no other business presented, adjournment called at 9:55 AM on a motion by Susan Acklen and a second by Sarah Tennesen.**

Braggs noted

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Johnson, Secretary



## Pumpkin Wafers Dog Treats      300° - 15-20 mins

2 - 15 oz cans mashed pure pumpkin

¾ cup cream of wheat (or rice cereal if wheat-sensitive-no need to cook it first)

¾ cup oatmeal

1 cup dry powdered milk

Mix all ingredients together. Drop small spoonfuls (I use about half of a tablespoon) onto a lightly greased cookie sheet.

If you'd like to make bite sized cookies for small dogs, training rewards or just small treats, you can use a [pastry bag](#) and squeeze out rosettes about the size of a dime for tasty bite sized cookies!

(This pumpkin dog treat is loaded with Beta carotene and anti-oxidants especially vitamins C and E. These vitamins help to lower cancer risk, cataracts and heart disease.)

Special thanks to Nancy Mayer for this wonderful recipe. Look for more recipes in upcoming newsletters!



## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual BMDCA Draft Test Hosted by BMDCGTC



### October 22 and 23, 2011 Hanson Park

Entries close October 12, 2011

Join us for a fall weekend in a beautiful park. Lunch will be a potluck both days. Whether you are competing, volunteering or just coming to watch, please plan to bring your favorite dish to share. The pavilion has electricity, but please bring an extension cord as outlets are scattered throughout the room. The club will provide plates, eating utensil, pop, water, coffee and hot cider.

Please contact Carol Manley at [bcmanley@brainerd.net](mailto:bcmanley@brainerd.net) to let her know what you are planning to bring. We look forward to seeing many of you for a beautiful fall day watching our Berners work.

### Club Calendar of Events

October-December

October 8

PlayPals

Location TBA

October 8 – 9

Wright County KC Show

Hutchinson, MN

October 22 – 23

BMDGTC All-Breed Draft Test

New Brighton, MN with club meeting to follow on Saturday

October 29 – 30

BMDCNI Regional Specialty

Woodstock, IL

November 12

PlayPals

Location TBA

November 12 – 13

Minneapolis KC Show

Shakopee, MN

December 10 – 11

Granite City KC Show

St. Cloud, MN

December 10

PlayPals

Location TBA

December 17

Winterfest/Annual Club Meeting

Mahtomedi, MN

**NOTE:** For the most up-to-date info on upcoming club events check out the club events calendar at [www.twincitiesbmd.org](http://www.twincitiesbmd.org)

## Responsible Dog Owner Day and the Canine Experience

*By Julie Latterell*



On September 10<sup>th</sup>, dog owners and potential dog owners from across the Twin Cities gathered at the Washington County fairgrounds to share information with one another. Attendees enjoyed the lovely late-summer weather and the camaraderie brought about by a shared love of dogs!

St. Croix Valley Kennel Club, an all-breed dog club, hosted the event and put together an outstanding array of events, canine service providers and local breed clubs to offer a little bit of something for everyone. September is AKC's Responsible Dog Owner month. Dog clubs across the country put on literally 100's of RDOD events throughout the month to help educate people about responsible dog ownership. For those on hand in Lake Elmo that wanted to learn more about showing their dogs, they offered a handling class, as well as an actual Match for people and handlers to get some in-ring show experience. They had rings set up so people and their dogs could give agility, rally, or obedience a try.

People were there to help unravel the mysteries of dog-grooming and coat care. Stillwater Vet Clinic was on-hand to provide low-cost microchipping and organizers also managed to fit in a Canine Good Citizen Test as well!!

People who were interested in learning more about a particular breed got the opportunity to talk to local breed clubs and actually meet some of the dogs they were considering up close and personal! There were even some rare breed dogs on hand that even those of us that are dog-savvy hadn't heard of...



**Agility practice for handlers of all-ages**



**Rare breed, Berger Picard and info board about the breed**

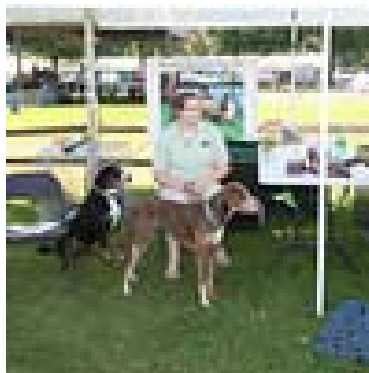
BMDCGTC Club members were kept busy answering questions from folks stopping by who were both interested in learning more about the breed, or sharing stores of love and loss of a Berner they



*Quite the diversity in sizes in the Hound group!*

shared their lives with and miss. There was also plenty of opportunity to provide info to people who came with their Berner, but weren't aware of the local club and wide array of activities we offer Berner owners!

Even though our club was in theory a Berner booth, we also were able to provide an example of another Mountain Dog breed, the Appenzeller Mountain Dog and a Catahoula dog.



*BMDCGTC Board and club member, Sarah Reischel  
with her Appenzeller Mountain Dog, Ganter  
and her Catahoula dog, Seek*

Many thanks to club members Susan Acklen and Tim Staples, Sarah and Lynn Reischel, Sherry Gydessen, Erika and Ray Westfield and Denise McCabe, who volunteered for part of the day at the booth, or just came to hang out with the fun Berner crowd congregated at our booth.

We hope to see many more BMDCGTC club members at the event next year! It's a great opportunity to see what fun things there are to do with your dog.

## BMDCGTC Regional Specialty August 26, 2011

On Friday, August 26, the BMDCGTC held their fourth annual regional specialty followed by a very well attended banquet. Many thanks to all the volunteers and the participants. We couldn't do it without all of you! Following are the results of club members and their dogs.

### *Puppy Sweepstakes:*

#### *Puppy Bitches 6 mos and under 9 mos:*

2<sup>nd</sup> place—Castle Mtn's Lady Antebellum, owner Lenora Horn and Sandra Wagner

3<sup>rd</sup> place—Snowbound's Moonlight Basin, owner Sarah Tennesen

#### *Puppy Bitches 9 mos and under 12 mos:*

2<sup>nd</sup> place—Anastasia's Forget-Me-Not, owner Mary & Bethany Pearson and Natalie Ellis-Rake

3<sup>rd</sup> place—Northfork's Happy New Year, owner Karen Stromgren Johnson & Jerry Johnson



***Snowbound's Moonlight Basin***

### *Regular Classes*

#### *Puppy Dogs 9 mos and under 12 mos*

1<sup>st</sup> place—Wemja Wood's Northern Defender, owner Darwin Missling

#### *Bred by Exhibitor Dogs*

2<sup>nd</sup> place—Northfork Name of the Game, owner Karen Stromgren Johnson and Jerry Johnson

#### *Open Dogs*

2<sup>nd</sup> place—Bugziere's Jetten to the Top, owner James Coleman and Sue Wellenstein

3<sup>rd</sup> place—Shepherdspatch Mr. Fibber McGee, owner Julie Latterell

4<sup>th</sup> place—Snowbound's Get Over It, owner Susan Acklen, Tim Staples, & Sarah Tennesen

#### *Puppy Bitches 6 mos and under 9 mos*

1<sup>st</sup> place—Northfork's Happy New Year, owner Karen Stromgren Johnson & Jerry Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup> place—Anastasia's Forget-Me-Not

3<sup>rd</sup> place—Wemja Woods Zest for Life, owner Jen & Brian Heriot and Darwin Missling

#### *Bred by Exhibitor Bitches*

3<sup>rd</sup> place—Northfork Super Trouper, owner Karen Stromgren Johnson and Russell Johnson

4<sup>th</sup> place—Snowbound's Goodnight Moon, owner Sarah Tennesen

*Regional Specialty con't.**American Bred Bitches*

1<sup>st</sup> place—Bernergardens I Like a Dag, owner Coleen Carroll and Julie Kittilson

*Open Bitches*

1<sup>st</sup> place—Zanzebern Remember Mtn Spirit, owner Sarah Tennesen

4<sup>th</sup> place—Bernergardens Poison Ivy, owner Deborah Galuk & Coleen Carroll

*Veteran Dog 9 years and under 11 years*

1<sup>st</sup> place and AOM—Ch. Country Wings No More Credit, owner Doug Hildre & Ondrea Hildre

*Veteran Bitches 7 years and under 9 years*

1<sup>st</sup> place—Ch. Dou-Hil's a Lucious Dream, owner Sandra and Lenora Horn

2<sup>nd</sup> place—Dou-Hil's Attitudeiseverything, owner Coleen Carroll

*Veteran Bitches 9 years and under 11 years*

1<sup>st</sup> place—Stonehill's Bright Mesaverde, owner Lisa and Steve Fosdick



**Stonehill's Bright Mesaverde**



**Dou-Hil's Attitudeiseverything**

## Annual Club Elections

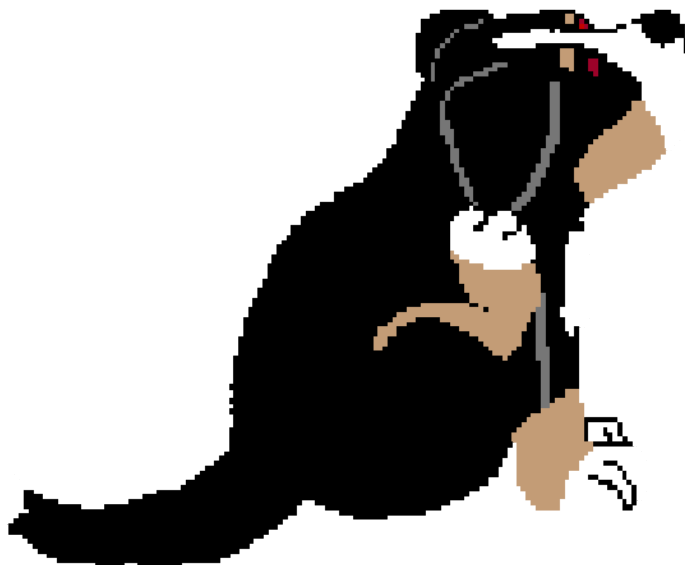
Every year in December at the annual meeting, new board members are voted on, as the positions open. We currently have two-year terms for president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and five board positions. This year the open positions are president, treasurer and two board members. Nominations will be taken at the next club meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup> (2:00 after the Draft Test). If you would like to run for a position on the board, we would love to know.

## Health and Wellness Day

On Saturday, September 24, 2011, the club held a health and wellness day with CERF eye exams, cardiac exams, hip and elbow x-rays, discounted von Willebrand and degenerative myelopathy tests, and microchipping as well as blood draws and cheek swabs for submission to Berner-Garde. We had approximately 35 participants and several different breeds attended in addition to the many Berners.

## Next Club Meeting

Our next club meeting will be held on October 22, 2011, at the Hansen Park in New Brighton, following the draft test. Watch for emails and check the club website for time. Anyone interested in running for a club officer position should be sure to attend this meeting.



# Calling All New Title Holders

It's that time of year again. If you have earned an AKC title, drafting or herding title, CGC or therapy dog title in 2011, please let me know. If your dog is a veteran (7 and older), let me know that too. Watch for more details on the annual awards gathering.

Please send the appropriate information to:

Shannon Cihlar

1748 Co. Rd. 88 SW

Alexandria, MN 56308

Tel: 320-283-5378

E-mail: kscope@runestone.net

**DEADLINE: December 12, 2011**

**Name of owner(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

*If dog is co-owned it must live in the household of member receiving award*

**Phone Number/E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Name of dog \_\_\_\_\_

Call Name of dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Title Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Title Rec'd** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

The following titles are eligible for awards: AKC, CKC, or BMDCA

Champion

Agility Titles

Drafting Titles

Tracking Titles

Therapy Dog

Obedience Titles

Canine Good Citizen (CGC)

Herding Titles

Rally Obedience Titles

We will also be honoring all veterans. If you have a veteran (7 years or older) in your household, please let us know.

Name of dog(s) and date of birth:

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## Club Officers

### President

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### Secretary

Karen Johnson

### Treasurer

Denise McCabe

### Board Members:

Shannon Cihlar  
Laura Fourre  
Sarah Reischel  
Sarah Tennessen

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