



July - August 2025

TRBMDC Incline

Official Newsletter of the Three Rivers Bernese Mountain Dog Club

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- Recap of Bloat and Tick-borne Diseases presented by Dr. Benjamin Kinnamon
- Wednesday, July 30 Agility Workshop at Splash'n Dash & Release Form
- TRBMDC Summer Picnic—August 16 hosted by the Dale and Mary Sparks
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We are meeting at Splash'n Dash on Wednesday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m. to practice our Agility skills. Dolce told me not to expect too much, but we will have fun. Julia will be leading us from the beginning steps through putting it all together. It will be a fun evening. We will have plenty of cool water and some snacks for the adults. Bring a water dish for your pup; and you can grab a water bottle for them as well. Remember to print out your "Hold Harmless Agreement" that was in the email sent out on July 9th, fill it out and hand it in at Splash'n Dash. Look forward to seeing you there!

Our summer picnic is just around the corner! Can you smell those ribs cooking? Mary and Dale Sparks have invited us back to their home for our summer picnic. They have a wading pool for the pups to jump in to cool off and even an air-conditioned kennel, if anyone wants to give their dog time to rest. They will have corn hole set up for the humans. There will be other games for the dogs too! Please join us! Bring a side or a dessert to share. We will be starting at 2:00 p.m., so it may be a little cooler for the dogs.

As I was driving back from the National Specialty in Gettysburg, I began thinking I ought to investigate a harness for Dolce in the car. She doesn't move around like our Golden did, so I don't worry she's going to join me in the front seat, like Piper. I have done some checking; and there certainly is a lot to choose from. There are several that have been crash tested, Kurgo (\$43 - L), CarSafe (\$50 - L) and Tule (\$120 - L). The less expensive ones Kong (\$33 - L) or Slowton (\$20 - L) do seem less sturdy and more light weight. I believe our pups would need an extra-large, so that may increase the price. There are also several car tethers you could use if you have a good harness, Kong (\$33), Kurgo (\$20) or Mighty Paw (\$15). All of these are designed to be used on a seat. There may be ways to use them in the back. Just thought I'd share what I found.

Hope to see you at the Agility Workshop and/or the Summer Picnic!

TRBMDC President, *Karen Artuso*



Dolce is giving the raspberries to this hot and humid weather!



Three Rivers Bernese Mountain Dog Club Meeting Minutes

Location: Artuso's Farm - June 7, 2025

The following attendees were at the meeting: Julia Airgood (Remi & Margo), Bob Albert (Mia & Scarlet), Karen Artuso (Dolce), Bruce Lanke & Julie Young (Maddie), Bert & Linda Klei (Enzo & Etta), Karen Maravich (Fiona), Heidi Pedicone and Nico Myers (Stella), Becki Sarring, Mary/Dale Sparks (Shania & Jackson), Megan/Pat Thomas (Ebbe), and Donna Millburn (Rayne).

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: President, Karen Artuso

Welcome to all. Everyone in attendance was reminded to sign in on the attendance sheet on the table with the raffle baskets. Also nametags were available for you and your dog's name. A motion was made by Donna Millburn and seconded by Amy Lindenfelder to accept the minutes from the April 12, 2025, as printed in the May/June Incline.

Today we will have a brief meeting, lunch, and then Dr. Kinnamon will be discussing Bloat and Tick-borne Diseases.

Back by popular demand, on July 30 Julia Airgood will be conducting an Agility Workshop at Splash'n Dash in Plum. Please note this is a Wednesday evening gathering based on the facility's availability.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT: Vice President, Donna Millburn

A schedule of the meetings and off-month activities was posted in the Incline and provided in a .pdf format for printing. Lot of great activities are planned, so reserve the dates.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY / ELECTIONS / MEMBERSHIP: Secretary, Amy Lindenfelder

We have been notified that both Kristy/Randy Lewis and Karen Maravich will be submitting applications for TRBMDC membership. Sponsors are being determined.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Treasurer, Ralph Artuso

Checking Account Balance as of 3/31/25 is \$3,776.50 and as of 5/30/25 - \$3,801.50. A few bills are still outstanding from food, speakers and park rentals.

Rescue Account Balance as of 3/31/25 is \$4,556.55. As of 5/30/25 - \$4,256.55. We continue to make good use of our rescue funds to assist active, Berner Rescue organizations in need of financial support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AKC CORRESPONDENCE: KAREN ARTUSO No report

PASSIVE RESCUE: JULIA AIRGOOD

There are two raffles today to support rescue. Your participation would be appreciated.

REGIONAL CLUB COUNCIL: JOYE NEFF No report



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PERFORMANCE EVENTS: No report

TRBMDC WEBSITE: DENISE REARDON No report

FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM: AMY LINDENFELDER No report

NEWSLETTER (TRBMDC INCLINE): DONNA MILLBURN

Please forward your favorite .jpg photos from the holidays to Donna Millburn at Dmillb@comcast.net for inclusion in the Incline. In addition, I am always looking for Berner photos, brags, and articles for the bi-monthly newsletter.

PUPPY REFERRAL: KAREN ARTUSO

We continue to get several requests for information regarding puppies.

AWARDS: JULIA AIRGOOD No report

SUNSHINE: GWEN GEIS No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No report

There was a good turnout to the meeting and CGC Workshop in April. Beth McGonigal was the presenter and discussed/demonstrated the skills required for the AKC CGC Test. The same skills are good manners for dogs. Beth McGonigal will be back on September 13 at Harrison Hills Park to conduct AKC CGC Testing. So start practicing! It's a chance for you to try to get a title on your Berner.

NEW BUSINESS:

TRBMDC Officers:

At year-end, we will need to replace our President, Vice President, and several of our Board Members, since their terms are officially ending. It would be helpful to identify potential candidates by late summer, so that they can act in an understudy mode to make for smooth transitions. If you might be interested in any of these positions, please notify Karen Artuso at ar2so@zoominternet.net. We would like to get some newer members into Board positions, which is a great way to learn about our Club's operations.

NEXT EVENT / MEETING:

The Club's next gathering will be held on Wednesday, July 30 at Splash'n Dash in Plum. Julia will be holding an Agility Workshop. Please join us!

BRAGS:

- Margo (Airgood) passed her sixth leg in rally.
- Rayne (Millburn) passed her AKC Trick Dog Test at the Specialty.
- Dolce (Artuso) passed her AKC CGC Test at the Specialty.
- Scarlet (Albert) celebrated her 10th Birthday!. We love our veterans.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mary Sparks and seconded by Julie Young .

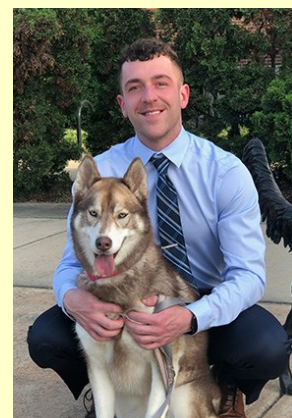
Respectfully Submitted by Amy Lindenfelder



Welcome to Dr. Kinnamon, DVM



Dr. Ben Kinnamon, DVM was our guest speaker. Dr. Kinnamon is a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at BluePearl in Monroeville. He enjoys the fast paced nature of diagnosing and providing urgent care services to pets.



Dr. Kinnamon led a discussion on Tick-borne Illnesses and Bloat. The ability to quickly assess your Berners, when they are experiencing symptoms and get them medical attention is critical!

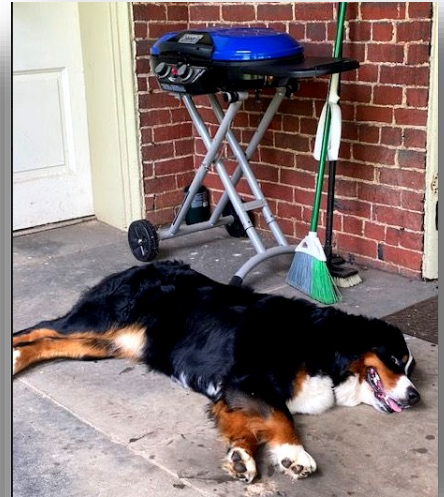




*Love it when people ask ...
"Are Berners food motivated?"*



A Bit Toasty!







Who taught you manners, Rayne?



And the winner is Mary!





Bloat and Tick-borne Diseases *(written by Karen Artuso)*

Dr. Kinnamon was the speaker at the June 7th Club meeting at the Artuso's. He discussed Bloat in our dogs. Our breed is prone to Bloat or Gastric Dilation-Volvulus (GDV). Bloat is a medical emergency. If not treated, it can be fatal. Bloat is when the dog's stomach fills with gas, food or fluid that causes the stomach to expand. The stomach can also twist. The concern is that the swollen stomach can place pressure on the surrounding organs, arteries and veins which can restrict or block blood flow. This can send your dog into shock, and the organs can be damaged from the lack of blood flow. This is why it is urgent to get your dog to a vet as soon as possible. There is simple bloat that happens on its own and can be resolved on its own. We put together First Aid kits for our dogs several years ago. We had Gas-X in the kits for bloat. Gas-X can help a dog with simple bloat, but is not meant for serious bloat. When the stomach twists, it is Gastric Dilation – Volvulus. The problem is you may not be able to tell if it's simple bloat or bloat with excessive expansion of the stomach or if the stomach has twisted. Getting to the vet gives your dog the best chance of survival. Some of the signs of bloat are breathing problems, drooling or excessive licking, trying to vomit but can't, and trying to lay down but can't get comfortable. You can Google a video of bloat to see what it looks like. Dr. Kinnamon discussed the bloat kits you can buy. If you are confident that you know how to use one, it may help. Sometimes, more harm than good can come from improper use of a bloat kit. Dr. Kinnamon, who is an emergency vet, believes getting your dog to a vet immediately is critical ... as opposed to wasting time as an amateur trying a bloat kit.

To reduce the risk of bloat, don't feed your dog one big meal, do 2 or 3 smaller meals. Don't let them run for 20-40 minutes after eating a meal or after they drink a lot of water. You can have their stomach tacked, when they are spayed or neutered. This can also be done for intact dogs. This can prevent the stomach from twisting, but does not prevent bloating. It can also be helpful to know if your dog's first-degree relatives (parents, offspring, full siblings, brothers and sisters who share the same dad and mom) have had bloat. This may increase the chance that your pup can bloat.

Dr. Kinnamon also discussed Lyme disease. The signs are lameness, joint pain, difficulty standing up, reluctance to move, a fever with a loss of appetite, and general lethargy. Antibiotics and pain meds are used to treat your dog. There are two blood tests the vet will do for Lyme. One is done in house called SNAP 4dx. It gives a positive or negative result for Lyme and other tick diseases. It is good to know if they have been exposed to the other tick diseases. This is the standard test that is done. Once a dog has Lyme, they will always show positive to Lyme tests. The antibiotic Doxycycline is prescribed and will knock it down, but it's still there. It is important to work to prevent them from getting Lyme a second time. The Quant C6 blood test measures the level of antibodies, which tells you if the disease is active and needs treatment. You may have to ask specifically for this test.

Signs of Bloat

- Breathing problems
- Large stomach
- Over production of saliva – licking lips excessively
- Agitation – unable to get comfortable
- Trying to vomit, but can't

Reducing the Risk of Bloat

- Eating 2 or 3 meals a day
- Calcium rich meat meal in first 4 ingredients (meat/lamb meal, fish meal, chicken by product meal, bone meal)
- Adding food with higher water content to meals (canned food, people food dehydrated raw, adding water to allow kibble to become moistened)
- Wait 20 to 40 minutes after eating prior to running



Agility Demo/Workshop

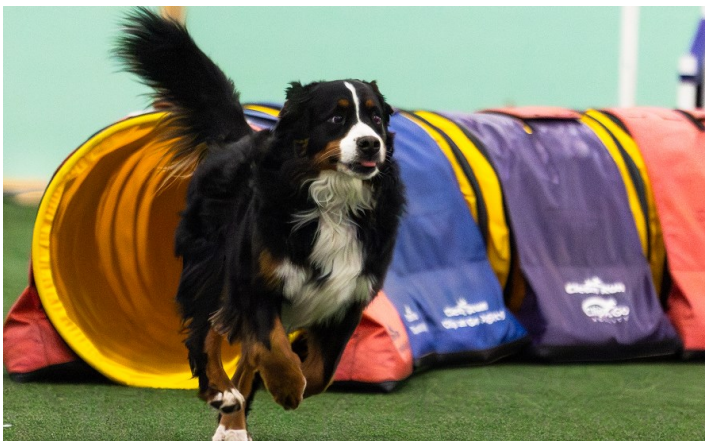
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Splash 'n Dash K9 Sports (Plum, PA)

Wednesday, July 30 (6:30 - 8:30 p.m.)

- What:** Agility Demonstration/Workshop for Bernese Mountain Dogs
- When:** Wednesday, July 30, 2025 (6:30 - 8:30 p.m.)
- Where:** Splash'n Dash K9 Sports - 1901 Sheene Drive, Plum, PA 15239
- Who:** All TRBMDC Members, Visiting Berner Lovers, and Berners invited!
- Why:** To introduce the sport of Agility to interested Berners and their owners by providing an overview and opportunity for the dogs to try some agility skills on beginner equipment



Rules for Participation:

- A Splash'n Dash Hold Harmless Agreement must be completed prior to participation and brought to the event.
- Bring TONS of soft treats, a small food dish (needed for obstacle focus), and a water bowl.
- Clean any crates used with supplied bottles of cleaning solution.
- Potty your Berners outside prior to entering and during the event to avoid any accidents. We need to respect the facility's new turf and avoid special procedures and time wasted cleaning accidents.



Splash'n Dash Hold Harmless Agreement - *Must be Signed by all Attendees*



This HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made as of the date signed below by and between Splash 'n Dash K9 Sports, Inc. (hereinafter "SND") and _____ (hereinafter "USER"). SND and USER are sometimes individually referred to as "Party" and collectively referred to as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, USER desires to use SND's property located at 1901 Sheena Drive, Plum, PA 15239 (the "Property") for personal dog training.

WHEREAS, in exchange for making the Property available to USER for such purposes, USER desires to hold harmless SND from any claims and/or litigation arising out of the USER's use of the Property. USER agrees to abide by any and all rules, guidelines and policies set by SND.

IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, SND and USER agree as follows:

1. Hold Harmless. Upon the use of the Property by USER or any of its agents, family members, guests or invitees for the purposes specified herein, the use of the Property shall be entirely at USER's own risk and USER assumes all risk and full responsibility for USER's own health, wellbeing and safety, USER shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless SND from any and all actual or alleged claims, demands, causes of action, liability, loss, damage and/or injury and/or transmission of disease (to property or persons, including without limitation wrongful death), whether brought by an individual or other entity, or imposed by a court of law or by administrative action of any federal, state, or local governmental body or agency, arising out of or incident to any acts, omissions, negligence, willful misconduct or knowing exposure to others of COVID-19 or other illnesses or risk of illness by USER, its agents, family members, guests or invitees in connection with or arising out of USER's use of the Property. This indemnification applies to and includes, without limitation, the payment of all penalties, fines, judgments, awards, decrees, attorneys' fees, and related costs or expenses, and any reimbursements to SND for all legal expenses and costs incurred by it.

2. Authority to Enter Agreement. Each Party warrants that the individuals who have signed this Agreement have the legal power, right, and authority to make this Agreement and bind each respective Party.

3. Amendment; Modification. No supplement, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing and signed by both Parties.

4. Waiver. No waiver of any default shall constitute a waiver of any other default or breach, whether of the same or other covenant or condition. No waiver, benefit, privilege, or service voluntarily given or performed by a Party shall give the other Party any contractual right by custom, estoppel, or otherwise.

5. Attorneys' Fees and Costs. If any legal action or other proceeding is brought in connection with this Agreement, the successful or prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and other related costs, in addition to any other relief to which the Party is entitled.

6. Entire Agreement. This Agreement [and the accompanying Premises Use Agreement] contains the entire agreement between the Parties related to the matters specified herein, and supersedes any prior oral or written statements or agreements between the Parties related to such matters.

Splash 'n Dash K9 Sports, Inc.

Leslie Meyn, President

USER or Responsible Parent/Guardian

Signed: _____

Printed: _____



TRBMDC Meeting and Summer Picnic

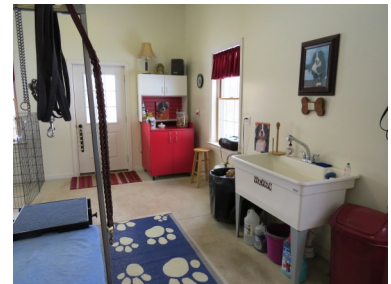
Saturday, August 16 (2:00 p.m.)

Where: Hosted by Dale and Mary Sparks
1361 State Route 168, Georgetown, PA
15043

Driveway is across from a 45 MPH sign on State Road 168. The Spark's driveway is 3/10 mile long.



There is a fenced in area and an air conditioned dog kennel. Also, a doggie pool and splash pad to keep the Berners cool. A large tent will keep the humans cool.



What: TRBMDC August Meeting, Summer Picnic and Doggie Games
Visitors are Welcome - Bring your Berners!

Food: Please plan to bring a Covered Dish or Dessert of your choice
Ribs, Chocolate Cake, Strawberry Shortcake, Summer Salad with Chicken, and Drinks will be provided by the Sparks ... yum!

Activities: Berner Games
Doggie Pool
Corn Hole
Raffle to Benefit Rescue
Summer Photos



PLEASE R.S.V.P. to Dmillb@comcast.net
no later than Wednesday, August 10th ... if you are planning to attend



Looking for a Few Volunteers for the Summer Picnic

Back by popular demand is the TRBMDC Summer Picnic on Saturday, August 16, hosted once again by Mary and Dale Sparks. All that attended last year can certainly attest that a great time was had by all.

It takes a lot of effort to hold this event and the Sparks are doing more than their share. So we are looking for several volunteers to help with organizing the games and also with taking the doggie photos.

Games:

Here are some games that we have played in the past:

- The Sock Race
- Cheers
- Can You Identify Your Berner (while blindfolded)?
- Simon Says



We could repeat these or come up with a few other creative options. In addition, we would like to get some new people involved in the planning and coordinating the games. If you are willing to take the lead or just help out, please send Donna an email at Dmillb@comcast.net or call (412) 559-5655.

Photos:

As you can see by the adorable photos below, our Berners are so darn photogenic! And, so are their owners. We are looking for a couple of folks willing to take photos and provide them to Amy Lindenfelder for Instagram/Facebook and to Donna Millburn for the Incline in a timely fashion. Please advise Donna Millburn at 412-559-5665, if you are able to volunteer.



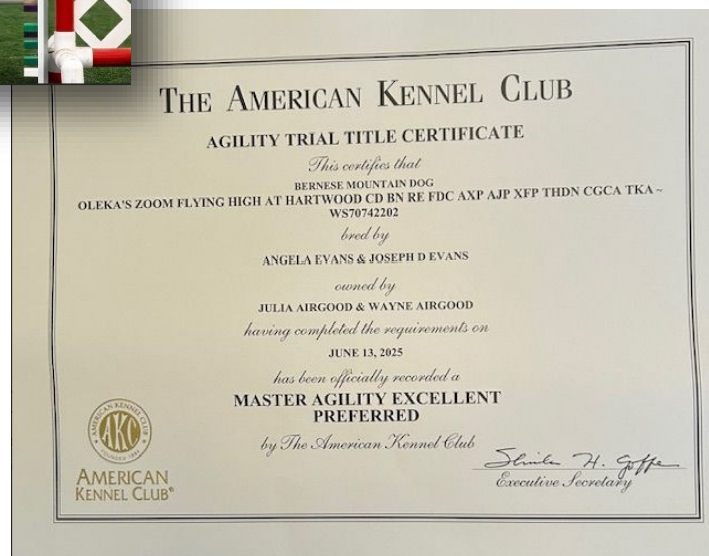


TRBMDC Brags



Margo (Airgood) earned her Master's agility excellent preferred title. To achieve this Margo had to qualify in 10 perfectly clean runs in Masters Standard and 10 perfectly clean runs in Jumpers with weaves in Masters class also.

What an achievement for both Margo and Julia!



Dolce (Artuso) and Rayne (Millburn) - BFFs - both earned AKC titles while at the Specialty.

Dolce (left) earned her AKC Canine Good Citizenship title.

Rayne (right) passed her AKC Trick Dog Novice title.

Congrats girls!



Cool Summer Treats



Frozen Strawberry Banana Dog Treats

Equipment: Silicone Dog Bone Mold

Ingredients: 2 cups Strawberries (fresh or frozen)
 1 Banana
 1 cup plain Greek Yogurt (or regular - plain)
 2 Tablespoons Honey
 1/4 cup Water

Instructions:

1. Prepare your silicone mold by laying it on a small baking sheet that is stiff for easy transfer to the refrigerator.
2. Put all of the ingredients into a blender and blend until combined.
3. Pour the mixture into the molds.
4. Transfer the treats to the freezer (approximately 30 minutes)
5. Pop the dog treats out of the mold and store in the freezer in a plastic, zip bag.

July / August Birthday Hugs



Happy 10th Birthday, Ola!

Mittelhorn Sunshine of Your Love

BG #150250

July 27, 2015

Megan Thomas



Happy 6th Birthday, Nate!

Maine's Joyful Nathaniel Bear

BG #157436

July 29, 2019

Joye & Bill Neff



Happy 5th Birthday, Shania!

MountMagic's Man! I Feel Like a Woman!

BG #188229

August 2, 2020

Mary & Dale Sparks



TRBMDC Members: Don't forget to let us know if we have missed your Berner's Birthday. If so, there is a good chance the he/she is not in our birthday spreadsheet. Please send an email to Dmillb@comcast.net advising his/her Call Name, Registered Name, DOB, Owner's name and Berner-Garde Number.



Our Current and Past “Berner” Members

It was suggested that we highlight our TRBMDC four-legged members in the Incline with photos and a favorite or funny memory. This issue, we will be sharing some of our beautiful Berners belonging to TRBMDC Officers and Board Members. We will continue to share Club Berners in the Incline ... as long as you contribute photos and stories too! Forward to Donna at Dmillb@comcast.net for sharing.



Shania (MountMagic's) Man! I Feel Like a Women! (top) and Jackson (bottom) belong to Mary and Dale Sparks.

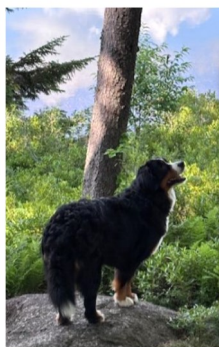
"Shania is Jackson's best buddy and keeps him going when he has a bad day."



Rayne (Cedar Creek's Fire and Rayne) belongs to Donna Millburn.

Guess she thought there was a pie eating contest going on? As I ran down to the basement to get a utensil (taking all of 2 minutes), she ate my raw pie crust! Maybe I could understand if it was a steak dinner, but raw pie dough! Guess the butter flavored Crisco was tempting?

And, she wasn't looking overly guilty when I came back up. Really? Guess they didn't teach that in Canine Good Citizenship training!



Dolce (Swiss Charm Dolce Ragazza) belongs to Karen Artuso.

Dolce took her squirrel job very seriously in the Adirondacks this summer. She often asked to go out to check the property for any squirrels that were not up in their trees. She was thorough in her searches and quick to chase any squirrel she saw.

The thing is that the little red squirrels are about as sassy as she is. She did not expect them to go half way up the tree and turn around and start loudly chattering at her. She is happy to be home with her well-mannered gray squirrels!



More of our TRBMDC Four-Legged Members

Maine's Xephyr Alpine Bear (Breeze) and Will the German Shorthair belonged to Joye and Bill Neff.

The Adventures of Miss Breeze and Will - The Great Raisin Caper.....

Posted by: "Joye Neff"
Sat Dec 18, 2010

We have had an "interesting" week! This is a story that could happen to anyone - I was lucky that I got home not long after the raisin theft occurred.

I was preparing to mix up a double batch of granola and had shopped for the ingredients which were in grocery bags on the dining room table. Our dogs have never taken food from the counters or tables, but when I went to shop for a friend who had just moved and uses a walker, I put up gates at both the living room and dining room doors, as usual. Will, my husband's German Shorthair Pointer can jump the gates like a deer, while our Berners have always stayed away from the noisy gates. When I returned from shopping, I noticed that the gate into the living room was pulled away from the wall. I looked into the living room and there on the sofa were two one pound EMPTY golden raisin boxes. I immediately called our vet and they told me to use a large syringe and give each dog one cup of peroxide (Will is 3 1/2 and weighs 79 pounds; Breeze is 9 months and weighs 75 pounds) followed by 1 tablespoon of salt, and to then use the syringe to wash down the salt and clean the mouth; then to call them back. The first thing I did was to close both pocket doors leading out of the kitchen. I started using the syringe, and quickly realized that the syringe I was using was way too small, so I grabbed the turkey baster out of the drawer to finish dosing Will, who I thought was the likely culprit. I then turned to Breeze and started dosing her; meanwhile Will began throwing up in several places in the kitchen. By the time I was done dosing Breeze, she started throwing up huge amounts of raisins. It turns out that Will only threw up about a dozen raisins, which meant that Breeze threw up about 2 pounds of raisins! I called the vet and they told me to bring both dogs in to have blood drawn for testing. Our vet is about 35 minutes away, so I hastily drove in past Bill's office and he came with me to the vets with the dogs. They drew blood and the kidney levels were normal, which was expected in such a short amount of time, but which did give a base line of values. They told us to watch the dogs closely and if they started vomiting or were sick to bring them in immediately because they might need to put them on 24 hr. IVs for two days. They both did well overnight but mid-morning Will threw up twice, so I called our vet and took him in. They reran the blood work and it was normal again. We got Pepcid Extra Strength for him to take twice a day and he was to eat small meals every few hours of ground meat/rice for several days. They have both returned to normal, and this morning they went in for another blood draw (BUN and creatinine) and thank goodness, both were normal! One of the other vets told us that she had treated another dog for raisin poisoning and he had acute kidney failure.

As you can imagine, all food is no longer out and Breeze is in her crate when I go out until she can once again be trusted. Apparently they are not sure what it is that makes raisins so potentially fatal for dogs - and not all dogs are affected by the same amounts. So, over the holidays, please be very careful of leaving out food - even perfectly behaving dogs can be tempted to ingest things which are not good for them.



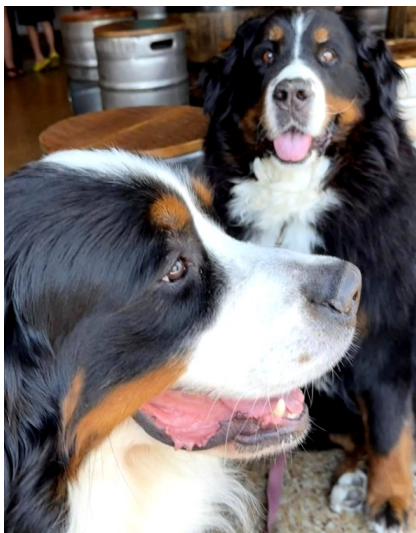
How could these two sweet dogs possibly have been partners in crime?

Hoping there are no raisins at the Rainbow Bridge!





Sharing Precious Moments from Summer



**2025 TRBMDC CALENDAR**

February 15, Sunday 1:00 p.m.	TRBMDC Meeting & Hartwood Acres Dog Walk Meet at Central Elementary School - 4100 Middle Rd., Allison Park, PA 15101
March 15, Saturday 9:00 a.m. - Formation 10:00 a.m. - Parade Starts	St. Patrick's Parade with "Berners of Pittsburgh" Parade Route: Meet at Greyhound Bus Station at the intersection of Liberty Avenue and 11th Street, Downtown Pittsburgh
April 12, Saturday 1:00 p.m.	TRBMDC Meeting and Draft Workshop Deer Lakes Park (Pike Pavilion), 1090 Bailey's Run Rd. Tarentum, PA 15084. Follow signs to Pike Pavilion.
April 27 - May 3	BMDCA 50th Anniversary Specialty in Gettysburg TRBMDC assisting Finger Lakes BMD Club with Specialty Raffle
May 10, Saturday	Workshop for AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Testing Monroeville Park - Monroeville Park West (Pav. 1), 2399 Tillbrook Rd. Monroeville, PA 15146
June 7, Saturday 1:00 p.m.	TRBMDC Meeting and Dr. Kinnamon (Vet) Talk on Bloat and Tick-borne Diseases Meeting to be held at Artuso's Farm, 2231 Brinkerton Rd. Greensburg, PA 15601
July 30, Wednesday 6:30 p.m.	Agility Program at Splash'n Dash K9 Sports 1901 Sheena Dr., Plum, PA 15239
August 16, Saturday 2:00 p.m.	TRBMDC Meeting and Summer Picnic Hosted by Dale and Mary Sparks 1361 State Route 168, Georgetown, PA 15043
September 13, Saturday 1:00 p.m.	AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Testing and Trick Dog Workshop Harrison Hills Park (Wake Robin Pavilion - no electricity) 5200 Freeport Rd., Natrona Heights, PA 15065
October 11, Saturday 1:00 p.m.	TRBMDC Meeting and Therapy Dog Discussion Twin Lakes Park (Pavilion 4), 219 Twin Lakes Rd., Latrobe, PA 15650
December 6, Saturday 1:00 p.m.	TRBMDC Annual Meeting, 2025 Awards Celebration and Holiday Party at DeNunzio's Italian Trattoria (sorry - no dogs) 24644 Mosside Blvd., Monroeville, PA 15146



TRBMDC 2025 Calendar



*Hope to see you at
the Agility Workshop
at Splash'n Dash on
7/30/25 and the
Summer Picnic on
8/16/25 at
the Sparks!*

Meetings are held every other month.

Programs/activities are held on the alternate months.

TRBMDC 2025 Calendar:

February 15 (Saturday, 1:00 p.m.)	Meeting & Winter Dog Walk
March 15 (Saturday, 9:00 a.m.)	St. Patrick's Day Parade with Berners of Pittsburgh
April 12 (Saturday, 1:00 p.m.)	Meeting and Draft Workshop at Deer Lakes Park, Pike Pavilion
April 17 - May 3	BMDCA 50th Anniversary National Specialty, Gettysburg, PA
May 10 (Saturday, 1:00 p.m.)	AKC Canine Good Citizenship Workshop at Monroeville Park W - Pavilion 1
June 7 (Saturday, 1:00 p.m.)	Meeting and Dr. Kinnamon (Vet) Talk on Bloat and Tick-borne Diseases at Artuso's Farm, 2231 Brinkerton Rd., Greensburg, PA 15601
July 30 (Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.)	Agility Program at Splash'n Dash, 1901 Sheena Dr., Plum, PA 15239
August 16 (Saturday, 2:00 p.m.)	Meeting and Summer Picnic hosted by Dale and Mary Sparks, 1361 State Route, 168, Georgetown, PA 15043
September 13 (Saturday, 1:00 p.m.)	AKC Canine Good Citizenship Testing and Trick Dog Workshop Harrison Hills Park - Wake Robin Pavilion, 5200 Freeport Rd., Natrona Heights, PA 15065
October 11 (Saturday, 1:00 p.m.)	Meeting and Therapy Dog Discussion - Twin Lakes Park (Pavilion 4), 219 Twin Lakes Rd., Latrobe, PA 15650
December 6 (Saturday, 1:00 p.m.)	Annual Meeting, 2025 Awards Ceremony, Holiday Party at DeNunzio's, 24644 Mosside Blvd., Monroeville, PA 15146

TRBMDC Web-site (Denise Reardon)

Our Club's website is <https://www.threeriversbernesemountaindogclub.org>

Facebook (Amy Lindenfelder)

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Instagram (Amy Lindenfelder)

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