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Nala and a sibling came to BERNER Inc. after being rescued by a volunteer from a backyard breeder's neglect. Nala went into a foster home and then on to her permanent home with Shirley and Joe. Thanks to their love and care, Nala became a happy, healthy Berner. Nala died recently at age nine from kidney disease. This rescue issue is in memory of NALA.
— Linda DeCelles, Rescue Chair

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BMDCNV *Calendar of Events*

~ 2021 ~

October 23 - 24

Draft Tests

The Hall, 34 Ford Road, Sterling MA

Oct 30, 10AM-2PM

Berner Howl-o-ween Meet-up

Cape Elizabeth, Maine

Note: Due to the COVID-19 outbreak,
all upcoming events are tentative and
subject to change.

FMI: www.bmdcnv.org/events.html

Welcome! New Members

Rebecca Griswold
Andover, VT

Jennifer & Jeremy Skorinko
Sterling, MA

Jenna Harrington
Warren, RI

Holly Tonero
Marston Mills, MA

Jessica Moore &
Jordan Fortier
Waterbury, VT



Calling All Veterans!

**Showcase your special veteran in our
Annual Veterans Issue!**

If your Bernese Mountain Dog will be 7 years or older
on December 31st, you're invited to include them in
the December Veterans Issue of our Berner Blatt.

Submit your Veteran information and picture at
**[https://www.bmdcnv.org/
veteran-submission](https://www.bmdcnv.org/veteran-submission)**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 1.

A wonderful way to honor your special veteran!

Share photos & videos of your Berners!
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BERNER HOWL-O-WEEN MEET-UP

FUN AND FRIGHT AT PORTLAND HEAD LIGHT

OCTOBER 30, 2021 • 10:00am - 2:00pm

Fort Williams park
1000 Shore Rd
Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107

www.fortwilliams.org
www.portlandheadlight.com

SCHEDULE:

Costumes/festive attire encouraged, but not required.

10:00am to 10:30am: Gather at the flagpole near the
Light House parking lot

10:30am to 11:00am: Howl-o-ween costume parade and
tricks for treats

11:15am: Group photo

11:30am to 12:30pm: Berner walk along the cliff walk trail
(about a half mile each way)

12:30pm to 1:30pm: Lunch - bring your own picnic or
pick up food at the Lobster truck



THE GORY DETAILS

Rain Date: October 31 (notification by email {if provided}
and on the BMDCNV facebook page)

The park is carry-in, carry-out so all trash (including
poop bags) has to go home with whoever created it.
The park only has porta-potties (no real bathrooms).
There is an hourly charge for parking in most of the
lots (but there is a free overflow lot).

Please RSVP to Linda at lindamariebates@comcast.net

RESCUE REPORT (June 2020-August 2021)

By Linda DeCelles, Rescue Chair
BERNER, Inc.

BERNER, inc. continues to carry on rescues, fosters, adoptions, and education during the second year of the Covid-19 pandemic. All but two of the Berners we took into our rescue program came with health and behavior (mainly handling) issues. Four were “pandemic puppies” bought online by people working from home. We have had to reject more Berners for rehoming than we ever have (discussed in the “Trends” section).

TRENDS

Online Sales. Online sales of Berners by brokers for puppy mills continue at a high level. Social media continues to make it possible for puppy millers, backyard breeders, and independent high-volume breeders, such as Amish farmers, to sell puppies sight-unseen to uninformed, unprepared first-time Berner puppy buyers. Many of these puppies have undisclosed health and temperament disorders. *BERNER Inc. continues to urge our adopters and BMDCNV club members to educate their friends and the public about the abuses of for-profit-only kennels and breeders.*

Aggressive Berners and Bite Histories. An alarming national trend is a significant increase in calls to Berner rescues for rehoming aggressive Berners, most with bite histories. BMDCNV's rescue network is sharing information and discussing this alarming trend. This past year I had to reject several Berners with very serious bite histories. One dog had attacked a stranger, who was hospitalized with a concussion and required many stitches. One dog had bitten his owner, her boyfriend, and a neighbor, all of whom ended up in the ER. One Berner had bitten every family member, including the 4-year-old youngest child. Some owners called Rescue as victims of their dog's bites were suing them. Some called after their Berners were impounded and quarantined by Animal Control or legally designated as dangerous dogs. Some called to rehome their Berners even after their veterinarians, trainers, and behavior specialists recommended euthanasia because the dogs could not be treated and would always be at high risk for causing serious physical harm to humans and other animals. Obviously, no rescue can rehome these dogs. Once a dog has a severe bite history, the likelihood of biting again is very high, and bites generally increase in intensity and injury with each succeeding incident.

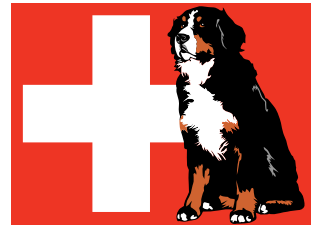
A common thread in these aggressive Berners is, of course, bad breeding. These dogs are bred in puppy mills, barns, or backyards with no regard for genetic integrity. Then they're kept in seclusion and confinement, lacking vital socialization. After that, they're flown or trucked all over the country, direct to buyers and some to pet stores. Buyers of these Berners generally have no experience in how to choose sound puppies. They have no knowledge of how to handle their puppies' lack of early socialization and behavior issues. They do nothing to address the problems until the dog is beyond rehabilitation. Worse, many buyers know about the negatives of buying a puppy online from a broker and don't want to wait for a puppy from a responsible breeder. Often they don't want to pay the cost of a properly bred puppy (although to take advantage of demand, puppy mill breeders and their online brokers are escalating their purchase prices, some as high as \$3,000).

Another factor in the rise of aggressive Berners is the unfortunate popularity of “boot camps” to “solve” problems of acting out and the onset of aggressive behavior. Most of the Berners I had to reject had been sent to “camp” where they were “trained” on electric shock collars for two weeks or more. They came home subdued but not trained to do anything except fear the constant shocks ineptly inflicted by their owners. All these dogs did their worst biting after they came back from camp. In addition to the electric shock collar training devices was the use of Invisible Fences. The use of both of these training methods meant regular shocking when the dog went near the invisible fence line. All these dogs eventually breached the electric fences and attacked neighbors, strangers, and other animals.

It's heartbreaking for Rescue organizations to take these calls and explain to the desperate owners why their dogs cannot be retrained and rehomed. It's frustrating for rescues because even if there's an outside chance that aggressive Berners could be rehabilitated and rehomed, it takes veterinary behaviorists and highly skilled positive reinforcement trainers concentrating on aggressive behavior to work with them. Fosters and adopters experienced in handling aggressive dogs and rehabbing them are rare.

We can help prevent the influx of more aggressive Berners by educating people about the critical importance of temperament in Berners. The risk of getting a Berner with a faulty temperament is high with online sales of puppy mill dogs. We also need to educate people about the dangers and cruelty of force-based training. We need to alert them to the deceptive claims of force-based “boot camps.”

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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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OUR COVER STORY

NALA

Owned/loved by: Shirley Derrico

My husband, Joe, and I were very lonely and missing my son's BMD, Bastion, when they relocated to Oregon. We set out to adopt an older BMD. After many months of trying, we gave up and to our surprise Linda DeCelles called saying they have a Berner in need of a home.



Nala was 3.5 years old when she came to us. She was very frightened of people, especially children and would run away when I rolled a ball toward her. She was very jumpy on walks whenever she heard noises.

Three and half years later, she was as feisty as a Berner can be. She went up to neighbors to be patted and even allowed a child to pat her. She pounced on the balls when she was in the mood and even went to the dentist with us. Our dentist also

rescues and understands. The women at the Senior Center loved seeing Nala, and she enjoyed going there.

Nala made a huge difference in our lives and we are thankful that we are able to make a difference in hers. Thank you, BERNER, Inc., for all the dedicated work you do.

Willow

Owned/loved by: Melissa Liebermann

My sweet Willow came to us two summers ago, when she was about four years old. I had heard through word of mouth that there was BMD in my area that needed a new home. Her owner had passed, and she was living outdoors tied out behind the house, so I was excited to get my hands on her ASAP. Poor thing, she came home, matted and smelly, to our family (which already included four dogs and three cats), just settled in, found her place in the pack (the bottom), and readjusted. This girl has made such strides; I am so proud of her and her accomplishments! She gets along with other dogs, and I can take her anywhere and LOVES car rides! She is a well-mannered house dog, never once has had an accident inside.

Willow has completed her first leg towards her Pack Dog Title and recently achieved her Farm Dog Title at the BMD CNV certification event at Timberlost Farm. Willow and I had just gone to watch, but thanks to all of the support and encouragement, she managed to participate and PASS her tests. Thank you all for a great day in Ashburnham! She is now working on passing her CGC Test.

Willow is a bit of a drama queen, and I don't know if this is typical of the breed- one scary morning last year, Will limped outside, then collapsed on the ground, moaning, a very ill girl.



Nala and her adopted Dad



Panicked, we called the vet, fearing the worst, Lymphoma, or the dreaded Hemangiosarcoma was claiming my new girl. It was an awful morning, and I can remember having a stomachache, trying to lift her into the car, and having to leave her at the vet and go to work. Luckily, the message finally came! Will had a sore on her TOE!! Omg!

I received a beautiful cart for Willow last Christmas, but she has made it ever so clear that she is not interested in

drafting. That's OK, though. I have applied to the BMD rescue, and I hope to have another BMD in the not too distant future.

BRUCE

Owned/loved by: Melissa Liebermann

BERNER, Inc. took Bruce into rescue and arranged to have his corrective surgery performed. (The surrendering owners generously paid for the surgery. Bruce had been bought through a national online puppy-selling chain that agreed to refund Bruce's buyers the purchase price.) The owners' young children would not understand that they couldn't play with Bruce as they had been. After surgery, it was possible that Bruce would not have the stamina to live in a home with active kids.

During his surgery and pre/post-op care, the vet tech who worked with Bruce's surgeon fell in love with him. She applied to adopt Bruce, and we agreed that living with an experienced orthopedic vet tech would be the best home for Bruce. She reports that "Bruce is doing absolutely amazing and we couldn't love him more!"

Rescue Chair's Note: Bruce was surrendered to BERNER, Inc. because he needed significant corrective surgery on his front legs. His first owners have small children and work full time. They felt that Bruce needed to be in a home where he could get full-time post-operative care. As a young, energetic Berner, Bruce would need to be kept still and quiet as he recovered.



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Rescue Yearbook

BASEL and DOLLY

Adopted by Terry and Barbara Higgins

After being Berner-less for far too long, we received a call from BERNER, Inc., drove to Framingham on a lovely March Saturday, and brought Basel and Dolly home to Rhode Island.

We soon found that at least one of them was always near at least one of us, often knitting with one on each foot. Basel seemed too willing to give up his food for Dolly, who hovered nearby. As I was standing in a position to block her and protect Basel's dinner, she found a way to reach his location by going up a few steps and winding through three rooms to approach from a different angle— only to find out that I was onto her. That was probably our first indication as to how smart and resourceful she is. We were soon concerned that Basel was declining due to his loss of appetite and decreased activity level. And a Mother's Day visit to Tufts confirmed a diagnosis of lymphoma. Shortly after that, we had to say goodbye to a truly kind and loving dog. Dolly spent several days scouring every square inch of the house and yard searching for her buddy but has settled in nicely to being an only dog. Dolly has met and charmed all the neighbors, human and canine, for blocks around. It did not take long for her to read all our routines. She can hear deli paper two rooms away! Shortly after arriving here, she took a liking to the teak bench on the deck. She loves to stand on it and use it for a grooming bench. If I don't grab the brush quickly enough, she will attempt to get it for me. She absolutely loves when we have company, but she is not keen to share the bench. If a guest decides to sit there, they will soon be sharing it with a big dog. Once when I sat there, she tried to push me off (was not successful).

Rescue Chair's Note: Dolly and Basel were adopted after their owner, longtime BMDCNV club member, Anita O'Neil, passed away. Martha Phelps recommended Terry and Barbara as the ideal home for the Berner pair.



Dolly



Basel & Dolly

Cadi

Owned/Loved by: Rebecca & Harry Davis, Tenney, Cadi & Zen; Freeport, Maine

Tennescott White Mtns Cascade (Cadi) turns 14 years old on Sept. 30, 2021. Harry and I adopted Cadi when her owner,



Cadi

Sue Pierro, passed away last spring. Cadi also arrived with Zenny, a Pembroke Welsh Corgi, who is 13 years old. It was a bit of an adjustment going from 1 dog to 3 but everyone is doing just fine. We thought having a ten year old Berner, Tennescott White Mtns Tenney, was a minor miracle, yet here is Cadi turning 14! Cadi has Laryngeal Paralysis which means she has breathing issues due to her larynx being restricted. She has good days and not so good days. The heat this summer was extremely hard

on her. She was panting a lot along with periodic gagging. Once the weather turned cooler she was much better.

We love to go camping in our motorhome. Cadi and Zen fit right in without any problems. At first we used a X-pen for them at the campsites. They would go right into the pen

without any fuss. Now we set up a 12 x 12 foot screen room for us and the dogs. They can move around more yet still be secure at the site.

Cadi health is good except for the Laryngeal Paralysis. She is active and seems happy. Yes she naps most of the day but she is 14 after all. We consider ourselves lucky to have her with us.

LUNA

Rescue Chair's Note: LUNA was given up by her owner because of her age: 8 years. Luna was adopted by a Berner family and is living a full, happy life as a young-at-heart, playful senior Berner. To quote the title of Patricia McConnell's book: "Love Has No Age Limit." Luna's family reports that she has filled their home with happiness and love. Luna even has her own laptop!



Luna

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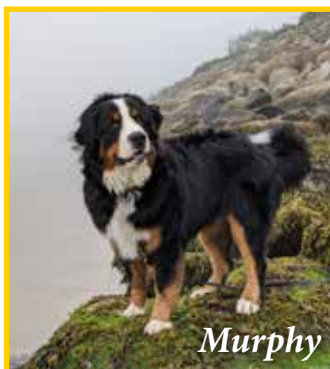


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MURPHY

Rescue Chair's Note: *Murphy was an impulse purchase (online) after his original owner's senior Berner had died. As Murphy began to grow, his owner realized that she could not raise a Berner puppy. He needed training and was hard to handle. She asked BERNER, Inc. to rehome him. Murphy went to foster on the Cape with BERNER Inc. adopters whose beloved rescue, Scout, had recently died. Soon they knew that they would adopt the big, goofy, lovable boy they named Murphy (a family name). Murphy took to Cape life right away. His "dad" says, "Murphy LOVES to cruise the beach and shoreline."*



Murphy

OLAF

Adopted by Sandra Chadwick
Hi, I'm Olaf! I moved in with my rescue/rehome human in January 2020 right after I turned 2. I'm a very curious pup and I learn quickly, so I was able to settle in quickly. I love to go for walks, play tug and do puzzles, but my favorite toy is my squeaky stuffed salmon. I know all the neighbors and always make sure to say hi, so they've dubbed me The Mayor. I can't wait for winter so I can make snow angels and watch the birds from the deck. I'm a very happy doggie, thanks so much Linda DeCelles for finding me my forever home!

Rescue Chair's Note: *Olaf was surrendered because his senior owners couldn't handle him, especially after one owner needed back surgery.*



Olaf



Olaf

SIRI

Adopted by Kathy Kerwin
Siri came to live with me just over a month ago. I contacted BERNER Inc. after losing my 11-year old girl, whom I adopted from them also. Linda DeCelles reached out to me in July



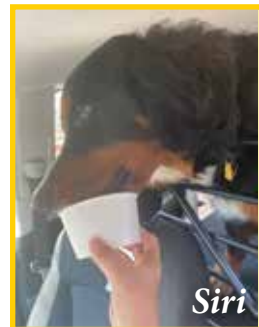
Siri

regarding a "pandemic puppy" she was fostering. Siri does have a medical condition, SRMA, that Linda and BERNER Inc. are helping with. It will take a while for Siri to be cleared medically, but he has won me over. Siri is a typical young male who wants to be the boss. We are continuing the training that Linda and Gib started. He is doing so well! Siri is so intelligent and loves

to learn. Because of his medication, training will be a long process, but I see him making small steps forward every day! Siri has a huge heart and thinks that everyone we meet on walks is there for him! He also loves meeting other dogs. Going for car rides and visiting family is one of his favorite activities. I am so happy to make this mischievous boy part of my family.

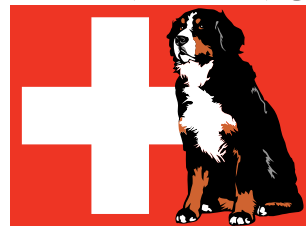
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Note: *Siri had been purchased through an online puppy broker for Amish breeders. He was surrendered to BERNER Inc. because the family did not have the time to train him and could not handle him as he grew.*



Siri

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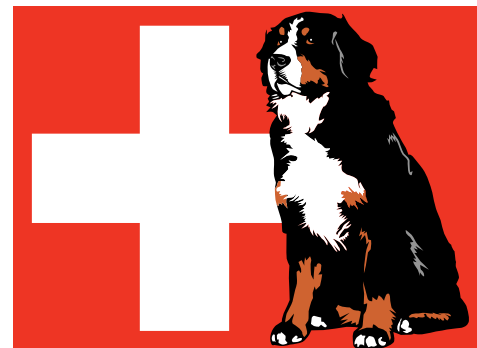
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Dolly says thanks for supporting BERNER, Inc.!

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In 2008, the BMDCNV membership established a 501(c)(3) charitable organization to address the needs of the ever-increasing number of Berners being relinquished by their owners and to educate the public in the responsible care of this wonderful breed. The work of BERNER, Inc. is supported by the generous donations of people like YOU!

Please consider honoring the achievements or the life of your dog (or of a friend or family member) with a tax-deductible donation either by Paypal on the web site, or by mail to:

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

BERNER Inc. is *always* looking for volunteers. Our rescued Berners need you!

***Fostering** a Berner rescue can be time-consuming and demanding, but also **joyful and rewarding!** Many of our foster dogs simply need some remedial training, such as basic house manners work. Some just need a place to stay until they go to their new homes. We may need a temporary foster home for a Berner recovering from surgery or spay/neutering. We may need a foster for a “hospice Berner” who needs a home during the last days of a terminal illness.

***BERNER, Inc. has an ongoing, urgent need for experienced people to foster and work with Berners with behavior problems.** Some of our rescued Berners need work on challenging behavior issues such as hard mouthing/grabbing/jumping, leash-grabbing/hard pulling and resource guarding. Some rescues are shy, fearful and under-socialized. You may be fostering one of these dogs for an extended period of time. *Previous experience with rehabbing a dog with behavior issues is required for fostering these Berners.* BERNER Inc. provides training assistance for these foster dogs, if needed.

Fostering a Berner can be hard, but the rewards are great. You can be a vital part in turning a rescued Berner into an



Foster Berners in transport!

adoptable dog who's ready for a loving, permanent home. Some fosters become "failed fosters," meaning that they fall in love with their foster Berners and adopt them!

***Visiting** the homes of applicants who want to adopt from BERNER

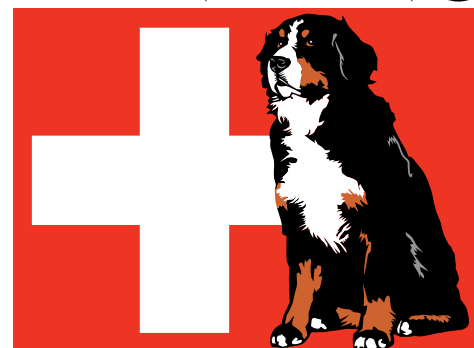
Inc. is very helpful to us. You'll be checking the home environment to see if it's secure, safe and suitable for a Berner. After your home visit you'll discuss your observations with the Rescue Chair. We will provide you with guidelines and a checklist.

***Transporting** a Berner from one place to another is very helpful to BERNER Inc. You may pick up a dog at the surrendering owner's home and transport that dog to a foster home. Some dogs need to be picked up at shelters or veterinarian's offices and brought to their foster homes. Required is the ability to handle a Berner who may be stressed or over-excited. Also the willingness to drive occasional long distances!

***Helping** at BMDCNV club events is another way to support BERNER, Inc. There are a number of one-day jobs that are helpful at events. You also get to talk to event-goers about what's involved in living with a Berner, especially if you've adopted one.

If you're interested in volunteering for BERNER, Inc. please contact Alise Burbridge at: aliseb19@comcast.net. Our rescued Berners are waiting for you!

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RESCUE STATISTICS:

Intakes: 9

Adoptions: 6

Fosters-to-Adopt
(following spay/neuter): 2

Males surrendered: 7

Females surrendered: 2

AGE RANGE:

8 months to 9 years

STATES WHERE SURRENDERED OR RESCUED:

MA: 8

NH: 1

REASONS FOR SURRENDER:

Health: 1

Old age: 1

Death of owner: 2

Behavior/can't handle: 5

Berners from puppy mills/
backyard breeders: 8

Birthdays, Congratulations and Brags...



Happy New Veteran Day to my sweet Bunny Fee Fee, aka Fiona who turns 7 on August 22.
— Judy Bache; Starksboro, VT



Happy happy 11th birthday to Baker Bailey. Who would have believed it....11 years old!!!! You have given us so much love and so many laughs. Every day is a gift with you.
— Lynne, Chris, Alex & Calvin Black Bailey; Cape Neddick, ME



Freddie is a happy, healthy, mischievous, silly and friendly boy who lives with his human brother, sister and parents in Franklin, MA. Happy birthday to Freddie and his littermates!

— Megan & Chai Moussa; Franklin, MA



COVENANTS A PROMISE KEPT TKN FDC

Boomah celebrated his first birthday on 8/13/21! New Trick Dog Title and New Trick Dog Intermediate Title! Happy Birthday to our happy little man.
— Jim and Jeanne Robbins; Canaan, NH



Happy birthday Marcepan.

5 years of joy!

— Rita Trojanoski; Westbrook, CT



How can it be? **Daphne is now three!** We of course celebrated with burgers and she made sure they were done just right.

Happy Birthday to our sweet & spicy love bug!

— Mari & Rob Higgins; Pawlet VT



Happy 6th Birthday to Tessa

04.08.2015. FOUR SEASONS HARPSWELL TESSA B TREASURE. Treasuring every moment of every day! Thank you to Susan Mahan for this very, very special girl.
— Linda Botti; Brunswick, ME



Eight is great!

8.4.2013. CH STEADFAST CHIVAS REGALE "Regal" and 7 of her siblings. (GCH ADESA BATTLESHIP DEFENDER RN "MAC" x CH DIAMOND CREEKS MY STEADFAST MAXINE RN "Cricket")

— Dorothy Poppe; Saugus, MA

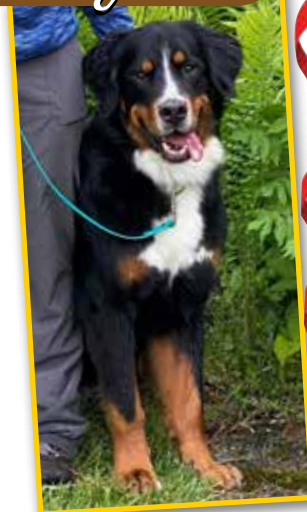
Birthdays, Congratulations and Brags...



CH TRAILBOUND'S GRAND GALA
finished her championship at the show
in Carmel, NY on July 23rd.
— Allison & Ray Harding; Milford, MA



Congratulations to Laurie Brown & Porchia!
Highest Scoring BMD in Obedience Trial &
Highest Scoring Dog in Trial at under 1 year
old, truly a wonderful accomplishment.



Leroy earned his NACSW NW1
title on June 19th.
— Amy Matthieu; Brimfield, MA

Congrats...

Union Maine Dog Show Brags! The
Steadfast dogs had a great showing
at the Union Maine Kennel Club dog
shows. Thank you to the judges!
— Dorothy Poppe; Saugus, MA

Taro (STEADFAST JARDIN DE TARO)
WD/BOS Saturday

Emma (STEADFAST HAVEN EMMA LAZARUS) WB/BW/BOB Saturday

Ernest (STEADFAST IN EARNEST)
WD/BOS !! MAJOR win! Sunday

Ike (STEADFAST N VALKYRIE'S IKE)
Beginner Puppy (4-6 month)
Group 1 both days!

2022 BMDCNV MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Hello All and Happy Fall!

I love seeing our Berners perk-up with big smiles and tails
swishing as the cooler weather begins to set in!

As we head into fall and kick-off our 2022 Annual
Membership Renewal Drive, a couple of reminders,
requests and new feature to share with you.

Key Dates & Reminders

- 09.15.2021 - Renewal Letters mailed USPS to active members.
- 09.15.2021 - Online Renewal is live:
<https://www.bmdcnv.org/renew>
- 01.01.2022 - Renewal Membership Dues are due and payable.
- 04.01.2022 - Unpaid dues - Membership will lapse.

Your dues can be paid:

Renewal by Mail: check or credit card

Renewal by Mail: Your donation to BMDCNV can be
in the same check with your renewal dues. Your tax-
deductible donation to BERNER Inc needs to be a separate
check, made out to BERNER, Inc., and enclosed with your
renewal.

Renewal Online: credit card at
<https://www.bmdcnv.org/renew>

Renewal Online: Launching this year, when you renew
online, you can conveniently make your annual donation to
BMDCNV and/or your annual tax-deductible donation to
BERNER Inc.

The full renewal process will be announced in the
September 2021 newsletter. Thank you for your continued
membership and on-going club participation. We
appreciate your spirited support! We can't be what we are
successfully, without each and every one of you!



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