



May - June 2025

TRBMDC Incline

Official Newsletter of the Three Rivers Bernese Mountain Dog Club

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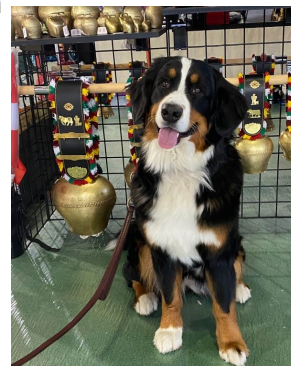
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I was able to go to my first National Specialty this April with Donna, Julia and Wayne Airgood, and Linda Klei in Gettysburg, PA. It was amazing to see all the events that go on as well as the showing. Dolce got to see her sister, Petunia, who is growing into a very beautiful Berner. Donna and I started out by attending the Drafting 101 class which went very well for the girls, Rayne and Dolce. They first dragged a piece of wood, then a sled and then worked on getting between the shafts of the cart. They both need more time around a cart before they actually pull a cart. Dolce was thrilled that I brought a cart into the house! We had fun watching the people doing the Drafting test both in the ring and on the long haul all around the property. There were Agility trials, Rally trials, and Scent trials. We also spent time helping the Finger Lakes Club, who oversaw the Raffle Table. Julia and Wayne Airgood, Linda Klei and Kristy and Randy Lewis all volunteered at the raffle table with Donna and I. Thanks to all of our participation, TRBMDC did their part to support the effort. We could see the show ring from the raffle table. My favorite event was the Veterans Parade. Any dog over 7 years could register for the parade. The oldest dog was 14 years old. Not a dry eye in the room. It was so special to see the dogs who were older, but still enjoyed trotting around the ring. The ribbons were all beautiful! I am so glad that we were able to go to the Specialty. Donna and I escaped and checked out the Battlefield one afternoon. We also went into Gettysburg a couple of nights for dinner. Gettysburg was a great place to hold the 50th Anniversary of the BMDCA Specialty.



Dolce is calming down now, and I am thrilled to see it. I have brief moments when I am sad to see the puppy energy and cute antics fade. We had a small flood in the house last week when the plumber came to finish hooking up the plumbing in the new bathroom. That means water came through the ceiling into the dining room. All the TRBMDC papers I had out on the dining room table were soaked and the rug was soaked. I began cleaning it up and was frustrated it happened the day before our daughter, Lisa, came home for the weekend. Dolce came to me and just stood close to me, so I could pet her. She knew I was upset and wanted to help. She's getting so mature. I remember Poco responding to me when I was upset from time to time. I am so glad I have a Berner in my life. They are such sweet, sensitive dogs. I know other dogs are good too, I am just taken by these dogs.

We have a great meeting coming up with a vet talk on Tick-borne Diseases and Bloat next Saturday. I hope you will be joining us! It will be at the Artuso's and the pups will have the fenced in yard to wander around with each other. Hope you are ready for summer; it will be hot and humid before you know it!

TRBMDC President, *Karen Artuso*



Three Rivers Bernese Mountain Dog Club Meeting Minutes

Location: Deer Lakes Park (Pike Pavilion) - April 12, 2025

The following attendees were at the Meeting and Draft Practice: Julia & Wayne Airgood (Remi & Margo), Karen Artuso, Cathy Barth/Jim Meyer (Liesel & Charlie), Karen/Nik Maravich (Fiona), Tracy Sweeney/Gus McBride (Ursa), 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 and seconded to accept the minutes from the February 15, 2025 as printed in the March/April Incline.

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 this year.

TRBMDC's Pittsburgh themed "Specialty" Raffle Basket was on display for anyone interested in purchasing tickets in advance. Donna Millburn will purchase the tickets for you in Gettysburg and email your ticket numbers to you. In addition, there is a huge Berner donated by the Rosenthals. We will sell tickets today and at another meeting to benefit our Rescue account. In addition, Julia has a third raffle to be pulled today to benefit rescue.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY / ELECTIONS / MEMBERSHIP: Secretary, Amy Lindenfelder (absent) - Donna Millburn (substitute)

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

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Treasurer, Ralph Artuso

Checking Account Balance as of 2/28/25 is \$3,186.50. As of 3/31/25 - \$3,786.50 after membership dues. Rescue Account Balance as of 2/28/25 is \$4,365.59. As of 3/31/25 - \$4,556.65. We continue to make good use of our rescue funds to assist active, Berner Rescue organizations in need of financial support for our beloved breed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AKC CORRESPONDENCE: KAREN ARTUSO No report

PASSIVE RESCUE: JULIA AIRGOOD Julia reported that there have been numerous dogs and puppy mill mamas that have been rescued lately thru the National Bernese Mountain Dog Club Rescue. Thanks to those who have volunteered to help transport these rescues. It is much appreciated. Mike and Jane Kosko have been actively transporting rescues to their next destination.

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

BMDCA Specialty:

The 50th Anniversary of the BMDCA National Specialty is being held in Gettysburg, PA April 27 - May 3. As previously agreed upon by the Club, TRBMDC will be assisting the Finger Lakes BMDC with the National Specialty Raffle. Finger Lakes is similar to our Club in size; and we are planning to support them. Karen Artuso, Julia/Wayne Airgood, Bert/Linda Klei, Kristy/Randy Lewis, and Donna Millburn are scheduled to assist so far.

NEW BUSINESS:

TRBMDC Officers:

In 2026 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:

Our next gathering will be Saturday, May 10 at Monroeville Park (Pav. 1). A meeting is not scheduled. We will be holding a Canine Good Citizen Workshop. Stay tuned for the flyer. Beth McGonigal, CBCC-KA, CPDT-KA, ABCDT will be conducting the workshop. She is the Owner and Head Trainer of North Pittsburgh Animal Behavior located in Gibsonia, PA. She is an AKC CGC Certified Evaluator. The workshop is for those interested in taking the test in September AND those just wanting a refresher on acceptable animal behavior. Hope to see many of you there.

The June 7 TRBMDC Meeting will be held at the Artuso's Farm. Dr. Kinnamon, DVM will be doing a talk on Bloat and Tick-borne diseases. Stay tuned for details.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and start today's Draft Workshop by Donna Millburn and seconded by Jim Meyer.

Respectfully Submitted by Donna Millburn



Teaching our Berners How to Draft - 04/12/2025





In the Box ... Out of the Box!





Such Pretty Working Dogs!





We Love of Dogs, Our Food ... and Our Friendships!





AKC Canine Good Citizen Workshop - 5/10/25





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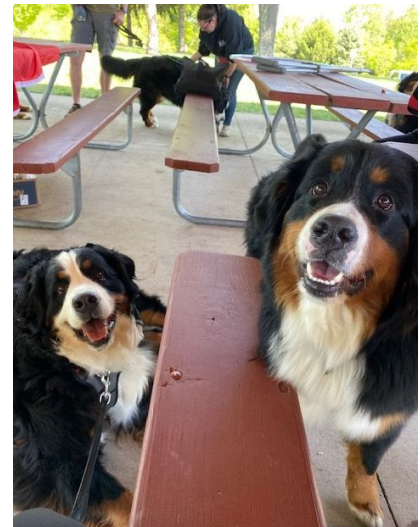


The workshop instructor was Beth McGonigal, CBCC-KA, CPDT-KA, ABCDT. Beth is the Owner and Head Trainer of North Pittsburgh Animal Behavior located in Gibsonia, PA. Beth is an AKC CGC Certified Evaluator and will be administering the CGC Test for the Club on September 13th at Harrison Hills Park.





AKC Canine Good Citizen Workshop - 5/10/25





AKC Canine Good Citizen Test Criteria

TRBMDC will be hosting a AKC Canine Good Citizen Test on Saturday, September 13 at Harrison Hills Park - Wake-Robin Pavilion (1:00 p.m.). Beth McGonigal, CBCC-KA, CPDT-KA, ABCDT will be the evaluator. She was our instructor for the workshop that we just held. So you have three months to practice up and prepare your Berner for the CGC Test. Dogs who pass this test and receive their AKC CGC Title will be included in our 2025 Awards Celebration. So start practicing these 10 evaluation criteria.



Canine Good Citizen Test Items

- 1. Accepting a friendly stranger**
Evaluator approaches and pretends to shake hands with handler (hands 6- 12" apart). Evaluator does not touch dog.
- 2. Sitting politely for petting**
Evaluator pets dog; dog must show no shyness or resentment.
- 3. Appearance and grooming**
Evaluator inspects dog, combs or brushes lightly, examines ears and each front foot.
- 4. Out for a walk**
Handler takes dog for a short walk including right turn, left turn, about turn and stop.
- 5. Walking through a crowd**
Dog and handler walk close to several people; dog may show causal interest but not jump up.
- 6. Sit and down on cue/Staying in place**
Handler shows that dog can do both sit and down, then chooses a position, leaves dog and goes to the end of a 20 ft. line, and returns immediately.
- 7. Coming when called**
With dog still on 20 ft. line from Test 6, handler walks out 10 ft. and calls the dog.
- 8. Reaction to another dog**
Two handlers and dogs approach, pretend to shake hands (hands 6-12" apart), exchange pleasantries, then move on.
- 9. Reaction to distractions**
Distractions are presented; dog may not panic or show aggression.
- 10. Supervised separation**
Handler goes out of sight for 3-min. Dog is held on a 6-ft. leash by an evaluator.



BMDCA 2025 National Specialty Results



INTERSEX CLASS (BOB): Judge – Mrs. Maddalena Manciani (Italy)

BEST OF BREED

(144) GCHB BERNERGARDEN'S BUTTERCUP BAYLEY, WS620054/01 V877215, 07/10/18. Breeder, Coleen Carroll. By GCH Blumoon's The More He Motos – Ch Bernergardens Black Eyes Peas. Bitch. Owner, Jim Levison, Coleen Carroll.



SELECT DOG (5 points) (324) GCHG VIDA'S WHALE OF A TIME FDC, WS611090/11 V875873, 05/24/18. Breeder, Heather Sherwood. By GCHB Carma Que's Hillbilly Champagne – Ch Adesa-N-Vida's Bound For Broadway V Holiday. Dog. Owner, Heather Sherwood.

SELECT BITCH (5 points) (78) GCHG THALASSA'S TEA BISCUIT V BIGROCK RN BN CGCA, WS580986/02 V840208, VET 07/07/17. Breeder, Owners. By GCHG Adesa's Best In Show – Ch Blackwater Easy Like Sunday Morning. Owner, Priscilla J Marsh & Kristen Greenwood-Reynolds & B Blewett, J Gabriel.

NATIONAL OWNER-HANDLED SERIES (NOHS) BEST OF BREED (241) * GCHG WINDFALL ADESA3 WIRE WINTER @ EMERALD MTN R, WS702943/02 V950295, 11/02/20. Breeder, Kris Hayko. By GCHB Adesa Best Of Winter – GCH Windfall's Baby I'm A Star!. Dog. Owner, Elisabeth Dennehy & William Rogers Jr & K.Hayko, B.Kinley-Blewett.

BEST PUPPY (6) * HOLIDAY'S VICTORY IS MINE, WS853647/01 V10167925, 10/05/24. Breeder, Carri Ehrich. By GCH Bugzier's Quintessential Collaboration-Lionhea – Holiday's Glass Slipper. Owner, Carri Ehrich & Sindi Leo.

BEST BRED BY (238) * RUBICON'S ADESA, IT'S SNOWTIME!, WS819334/04 V10117910, 07/20/23. Breeder, Melissa Olson & Bobbi Kinley-Blewitt. By GCHP Adesa's Best in Snow – GCH Blumoon's Leaping the Rubicon. Owner, Melissa Olson & Bobbi Kinley-Blewitt.

BEST VETERAN (78) GCHG THALASSA'S TEA BISCUIT V BIGROCK RN BN CGCA, WS580986/02 V840208, 07/07/17. Breeder, Owners. By GCHG Adesa's Best In Show – Ch Blackwater Easy Like Sunday Morning. Owner, Priscilla J Marsh & Kristen Greenwood-Reynolds & B Blewett, J Gabriel.

WINNERS DOG (5 point major) (297) DRIFTLESS SLOW BURN V VINN, WS823416/02 V10169186, 11/30/23. Breeder, Deanna Scott, Eric Buonpane & Joann Richter. By GCH Carma Que N Tristevan's Fearless Redneck – GCHS Driftless Born on Fire V Brookhills. Owner, Deanna Scott & Eric Buonpane & Joann Richter.

WINNERS BITCH (5 point major) (238) * RUBICON'S ADESA, IT'S SNOWTIME!, WS819334/04 V10117910, 07/20/23. Breeder, Melissa Olson & Bobbi Kinley-Blewitt. By GCHP Adesa's Best in Snow – GCH Blumoon's Leaping the Rubicon. Owner, Melissa Olson & Bobbi Kinley-Blewitt.



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14 AWARDS OF MERIT (in judge's order) - Mrs. Maddalena Manciani (Italy)

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- (140) * CH WINTERGREEN'S DIRTY MARTINI TKN CGC, WS761234/01 V10121493, 03/24/22. Breeder, Susan Van Ocker. By GCHS Blackrock Purple Passion — Ch Wintergreen's Lookout For Treasures V Riverwood. Bitch. Owner, Susan Van Ocker.
- (155) * CH HOLIDAY'S ROMANTIC FANTASY, WS717258/05 V10015775, 02/09/21. Breeder, Carri Ehrich. By L-Sin's Game On — Holiday's Christmas Time In The City. Dog. Owner, Carri Ehrich & Sindi Leo.
- (329) * GCH BUGZIERE'S QUINTESSENTIAL COLLABORATION-LION, WS627342/03 V877843, 10/14/18. Breeder, Amy Kessler & Sue Wellenstein. By Copeland's Allied Structural Steel — Lionheart's Ooo La La. Dog. Owner, Amy Kessler.
- (132) GCHB VIDA'S GOIN NUTS AT MIDNIGHT, WS694384/01 V959716, 08/06/20. Breeder, Gene Williams. By GCHS Vida's Whale of a Time — Midnight Here There and Everywhere. Bitch. Owner, Danae Record & Heather Sherwood.
- (221) CH HUGO SINA DRUZYNA, WS715852/01 V10008521, 05/22/17. Breeder, Emilia Orlikowska. By VET Rich Riomadea Grande — Atena Silna Druzyna. Owner, Charis Matey & Sally Wolfgang.
- (371) GCHS GREENWAY'S DIVINE PRINCE GEORGE, WS592265/03 V848045, 10/21/17. Breeder, Sheila & Lisa Gallizzo & Mylene Turbide. By GCHP Greenway's Test of Time — GCHS Alpenspirit Private Screening. Dog. Owner, Katherine Cook & Lisa Gallizzo.
- (120) * GCHG SUMMERS' ANASTASIA TREASURED GODIVA CD NDD, WS620547/07 V7564920, 09/01/19. Breeder, Anne Summers & Natalie Ellis. By GCH Lavender Hills Summers' Fear No Rock CD NDD — Anastasia Summers' Sugar High. Bitch. Owner, Yu Cui.
- (261) GCHS CARMA QUE N TRISTEVAN'S FEARLESS REDNECK BCAT, WS715420/02 V964600, 01/13/21. Breeder, Marsha Schaublin & Brenda Calvelage. By Ch Copeland's Party in Lago Geneva — Ch Carma Que's Rough Waters Ahead. Dog. Owner, Bobbie Parker & Hunter & Brenda Calvelage.
- (139) GCHS WINDFALL TIMBERIDGE'S PLAY THE GAME W ADESA, WS671569/01 V9088740, 11/04/19. Breeder, Kris Hayko & Dr Michael Knicely DVM. By Adesa's Better With Butter N Tallpine — Ch Windfall's Pursuit of Pi-Fection. Dog. Owner, Diane Waldman & Kris Hayko.
- (149) GCHG TRAILBOUND'S JUMPIN JACK FLASH, WS663959/01 V9134290, 08/30/19. Breeder, Michelle Keck. By GCH Adesa's Tijuana Windfall — GCH Skylyn-n-Trailbound's True Test Of Time BA RN. Dog. Owner, Brian Beard & Blakely Dillard & Michelle Keck.
- (249) CH DE-LI'S JUST THE WAY YOU ARE, WS737799/01 V981441, 05/24/21. Breeder, Lilian Ostermiller. By GCHB De-Li's Homebrew By The Keg v Heartsdesire — De-Li's Every Moment Is A Beginning. Dog. Owner, Lilian Ostermiller, (Michelle Scott,PHA, Agent).
- (315) CH VON ENGEL'S LOOK NO FURTHER, WS525131/02 V783568, 10/19/15. Breeder, Sherry & VET Kasey VonEngel. By Johann Strauss Dziemonna — Von Engel's Uncork The Zinfandel. Owner, Sherry Von Engel & Kasey Von Engel.
- (92) * KISMET'S MAJESTYK LITTLE JEDI AT LITTLE MOUNTAIN, WS522591/02 V777779, VET 12/15/15. Breeder, Karen Jacobs. By Little Mtn's 1 Shot Deal from Windy Knob — Majestyk's Chanel No 5. Owner, Barbara Brown & Karen Jacobs.



BMDCA's 50th Anniversary Specialty in Gettysburg



The 2025 BMDCA National Specialty in Gettysburg, PA was the 50th Anniversary and what a celebration it was! It was spectacular to see how truly stunning and versatile our Working Breed is.

- There were Berners competing in Conformation for several days leading up to the Best of Breed competition on the last day. The quality of the judging was exceptional and the entries were evaluated against the Bernese Mountain Dog Standard. There were Berners and judges from all over the United States, as well as many other countries. The Berners were simply beautiful! With good breeding practices, including health testing and research, the BMDCA is determined to uphold our pure breed standard for years to come.
- Herding, Agility, Drafting, Obedience, Rally Obedience, Farm Dog, and Scent Work were only some of the Trials and Tests that the Berners participated in. Watching our Berners in their areas of expertise was amazing. And behind each and every Berner is a devoted owner spending countless hours to train them.
- Berner University provided a variety of state-of-the-art, educational programs for participants to expand their knowledge of the breed.
- One of my all time favorite events is the heart-warming, Veterans Parade. Owners and their Berners strutted their stuff going around the ring to thunderous applause. And as we got to the older veterans, the pace slowed down ... and it became very emotional. One of my favorites was Brody, who was pulled around the ring by his owner, Liz, on his decorated, four-wheeled platform.
- Of course the Pee Wee Attraction, was a crowd pleaser. Small toddlers and young children took their stuffed Berners or real ones around the ring. Perhaps a future BOB owner was toddling around the ring!
- Again this year, Berner-Garde was well represented and holding several tests in hopes to continue research to detect and eliminate dreaded Berner diseases. Many of us contributed urine samples or bloodwork to support their ongoing research. In addition, a Health Auction was held to raise funds for health.
- A large display of Rescued Berners shared heartfelt stories of Rescue efforts and success stories. Our Club featured "Beau" (previously Benjamin Buttons), who blessed us with his attendance at the show.
- The Annual Specialty Raffle raised close to \$10,000 to assist in future BMDCA endeavors. Plus nightly, social events were held and allowed many of us to socialize with other Berner lovers and friends.



BMDCA Specialty Memories

Berner University - Jack Crifasi Draft 101



How many tickets would you like, Little One?

What a Stud!



BMDCA Specialty Memories



Shopping at its Best!



Congrats, Joye!



Love the Pee Wees!





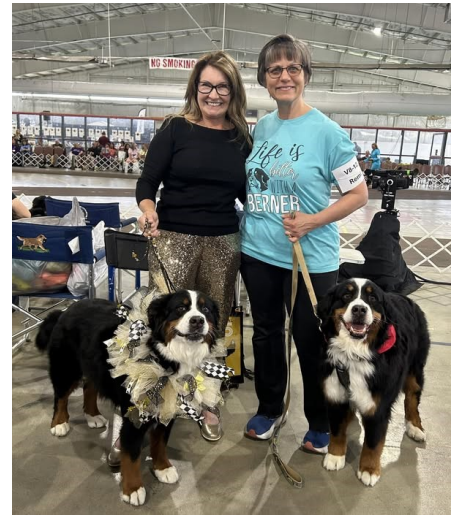
BMDCA Specialty Memories



Great way to welcome our UK visitors!



Watch out Health Auction, here come the big spenders!



Remi found her sister in the Veteran's Parade



The Irish Brigade memorial complete with Irish Wolfhound on the base



Selfie-Time!



Brody
Owned by: Elizabeth & Larry DiChristofaro
Brody is a 10 1/2 year-old beautiful BMD. He is my first.
He saved my heart after I lost my only child in a car accident.
He is a Bernese Auction Rescue Coalition pup. (BMDCA)



Need a U-Haul to drive home?



TRBMDC Rescue Corner

Beau (BG #226750)

A True "Tail" of Hope



Beau and Kathy at the National Specialty



Vicki Thomas of Tails of Hope Animal Rescue of Harrison City, PA was picking up breeding mommas that a 'breeder' wasn't needing anymore. Vicki normally specializes in helping smaller breeds due to her own smaller stature. Vicki walked by a Berner puppy in a small crate and found that he was to be destroyed due to being unsellable! Vicki brought him home and fostered herself. Giving him the best care possible and a chance at life. Beau at 8 weeks, rear gait was not right ... he didn't move his tail. Also he didn't seem to know when he was pooping and possibly incontinent of urine. Vicki found that Beau had Spina Bifida. She also had the best Doctors and Therapist caring for him. They were hoping to get some tail movement and bowel control. Unfortunately, his tail remained "dead"; and it was in his best interest to have it amputated for cleanliness. Beau can run, go upstairs and acts like any other puppy his age. He may have the ultimate sloppy sit and "bumble rear gait"; but he doesn't know he is different and is not in any discomfort. The "breeder" deemed him unsellable, but he was still deserving of the same unconditional love he gives. Vicki fell in love with the breed, a true ambassador with his wonderful Berner self. Not just one, but two people offered to give this boy a loving home. Both homes had previous experience of giving senior/special needs dogs the love they deserve. A Special Thank You to Terri McDermott of National Bernese Rescue Network in helping find Kathy ... who now is enjoying all that love. Beau may never have full control of his bowel and bladder. It really takes a special person to give that kind of commitment. Hopefully you will run into Beau and Kathy at the Specialty. If so, give Kathy an extra Thank you and a hug for Beau.

A Quote from Kathy, Beau's new owner.

"Vicki was there to pick up other dogs, noticed him, asked about him, and chose to take on an additional dog - whose issues were unknown. That meant finding a place for him, getting him vetted, checking out specialists, and doing whatever was needed to help him. None of that was planned. That is the true meaning of "rescue", and while I'm so glad he's with me and happy to play my part, he wouldn't be with us if it weren't for Vicki."

This took a consorted effort, mostly by Vicki and Tails of Hope with a little help from Three Rivers Bernese Club Rescue (networking and fundraising), and National Bernese Rescue Network. The best ending is Vicki most likely has been able to pull Beau's Mom from the 'breeder'. She is in foster care through Tails of Hope with Three Rivers Bernese Club helping. Small Breed groups can still make an impact on the lives of Berners in need. This was the best partnership with a local rescue.

Julia Airgood



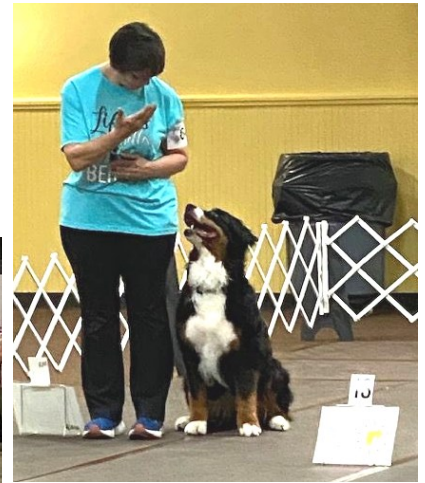
TRBMDC Specialty Brags

Julia and Wayne Airgood had quite a successful trip to the National Specialty and several of us were there to cheer them on!

Oleka's Que up a Rembrant at Hartwood "Remi"

At age 8-1/2, Remi was taken out of retirement to compete at the BMDCA National Specialty. A well deserved Congrats to Remi for qualifying in Rally Choice and in Rally Masters!

Remi was also in the Veteran's Parade and strutted her stuff proudly around the ring with Julia. What a beautiful sight!



Oleka's Zoom Flying High at Hartwood "Margo"

Margo continued to excel. Here are her accomplishments:

- Qualified and received a second place in Masters Preferred Fast in Agility
- Qualified in Obedience Novice
- Qualified in Rally Choice with a fourth place finish
- Qualified in Rally Masters
- Earned a Tri-athlete award for the second year in a row and was acknowledged at the Annual Awards Banquet at the Specialty

Plus a week ago, both Remi and Margo earned their AKC Advanced Trick Dog titles! Way to go!



Swiss Charms Dolce Ragazza

"Dolce" (Artuso)

Earned her Canine Good Citizenship Title

Cedar Creek's Fire and Rayne

"Rayne" (Millburn)

Earned her Novice Trick Dog Title





TRBMDC Brags

Meet Cabot!

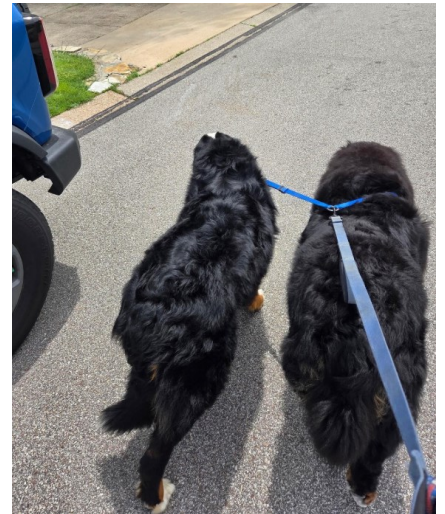
Sue Stonick and Larry Heidenreich are proud to introduce their new addition!

Sajan's Cabot Cove Mystery aka Cabot

It's been a few weeks of settling in, but Cabot is feeling more and more at home everyday . And he meets with Gabby's approval ... thank goodness! Sue says that she is sure Tank is watching from above with his approval too.

Cabot is a handsome two year old male and is beginning to fill a bit of the loneliness left when Sue and Larry lost Tank. Of course, Tank will have a special place in their hearts forever.

Cabot came from Sandie Hawkins, the same breeder where Tank and Gabby came from. Welcome to the Club, Cabot. Can't wait to meet you!





Three Rivers Bernese Mtn. Dog Club

Invites **YOU and Your Berners** to Learn about

Tick-borne Diseases and Bloat

(Visitors are Welcome)

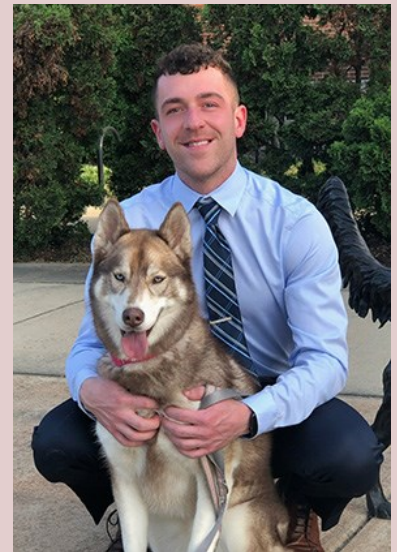
Hosted at Artuso's Farm

Address: 2231 Brinkerton Rd., Greensburg, PA 15601

Take PA Turnpike to Greensburg Exit (Route 30) and follow GPS.

Dr. Ben Kinnamon, DVM will be 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 will be leading 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! Join this informative discussion.



RSVP to Dmillb@comcast.net ... no later than Wednesday, June 4.

What to Bring: Leash, water, poop bags, and lawn chair

The yard area is completely fenced in. Berners will be free to play off leash.

If your Berner does not play nicely off leash or is in heat, please leave he or she home.

Chicken and bottled water will be provided by TRBMDC. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

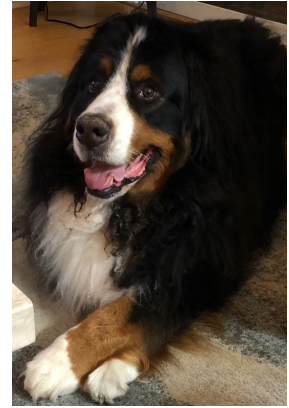


Over the Rainbow Bridge



Gelbackler's Dante Di Apennine **"Mr. Wonderful"**

2/26/2015—4/14/2025



Dante was a magnificent dog. He was my fourth Bernese Mountain dog. Therefore, I don't use the word magnificent lightly. My journey with the beloved breed started over 30 years ago in 1994 with Socrates from Dr. Mary Dawson, the first president of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America and my friend and teacher of the breed.

Dante was named after the Italian poet, writer, and philosopher. Gelbackler was Bev Cechman's, Dante's breeder kennel name meaning yellow cheeks. The last part of his name is after the Apennine Mountain range that runs from the Alps through Florence, Italy, where the Italian poet Dante is from.

When Bev gave me Dante, she pushed him into my arms with tears in her eyes and said to me, "I hope he lives a long time." Well, Bev, Dante did live a long life for a Bernese Mountain Dog - 10+ years. As the Swiss saying goes, "Three years a young dog, three years a good dog, and three years an old dog. Any more years is a gift from God."

Dante was striking, handsome, and a perfectly marked Berner. His black coat and white and rust markings were textbook perfect! He had great bone, impressive paws, a beautiful chest all inherited from his father, Donna Millburn's Bentley, and a wonderful personality. Dante had a dignified and kind head. You could look into his eyes and see the depth of his intelligence. He was the most intelligent Berner I ever owned.

Dante's trademark was always greeting us with a toy in his mouth when we arrived home. Something my son, Rob, taught him. He greeted us with such a big, loving welcome each and every time we came home. Dante was a very good and obedient dog. He rarely got into trouble. Although he was known to "read" a few books, maybe that is why he was so intelligent.

I was the lucky one. Dante chose me as his person. He was protective, devoted, and loving to his entire family, but especially to me & never left my side. We didn't have to worry if the front door was accidentally left open; Dante would never leave our home. He wasn't leaving my side. I can remember having 1/2 the neighborhood chasing after one of my Berners. Dante loved to eat and then take a nap with my husband, Terry, in bed. Walking, eating, and napping were his three favorite activities.

Dante was kind to all animals, especially the birds and squirrels in my backyard. Squirrels could play within inches of his feet; and he would watch their antics. Dante loved to go for walks, and the deer, snowy egrets, and blue herons would just acknowledge him and go about their business. Dante was a pure pleasure to walk. Once trained, he never pulled me. In the early and middle years, we walked for miles. As he aged, of course, the walks became shorter and shorter. But he would always want to go on a walk, even if it was extremely short. I said goodbye to him with a vet coming to our home. Dante could no longer physically get up and walk. We believe he had Degenerative Myelopathy. Dante passed in my arms at home. I like to think he's in Bev's arms now in heaven until I join him. My heart is breaking and will be for a long time. Dante was my "Mr. Wonderful" his entire life and will forever live in my heart!

*Denise Reardon
(Terry and Robbie, too!)*

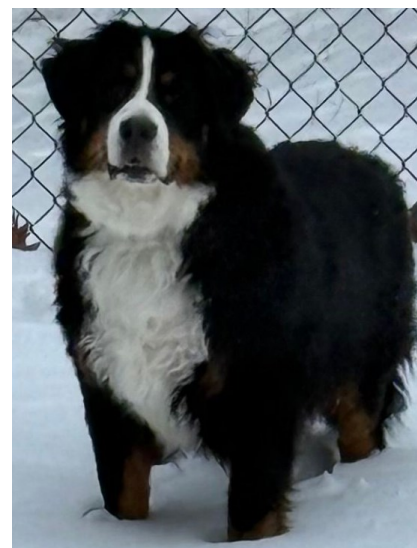
May / June Birthday Hugs



Happy 11th Birthday, **Brody** (Stayduhar)
5/1/2014 B-G 120381



Happy 10th Birthday, **Liezel** (Barth/Meyer)
05/05/2015



Happy 9th Birthday, **Jackson** (Sparks)
5/15/16 B-G 153128



Happy 4th Birthday, **Sadie** (Lanke/Young)
6/1/2021



Happy 1st Birthday, **Ebbe** (Thomas)
6/3/2024



Happy 1st Birthday, **Etta James** (Klei)
5/10/2024 B-G 224245

Also ...

Happy 2nd Birthday, **Quest** (Lough)

5/15/2023

(photo not available)

Happy Birthday, **Cali** (Hester)

5/6

(photo not available)



TRBMDC Members: Don't forget to let us know if we have missed your Berner's Birthday. 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 Berners Enjoying the Good Life!



Missed you while you were away!



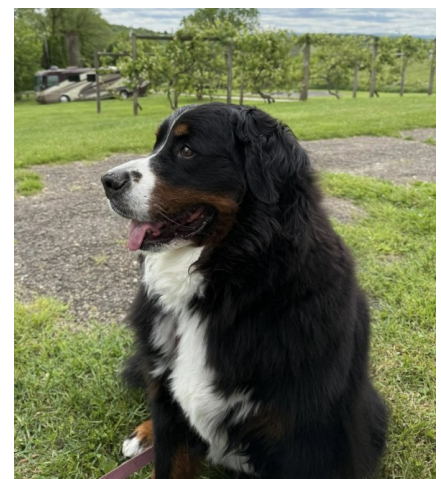
A Hiking Trip to West Virginia



On the road again!



A Tailgate Party broke out!



Can we play, Mom?





Our Berners + Friends Enjoying the Good Life!



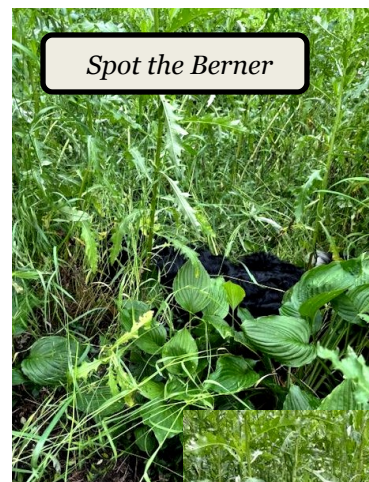
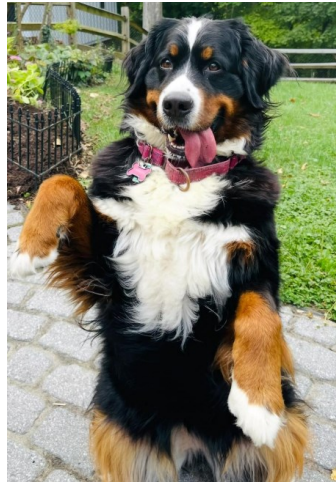
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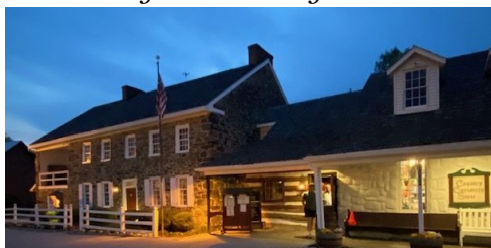
*Berner
BFFs !*



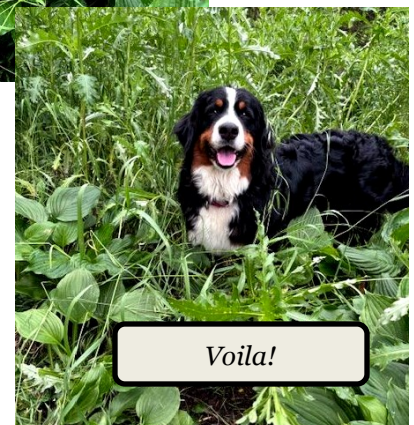
Winning is Exhausting!



Spot the Berner



Please, Mom ...



Voila!

**2025 TRBMDC CALENDAR***(Meeting Days shown in RED)*

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 6:00 p.m.	Agility Program at Splash'n Dash K9 Sports 1901 Sheena Dr., Plum, PA 15239
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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 Artuso Farm on June 7th for the Vet Talk on Tick-borne Diseases and Bloat!

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Programs/activities are held on the alternate months.

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TRBMDC Web-site (Denise Reardon)

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

Facebook (Amy Lindenfelder)

The TRBMDC Facebook name is "Three Rivers Bernese Mountain Dog Club". If you would like to post something on Facebook, email your write up with pictures and attachments to threeriversbernesemtn@gmail.com.

Instagram (Amy Lindenfelder)

The Club's Instagram name is "trbmdc". Since it is the Club's site, please send pictures and/or videos in a text message to Amy Lindenfelder at 617-462-3655.

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