

The Berner Blatt

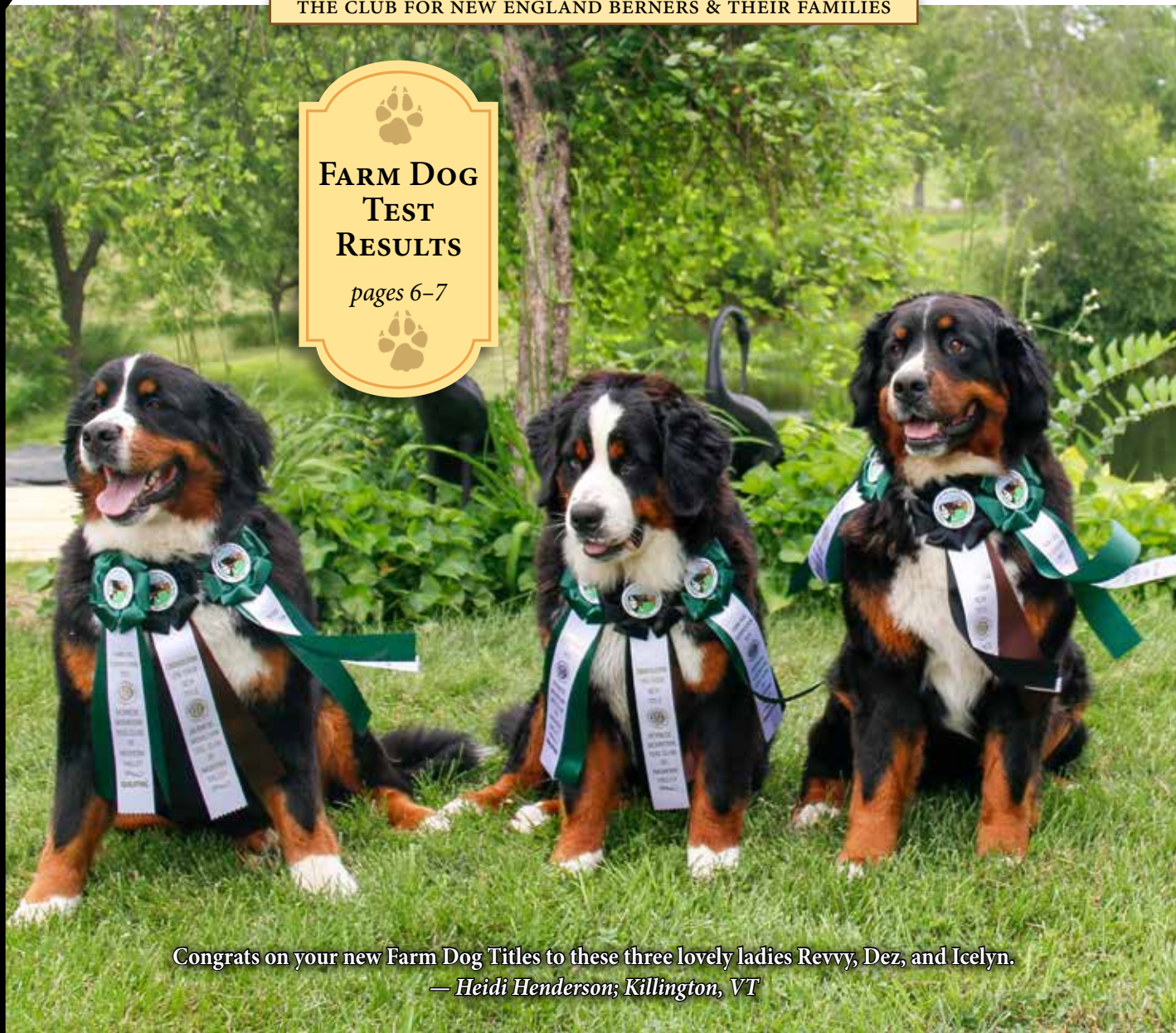
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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley

THE CLUB FOR NEW ENGLAND BERNERS & THEIR FAMILIES

FARM DOG TEST RESULTS

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Congrats on your new Farm Dog Titles to these three lovely ladies Revvy, Dez, and Icelyn.

— Heidi Henderson; Killington, VT

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BMDCNV Calendar of Events

~ 2021 ~

September 5

AKC Rally Trial

Warnerbrook Training Center -Pittsford, VT

September 18

Regional Speciality with Sweepstakes

Cape Cod Fairgrounds • 1220 Nathan S. Ellis Hwy
Falmouth, MA

September 19

Supported Entry with Sweepstakes

Cape Cod Fairgrounds • 1220 Nathan S. Ellis Hwy
Falmouth, MA

September 25

Fall Fun Day

Westford, MA

October 9

Berners & Brews

Laconia, NH

October 23 - 24

Draft Tests

The Hall, 34 Ford Road, Sterling MA

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

David & Rachel Knowlton
Boxford, MA

Andrew Blauner
New York, NY

Heather Davis
Pittsfield, MA

Christine Lewis
Plymouth, NH

Rebecca Legen
Shelton, CT

Beth Goodman
Lincolnton, ME

Eric & Christine
Kallenberg
Clinton, MA

David & Cathy La Roche
Templeton, MA

Tyler Torola & Emily Myers
Amherst, NH



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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New Members

Showcase



David Gecoya
Middletown, CT

How Many Berners: 2

Favorite Activity: Hiking

Gia is a 6-year female & Bear is a 5-month-old male. Both Berners are from Mountain Bliss Bernese Mountain Dogs in Candia, NH. They have the same father (His 1st litter & last Litter)

New Members

Showcase



Nancy Berger
Shelburne, VT

How Many Berners: 1 (at time, current puppy is my 7th Berner)

Favorite Activity: Hiking anywhere there is a mountain

I was in graduate school in 1975 and purchased my first Berner. I have rarely been without a Berner since then. I am Canadian by birth and would see magnificent Berners in Montreal bred by Kiki Menegoz. In 2011, I was blessed with a male pup bred by Kiki and Kathy Kennedy. Molson was a remarkable dog and died at 9.5 years this past January. In late February I brought Zigi home. He was bred by Debbie Butler Miller, and my late Molson's brother, RIGI, is his grandfather. My son works at Orvis and owns Moose who was bred by Angela Evans and is also a grandson of RIGI. If you have seen a Berner featured in Orvis catalogs and videos, that is my grand dog!

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.

We look forward to meeting you!

Share photos & videos of your Berners!
Join the Facebook group at



fb.com/groups/BMDCNVMembers

Help Wanted

We are currently seeking volunteers and chairs for our upcoming events in 2021. If you are interested in chairing an event or volunteering please email Jean Michael president@bmdcnv.org or Anya Wittenborg director_wittenborg@bmdcnv.org. You can also get in touch with our Volunteer Coordinator Martha Phelps volunteers@bmdcnv.org. We are currently looking for volunteers for the following events:

- **Fall Fun Day Chair(s)**
- **Fall Fun Day Volunteers:** (set up, raffle table, clean up & break down crew, sign up table, and transport of supplies)

- **Fun Day Bernergarde Volunteers:** contact Karen Fox foxfirebmd@gmail.com
- **BMDCNV Regional Raffle Items:** Items for Fall Fun Day are needed. For information on how to donate items and to volunteer to work the table, please contact: Sue Morrill smchdogs@gmail.com
- **Draft Test Stewards & Volunteers**



BMDCNV BERNERS & BREWS Oct 9th, 2021



What could be better than hanging with your Berners & Friends,
having a brew, playing some golf,
eating world famous waffles homemade for you and your dogs?
Also a great opportunity to practice your draft skills so bring your carts!

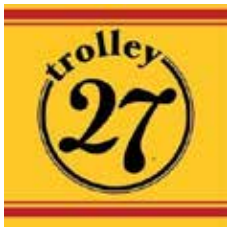
Bring your Family, your Friends, your Berners!

The Mystic Meadows home of Trolley 27 ,Tavern 27 & Jade Trace Golf

We will be ordering drinks/food off the menu

2075 B Parade Rd, Laconia, NH

10:00-3:00pm



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Hosted by Matt & Melissa George in conjunction with Trolley 27

Please RSVP by Oct 1st to Melissa at melg818@gmail.com

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

Fall Fun Day

*Puppy Play Corral,
Raffles and more!*

*Great Family Fun with your
Bernese Mountain Dog!*

**Saturday,
September 25, 2021
10am - 2:30 pm
Westford 4H Fairgrounds
Westford, MA**

Clearance Sale!

Giant Savings on all Paws & Shop merchandise.

Health Information

Leaflets & pamphlets to support
Berner health
Berner Garde Clinic

Puppy Workshop

Acquiring the right BMD for you and
your family

Puppy Parade

Come show off your new puppy!



September 25, 2021 - BMDCNV Fall Fun Day

Puppy Parade!!

For puppies 4 months - 18 months old

Registration @ 10:30

Educational Discussions,
Puppy Socialization followed by Parade.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Saturday, September 25th

**Shopping, Socialization, Raffle,
Puppy Corral, Puppy Parades and more!!!**



Farm Dog Test

On June 26th, Nashoba hosted a fantastic Farm Dog Certification Test at the gracious host and judges home of Timberlost Farm in Ashburnham, MA.

Candace Wright and Donna Anderson our judges each walked 10 miles around the farm with our teams to help them secure new FDC titles.

We had 25 entrants with an amazing pass rate of 99%! Farm Dog Trials test our Berners for how they would behave in a farm environment. Our dogs encountered some challenging

farm livestock (chickens, piglets, lambs & horses), but did a stellar job of leaving them all alone which made for some happy handlers.

It was a day filled with camaraderie and cheering on teams as they passed the last station and then headed to pick up their ribbons, which proved a successful round was had. We had lovely new title ribbons to give out along with 1/2 Doz fresh farm eggs and some baked liver treats which were hard to keep the dogs away from.



Farm Dog Test



Rescue Notebook

Adoption Stories Wanted

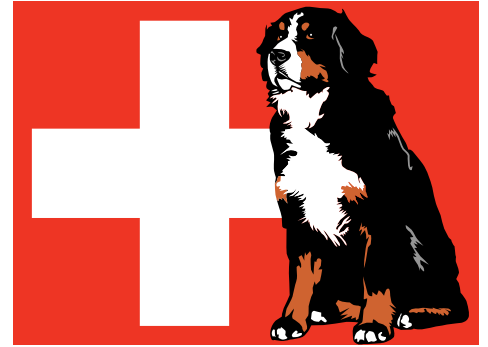
By Linda DeCelles, Rescue Chair

The **August Issue** of the Berner Blatt will be the rescue issue. We're looking for stories about your adopted Berners, whether or not they were Berner Inc. rescue dogs. Even if you have time to write only a paragraph about your Berners, we want your stories. Longer tales are also welcome! And please supply a photo of your Berners.

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Draft Workshop - June 13th

Thanks to Jim & Patricia Buickerood for hosting the BMDCNV Draft Workshop and thanks to Beth Atkinson for sharing her expertise with us! What a great bunch of working dogs! See you all at the Draft Tests on October 23 & 24!

— Anya Wittenborg, South Berwick, ME



Back-to-Back Draft Tests

Sat. & Sun., October 23 & 24, 2021

The Hall

34 Ford Road, Sterling, MA

Event Chair: Allison Harding

Secretary: Jo Coniglio(Saturday) Elizabeth Malcolmson(Sunday)

JUDGES:

VALERIE HORNEY & JENNIFER BRIGHTBILL

ENTRY DEADLINE:

Wednesday • Oct. 13, 2021 • 6:00 pm

FMI and premium list:

<http://bmdcnv.org/events.html#draft>



In Remembrance



AJAX

BACKCOUNTRY TRAILBLAZER FDC, CGC
1/21/2015 - 5/30/2021

"Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened."

— Anonymous

Ajax was owned, loved, and treasured by
 Terry Spies & Dom Thongs; Phoenicia, NY



DANTE

GLENMEGAN'S MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY
08/11/2013 - 04/30/2021

Dante joined us in early 2016 as a rehome. He had shy/aggressive issues that we worked with him on successfully. Unfortunately, life dealt him the DM card. Doing physical therapy twice a week helped to keep his attitude and muscles in good stead. He became the darling of all the techs and vets. However, the time came when we had to say goodbye - until we meet again.

Dante was such a handsome, proud, gorgeous Berner boy. He was our big mush, our baby bear, and there will never be another one like him.

"If I could make days last forever
 If words could make wishes come true
 I'd save every day like a treasure and then
 Again, I would spend them with you"

— Mari & Rob Higgins w/Daphne; Pawlet, VT
 (Josie, Hudson, Mavis & Dante always in our hearts)

Congratulations and Brags...



CH RIVERWOOD'S NIGHT WIND (Icculous)

bred and owned by Laurel Wood

Best of Opposite Sex - Ladies Dog Club 6/1/2021
 Judge Mrs. Abigail Patrizio

Best of Opposite Sex - Ladies Dog Club 6/2/2021
 Judge Mr. Robert Gifford



RIVERWOOD'S MIDNIGHT ORBIT AROUND LUCHESE (Jupiter)

bred by: Kelley Neil & Dayna Merrow

owned by: Laurel Wood and Douglas Roberts

Best of Winners (3 point major) Springfield Kennel Club 4/25/2021
 Judge Mrs. Sulie-Paveza

Winners Dog (3 point major) Ladies Dog Club 6/1/2021
 Judge Mrs. Abigail Patrizio

Best of Winners (2 points) Ladies Dog Club 6/2/2021
 Judge Mr. Robert Gifford

Best of Winners (1 point) North Shore Kennel Club 6/19/2021
 Judge Mr. William deVilleneuve

Obedience Trial Results

On May 29th BMDCNV held our own back-to-back all-breed Obedience Trials with Judge Tibby Chase in Pittsford, VT. The weather was Berner perfect, cool and crisp! We had a nice turnout including 8 Bernese with the following accomplishments.

Luca

owned by Annie Davis, **CH Spruce Peak Luca von Edelweiss BN RN TD CGC FDC** - 2 BN bumper legs

Porschia

owned by Laurie Brown, **Spruce Peak's As Fate Would Have It Porschia** - 2 BN legs, Berner and All Breed Optional Titling HIT both trials

Ursa

Owned by Alice Cheney, **Snowpaw's Ursa Stratton Mtn Bear CD RN** - 2 Novice legs to finish her CD

Dia

owned by Amanda Wescott, **Diana Diamond of Olviya** - 1 Novice leg

Elf

owned by Mie Kingsley, **Maine's Elf Confidence CD RN TD** - 2 Novice legs to finish her CD, Berner HIT both trials

On Friday night prior the club offered CGC & trick tests along with 15 minutes of ring time to anyone competing.

New CGCs at run thru - **Icelyn** and **Deziree** owned by Heidi Henderson

I want to thank Mie Kingsley for all her hard work in putting this trial together along with Kristi Davis & Warner Brook Training Center for the use of her facility and all the volunteers that helped to make this event a success.

Cheers,
Heidi Henderson, Chairperson



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