

# Oct.-Nov. Newsletter 2008



## ***Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Finger Lakes***

### **President's Message:**

Thanks so much to Kathy Mihalek for coordinating a wonderful supported entry at Wine Country! Thanks too to everyone who helped make this a wonderful event! Again, Kathy pulled off a great raffle and super hospitality at her campsite, where we held our meeting and enjoyed the dishes everyone had provided.

Our officers and board members for the new year are:

President: Sue Brightman  
Vice President: Kathy Mihalek  
Treasurer: Bev Burney  
Secretary: Patty Smith

Directors:  
Galen Zimmer (Year 1 of 3 years, elected Fall 2005)  
Steve Constantino (Year 3 of 3 years, elected Fall 2006)  
Linda Carney (Year 2 of 3 years, elected Fall 2007)

We will hold a club meeting shortly after judging at the Del-Otse-Nango Kennel Club show to be held at the Syracuse Fairgrounds on Saturday, November 15 (where we have an entry of 20 Berners). See officers and board members at ringside for the location of the meeting.

Do hope to see you at the meeting... Meanwhile, take the time to enjoy the cool weather with your Berners!

**Bernerly, Sue**

**BMDCFL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**9/27/2008 at Wine Country Circuit**

**MEMBERS:** Ray Hughes, Sue Brightman, Linda Carney, Kim & Billy Barber, Galen Zimmer, Debra Brown, Patty Smith, Sue Smith, John & Kathy Mihalek, Linda Foti, Trisha & Greg Cartier, Tom & Mary Ellen Nawn, Susan Nicholl, Bob & Merry Lou Holley

**Guests:** Melissa & Doug Zecher, Dean Burwell, Amy Schwoeble, Kim Groves

President Sue Brightman called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

**Secretary:** No Correspondence.

**Treasurer:** \$5,525.11 balance as of 8/31/08. Pending disbursements are \$100 to Stacy Grimins, approx. \$63 for SPCA Responsible Dog Ownership information, and \$95 to Kathy Mihalek for trophies.

**Committee Reports:**

**Sunshine:** Kim Barber let us know that Heather Anshutz has a new baby girl.

**Rescue:** Most of our placements are re-homing rather than rescue and things are going well. Followed by group discussion on current trends and issues.

**Membership:** No new applications.

**Supported Entry:** Kathy thanks to all who played a part in our show again this year. Next year will be the 30-year anniversary of the BMDCFL. We will have a special celebration for the 2009 event. Kim Barber will chair, Patty Smith will co-chair the planning committee. Please feel free to offer judge suggestions to Kathy.

**Bernerfest:** Galen has new activities to include in 2009. Digiart will be offered for all interested participants and their Berners. We may look into a 2 day event including camping and a fun match. Volunteers for the various functions are needed.

No other committee reports.

**Election of officers:** No new nominations from the floor. Slate presented for vote. Secretary cast 1 vote to accept the slate as published.

**Old Business:**

**AKC Status:** Sue reports we are moving forward with our application. Patty will complete the membership questionnaires and give to Sue. Match show will be held at Bernerfest and Ellen Lechner is interested in possibly chairing that part of Bernerfest. We will follow-up with her on that.

**New Business:**

Discussion held of hosting a European Judge for a supported entry with the Newfie people. It was decided that this is too pre-mature for us to pursue right now.

Motion to adjourn, Ray Hughes, 2nd Galen Zimmer  
Meeting adjourned 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Patty Smith, Secretary

## Results for the BMDCFL Supported Entry Saturday September 27, 2008

### **Bernese Mountain Dogs, 6-9 mos.**

1. #41 - Maine's Simon Says Triellen
2. #27 - Lin Cars Movin on to Moe Joe
3. #7 - Kandersteg Dark Star
4. #5 - Adesa Battleship Defender

### **Bernese Mountain Dogs, 9-12 mos.**

1. #9 - Wingfield's Lasso the Moon
2. #55 - Jamar's Nick of Time

### **Bernese Mountain Dogs, 12-18 mos.**

1. #25 - Lieberhund's Who's Your Daddy
2. #53 - M&M Mountain's Perfect Calaber V Swiss Charm
3. #29 - Casanova Cierne Kralovstvo

### **Bernese Mountain Dogs, Bred By**

1. #19 - Chaveran's Dragon Ryder

### **Bernese Mountain Dogs, American Bred**

1. #11 - Sheffield's Moonlight Graham

### **Bernese Mountain Dogs, Open Dogs**

1. #15 - Alpenlieb's Christmas Spirit
2. #17 - Maibock's Arundel's Forecast
3. #31 - Heron Pond's Avi's Bali

### **Winner's Dog**

#35 - Lieberhund's Who's Your Daddy

### **Reserve Winner's Dog**

#9 - Wingfield's Lasso The Moon

### **Bernese Mountain Dogs, 6-9 mos., Bitches**

1. #6 - Lin Cars M&M Razn Kane

### **Bernese Mountain Dogs, 9-12 mos., Bitches**

1. #30 - Triellens Lady Surya
2. #28 - Bernherr's First Impression V Adagio
3. #32 - Kt's In Memory Of Mayhem

### **Bernese Mountain Dogs, 12-18 mos., Bitches**

1. #46 - Adesa's Moonshine

### **Bernese Mountain Dogs, Bred By, Bitches**

1. #14 - Winterthur's Margarita V Miroco
2. #26 - Havoc Hills Sweet Virginia
3. #34 - Katie Ray Warrior Princess

### **Bernese Mountain Dogs, Open Bitches**

1. #40 - Liebenhund's Island Girl

2. #50 - Lincar & M&M Mountain Runs on Dunkin'!
3. #38 - Bernherr's Answer in the Sky
4. #20 - Avi's Seba Seba

**Winner's Bitch**

#40 - Liebenhund's Island Girl

**Reserve Winner's Bitch**

#30 - Triellens Lady Surya

**Bernese Mountain Dogs, Veteran Dogs**

1. #51 - Ch. Triellen's Up to the Top
2. #39 - Ch. Kt's Bright Warrior
3. #21 - Ch. Winterthur's Fletcher Lowenzn
4. #49 - Ch. Serendipity's Malone Mayhem

**Bernese Mountain Dogs, Veteran Bitches**

1. #44 - Ch. Maine's U Gotsum Splain' T'Do
2. #24 - Serendipity's Mikayla Mayhem
3. #16 - Ch. Keillissa's I'm Not That Innocent

**Bernese Mountain Dogs, Best of Breed**

#47 - Ch. Adesa The Heat Is On

**Best of Winners**

#35 - Liebenhund's Who's Your Daddy

**Best of Opposite Sex**

#10 - Ch. Trevi's Lonestar

Patty Smith would like to put together a list of all the past winners from our supported entry, both in conformation and in obedience, complete with photos and pedigrees to have available for next years show.

What a great idea!

If your dog was a winner please contact Patty, or if you have information on past winners please contact Patty.

[Patty Smith](#)

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# New Applicants

**Robert (Bob) and Merry Lou Holly**  
**Warsaw, NY**

Sponsors- Susan Brightman, Kim Barber and Galen Zimmer

I have been a dog owner/lover all of my life. My wife Merry Lou and I have owned Berners since 1987 when we obtained our first one. This girl grew up with our daughter. I/We were hooked on Berners since that first dog. We saw an AKC ad in "Better Homes and Gardens" magazine. The ad described a few breeds that were wonderful for family pets. BMD was one of those breeds. We sent away for a breeders list, and low and behold there was a breeder near us.

Our current "family" includes Maisy (4 ½ years), Quincy (2 ½ years) and Harley (1 ½ years). These guys are #'s 4,5 & 6, the other dogs not yet described were both rescues that were challenging but greatly rewarding. We hope to "show" Quincy soon as he is still maturing. I have been to several shows and several "Bernerfests" and appreciate greatly the camaraderie of the group and enjoy the fun of so many dogs all together. Promoting this breed is a very important part of what I like to do. I am no expert, but I know what I like. These guys are the best!

Visitation in health care institutions, etc. interests me greatly.

-Bob

As my husband, Bob, has already described, we received our 1<sup>st</sup> Berner in 1987. She was a wonderful dog. We now have our 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Three makes life interesting but I cannot imagine being without them. We were so fortunate to find our breeder, Susan Brightman. She has educated us to the breed and trusts us as owners and friends.

I am very interested in promoting the Berner breed because of their temperament and their beauty. Their willingness to please, learn and be part of a family is great importance to me.

-Merry Lou

**Susan S. Nicholl**  
**Pittsford, NY**

Sponsors: Susan Brightman and Kim Barber

My husband, John, our three Berners, Bounder, Ben & Carly and one adopted cat, Dexter live on 81 ½ acres in Mendon. I am a former flight attendant-retired after 34 years with American Airlines.

We fell in love with Bernese when we met our first one in Switzerland in 1984. With a little research and a few phone calls we were lucky enough to meet Sue & Al Brightman. I 1985 we got our first of seven wonderful Berners from the Brighmans.

Our lifestyle revolves around the outdoors-hiking, backpacking, backcountry skiing & snowshoeing. Our Berners have been a perfect match for us. And what pleasure and true joy we have gotten watching our Berners take to a snowy trail in the Adirondacks or Vermont and at home! The all go wild at the sight our skis or snowshoes!

All our dogs have gone to obedience classes. So far the most part, they all have pretty good manners. Boulder passed his CGC test and enjoys going with me to visit several friends in nursing homes. Recently, Ben has begun to be shown in conformation.

I hang my head in shame & embarrassment. I should have submitted this application years ago. Sue gently mentioned it a few times, but things came up and I would forget. She should have given me a big push!

Thanks for considering me for membership.  
-Susan

## From our Membership

### From Patty Smith:

When submitting data into Berner Garde, you have two basic choices:

1. Enter your data through the submission process online at [\\_www.bernergarde.org\\_](http://www.bernergarde.org) (<http://www.bernergarde.org>).

This is very easy to do. Our online entry process works very smoothly and most entries are posted within 24 hours of receipt. The Data Operators diligently and daily pool their data entry resources to make this happen.

2. Privately email or call a Berner Garde Data Operator and have them do the entry for you. This is also very easy to do. Sometimes it can be easier/quicker to just give your information directly to a person. For some people, typing their information in an email may be a little less intimidating than trying to figure out how to submit data through the website. I have a few breeder friends who privately email me w/updates to their dogs and I post that data promptly for them.

### Important:

All Health Certifications / Clearances must be from verifiable sources. This helps to keep that information reliable. If you want to enter a health clearance that cannot be found in an online open database like OFA or CERF, Berner Garde will need you to get a copy of that document to a Data Operator (snail mail, Fax, scanned image attached to an email, etc). This type of information requires authentication prior to posting into BG.

Alternately, general health information like: date of death, medical treatments and diagnoses, etc. can all be entered with OR without veterinary documentation. While we prefer to receive the actual veterinary documents, this information can be posted without the veterinary documents.

### From Patty Smith:

Photos of the Swiss Show in Rossens

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/lauravet/collections/72157607474283801/>

Photos of the Watchung Specialty Oct. 2008

<http://www.csphotoonline.com/>

Bev judged sweeps at that show. Quite a few of our members were there so you may want to post the results. Unfortunately Watchung has not updated it's website yet. Maybe Bev has them.

**From Patty Smith:**

A new surgery helps treat severely dysplastic elbows--here's the link to the video clip:

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21134540/vp/26901761#26901761>

**From Patty Smith:**

Subject: [BMDCAmembers] On-Line Breeder Referral Needs You!

We are very close to the full public launch of the On-Line Breeder Referral Program -- but we need more members to sign up! After many many years of talking about developing this program, it's finally fully realized but the entire success of the program is in the hands of BMDCA members.

To sign up and for more detailed information, please check out the following URL

[http://www.bmdca.org/olbr/breeder\\_faq.php](http://www.bmdca.org/olbr/breeder_faq.php)

Folks can fax completed sign-up forms to 801-207-6278 or send it to 3 Douglass Dr, Princeton, NJ 08540

Adam Conn  
OLBR Chief Administrator

**From Kathy Mihalek:**

October 28<sup>th</sup>, a very dreary rainy day! They have threatened us with our first snowfall, but so far only rain and wind! More puddles that I could ever want.....I think even the dogs have had enough rain this season! But a good day to sit and jot down a few words, as I can never sit too long at the computer.

I had a wonderful time at the Supported Entry this year. Even the weather seemed not too bad. We managed to have a nice entry, meeting and a delicious feast after. I'm very grateful for all who helped me this year. Especially Amy and Dean; they traveled from North Carolina to visit family, and took the time to come and see all the Bernese. They were a great help marking the catalog, and handing out the trophies for me. Congratulations to all the winners, and runner ups. Congratulations to Linda Foti, as she qualified again this year in obedience, with AVI'S NESSA V ANO, CD, RX, . I haven't heard about any agility qualifiers; so if I missed some one, please let me know. We had one junior, Kim Barber's son William (Billy), with CH KEILISSA'S I'M NOT THAT INNOCENT. I have sent along a list of placements to Joan, and hope my timing was good to get everything in the newsletter. I hope I got everything correct, if not please let me know and I can correct it in our next newsletter.

I'll start working on next year's event now. Our Club will be celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year! Kim Barber has graciously agreed to put together a special celebration for next year's event. I have a few ideas for trophies, and a new web site to look through, thanks to Beverly Burney. Hope to start taking requests for trophy sponsors now, just email me or call. I do hope to be at the meeting at the Syracuse shows on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. They are always on a first come basis, so please let me know what you would like. I'm asking for a \$25 donation for each trophy; checks should be made out to the BMDCFL, and sent to either me, or preferably our treasurer, Beverly Burney.

It's hard to believe that the holidays will soon be upon us, I hope everyone is well, and has a great season. See you in November, and take care,

Berner hugs to all, Kathy Mihalek

**Submitted by Galen Zimmer:**

### **Time to Put an End to Puppy Mills**

To the Editor:

The fact that puppy mills are legal is a big mistake.

We need to work to change this sad piece of legislature.

When times are financially difficult, like now, one would hope that breeders of dogs would hold off on their breeding programs. Most dogs are a luxury item and need food, too. The price of that is going up by leaps and bounds.

When People are depending on income from animals that are designed to sell to the average Joe, and Joe is losing his house, what is the answer? We already have an excess of pets.

Humane breeders who love their animals will take heed and cut down on litters produced in a year. Good breeders want their puppies to go to the best homes they can find and not wind up in a shelter.

Is this the case with puppy mills? Do they even have the accommodations for keeping animals separate? Will the "millers" keep paying higher and higher prices for food to feed to animals who are not generating money? We need to end this pitiful state of affairs and not keep adding more mills to it.

Thank you David Kaiser and the Town of Romulus Planning Board for your attention in this unfortunate puppy mill situation.

Linda Hiestand  
Romulus

**Submitted by Patty Smith:**

Following, please find a press release announcing the most popular male/female dog names in the U.S. based on AKC registration statistics.

Regards,  
AKC Communications

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: October 1, 2008

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### **"LADY" AND "BEAR" MOST "PUP"ULAR NAMES FOR DOGS**

NEW YORK - Move over "Fido," the American Kennel Club® (AKC)® today announced that "Lady" and "Bear" top the list of most popular male/female dog names in the U.S.

A survey of 2007 AKC registration statistics showed that, in addition to Lady, Belle/Bell/Bella, Princess, Mae/May, Bear, Blue, Max/Maximus/Maxwell, Rose, Daisy, and Duke round out the top ten dog names.

"Traditionally names based on a puppy's physical appearance or personality, such as 'Spot' or 'Sassy,' have been popular with dog owners," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "Today we are seeing human

names, such as 'Jack' and 'Molly,' and names that reflect a pet's stature in the home, such as 'King' and 'Princess,' gain in popularity as more people consider their dog a valued member of the family."

The top male/female dog names, according to the AKC are:

Most Popular Male Dog Names\* Most Popular Female Dog Names\*

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Bear                | 11. Harley        |
| 1. Lady                | 11. Sadie         |
| 2. Blue                | 12. Jake          |
| 2. Belle/Bell/Bella    | 12. Ann/Annie     |
| 3. Max/Maximus/Maxwell | 13. Shadow        |
| 3. Princess            | 13. Star          |
| 4. Duke                | 14. Lucky         |
| 4. Mae/May             | 14. Lily/Lilly    |
| 5. Buddy               | 15. Hunter        |
| 5. Rose                | 15. Angel         |
| 6. Jack                | 16. Dakota        |
| 6. Daisy               | 16. Coco/Cocoa    |
| 7. Prince              | 17. Lou           |
| 7. Grace/Gracie        | 17. Sophie/Sophia |
| 8. King                | 18. Midnight      |
| 8. Baby                | 18. Lucy          |
| 9. Bailey              | 19. Cooper        |
| 9. Molly               | 19. Abby/Abigail  |
| 10. Rocky              | 20. Buster        |
| 10. Maggie             | 20. Marie         |

The AKC offers the following rules to consider when naming your pooch:

\* Names often reflect the character of your pet. Observe your dog for a few days and see if his personality suggests a name. Is he regal? Does she always want to be the center of attention? If so, how about "King" or "Star"?\* Short, sweet and easily recognizable names work best in getting your dog to be responsive. Use a name that is one or two syllables, ending with a vowel, such as "Sadie" or "Rocky."

\* Don't choose a name that is too long or difficult to say. A name such as "Sir Barks A Lot" will only confuse your dog.

\* Avoid names that sound like commands. Names like "Joe" sound like "no" when called.

\* Pick a name that will fit your dog regardless of his age. For example, a puppy named "Fuzzy" may not be a good fit after he grows into adulthood.

\* Don't name your dog after a friend or family member without getting their prior permission. You never know who could be offended.

\* Test out the name you would like to give your dog for a day or two. Remember any name you give your dog will be a 10-to-15-year commitment for the life of the dog.

\* After you chose a name for your dog make sure you use it often so he can learn it more quickly.

\* Don't raise your voice every time you call him, and try to use his name in positive, playful settings, such as when you feed him, play with him or pet him.

Additional information on caring for your dog can be found online at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

**\* The AKC's most popular dog names represent the 157 AKC registered breeds. Information was extracted from 2007 AKC registered dog names. General words were eliminated to reflect the most common name given. AKC allows up to 36 characters in a name.**