

The Berner Blatt

June/July 2019

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley

THE CLUB FOR NEW ENGLAND BERNERS & THEIR FAMILIES

SPRING FUN DAY

pages 6-7

*Best of Breed! Riverwood's Toes
in the Water at Snowdin (Baylor)
owned by Matt and Melissa George
and Laurel Wood was awarded Best
of Breed at Penobscot Valley Kennel
Club in June. Thank you to his
breeder, Laurel Wood, for trusting us
with him as well as to judge Gloria
Geringer for recognizing our boy.*

*— Matt & Melissa George;
Alton Bay, NH*

inside this issue...

Calendar of Events..... 2
Fall Fun Day 3
Supported Entry Results 4
4th of July Photo Contest 5

Rescue Notebook 8
Farm Dog Test Results 9
Birthdays, Congratulations
& Brags..... 10

BMDCNV *Calendar of Events*

~ 2019 ~

September 28

Fall Fun Day • Westford, MA

October 19 & 20

Fall Draft Tests

Bolton Sports & Fairgrounds Field
Bolton, MA

October 27

OFA Clinic

Suffield Veterinary Hospital,
Suffield, CT

November 7-10

Retreat Weekend • Oceanwood, ME

December 6

Supported Entry

Champlain Valley Kennel Club,
West Springfield, MA

FMI: www.bmdcnv.org/events.html

Help Wanted

FALL FUN DAY VOLUNTEERS

Fall Fun Day is Saturday, September 28th. No experience necessary and Board of Directors are happy to help and walk them through the process. Please contact Fall Fun Day Chair, Allison Harding, at towncountrypetsitters@gmail.com.

Fall Fun Day Raffle

Items for the Fall Fun Day Raffle are needed. We are also looking for volunteers! For details on how to donate items and to volunteer, please contact Cathy Neves at sullivanneves@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU!

Editor's Note:

Many thanks to Fran LaFlamme for the picture of Linda DeCelles in the April/May issue!

• • SAVE THE DATE • •

BMDCNV Supported Entry

Friday, December 6, 2019
Champlain Valley Kennel Club

Eastern States Exposition Grounds
1305 Memorial Ave. West Springfield, MA 01089
Closing Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2019

JUDGE: MRS. MARY ALICE ESCHWEILER



The **BMDCNV** *board of directors*

PRESIDENT

Jean Michael
president@bmdcnv.org

VICE PRESIDENT

Susan Mahan
vicepresident@bmdcnv.org

SECRETARY

Carol Jensen
secretary@bmdcnv.org

TREASURER

Bruce Hallden
treasurer@bmdcnv.org

DIRECTORS:

Patricia Buickerood • director_buickerood@bmdcnv.org

Steve Diers • director_diers@bmdcnv.org

Heidi Henderson • director_henderson@bmdcnv.org

Carolyn Massey • director_massey@bmdcnv.org

Anya Wittenborg • director_wittenborg@bmdcnv.org

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

Fall Fun Day

*Puppy Play Corral,
Raffles and more!*

*Great Family Fun with your
Bernese Mountain Dog!*

**Saturday,
September 28, 2019
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

Puppy Workshop

Acquiring the right BMD for you and your family

Puppy Parade

Come show off your new puppy!



September 28, 2019 - 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 28th

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



Show Results



Supported Entry Results, Ladies Dog Club, inc.

Saturday, June 1, 2019

JUDGE: MRS. BETTY-ANNE STENMARK

BEST OF BREED

GCHS SIMPLE TWIST OF FATE SOULBERN

Owner: Linda O Sullivan

Breeder: Anna Kochanowska

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

GCHS MARBENS A TRUE SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN

Owner: Kim Decker-Collins & Tiggie Gerli

Breeder: Tiggie Gerli

BEST OF WINNERS/WINNERS BITCH

BELNOIS WHITEMTNS PEMIGEWASSET

Owner: Barbie Beck-Wilczek

Breeder: V Matte-Paquet & R Turcotte & L LaCroix

SELECT DOG

CH SPRUCE PEAK LUCA VON EDELWEISS TD CGC FDC

Owner: Ann Davis

Breeder: Celeste O'Malley

SELECT BITCH

GCH MARBEN'S NOEL

Breeder/Owner: Tiggie Gerli

WINNERS DOG

TENNECOTT GREEN MTNS

ALBERT EINSTEIN

Owner: Linda Kipperman

Breeder: Buffy Bell & Barbie Beck-Wilczek

RESERVE WINNERS DOG

BOREALBREEZE NORTHERN LIGHTS

Owner: Karen Fox & Leslie Joannis

Jonathan Fox

Breeder: Leslie Joannis

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH

VALKYRIE'S NEW ATTITUDE

Owner: Jody Guimond & Amanda Jankowski

Breeder: Jody Hansen & Amanda Jankowski
& Christine McLean



BELNOIS WHITEMTNS PEMIGEWASSET. Pemi at 13 months of age, is doing beautifully in conformation. She was Best of Winners/Winners Bitch on June 1, 2019 at the Nashoba Supported Entry.

— Barbie Beck-Wiczek; Littleton, NH



SMOKEY KEEP KING MOONRACER'S TREASURE. (Luna) won Winners Bitch/3 pt major at Ladies' Dog Club Inc., show in Wrentham, MA on June 2, 2019. Thanks judge Garry K. Newton for recognizing Luna.

— Carolyn Massey; Billerica, MA



GCHS SIMPLE TWIST OF FATE SOULBERN (Dylan). This was a great weekend of back-to-back BOB wins for my very special girl. Judge Mrs. Betty-Anne Stenmark was also the judge who gave Dylan her second major and finished her AKC CH way back in 2015.

— Linda Sullivan; Woodbridge, CT

TENNECOTT GREEN MTNS ALBERT EINSTEIN New Champion! Albert won his class then went on to win Best of Winners giving him the 3 point Major he needed to finish and become an AKC Champion. Thank you to the judge, Mr. Garry Newton, for selecting Albert from a group of stiff competition and thank you to the Ladies Dog Club for hosting such a nice event. Kip and I had a great time and are so proud of Albert.

— Linda Kipperman



4th of July Photo Contest



1. Titus/Dayna & Scott Merrow;
Burr Ridge, IL



4. Paige & Poet/Tricia Sullivan; Hanover, MA



3. Shelby/Siri Banach and Ed
Michalski; Amesbury, MA



5. Trinity/Nancy & Linda Bates; Dedham, MA



7. Bear/Joanne Burke;
Wayland, MA



2. Rogue & Luna/Carolyn Massey; Billerica, MA



6. Bacio/Jim and Jeanne Robbins; Canaan, NH

Welcome! New Members

Judy & Michael McGuire
Tyngsboro, MA

Kathryn Cannon
Centerbrook, CT

Stephanie Franks & Netaniel Nieves
Andover, MA

Robert & Shannon Merenda
Woburn, MA

The BMDCNV chairpeople

**BERNER BLATT
EDITOR**
Sam Sirico
bernerblatt@bmdcnv.org

**BREEDER REFERRAL
PROGRAM**
Megan McTavish
norarose2@sbcglobal.net

**HEALTH LIAISON
CHAIR:**
Karen Fox
health@bmdcnv.org

MEMBERSHIP
Karlo Laforteza
memberchair@bmdcnv.org

E-LIST HELP DESK
Jeff Nowak
elisthelp@bmdcnv.org

**MEMBERS LIST
MODERATOR**
Sharon Brady
moderator@bmdcnv.org

PUPPY REFERRAL
Laurel Wood
puppychair@bmdcnv.org

REGIONAL CLUB REP (RCC)
Karen Fox
rcc@bmdcnv.org

RESCUE
Linda DeCelles
1-877-4BMDCNV (toll free)
rescue@bernerinc.org

PUBLIC EDUCATION
Martha Phelps
and Diane Smith
education@bmdcnv.org

SOCIAL MEDIA CHAIR:
Vacant

TRAINING RESOURCES
Ellen Barnaby
training@bmdcnv.org

TROPHY CHAIR
Pam Eldredge
trophychair@bmdcnv.org

**VOLUNTEER
COORDINATOR**
Martha Phelps
802-368-7656
volunteers@bmdcnv.org

WAYS & MEANS
Bill & Stephanie Freeman
shop@bmdcnv.org

WEB MASTER
Mimi Englander
web@bmdcnv.org

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.

Spring FUN Day

June 08, 2019 • Westford, MA

Everyone had a wonderful time at the Spring Fun Day held on a beautiful sunny day at the Westford 4H Fairgrounds. We had a wonderful time celebrating our Bernese Mountain Dogs. A huge thank you Paul Emerson who did an outstanding job as our CGC tester. Congrats to all the owners and dogs who participated in our CGC test and who earned a CGC or CGCA title! Many thanks to Sue

Mahan for organizing the fabulous pasta lunch! Fun Day is only a success due to our many wonderful volunteers and attendees. Thank you for making this such a memorable event. We hope to see you all at our Annual Fall Fun Day on September 28th at the Westford 4H Fairgrounds. Photos Courtesy of Max Salmeron.



Spring FUN Day

June 08, 2019 • Westford, MA



Spring Fun Day MATCH RESULTS

6-9 Month Male:

1 – **FINNEGAN**, owned by Nancy Patterson

6-9 Month Females:

1 – **MICHAUDVILLE HUNTINGTON DANIS**, owned by Candace Wright

2 – **HAZEL**, owned by Sue Mahan

3 – **USHER HILLSIDE DAY DREAM**, owned by Jeanne Robbins

4 – **USHER HILLSIDE DREAM ON**, owned by Jeanne Robbins

Best Puppy in Match:

MICHAUDVILLE HUNTINGTON DANIS

Best of Opposite Sex Puppy in Match:

FINNEGAN

Open Females:

1 – **BRANDY**, owned by Joan and Steve Diers

2 – **SPELLBOUND'S CRANBERRY**, owned by Jean Michael

3 – **TRAILBOUND'S GRAND GALA**, owned by Allison Harding

4 – **OLYMPIAN'S SWEET DREAMS, CGC**, owned by Jeanne Robbins

Best Adult in Match:

BRANDY

7th Annual OFA Hip & Elbow Clinic

Sunday, October 27th, 2019

DR. GRIFFIN O'CONNOR &

DR. JASON HAVIAR

Suffield Veterinary Hospital • Suffield, CT

Make your appointment by February 1st

Hip and Elbow Digital Radiographs w/Sedation - \$200.

OFA same day submission fees:

OFA H & E: \$40

OFA H & E: 3 or more littermates - \$90 flat fee

OFA H & E: 5 or more by 1 owner/co-owner - \$15 each

Microchip: \$40 each

- Pre-sedation bloodwork with your primary vet shortly prior to the clinic is highly recommended.
- Sedative is butorphanol/dexdomitor. Dogs will be heavily sedated for the xrays and then receive a reversal dose, where they can walk out of the office within a short time.
- Priority will be given to those who previously responded.
- Club membership is not required to participate.
- Appointments must be made in advance - from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm FMI and registration forms please email Karen Fox at foxfirebmd@gmail.com. Pre-registration paperwork will be emailed to you.

Rescue Notebook

Adoption Stories Wanted

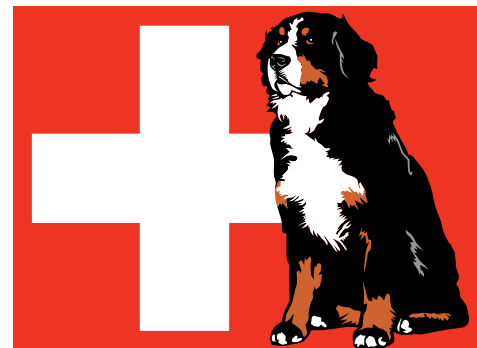
By Linda DeCelles, Rescue Chair

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

phdog6@gmail.com



BERNER INC



EDUCATION & RESCUE
WE ARE THE RESCUE ARM OF THE NASHOBA CLUB
bernerinc.org

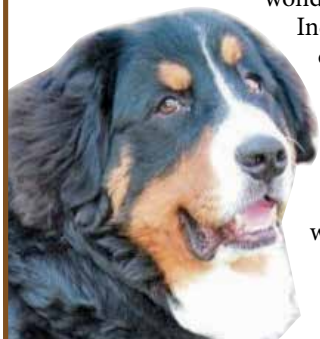
BERNER INC

BERNESE EDUCATION & RESCUE NORTHEAST REGION

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:

BERNER, Inc. P.O. Box 202
South Berwick, ME 03908



iGive.com®

Change online shopping for good.

\$1,776
earned to
date!

BERNER INC NEEDS YOU...to Get
Donations from retailers you shop with on-line!

When you register with igive.com and designate Berner, Inc as the cause you'd like to support, ALL your on-line purchases will automatically generate a donation from the retailer to Berner, Inc.... at NO cost to you!

It's quick... It's easy... and FREE!

Learn more at <http://igive.com//Q6w2UJmt>

The BERNER INC board of directors

PRESIDENT & DIRECTOR - Alise Burbridge
TREASURER & DIRECTOR - Tom McKinney
CLERK & DIRECTOR - Dawn Flaherty

DIRECTOR - Anya Wittenborg
DIRECTOR - Linda DeCelles
DIRECTOR - Sue Nowak

Farm Dog Test

Congrats to everyone who participated in the Farm Dog Test on Sunday, August 11th in Killington, Vermont at Mosher Farm. We were blessed with a perfect weather and it was a fun day for all! Thank you to BMDCNV for the sponsored hospitality cookout for all those who attended. Congratulations to all for a successful Farm Dog trial. A 100% pass rate! Many new Farm Dog and CGC titles were earned! Thank you so much to Judges Mie Kingsley (also of Nashoba) and Kristi Adams.

- Donna Davids & Bella
- Alice Cheney & Ursa
- Terry Spies Ajax & Nina
- Heidi Henderson & Chilly
- Anya Wittenborg & Nemo
- Tressy and Cory Manning & Tripp
- Candace Wright & Danis
- Jeanne Robbins & Baccio
- Barbie & Bill Wilczek w/ Balsam, Lauke, Dalton & Pemi
- Celeste O'Malley & Reiki
- Pamela Eldredge & Otis
- Buffy Bell & Rain
- Ivy Gregory & Kiera
- Linda Kipperman with Heidi & Albert
- Annie Davis & Greta
- Judy Bache & Fiona



Birthdays, Congratulations and Brags...



Six is Sweet! Olympian's Sweet Dreams CGCA (**Bacio**) turned 6 on July 4th. Bacio enjoyed celebrated with a shopping spree, custom cake, car ride & lunch! Jim & Jeanne Robbins; Canaan NH



Fabulous Five! Berner Inc. Rescue Dog **Moose** is 5 years old! He still loves going for hikes (when it's cool enough) and going for his swims in the lake. Allison & Ray Harding; Upton, MA



One is Fun! **Maisie** turned one on 06/23/19! Stephanie Franks & Netaniel Nieves; Andover, MA



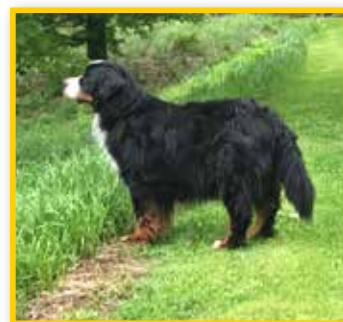
Five is Fun! Great Lakes Leave it to Beaver (**Bea**) turned 5 on, July 21, 2019. Pat Meissner; Charlestown, NH



New Title Alert! Thorncreeks Syncopated Rhythm FDC CGCA TKN (**Bunsen**) got his CGCA title at the Spring Fun Day. Erin Spanos; Preston, CT



Fenway Fun! Smokey Keep King Moonracer's Treasure (**Luna**) won runner up/2nd place in the MSPCA Angell Dogs on Deck Best Dressed contest on Tuesday, June 18th. Had so much fun exploring Fenway Park! Carolyn Massey; Billerica, MA



Tremendous Twelve! GCH Glenmegan's Flanders Fire CD RN OJP NAP DD BNDD WD VDX (**Mac**), is 12!! We are so thankful to have adopted him 7 years ago from Megan McTavish. Mac still enjoys his walks with his girls (as long as I go) and being the guardian of our property. Happy Birthday to our Mac! Buffy Bell; Reading, VT



New Title Alert! Riverstead's Holly Holy (**Holly**) just earned her last leg for Beginner Novice Obedience at the Holyoke KC, placing first in each show. Michelle Larson; East Hampton, CT



Best of Winners! Trailbound's Grand **Gala** (pronounced Gayla) got her first points at the Tunbridge, VT show! Allison & Ray Harding; Upton, MA



New Title Alert! **Echo** (Country Road's Silver Belle) earned her NACSW Level 2 Exteriors title in New Hope, PA on June 15th. Amy Matthieu; Brimfield, MA



Survivor! **Emma** turned 8 on April 14th and has (so far), survived Osteosarcoma since her right hind leg was amputated on July 17th, 2017. C.S.U., Flint Animal Hospital thought that she would not live beyond 4 months after having her leg amputated. We are very happy to have celebrated these two landmarks with her. Melanie Strycharz; Steamboat Springs, CO

Birthdays, Congratulations and Brags...



High Achiever! Marben's Rodenbach Grand Cru (**Roadie**) received his Puppy of Achievement and first two AKC points towards his championship all before his first Birthday on June 19th! Owned and Loved by Kim Dekker - Collins and Tiggy Gerli. Kim Dekker-Collins; Danbury, CT

Introducing BMDCNV Newest Members: CH Tennescoot Green Mtns Brook RA BN TKN FDC HCT-s CGC X CH Maine's Healing Light Raphael V Sprucepeak NDD FDC CGCA. Editor's Note: All pups are spoken for. Buffy Bell; Reading, VT



Rally Fun! Left to right (**Luca, Anya, Clover, Chilly, Tripp**) all qualifying and some new titles at Tunbridge, VT!- Heidi Henderson; Killington, VT



New Title Alert! Betruf Celtic Trinity (**Trinity**) earned her AKC Community Canine title (CGCA) at the Spring Fun Day on June 8 and her AKC Trick Dog Performer title (TKP) on July 3. In between those 2 "honors", she celebrated her fifth birthday on June 21. A high 5 to her 5 littermates Clooney, Ciaran, Calla, Riley, and Tonka who joined Trinity in pleading the fifth! Nancy and Linda Bates; Dedham, MA

Back-to-Back Draft Tests

Sat. & Sun., October 18 & 19, 2019
Bolton Sports and Fairground Fields
600 Main St.
Bolton, MA 01740

Event Chair: Anya Wittenburg
tuckerbmd95@gmail.com

JUDGES:

SUE VAN OCKER & SARA STEELE

ENTRY DEADLINE:

Wednesday • Oct. 9, 2019 • 6:00 pm

FMI and premium list:

http://www.bmdca.org/Draft/pl/dPL_201910_nashobavalley.pdf



2020 Calendar Photos Wanted!

Calendar models wanted!

We are seeking photos of your beautiful Berners for the 2020 BMDCNV Calendar. The pictures you send must be the original, no instagram photos please.

Please email Stephanie Freeman at patchworkbernese@gmail.com for information on submission. We ask that you only send us 5 pictures max, that way we can get as many of our Berners in the Calendar as possible.

Start looking through your pictures and contact me soon.

Deadline: September 5, 2019



BMDCNV

19 Lantern Ln.
Milford, MA 01757-3709



Contact
Memberchair@bmdcnv.org
to receive an electronic color
issue of the Berner-Blatt



Follow us on
Instagram



@bmdcnv



BMDCNV



BERNER Inc.