

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



Photo by: Eileen Blass

MBISS BPISS Can GCH Am GCHG CH Belnois Romeo Ruba Cuori FDC "Romeo" won an Award of Merit at the 143rd Westminster Kennel Club Dog show. Congratulations to Romeo's owner BMDCNV member Pamela Eldredge and his handler Lisa Gallizzo!

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BMDCNV *Calendar of Events*

~ 2019 ~

March 2 & 3

Supported Entry • *Springfield, MA*

April 28

Annual Meeting • *Boxboro, MA*

June 1

Supported Entry • *Wrentham, MA*

June 8

Spring Fun Day • *Westford, MA*

June 23

Kittery Picnic • *Kittery, ME*

September 7 & 8

BMDCNV Regional Specialty • *Nashua, NH*

September 28

Fall Fun Day • *Westford, MA*

October 19 & 20

Fall Draft Tests • *TBD*

November 7-10

Retreat Weekend • *Oceanwood, ME*

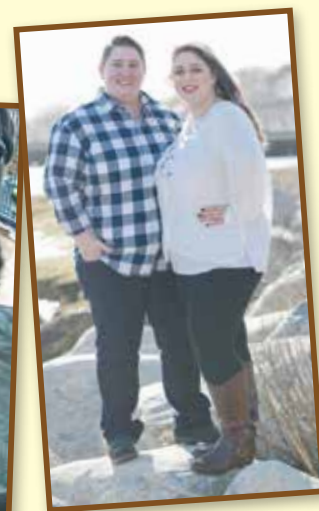
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New Members

Showcase



Mowgli, Puck & Fennel



(L) Tina, (R) Sam

Sam & Tina Sirico; *Old Saybrook, CT.*

Loves: wrestling with his mutt rescue brothers

Fennel is our first Berner, and he loves his mutt rescue brothers, Mowgli & Puck. His three cat siblings do their best to tolerate him :) He loves visiting his grandparents' house up the road, and not coming in when it's cold out, no matter what his moms offer him. We are looking forward to Fennel's first handling class in a few weeks. We can't wait to see how he will do in the show ring! Helping to whelp Fennel's litter was one of the most rewarding experiences of our lives, and we are so grateful to Laurel & Doug for welcoming us into their Berner family.

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2019 BMDCNV Elections

Nominating Slate

In accordance with Article IV section 3 of the By-Laws of the BMDCNV, the Nominating Committee (*Stephanie Freeman, Julie Mott, Buffy Bell*) have identified the following nominees for open positions for the BMDCNV Board 2019 - 2021 terms.

Director: **Heidi Henderson**

Director: **Carolyn Massey**
(incumbent)

Director: **Any Wittenborg**
(incumbent)

Thank you to Stephanie, Julie, Buffy for doing such an important job so well. Additional nominations of eligible members in good standing may be made by another member in good standing. A written petition must be submitted to the Secretary at least 8 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. 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.

Any petition must be submitted to the secretary@bmdcnv.org.

BMDCNV Board Candidate QUESTIONNAIRES

Name: Heidi Henderson

Date: 12/17/2018

Q: How long have you been a member of the BMDCNV?

A: Since 2010.

Q: Are you a member of the BMDCA?

A: Yes

Q: If elected, will you attend a majority of the scheduled board meetings?

A: My intent is to attend as many board meetings as possible

Q: What do you feel are the immediate concerns of the BMDCNV?

A: My immediate concerns would be that of educating potential puppy owners on how to find quality breeders and puppies. In addition, I would hope that I will be viewed as approachable and be a voice to support our membership with their concerns.

Q: What do you feel should be the long term goals of the BMDCNV?

A: For the long term I would hope that we can increase club membership and create club events throughout our region that appeal to owners in all areas. Logistics of locations for our far-reaching members can make event attendance difficult and offering more planned events in the far-reaching areas could help get more membership involved.

Please outline your qualifications for the position you are seeking:

Once I became owned by this breed my life steamrolled into getting involved in many different aspects of breed ownership.



Here is list of accomplishment thus far to assist me in my position:

Founding member & President of Vermont Pet Partners Therapy Group Pet Partners Therapy Dog Evaluator since 2006 Co-Trophy Chair 2018 BMDCA National Specialty Event Secretary and Host of Tracking Club of Vermont Farm Dog Certification Dog Mountain Picnic organizer all years running AKC Breeder of Merit

Active member of Skyline Agility, Tracking Club of VT, BMDCNV, BMDCA, Participant in Breeder Mentor Program hosted by BMDCA, VTPP Therapy Team Actively Show and title in Agility, Tracking, Obedience, Rally, Conformation, Herding, Farm Dog Breeding health tested litters and raising puppies

from The President...

Looking back our year just ended, 2018 was a busy one for Nashoba Valley! The main event of course was the National Specialty hosted by our club in Sturbridge the first week of May. For me it was an exciting time as I began the week with my installation as President, and had the pleasure of staying most of the week with my two dogs. I helped with the sales of the clubs National Specialty clothing and being positioned near the conformation ring, I had the opportunity to watch and meet our members and other exhibitors from near and far in action. It was also great to see our event chairs and volunteers working through all of the logistics and details of a hectic show to ensure everything went smoothly throughout the week. It was truly amazing! A big congratulations again to all of our member participants, whether you walked away with a new title or simply had a great experience working with your dogs! The club also held several events throughout the year with our Spring and Fall Fun Days which are always popular events, our Regional Specialty and back to back Draft Tests, an OFA clinic in November, and end the year with a wonderful Holiday Party in December. We can't thank our volunteers for stepping up to chair the events and to recruit members to help run them, we couldn't do it without you and hope that participation in these events continues to grow.

As we begin 2019, we will continue to hold the usual events mentioned above and are also happy to note the return of the Fall Retreat Weekend! One of our club members has come forward and expressed a desire to chair the event which will be held once again at the Ocean Wood's Resort in Scarborough, Maine. Details to come in the months ahead, but many new

ideas for the weekend are in the works! We also have members working on other new events and will keep you posted as we know more. Please be sure to visit the club's website for more details.



The club incurred many expenses in 2018, with the National Specialty and a couple of other events taking a chunk out of our budget. As in the past couple of years, we will continue to be mindful of our expenses and try to offset them when we are able. Please remember that when you renew your memberships and shopping at Ways N Means, either online or on Fun Days and other events, you are helping the club increase revenue which helps us to continue offering a variety of events for all of our members.

As I reflect upon my term as President thus far, I am reminded that I still have much to learn! I am thankful to have the opportunity to serve you, our Members, and for the opportunity to work with a dedicated Board and the many Committee Chairs who work behind the scenes to keep our club running. I am hopeful that as you read this message, you too will consider stepping up to help in some way. We continue to look for an Editor for the Bernerblatt, Chair for the Fall Draft Tests, a Chair or Chairs for the Spring and Fall Fun Days, and members willing to run the raffle table at the Fun Days. Again, please consider volunteering for these events, there are people ready and willing to help you! I have chaired and assisted in these events through the years and have found it to be a great way to meet our members, learn about our events (Draft Tests are my personal favorite), and watch our members and their dogs in action!

Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy, New Year and look forward to seeing you at upcoming events!

Jean Michael
President

Club Notices:

Spring and Fall Fun Day Chairs wanted.

Spring Fun Day is Saturday, June 8th and 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 Jean Michael at jpmichael85@verizon.net.

For title certificates for Annual Meeting:

To have your dog recognized for a title they earned in 2018 at the Annual Meeting please send copies of certificates to Patricia Buickerood by April 8th. AKC or BMDCA titles. Must have been earned in 2018. Please send a copy of the certificate showing dog's registered name, owner, award. Can be sent to Patricia at pbuickerood@gmail.com (pdf or photo) or mailed to me via USPS at:
Patricia Buickerood
19 Townsend St
Pepperell, MA 01463
Deadline: April 8, 2019



Show Results



Greater Lowell Kennel Club, Inc. Supported Entry

Shriner's Auditorium, Wilmington, MA • January 20, 2019

JUDGE: MRS. RUTH H. ZIMMERMAN

BEST OF BREED/BEST OF BREED OWNER HANDLER/ BEST OF BREED OWNER HANDLER GROUP 1 GCH DE-LI'S HOMEBREW BY THE KEG V HEARTSDESIRE

Owner: Debbie Butler Miller

Breeder: Lilian Ostemiller & Michelle Scott & Dana Gabel

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX GCH TWINHEARTS I'M PRADA YOU'RE NADA

Owner: Lynn Meyers & Danielle Meyers & Rachel Meyers

Breeder: Danielle Meyers & Rachel Meyers & Joelle Diamond

BEST OF WINNERS, WINNERS DOG, BEST PUPPY, BEST PUPPY GROUP 2

BOREALBREEZE NORTHERN LIGHTS

Owner: Karen Fox & Leslie Joannis & Jonathan Fox

Breeder: Leslie Joannis

WINNERS BITCH

CRIMSON HARVEST'S PEARL OF BELLINZONA

Owner: Dr. Indra Guertler & Susan K Morrill

Breeder: Susan K Morrill

SELECT DOG

CH STEADFAST CHARLEMAGNE

Owner: George W Narby & Dorri Poppe

Breeder: Dorri Poppe

RESERVE WINNERS DOG

RIVERWOOD'S TOES IN THE WATER AT SNOWDIN

Owner: Matthew George & Melissa George & Laurel Wood

Breeder: Laurel Wood

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH

GOLIATH STEADFAST SIERRA

Owner: Dorri Poppe & Patty McPherson

Breeder: Dorri Poppe



The Annual BMDCNV Winter Walk

A huge shout out to Ray and Allison Harding for all their help yesterday. The Winter Walk was a huge success and wouldn't have happened if they hadn't stepped up to the plate. We had so many wonderful people attend, members and non members alike....Thanks again Ray and Allison (Moose and Gala too!). You are awesome and so appreciated.

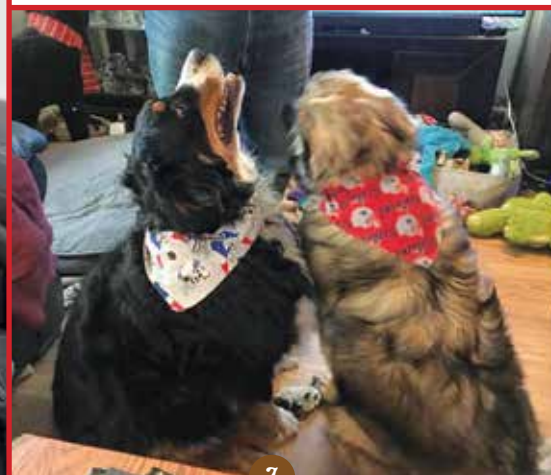
— Carol Jensen; Cromwell, CT

Thank you very much to the Hardings and Carol Jensen for hosting the Winter Walk today. With Moose leading the way, Paige really enjoyed the hike and is now doing what Berners do resting comfortably on the sofa. We really appreciate the work you do so the rest of us can have special times with our dogs.

— Patricia Sullivan; Hanover, MA



Patriots Pride



Nashoba Berners were all decked out in their New England Patriots gear to support the Pats who played in their third consecutive Super Bowl on February 3, 2019. The Patriots beat the LA Rams 13-3 and are Super Bowl LIII Champions! Congrats Pats fans!

OUR NEWEST ADOPTED BERNER, ELVIS, IS NO HOUND DOG!

One-year-old **ELVIS** is happily settling into his new home with Steve and Judy Pavlosky, a golden girl playmate, Taffy, and three cats. Elvis had been living in a home with an older Berner who was not pleased with having a canine companion. After many weeks of working with a trainer, it became clear to Elvis' first owners that their resident Berner would never accept another dog in their home. They made the difficult but necessary decision to rehome Elvis.

When Elvis was introduced to Taffy, they clicked, and they have been playing together ever since. Steve and Judy are seasoned Berner people. They had adopted two dogs previously from BERNER, INC. "Deuce" lived to an advanced age with the family. "Tony" was part of the family until last year, when, sadly, he succumbed to cancer. Now Elvis has become the Pavloskys' third adopted BERNER, INC. boy, and he will have a long and happy life with them.



*BERNER, INC.. is grateful for the generous donation made by Dennis and Jane Boas in memory of their beloved **VIDAR**.*

Steve and Judy report:
"We're so thankful BERNER, INC. was able to bring Elvis to us. After losing Tony, our 8-1/2 year old Berner rescue, so unexpectedly and quickly, we were in a real funk. ELVIS, our new one-year-old energy ball, has put a smile back on our faces."

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Shelley Tyre Award 2018 Call for Nominations

The Shelley Tyre Outstanding Service Award honors someone whose service and contributions to the club and/or the breed has been exceptional. 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 Shelley Award is given annually to a member who has given outstanding service to our club. 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.

Club members send their recommendations for the award recipient to the Secretary with a short paragraph on why they believe the nominee deserves the award. The Board then takes into consideration all the recommendations and decides on the recipient. The only two restrictions are that the award may not go to a previous recipient or to any Officer or Director while they are serving. The award is presented at the annual meeting. Nominations for 2018 should be sent to the BMDCNV Secretary, Carol Jensen at secretary@bmdcnv.org no later than March 1, 2019.

Previous honorees are:

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

Sunday, April 28th, 2019

Annual Meeting & Buffet: Noon

**Boxboro Regency Hotel
& Conference Center
Boxborough, MA**

**Bernese Mountain
Dog Club
of Nashoba Valley**

**Annual
Meeting**



Reservations:

Buffet Lunch: \$25
Children menu \$15

Reservations can be made online or Check payable to BMDCNV. Send check to Treasurer, Bruce Hallden
PO Box 293, Cromwell, CT 06416
Deadline: April 21st

Reserve online:

<http://bmdcnv.bigcartel.com/product/annual-meeting-buffet>

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Birthdays, Congratulations and Brags...



Happy Birthday Luke!

Owned and loved by Jane Hunt-Brackett. Still silly and noisy at 11+, hardly ever been to the vet except for checkups.

— Jane Hunt-Brackett;
Kensington, NH



Birthday boy!

02.15.2018.

Happy First Birthday to our sweet Logan, loved by

Karen and Jon Fox;
South Windsor, CT



And in the blink of an eye, Cava is 4!

02.18.2015.

Happiest birthday cheers to our wonderful pup!

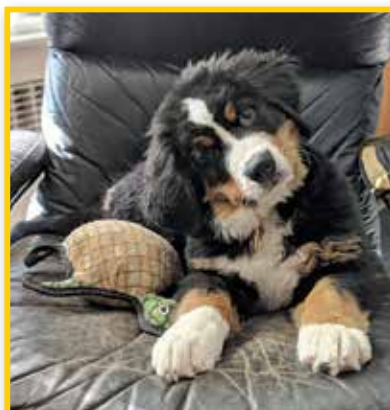
— Angel and Chris Petrone; Alexandria, VA



New Puppy!

Say hello to PEACEFIELD'S NOBLE NIGHT - FINNIGAN 'Finn'. Finn was born on 10.13.2018 and is the sweetest little guy in the world. We just love him.

— Nancy & Carl Patterson; Tewksbury, MA



New addition to our family!

Introducing Winston! (Mystics No Knocks Sox Winston) born 10/26. A joy who loves to play With big brother Gus.

— Pam and Charles Swearingen; Belmont, MA



Happy Birthday Baer Maximus!

01.25.2016 We love you!

— Karrie Kapoor; Milton, MA



On Feb 2nd, Betruf Celtic Trinity earned her AKC SIA (scent work interior advanced title) with 1st place. She found 2 hides in 16 seconds. She also earned her SCA (scent work container advanced title) the same day.

— Nancy Bates;
Dedham, MA



Nancy Bates and Trinity won "most festive" the Reindog Event in Easton, MA.

— Linda & Nancy Bates;
Dedham, MA



ALWAYS CONSULT WITH YOUR VETERINARIAN REGARDING ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN WEIGHT AND BEFORE BEGINNING A DIET AND EXERCISE PLAN FOR YOUR BERNER.

Caring for Your Pet's Skin During the Winter Season

In New England, hot spots and Berner's skin issues are less common during the colder temperatures of winter. However, it is still very important to keep a close eye on our beloved Berners skin. Winter is hard on human skin. Smooth, supple, and soft skin can soon turn red, chapped, and rough. If you notice a change in your skin, chances are there are changes going on with your Berners skin too!

While you cannot control the outside temperatures, and you cannot keep your dog indoors all the time – after all, she has to go outside to relieve herself – you can maximize your indoor air with humidifiers and fans to keep the air circulating so that allergens are not collecting in the air and carpets.

To keep everyone comfortable, both pets and people, avoid as much as possible using room deodorizers, scents, or carpet and furniture cleaning products, since there is no way to air out the chemical traces of these products from the home.

Other Causes of Skin Problems

In addition to winter changes, there are also the usual culprits — dust mites, molds, etc. — which are not being aired out and which may lead to an increase in reactive skin or breathing symptoms, especially if your dog tends to be sensitive under normal circumstances. Your veterinarian



can help to diagnose and treat indoor allergies and provide relief in the form of medications, supplements, or special shampoos.

Other potential causes of skin conditions can come from sources such as parasites, underlying health issues like kidney or liver problems, or hormonal or nutritional imbalances. If your dog is not responding to any of the normal treatment methods, you will need to have him examined so that

more serious health issues can be ruled out.

It is important to note that if you find your dog scratching non-stop, to the point that damage to the skin is resulting from the excessive scratching, you will need to see your veterinarian immediately, before the skin irritation becomes a more severe bacterial infection.



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BMDCNV Supported Entry

Saturday, June 1, 2019

Ladies Dog Club, Inc.

Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds

Emerald Street, Wrentham, MA

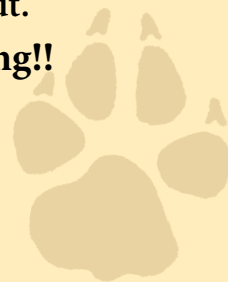
Closing Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2019

JUDGE: MRS. BETTY-ANNE STENMARK



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ANNUAL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, April 28, 2019

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