

Blassi News



August 2011

**Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Finger Lakes
Supported Entry
Dish to pass / Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
October 1, 2011
Sampson State Park, Romulus, NY
Wine Country Circuit Dog Shows
Following the BMDCFL supported entry
Refer to raudogshows.com for time of Bernese judging and
ring location**



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1 yr. term

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1 yr. term

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Rescue

appointed

Galen Zimmer

Patty Gill

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Membership

appointed

Galen Zimmer

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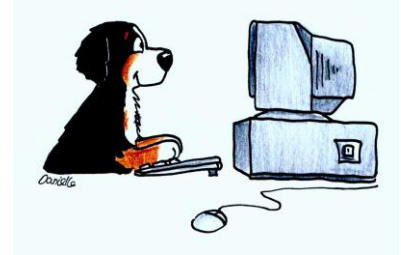


BMDCFL YAHOO GROUP

Here are the details on BMDCFL'S YAHOO GROUP....

Got a question, something to share or just want to see what the other members of bmdcfl are up too... Join our Yahoo Group! Just click on the home page link below and join the group, it's that easy! When one of our members posts a message every member of the group will be able to view it and respond if they choose. It's a great way for us to keep in touch!

Group home page: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bmdcfl>
Group email address: bmdcfl@yahoogleroups.com



August Meeting –August 14, 2011, held at Ellison Park Rochester

The meeting was called to order by President George Narby at 12:38pm. Those in attendance were: Debra Brown, Bev Burney, Sherri Cole, Linda Foti, Sue Ellen Repine, Linda Sahlem, Don Sahlem, Greg Cartier, Ludmila Hunter, Patty Gill, George Narby and Lynn Carlson.

There were no minutes to be read from the last meeting.

Treasure's Report was given by Bev Burney: As of July 31, 2011 bank statement, there is \$5089.84 in the treasury. Expenses were: \$342.52 to Debra Brown for Wine Country Trophies, \$300.00 for the National Specialty 2012, \$200.00 for Hospitality for the National Specialty 2012 and \$20.00 for check reorder.

Rescue – We are always looking for foster homes for any dog that comes into rescue. If you can provide a temporary home and be a foster parent, please contact Galen Zimmer at: 607-844-4168. It is better that we have homes in place before we need them.

BernerFest 2011 – A wonderful time was had by all and there was a lot of positive feedback regarding the games and how much fun everyone had. Thank you to everyone that helped make BernerFest a success. The club made \$159.00 in the raffle and \$105.00 in the picnic. It should be noted that Galen Zimmer was greatly missed by all in attendance. We are definitely looking forward to seeing Galen back at BernerFest 2012 and also appreciate all her planning in BernerFest. She does a great job and we know with her planning BernerFest 2012 will be just as fun and successful!

Hunt County Dog Walk - We would like to say a special "Thank You" to Joyce and Art of Hunt Country Vineyards in Branchport for inviting us to participate in their annual Hunt Country Dog Walk in June. A wonderful time was had by all and of course, they are the makers of the some of the best wines! Thank you again for allowing us to come and hang out at the winery. It was very much appreciated!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Get Your Dog Photographed: Club member Patty Gill has arranged to have a photographer take photos of your dog, at the Tonawanda Valley Kennel Club dog show in Albion on September 3, 2011. The show is at Bullard Park – East Avenue Rte 31, Albion. Your dog does not need to be entered in competition to have his or her photograph taken. Perhaps you would just like a picture of you and your dog outside in a nice setting; this is the time to do it.

Wine Country – Wine Country Dog Show will be held at Sampson State Park in Romulus, NY on Sept 29-Oct 2. A variety of trophies have been purchased. After the dog show, the club will be hosting a picnic and also election of officers. There is more info to follow, in this newsletter regarding the election and nominating officers for the next year. There was some discussion to have yearly membership start in June so individuals could pay at BernerFest, however, it will remain as is, with dues being due in January. You must be an active member and have paid your yearly dues in order to vote. There was discussion about adding a more

informal Sieger type of show for our members only, to take place after the show, during our member meeting/lunch at Wine Country, as well as a grooming class.

Election of Officers – Election of officers and board members will be held during the luncheon at the Wine Country Dog Show. All clubs members are welcome, whether you have a dog that is entered into any type of competition or not. This meeting and lunch is for all members. Please see additional information in this newsletter from Election Committee member Patty Gill.

National Specialty 2012, Gettysburg, PA: BMDCA National Specialty – 2012 The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Finger Lakes, Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Watchung and Helderberg Bernese Mountain Dog Club of New York are pleased to be hosting the BMDCA's 2012 Specialty. Show Dates: May 7, 2012 through May 12, 2012. For a list of activities, hotels and any additional information regarding the National Specialty, please visit:
http://www.bmdca.org/specialty/2012/2012_BMDCA_National_Specialty_Home.php

Raffle - Debra Brown and Sue Ellen Rapine will be putting a gift basket together to be raffled off. They are accepting at New York State items – (ie: NY state wine, NY state honey, NY state maple syrup, etc. and of course, anything Bernese/Dog related items). Please think about donating an item or making a monetary donation. Items for donation and monetary contributions can be given to Debra or Sue at Wine Country Dog Show.

Trophies – If you would like to consider sponsoring a trophy for the National Specialty, please contact Sue Adams at: www.TheRunawayonline@Yahoo.com (Debbie – I don't know if this is correct based on the National Specialty website info, it looks like you are the chair??). Please consider sponsoring a trophy. Many people will sponsor a trophy under their kennel name or in celebration of a special Berner to you.

Judges Hospitality – Anyone that is coming to the National Specialty and is not competing in any competition asked to consider helping with the judges hospitality. If you are interested in helping out with the Judges Hospitality, please contact Susan Moskovitz 410-484-7190 or via e-mail at: su-mo.woof@verizon.net. Again, if you are not competing, but going to the Specialty, this is a great way to get involved!

Welcome Bags - We are looking for free or reduced prices for items to go in the National Specialty Bags – ie: candy, magnets, crackers, etc. We would need approximately 750-1000 of these items. If you have any ideas or connections to anything that could be put in the welcome bags for the participants, please contact Linda Carney at: 570-647-0394 or e-mail at: linc@echoes.net

Shopping – and of course, if you are looking for National Specialty merchandise or Bernese Mountain Dog merchandise, please check out the Specialty store <http://www.bmdca-store.com/>

Motion to adjourn the meeting was from Bev Burney and Patty Gill seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:21pm.

Nominating Committee Patty Gill

The following are a list of candidates for the pending election to be held at the BMDCFL annual meeting Wine Country Show, Oct. 1, Romulus, NY .

President: George Narby

Vice President: Debbie Butler Miller

Treasurer: Bev Burney

Secretary: Still Open (looking for someone that would like to fill this void, please contact Patty Gill)

Board Member 3 yr. term: Patty Gill

Rescue

Galen Zimmer

As Chairperson of the rescue / rehoming program of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Finger Lakes, I felt it was time to review our policy and procedures. New members may be seeing this for the first time and old members would benefit by seeing it again. I have made some revisions based upon experience of how things work best for placing dogs in their “forever home”. Thanks to Sue Brightman who forwarded materials on what other regional clubs were doing. I learned that there is no uniformity of policy and procedure. Some clubs act only as “match makers” while others require a multi-page application from people interested in adopting.

At a recent club meeting I learned that members are involved in rescue and rehoming on their own, that is without involving the BMDCFL. While I applaud their efforts and in no way wish to discourage this, I do believe it would be in the best interest of the dogs if I was notified of the circumstances. Each year I am asked to provide the national club with a report of rescue/rehoming activity within our region. Without this information, I am only providing part of the picture. Please let me know about the dogs, where they are coming from and where they are now. This way I will have more information and we can work together against puppy mills, pet shops that retail our breed and breeders who are not there for the dogs and the owners of these dogs. As mentioned at our meeting this problem is not going away and we must become proactive or we become a dumping ground for unwanted dogs. Please let me know if you agree, disagree, or have other ideas. I would love to have others in the club working with me. Our membership is small and resources we few but together we can move forward in so many different ways to help our beloved breed. Experience is not necessary only compassion and love

Thank you,

Galen Zimmer, 607-844-4168, 485 North rd. Freeville, NY 13068

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Finger Lakes

Rescue policy

Definitions:

A “rescue dog” is a purebred Bernese Mountain Dog that has been placed in a shelter; is a stray; has been abandoned; and the breeder is not known.

A “re-homing dog” is a purebred Bernese Mountain dog that can no longer remain with its owner of record or with its breeder.

“Placement” is the process through which a dog is placed into a permanent home.

Policy

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Finger Lakes provides rescue and re-homing services for Bernese Mountain dogs located in the western and central portions of New York State.

Our goal is to expedite the rescue and re-homing process of Bernese Mountain Dogs by maintaining a list of responsible people interested in adopting a dog who may fall under one of the categories; assessment of the dog, providing foster care when needed; and placement with a new family that matches the dog's needs. The rescue and re-homing services are provided by volunteers dedicated to the rescue of abandoned, neglected or unwanted Bernese Mountain Dogs.

The dog will be evaluated for the following conditions:

1. Health
2. Attitude
3. Compatibility
4. Training

Aggressive dogs that exhibit the potential to bite will be rejected from the program. The BMDCFL will never knowingly place a potentially dangerous dog with an adoptive family.

Adoption fees for rescue dogs where the breeder is unknown vary. Re-homing is more match-making between owner/breeder/and new families. Expenses incurred for foster care, transportation, etc. will be reimbursed by

Please consider offering your service and time to the rescue/rehoming of B.M.D.'s in your area. It's very rewarding

Galen Zimmer Rescue/Rehoming Chair

Membership

Jill Lyons: Elma, NY

I am currently owned by 2 Bernese Mt. dogs, a Husky, 3 cats and 3 horses. I own a kennel facility in Elma, NY. I will be here for 5 years in June 2011, and prior to that I worked for another facility right out of high school. I live with my fiancé Mark and 12 year old daughter Alexandra. Alex has shown in Jr's, and seems to take after me as far as her love for animals.

My interest in Bernese Mt. Dogs came well over 10 years ago. I took my time researching, and waiting for the right breeder and perfect time to incorporate this beautiful breed into our family. My first Berner came from Cathie Shipe and Wingfield Farm;s in January 2008. Cathie has been and still is a great mentor for me.

Stewart became a Grand Champion in January. I must say he has been very easy for our 1st show dog and I couldn't ask for a better temperament for the show world! I got extremely lucky!! Stewart has been bred and we now have Fancy out of his first litter sired. She will be 2 in Oct. I am hoping Fancy will be the foundation to my breeding lines. I guess we shall see when we have all of her clearances done.

I am currently a member of the BMDCA, and by becoming a member of the Finger Lakes, I am hoping to network with other breeders and owners of Bernese Mt. Dogs I am willing to volunteer or help with events that the club had throughout the year as well.

I like to share ideas as well as gain as much knowledge that I possibly can about this breed. I have a great interest in drafting and carting, but they do not offer anything in my area.

Thank you for this opportunity to become a member of your club.

Best Regards, Jill M. Lyon

Carla Hamilton: Binghamton, NY

I am writing in regards to hopefully becoming a member of the BMDCFL. I have heard wonderful things about the club from a couple of members.

I am a Controller at a local car dealership in the Binghamton area. I have been with the company for 12 years and I have always worked in the car business since I was a junior in high school. I have a passion for numbers and that is why I love what I do. I moved to the Binghamton area in 1993 because my husband is from there. I originally come from a small country town in Wayne County called Williamson. I am definitely a country girl. My grandparents had a farm with all kinds of animals along with fruits and vegetables.

My husband Morris and I live in the country now with 6 acres of land and we have two spoiled dogs, one is a 7 yr. old German Shepherd named koby and the other is our 1 yr old Bernese named Harlie Sue. I have enclosed a picture of Harlie for you to see.

I first became attracted to the breed about 10 years ago when I met someone that had two of them. At that time we had another shepherd and only wanted on dog. As time went on I did more research on the breed and went to a couple of shows and asked questions with some of the breeders that were there. I wanted to gather as much information as I could before speaking to my husband about the breed. We love their personality and how they are around children and other people. They are a loyal companion and always want to please.

We purchased our first Bernese and picked her up in September 2004. Her name was Sadie May. My husband was hesitant at first but she became his baby girl instantly. We have said that she was like no other dog that either of us had ever had. She was the joy of our life. We lost her suddenly Feb. 13, 010 to cancer. We were devastated and so was Koby. We were so lost without her that we had to get another one. So on May 15, 2010 I picked up Harlie Sue. We now have another joy in our life. We can't say enough about the breed and we tell people all the time. People are always asking us when we are out walking at the parks. So of course we brag.

We currently are not in any membership clubs and most of the dog activities we have are walking at the parks and running around our yard. We have been through obedience classes and was thinking of agility. My expectations from the BMDCFL are to meet others that share the same passion of the breed as we do. To be able to share stories and learn even more about the breed.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to share a bit about us and our furry companions. I hope to hear from you soon and would love to become a member of the club.

Sincerely,

Carla Hamilton

Apology

I would like to extend my sincere apology to member Rita McCabe for not getting you our newsletter and making sure that you knew how welcome you are as a member of the BMDCFL! Welcome, Welcome!!

Debbie Butler Miller

Berner Brags & Notes...

We're proud to announce another new champion at Winterthur kennel. Ch. Alpenspirit Emmet v Winterthur.

Emmet was awarded Best of Winners in very few shows finishing with four majors. My friend Valerie did a beautiful job showing him off. Emmet was bred by Mylene Turbide



Linda Foti and Sherri Cole had a great weekend at the Canadian National Specialty, Jhanesh Van't Patchof was best 6-9 month puppy bitch and Avi's Seba Seba was best of winners. Both owned by Linda Foti. Linda and Neesa were high in trial, also Neesa was the oldest dog to qualify at national. Congratulations!!!

Announcements

Special thanks to Linda Carney for representing BMDCFL at the Regional Club Council at the National Specialty.

Congratulations to Galen H. Zimmer who was awarded her 25 year membership pin by BMDCA.

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Watchung

Join us for our

Regional Specialty & 30th Anniversary

Draft, Back-to-Back Conformation, & Obedience / Rally Events

3 Days of Activities

2011 Celebration

Saturday, October 8

All-Breed Draft Test

Draft Judges: Sara Steele & Steve Dudley
AlpenSchatzBerneseMtnDogs@gmail.com
Draft Secretary: Ron DiCanio, 267-231-6900,
Draft entries close September 28.
Contact Draft Secretary for entry forms.

Saturday Evening

Fun Match Judge: Bill Hamilton
Sign up at the show.
Ice Cream Social benefits 2012 BMDCA National Specialty.
Draft Chair: Claire Coppola

Sunday, October 9

Day 1 Conformation Classes

Sweeps Judge: Abby Patrizio
Obedience Judge: Larry Wilson
Rally Judge: Verna Ritter
Team Obedience Judge: V. Ritter & L. Wilson

Sunday Evening

Buffet Dinner immediately follows BISS.
BMDCW meeting honors founding members.
Reg Class Judge: Chris Walkowicz

NEW LOCATION

Best Western Lehigh Valley

Bethlehem, PA
Room Reservations: 610-866-5800 (ask for special rate).
RV Reservations: \$20/night, no hook ups.
dcpelikan@verizon.net

Woofstock - Peace, Love, & Draft!

For Updates & Details

or

Like us on Facebook:

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Watchung

Go to www.bmdcw.org

Your \$15 donation benefits BMDCW Rescue.

Please sign up early.

rondicano1@yahoo.com

Show Dedicated to Dennis Ostermiller

Monday, October 10

Day 2 Conformation Classes

Sweeps Judge: Judith Cons
Obedience & Rally Judge: Phyllis Broderick
Reg Class Judge: Janice Provenzano

Show Chair: Doug Pelikan

609-865-1596, dcpelikan@verizon.net
(Columbus Day)

Ad designed by Doug Pelikan

BMDCA National Specialty

May 7 – 12, 2012

Gettysburg, PA

Hosted by

Watchung, Fingerlakes and Helderberg
Bernese Mountain Dog Clubs

It may seem like a long way off, but there is so much to do!

Look for more information to come in the future for your opportunity to participate!

http://bmdca.org/specialty/2012/2012_BMDCA_National_Specialty_Home.php

CALENDAR

September

- 10th Potomac Valley Sept. 10 – 11 Match and draft workshop Go to .
<http://www.pvbmdc.org/Calendar.htm> for more information
- 10th Nashoba Valley Regional Specialty, North Conway, NH
- 17th Watchung Supported Entry, Macungie, PA Lehigh Valley shows
- 18th Helderberg 13th annual AKC Sanctioned “B” match
Go to <http://www.hbmdcnv.org/> for further info
- 24th Potomac Valley Draft Test 24th – 25th go to <http://www.pvbmdc.org/Calendar.htm> for premium information
- 30th Wine Country Circuit, Sampson State Park, Romulus, NY

October

- 1 Wine Country Circuit, Sampson State Park, Romulus, NY
Fingerlakes BMD Supported Entry, and annual meeting At Wine Country
The annual meeting will take place after Bernese judging.
#1 Refer to the judging program at www.raudogshows.com for the Bernese judging time.
#2 click on judging program in left menu column
#3 go to October 1 and click on Onondaga kennel Club
#4 look for the “Index of Breeds” this is an alphabetical list of all breeds participating in the show.
Scroll down to Bernese. To the right of BMD it will list the ring and time Berners are showing.
- 1 Three Rivers BMDCA All Breed draft/cart test and AKC CGC testing, Northmoreland park, Apollo, PA
- 2nd BMDC of Nashoba Valley will offer an All Breed Tracking Test in Gardner, MA. 8:00am
- 8th – 10th Watchung Regional Specialty and draft test. Go to.. <http://www.bmdcw.org/Calendar.shtml>
- 22nd -23th BMDC of Nashoba Valley back-to-back Draft Test.

November

- 17th -20th Syracuse Circuit, State Fair Grounds, Syracuse, NY
- 19th Fingerlakes Club meeting following Berner judging at Syracuse.

Feburary

- 17th – 19th Potomac Valley Regional Specialty

BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOGS CLUB OF THE FINGER LAKES MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



If you are applying for a regular Membership, you need to be sponsored by two current BMD CFL members in good standing who are not related to you. See "SPONSORS" paragraph below.

If you are applying only for an Associate Membership, you do not need sponsors and have all the rights of Membership except voting rights.

Please use one application form per applicant. Please print or type.

APPLICANT NAME _____ DATE _____

APPLICANT STREET ADDRESS _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____

PROFESSION _____ PHONE () _____ EMAIL _____

SPONSOR (Print Name) _____ SPONSOR SIGNATURE _____

SPONSOR (Print Name) _____ SPONSOR SIGNATURE _____

SPONSORS: These recommendations must be made by two unrelated, current BMD CFL members in good standing. They shall attest that, to the best of their knowledge, you will abide by the Code of Ethics, Constitution, and By-Laws of this club.

FEE: \$10/single or \$15/family shall accompany this application. This covers dues for the period from January 1 of the current year, through December 31 of the same year. Checks should be made payable to the BMD CFL. Upon approval of this request for membership, the applicant that he/she is in good standing with the American Kennel Club, and agrees to abide by the Code of Ethics, Constitution, and By-Laws of this club.

On a separate sheet of paper or on the back of this form, write a brief autobiography, which will be shared with the membership prior to a vote on your application. Please include the "animal membership" of you household; a comment or two on what attracted you to the breed, current dog activities (including membership in clubs), showing and/or breeding expectation you have for your Bernese and from the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of the Finger Lakes, and a list of skills or particular interests which you feel would contribute to club activities.

CODE OF ETHICS

Sign one copy of the BMD CFL Code of Ethics and return with your application form to:

Galen Zimmer, *BMD CFL Membership Chairperson*

485 North Road

Freeville, NY 13068

(607) 844-4168

DO NOT WRITE IN THE SPACE BELOW THIS LINE:

This application has been presented and approved/disapproved according to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Bernese Mountain

Dog Club of the Finger Lakes

President: _____ Date: _____



BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOGS CLUB OF THE FINGER LAKES

CODE OF ETHICS

Code:

1. Breeders shall strive for perfection of the Bernese Mountain Dog in accordance with the official standard set forth by the _____ American Kennel Club. In this regard, they shall:

a. Maintain high standards of health and care for the dogs.

b. Use only physically and temperamentally sound stock, and will refuse stud service to any bitch that is unregistered or _____ shows obvious defects. They shall study and learn the good and bad points within their own stock, never doubling up _____ on a known and visible fault.

c. Ideally X-ray for evidence of hip dysplasia at age of two years or over, and strive to breed dysplasia-free Bernese.

d. Refrain from Breeding the bitch until her second season, and preferably waiting until at least 18 months of age. A bitch shall be bred no more than two out of three seasons, this depending on the size of the litter whelped and her _____ condition. It is suggested that in most cases, a period of one year lapse between litters.

2. Breeders will not sell stock without true representation to the purchaser nor use misleading or untruthful statements in selling or advertising.

3. No member shall sell adults or puppies to any known retail or wholesale pet outlet.

4. A buyer shall be supplied with a four generation pedigree; with information on inoculations and other veterinary care that _____ the dogs has had; with instructions on the care, feeding and training of the Bernese Mountain Dog.

5. A breeder will guarantee the health of his stock subject to a veterinarian's examination within 48 hours of the sale.

6. A breeder should try to keep in touch with the progress of dogs of his breeding in order to better analyze his own program.

7. Breeders shall exhibit at dog shows and matches where feasible.

8. Members shall at all time exhibit good sportsmanship at all events related to eh club and dog shows.

9. Members shall not degrade any other member or kennel.

Adopted October 4, 1986

IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT/EMERGENCY

(Place this page in your automobile, RV, or whatever vehicle you may be driving or on your person when you are travelling with your dogs.)

In the event that I am incapacitated and unable to make my wishes known regarding my dog(s), please honor the following requests:

The welfare of my dog(s) is my primary consideration.

Contact as soon as possible: _____

Day Telephone Number: _____

Night Telephone Number: _____

Cell Telephone Number: _____

If they cannot be reached,

Please Contact: _____

Day Telephone Number: _____

Night Telephone Number: _____

Cell Telephone Number: _____

All expenses for the dog(s) will be guaranteed by these contact people.

If my dog(s) is not injured, they are to be cared for by the nearest reputable boarding kennel, and be kept in the best possible manner until arrangements can be made to get them home.

If my dog(s) is injured, they are to be cared for by the nearest reputable veterinarian. I prefer that my veterinarian be contacted regarding decisions on my dog(s) care and treatment. They have all of my dog(s) medical records available.

Contact my veterinarian: _____

Day Telephone Number: _____

Night Telephone Number: _____

Emergency Telephone Number: _____

If my dog(s) is injured beyond all hope of recovery, my dog(s) is to be humanely euthanized. Photographs and descriptions of my dog(s) are attached, as are their health and vaccination records. For identification purposes, my dogs are either tattooed on their _____ with a tattoo number or are micro-chipped and can be identified by a reputable veterinarian.

I want to emphasize that the welfare of my dog(s) is my primary consideration.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Telephone Number: _____

Work Telephone Number: _____

Spouse/Significant Other: _____

Parents: _____

BMDCFL NEWSLETTER ADDITIONS

Sorry folks I was really bad in forgetting to add this REALLY important information to the newsletter!

Ch Adesa's Battleship Defender

Aka: Mac

Owned by

George Narby

And

Bobbi Kinley Blewitt



This summer Mac received his Canada Championship and at one point he was ranked the # 29th Berner in Canada, he received his RN title, he won three BOB's at Dunkirk and a group 3 over 130 working dogs!

Way to go Mac!!!

News from Regina Helfner

Both of my Berners, Freeport and Mr. Cooper, are registered TDI Therapy Dogs and we volunteer through Lollypop Farm in Rochester, NY. We also do visits on our own to various nursing homes, hospitals and schools. I just received their Titles from the AKC acknowledging both of them for over 100 visits as Pet Assisted Therapy dogs.

Also, Lollypop Farm recognizes the Pet Assisted Therapy teams each year for the work that they do in bringing joy to the many facilities and homes that we visit. Freeport & Mr. Cooper are also R.E.A.D. dogs and do the same through Lollypop Farm. At the recognition dinner, medals and ribbons were given out to these outstanding dogs. The medal says "R.E.A.D." and the ribbon says "Pet Assisted Therapy" Champion!

And, last but not least, our 8 month old Landseer Newfoundland, Penny, received her STAR Puppy Medal and her CGC Certificate from the AKC. Her first 2 steps to becoming a Therapy Dog and R.E.A.D. dog like her brothers!