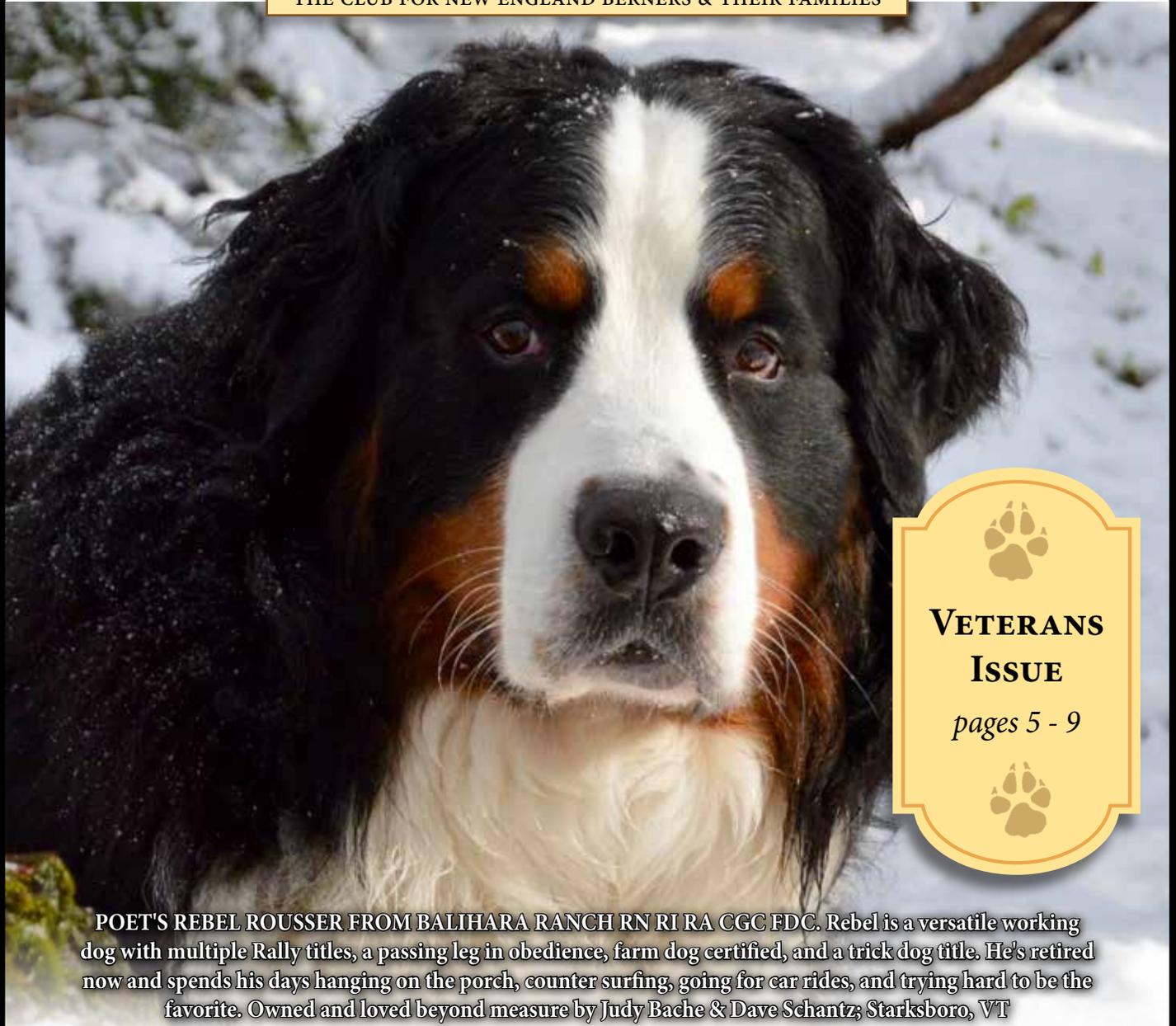


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THE CLUB FOR NEW ENGLAND BERNERS & THEIR FAMILIES





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**POET'S REBEL ROUSSER FROM BALIHARA RANCH RN RI RA CGC FDC.** Rebel is a versatile working dog with multiple Rally titles, a passing leg in obedience, farm dog certified, and a trick dog title. He's retired now and spends his days hanging on the porch, counter surfing, going for car rides, and trying hard to be the favorite. Owned and loved beyond measure by Judy Bache & Dave Schantz; Starksboro, VT

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**BMDCNV**  
*Calendar of Events*

~ 2022 ~

March 5

**BMDCNV Regional Specialty**

CT Working Dog Show  
West Springfield, MA

March 6

**Supported Entry with Sweepstakes**

CT Working Dog Show  
West Springfield, MA

April 24

**Annual Meeting**

May 21

**Spring Fun Day**

Middlesex County 4H Fair  
Westford, MA

June 4

**Supported Entry with Sweepstakes**

Ladies' Dog Club, Inc  
Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds  
Wrentham, MA

September 24

**Fall Fun Day**

Middlesex County 4H Fair  
Westford, MA

FMI: [www.bmdcnv.org/events.html](http://www.bmdcnv.org/events.html)

# Welcome! New Members

Alisa & Sandeep Akkaraju  
Wellesley, MA

Christine Knudsen  
Madison, CT

Matthew Bachmann &  
Rachel Prentki  
Medford, MA

Marketa Matejcik  
Lexington, MA

Colleen Bresnahan &  
Ben Digiammo  
Westfield, MA

## Returning Members

Cindy Buhner  
Harvard, MA

Caleigh Brown  
Attleboro, MA

Roberta French &  
Charlie White  
Sandwich, NH

Allison Gray  
Wellfleet, MA

Steven & Ana Tankanow  
Worcester, MA

Sheila Hastie  
White River Junction, VT

Leslie W. Johnson  
Tamworth, NH



## • • SAVE THE DATE • •

### Supported Entry with Sweepstakes

June 4, 2022

Ladies Dog Club, Inc  
Wrentham, MA

**Closing Date: May 18, 2022**

JUDGE: MS. PEGGY BEISEL-McILWAINE  
SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE: SUSAN VANOCKER

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**BMDCNV REGIONAL SPECIALTY  
SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2022**

**4 SHOWS  
2 DAYS!!**

**WEST SPRINGFIELD, MA  
DESIGNATED SPECIALTY WITH THE  
CT RIVER WORKING GROUP ASSOCIATION**

**ALWAYS  
MAJORS!!**

**BREED JUDGE: MR. ANDY RITTER  
SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE: MRS. JANICE BANN**

**BEST PUPPY, BEST BRED-BY-EXHIBITOR, BEST VETERAN**

**BMDCNV SUPPORTED ENTRY  
SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022**

**SUPPORTING THE ENTRY AT THE CT RIVER WORKING GROUP ASSOCIATION**

**BREED JUDGE: MRS. STEPHANIE HAMBLIN BARNHILL  
SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE: MS. KIM HOLMES**

**CT RIVER WORKING GROUP ASSOCIATION  
BOTH DAYS 4-6 MONTH PUPPY AND NOHS COMPETITION**

**SAT & SUN 2 ALL BREED SHOWS SAME LOCATION  
First Company Governor's Foot Guard Athletic Association**

**\*SAVE THE DATE\***  
**Supported Entry with Sweepstakes**  
**Saturday, June 4, 2022**  
**Ladies' Dog Club, Inc**  
**Wrentham, MA**

# 2022 BMDCNV Elections

## Nominating Slate

The Nominating Committee of the BMDCNV has completed its candidate search for positions with scheduled vacancies for the 2022 BMDCNV Board of Directors.

We are pleased to nominate:

### OFFICERS:

President: **Mary Durham**  
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### DIRECTORS:

Director: **Allison Harding**  
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Director: **Melissa George**  
Alton Bay, NH 03810-4439

### THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Lloyd Jones, Chair

Jeff Nowak

Bill Wilczek

First Alternate: Lynn Jones

Second Alternate: Anya Wittenborg

Each candidate has accepted their nomination; and agreed to make every effort to attend all board meetings and annual meetings during their term which begins at the Annual Meeting April 24, 2022. Each has a two-year term ending at the Annual Meeting of 2024 (date TBD).

This is also a reminder that additional nominations of any eligible member for open Officer and Director positions may be made by any club member in good standing. A written petition must be submitted to the Secretary at least 8 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting (April 24). Each petition must be accompanied by the written acceptance of the nominee signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate and, if elected, to attend all Board Meetings and Annual Meetings during the term. A candidate questionnaire is also available from the Secretary, and it is suggested you provide that as well. Written petitions are due February 27. Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, [secretary@bmdcnv.org](mailto:secretary@bmdcnv.org). Thank you.

— Julie Mott; Secretary, BMDCNV

## Submitting Info to the Blatt is EASY!

The BernerBlatt is your newsletter and we love your submissions! Birthdays, memorials, brags, and anything you think is interesting to the members is not only easy, but it's also recommended and encouraged. Type your message in the body of an email and attach your favorite, high-resolution jpeg photo.

Be sure to include complete name(s) and city, state where you live. That's it! We'll do the rest.

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2022 Berner Blatt monthly issues will be distributed in accordance with the schedule below. Please plan to submit your announcements, ads, articles, birthdays, etc issue to: [bernerblatt@bmdcnv.org](mailto:bernerblatt@bmdcnv.org).

Winter  
Spring  
Summer  
Fall

\* Additional issues will continue for special event coverage such as the Annual Meeting, Berner Inc., and Annual Veterans issue.



# HONORING OUR VETERANS

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noun \ˈve-tə-rən, ˈve-trən\

For competition purposes, dogs are considered veterans at age seven.

Veteran's ages shown were determined as of December 31, 2020

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**Callie**  
04/21/13



**Favorite treat:** Homemade cookies  
**My BMD loves to:** Belly rubs  
Callie has amazed me by all the accomplishments she has made over the years. She is so sweet and loving, always by my side, eager to please.  
- Barbara Morss; Rochester, MA

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**Dalton**  
06/13/14



**Favorite treat:** Cheese please!  
**My BMD loves to:** Be on Barbie's lap.  
GCH Tennescott White Mtns Dalton CD RE MDD ANDD ABNDD FDC CGC VD has done it all and is our 4th generation BMDCA Versatility Dog.  
- Barbie Beck-Wilczek & Bill Wilczek; Littleton, NH

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**Fiona**  
08/22/14



**Favorite Treat:** Food, all food  
**My BMD loves to:** Eat Food  
Fiona is the youngest with two older brothers from different mothers. She is sassy and demanding. She loves to greet us when we get home or when we come downstairs in the morning. She is our happy-go-lucky lady who always makes us smile.  
- Judy Bache & Dave Schantz; Starksboro, VT

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**Jackson**  
08/25/14



**Favorite Treat:** Pizza Crust & Popcorn  
**My BMD loves to:** Goode you  
Hickory's Expect the Unexpected. At 8 Jackson is a little stiff but still acts like a puppy. Loves his toys and barks with such joy. Holds the title of the loudest dog in the neighborhood. Love our big boy.  
- Vicki Fallin & Bruce Hallden; Cromwell CT

7

**Moose**  
06/01/14



**Favorite treat:** PIZZA  
**My BMD loves to:** Go for hikes  
Moose changed our lives forever. He was always handicapable, not handicapped. Always ready to go, no matter what, and to let people know he's here! Woof! Woof!  
- Ray & Allison Harding; Upton, MA

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**Odin**  
04/09/14



**Favorite treat:** Anything but vegetables  
**My BMD loves to:** Cuddle with Mom on the sofa  
Odin worked hard his first year learning his dog manners so he could do what he does best, making people smile. He has the special ability to find the person in a crowd that most needs to pet him. He loves long car rides, short walks, and people watching.  
- Jane & Dennis Boas; Leominster, MA

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**Teagan**  
06/28/14



**Favorite Treat:** Cookies  
**My BMD loves to:** Hug  
Teagan has her CGC and RN. She follows Bill where ever he goes, she is his heart dog. She is sweet, smart, and loving. Still can chase a bunny like she is two. There is nothing better than a hug and some cuddles from Teagan. Love her!  
- Bill & Stephanie Freeman; North Chelmsford, MA

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**Trinity**  
06/21/14



**Favorite Treat:** swordfish  
**My BMD loves to:** do nosework  
Betruf Celtic Trinity (CGC, CGCA, TKP, FDC, RN, SIA, SEA, SCA, NW3 Elite) is a therapy dog who loves nosework, freestyle dance, performing tricks, and rocking costumes in contests/parades. With her sweet disposition and beautiful smile, she is the apple of our eye and on Apple TV (Little Voice).  
- Nancy & Linda Bates; Old Orchard Beach, ME

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*"We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals"*

— Immanuel Kant

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**Dakin**  
10/23/13



**Favorite treat:** tater tots, pizza crust, string cheese

**My BMD loves to:** roll in the snow and bark Belnois Snowed In At Crmsnhvst RN is a true lover of snow. His favorite thing to do is make snow angels and collect snowballs in his thick coat! Dakin is happiest when he is with his family, whether it be "working", snuggling on the couch, or relaxing in the yard.

— Matt & Melissa George & Susan Morrill; Alton Bay, NH

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**Jada**  
05/17/13



**Favorite treat:** Pizza

**My BMD loves to:** Hunt porcupines

Jada is extremely energetic and youthful and still lives up to her nickname Jumping Jubilant JayJay! At 8 1/2 years of age, she earned her NDD this summer and is enjoying drafting during her retirement from her other performance sports!

— Lauralyn Brown; Millers Falls, MA

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**Rebel**  
11/14/13



**Favorite treat:** Food, all food

**My BMD loves to:** be naughty

Rebel is the smart one of the bunch. Multiple Rally titles, a passing leg in obedience, farm dog certified, and a trick dog title. He's retired now and spends his days hanging on the porch, counter surfing, going for car rides, and trying hard to be the favorite.

— Judy Bache & Dave Schantz; Starksboro, VT

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**Rocket**  
07/20/13



**Favorite treat:** Homemade Liver TREATS

**My BMD loves to:** Ride in the Car

Our Funny dude! He's quite bossy as he ages. He woofs for everything. He demands that I go upstairs with him to "put him to bed" after dinner every night. He expects car rides every morning with his Dad for an extra treat. He kisses noses too...Big Lover Boy!

— Jo Coniglio; North Kingstown, RI

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**Rogue**  
05/26/13-12/13/21



**Favorite treat:** plain munchkins

**My BMD loves to:** Rogue will forever be my heart dog. I miss him so much. The thing he loved most is being with me and his absence makes me realize the feeling was mutual. He loved snuggling and I miss his snuggles the most.

— Carolyn Massey; Billerica, MA

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**Ursli Firn**  
02/16/13



**Favorite treat:** Cheese

**My BMD loves to:** Do agility!

Ursli Firn AXP AJP NFP NDD CGC. People will often admire Firn and ask how old she is. When I say "8" they say "oh, 8 months" and I have to tell them it's years. Often they can't believe it. Firn just earned her Novice Draft Dog title! She is a loving joy, our Baby Bear.

— Paul Emerson & Mary Durham; Groton, Massachusetts

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**Felix**  
10/02/12



**Favorite treat:** Cod Fish Skins

**My BMD loves to:** go for car rides

Ch. Coursallagh's Never Say Never, Felix, introduced me to the greater Berner community through AKC Conformation shows. He is a Champion but is mostly just my big goofy Berner boy. He recently turned 9 and I feel blessed every day with him.

— Judy Bache & Dave Schantz; Starksboro, VT

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**Heidi**  
03/20/12



**Favorite treat:** Cheese

**My BMD loves to:** Tunnel under things

Miroco Heidi Deux Picot. Sweet, gentle with everyone and everything. Great Auntie to new fur family members teaching them all the "house Rules".

— Linda Kipperman; Enfield, NH

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*“Blessed is the person who earns the love of an old dog”*

— Sidney Jeanne Seward

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**Keiko**  
11/21/12



**Favorite treat:** Cheese & cookies  
**My BMD loves to:** Bark  
Keiko is the queen of our house.  
— *Tressy & Cory Manning; Barnard, VT*

9

**Laukie**  
11/07/12



**Favorite treat:** Cheese please!  
**My BMD loves to:** Cart  
Tennescott White Mtns Moosilauke CDX RN DD ANDD ABNDD FDC CGC, aka Laukie, has been a wonderful performance and therapy dog. While carting, he and Bill are well known at local farmers' markets. Laukie and Barbie have touched many hearts with his therapy dog work.  
— *Barbie Beck-Wilczek & Bill Wilczek; Littleton, NH*

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**Marco**  
04/06/12-07/21



**Favorite treat:** Marco loved his cheese!!!!  
**My BMD loves to:** snuggle  
Windbeam's Thundercloud "Marco". We lost Marco in July 2021 at 9 yrs.3 mo. old.  
— *Neal & Carol Jensen; Cromwell, CT*

9

**MiaBella**  
03/06/12



**Favorite treat:** Cheese  
**My BMD loves to:** Car rides to new destinations.  
Glenmegan's "Key to Our Hearts" is certainly fitting! MiaBella is such a sweet girl—very calming and affectionate and a bit of a diva. She's definitely the queen of our home!  
— *Chuck & MaryAnn Burout; Bedford, New Hampshire*

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**Moriah**  
11/07/12



**Favorite treat:** Leftover salmon skin  
**My BMD loves to:** Go for her daily sunrise walks with Dan  
Tennescott White Mtns Moriah CD BN GCG RAE NAP DD ANDD DD BNDD WD Mom to 21 pups in just 2 litters, and at 9 yrs old completed 2 novice brace draft tests with her daughter. Always willing, happy, and waggy, we love this veteran girl.  
— *Buffy & Dan Bell; Reading, VT*

9

**Parker**  
12/03/12



**Favorite treat:** Pizza crust  
**My BMD loves to:** Walk in the woods, be anywhere we are  
Parker is a great girl, our first top producer of champions, a supreme counter surfer, excellent couch cuddler, and grand lady of the house! She adores time at the office or out and about for some socializing.  
— *Dayna & Scott Merrow; Mahopac, NY*

9

**Stoli**  
4/6/2012-5/8/2021



**Favorite treat:** Scrambled eggs  
**My BMD loves to:** To cuddle  
Glenmegan's "Key to our Hearts" is Windbeams Expect the Unexpected. We were so lucky to have him. A sweet loving boy who just wanted to be with his people. He took a large piece of my heart with him. See you in heaven my big boy.  
— *Vicki Fallin & Bruce Hallden; Cromwell, CT*

9

**Teddy**  
12/28/12



**Favorite treat:** A meaty bone  
**My BMD loves to:** Learn a new trick  
Tennescott White Mtns Moriah CD CGC BN Steadfast Bright Light Prince Theodore / Teddy is the 2021 AKC Award for Canine Excellence Therapy Dog honoree. He works in Canine Assisted Crisis Intervention. He has travelled to the US Capital to provide support to the US Capitol Police and others. Teddy loves visiting school children of all ages.  
— *Caleigh Brown; Attleboro, MA*

# HONORING OUR VETERANS

*"You can usually tell that a man is good if he has a dog who loves him."*

— W. Bruce Cameron, *A Dog's Purpose*

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**Willow**  
04/06/12



**Favorite treat:** Mother Hubbard mini treats or cheese.

**My BMD loves to:** sleep in Dad's office and cuddle with my new "brother" Leo Windbeam's Northern Light. Willow loves to cuddle on the couch which is something new. She is enjoying her new pal Leo. She enjoys napping during the day and barking at anyone that passes by.

— Neal & Carol Jensen;  
Cromwell, CT

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**Baker Bailey**  
08/16/10



**Favorite treat:** Anything we are eating  
**My BMD loves to:** be loved

**TITLES:** Most loved dog, Biggest clown, Best at ignoring all other dogs, Most beautiful, Most gentle with his stuffed bunnies, Couldn't catch a steak, Best at running off without a plan, Biggest goofball that thinks he's a tiny lap dog, Celebrated 11 years of life with perfect health.

— Lynne Bailey;  
Cape Neddick, Maine

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**Carson**  
11/03/10



**Favorite treat:** cat food

**My BMD loves to:** Be the alpha  
Carson aka Mystic's Silent Spring (Alex x Reecey) is still a spry 11 yrs old. We are blessed to have her barking antics. She still rules the roost!

— Diane Smith; Bolton, MA

10

**Emma**  
04/14/11



**Favorite treat:** liver treats and whatever we eat

**My BMD loves to:** swim  
Emma has so far survived Osteosarcoma for 4 years 5 months since she had her right leg amputated on July 17th of 2017. Loves to swim in the summer and roll and lay in the snow. She used to be a great hiker and snowshoer.

— Melanie & Bill Strycharz;  
Steamboat Springs, CO

10

**Zoey**  
02/21/11



**Favorite treat:** Cheese

**My BMD loves to:** is Miss Congeniality  
Zoey maintains her boss of the pack mentality even at nearly 11 years old.

— Libby Kesner; Voorheesville NY

10

**Zurri**  
07/18/11



**Favorite treat:** Cheese, cheese, cheese - especially Gruyere!

**My BMD loves to:** Beg for second breakfast and second dinner

We call her the "Princess of Quite A Lot". Her special skill is her ability to find the Gruyere cheese in the grocery bag, unwrap the plastic and eat the entire block in the time it takes me to bring the other groceries in the house. We love her dearly!

— Cheryl & Bill Brickach; Bristol, RI

11

**Buster**  
5/27/10 - 10/3/21



**Favorite treat:** Cheese

**My BMD loves to:** hide under the holly bush  
Myotie's Your Wildest Dreams "Buster".  
Buster left us on Oct. 3, 2021....

— Neal & Carol Jensen;  
Cromwell, CT

11

**Nuala**  
12/05/10



**Favorite treat:** treats, meals and marrow bones

**My BMD loves to:** drink water after eating, bark, graze on green grass, and roll in God Knows what?!

CRIMSON HARVEST'S GARDEN IN

# HONORING OUR VETERANS

*"Dogs are not our whole lives, but they make our lives whole" - Roger Caras*

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**Ruby**  
08/31/10



**Favorite treat:** Turkey  
**My BMD loves to:** Lounge on the porch  
Ruby's (Country Road's Heart and Soul) favorite activity is lounging on the porch and keeping track of the goings-on in the neighborhood.

— Amy & Mark Matthieu;  
Brimfield, MA

11

**Tenney**  
11/05/10



**Favorite treat:** Hot Dog  
**My BMD loves to:** Meeting people  
Tennescott White Mtns Tenney. Tenney is a perfect Berner. Loves people including children, other dogs, camping, walks, and car rides. She is my sweetheart. She is still going strong at 11 years old.

— Rebecca Davis; Freeport, ME

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**Chloe**  
04/15/09



**Favorite treat:** Mother Hubbard mini treats  
**My BMD loves to:** sleep  
Myotie's Watching and Waiting Chloe left us in July right after her boy Marco passed.

— Neal & Carol Jensen;  
Cromwell, CT

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**Cadi**  
09/30/07



**Favorite treat:** Cheese  
**My BMD loves to:** Go camping  
Tennescott White Mountain Cascade. Cadi was re-homed to us in May 2021, after her owner Susan Pierro passed away. She loves going camping with us in our RV. She is a very sweet girl and likes meeting new people. She likes to go on short walks when the weather is cool.

— Rebecca Davis & Barbara Beck-Wilczek; Freeport, ME

## Shelley Tyre Award 2022

The Shelley Tyre Outstanding Service Award is presented annually and honors a club member who has made outstanding contributions and demonstrated exceptional service to our club and/or the breed. Formerly named the Kennel Ration or Gaines Good Sportsmanship Award, it is now named in honor of club member Shelley Tyre who unexpectedly passed away in March 1999.

The membership nominates a club member in good standing who has made an extra special contribution to the club either recently, in the past, or on a regular and consistent basis. Any club member can

send their recommendation for the award recipient to the secretary with a short paragraph on why they believe the nominee deserves the award. The board will take all the recommendations into consideration and decides on the recipient. The only restrictions are that the award may not go to a previous recipient; or to any Officer or Director of the club while they are serving. The award will be presented at the Annual meeting on April 24, 2022.

Nominations for the 2022 Shelley Award can be emailed to the club secretary, Julie Mott, at [secretary@bmdcnv.org](mailto:secretary@bmdcnv.org) by March 1, 2022.

### Previous honorees are:

2020 Karen Fox	2012 Mimi Englander	2002 Jean Bridge	1993 Paul Emerson
2019 Linda DeCelles	2011 Dawn Flaherty	2001 Abby Patrizio	1992 Ellen Nott
2018 Stephanie & Bill Freeman	2010 Linda Botti	2000 Ellen Barnaby	1991 Amy Cohen
2017 Alise Burbridge	2009 Jeff Nowak	1999 Elizabeth Malcomson	1990 Alison Jaskiewicz
2016 Barbie Beck-Wilczek	2008 Jon Cons	1998 Marjorie Cottle	1989 Beverly Barney
2015 Steve Diers	2007 Anya Wittenborg	1997 Lisa Allen	1988 Debbie Mulvey
2014 Beth Atkinson	2006 Michelle Keck	1996 Chris Cottle	
2013 Lynn & Lloyd Jones	2004 Martha Phelps	1995 Carol Holden	
	2003 Marge Bumen	1994 Penny Petrone	

## New Members Showcase



### Are you a new Member?

Tell us about yourself in our New Member Showcase. Click on this link...

<http://bmdcnv.org/newmember.html>

Complete the quick summary, hit submit, email your pic and you're done! Please complete your submission by the 20th to be included in the next issue of the Berner Blatt.

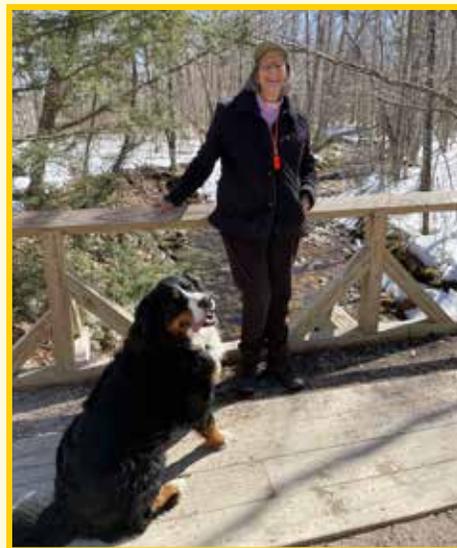
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## New Members Showcase



*On a favorite walk*

### Leslie Johnson

Tamworth, NH

**How Many Berners:** I have had two Berners. Flora is my second one.

**Favorite Activity:** Right now she loves to play in the snow.

Rori (short for Aurora) is my third Berner. My other half Charlie moved in and says I'm her master but he's her buddy. She is 3 years old, and loves hiking, swimming, and especially mud.

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*These dedicated chairpeople provide essential services to you, our membership. Please feel free to contact them with your questions, concerns, suggestions, requests for help or offers of help. Our mission is to provide the best for Berners and their families.*

# Birthdays, Congratulations and Brags...



Happy 1st Birthday(12/27/20) to **Zigi**. Beautifully bred by Debbie Butler Miller, and fathered by magnificent Brew. Thank you Debbie for trusting me with this outstanding companion and loving soul.  
— Nancy Berger, Shelburne VT



Happy 1st birthday to my beautiful girl, **Lady**. I can't believe it's already been so long! So much has happened in the last year; looking forward to many more with you, my beautiful little girl!  
— Ava Bollig; Woodstock, CT



**Lyra** (TRAILBOUND'S MORE THAN WORDS) is taking a bow after earning her first title, AKC Trick Dog Novice (TKN), in December 2021. Nancy Bates is her proud momma, but big sister Trinity is not impressed.  
— Linda Bates; Old Orchard Beach, ME



Happy 6th birthday **Luna Tuna!** 12.24.2015. Thanks for holding me up and putting the pieces back together. We will heal each other over the loss of Ro. Let's live for him and continue to dance with my little living room dance partner.  
— Carolyn Massey; Billerica, MA

Our girl **Violet** turned 1 on December 2nd. She became a part of our family in July and I already can't remember what life was like without her. She's incredibly smart and loving and we are so lucky to have her as a part of our family. Happy birthday, sweet girl!  
— Jess Moore & Jordan Forrier; Waterbury, VT



**Happy Howlidays from Nashoba:**  
**Wishing you Peace, Love, and Belly Rubs in 2022!**



**Callie** at the canal all ready for Santa Paws.  
— Barbara Morss; Rochester, MA



**Chloe** and **Bright** Flaherty and **Trinity** and **Lyra** Bates from 2021.



**Zayla**. Zayla is Hebrew for dark beauty. 6 1/2 yrs. old. A retired therapy dog that used to go to church and nursing homes. Now, she delivers newspapers to neighbors if still in the driveway when we walk. Is friends with UPS man--she runs out to greet him, then brings the package back to me. Even though she is a small girl, she can handle some of the bigger ones! Her reward?--tearing up the cardboard box for recycling. She loves to work and will pick up and carry anything in the house.  
— Nancy Stitley; Mullica Hill, NJ

# In Remembrance



## Rogue

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5/26/2013 - 12/13/2021

A piece of my heart left with you. Because of you, I am forever changed. You came into my life and opened it to a whole new world, new life, and community. There wasn't enough space in any phone for the number of pictures and videos I took of you. So photogenic. Always smiling. You were the cutest puppy. You were never going to get that CGC or be a draft dog because you were such a momma's boy. Never got over that separation anxiety because you couldn't be separated from me. And, now we are forever separated, but never apart. You will be a part of me forever and I'll never ever forget you. You were the best part of me for eight years, six months, and 17 days. Never enough time and I would do anything to have you back and not be sick. I have so many fond memories of our time together. I love you so much. Thank you for everything. Thank you for being the best part of coming home every day. Thank you for your silly antics, your destructive nature (the sleeves of my sweatshirts will be a reminder of you), your endless snugs, your huge vet bills.. happy tail because you were just too happy to not wag your tail into everything. You just had too much love to give. I love you so much Ro Ro, Boo Bear, Roguey Bear, Smush. Thank you for being my constant these past eight and a half years. Go find Bailey at the bridge and wait for me. I would do it all over again if it was the same end result. To whatever end. If the love I have for you could have kept you alive you would have lived forever. "Cause time wasn't in our favor, this isn't goodbye, this is simply see you later". I will miss you every day. Love forever, Mom.

— Carolyn Massey; Billerica, MA

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