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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley

THE CLUB FOR NEW ENGLAND BERNERS & THEIR FAMILIES

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BMDCNV Calendar of Events

~ 2022 ~

April 24
Annual Meeting

May 21

Spring Fun Day

Middlesex County 4-H Fairgrounds Westford, MA

June 4

Supported Entry with Sweepstakes

Ladies' Dog Club, Inc Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds Wrentham, MA

September 24 Fall Fun Day

Middlesex County 4-H Fairgrounds
Westford, MA

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Share photos & videos of your Berners!

Join the Facebook group at





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Welcome! New Members

James & Kathleen Bertone

Quincy, MA

Judy Clark Hamden, CT

Patricia Clark Salisbury, CT

Carol Doyle *Middlefield, CT*

Michael & Melanie Duval *Baldwinville*. *MA*

Angela Evans Oley, PA

Teresa Laney Lee, NH Andrea Glassman *Medway, MA*

Paul Taheri Madison, CT

Molly Weinberg

Marlborough, MA

Lawrence & Lisa Williams *Durham, CT*

Returning Members

Marc LeFebvre & Angela Talbot *Monson*, *MA*



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Supported Entry with Sweepstakes

June 4, 2022

Ladies' Dog Club, Inc Wrentham, MA

Closing Date: May 18, 2022

Judge: Ms. Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine Sweepstakes Judge: Susan VanOcker

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FUN DAY RAFFLE ITEMS:

Cathy Sullivan-Neves and Erin Spanos are preparing another fantastic Raffle Table for the Spring Fun Day, and are seeking donations. Packages can be sent ahead of time to:

Cathy M. Sullivan-Neves 175 Fisher Rd Corinna, Maine 04928 For more information contact Cathy at *catladys@hotmail.com*

FUN DAY VOLUNTEERS & CLEAN-UP CREW:

Plan to spend a few minutes to help with break down and clean up at the end of the day. Many hands make light work! If you are interested in helping out at any of the day's activities, Fun day co-chairs Candy Wright and Allison Harding would love to hear from you! It's a great way to meet other club members and see the action close up! If you can spare 15-20 minutes to help out, please contact Spring Fun Day chairs Candy at director_wright@bmdcnv.org; or Allison at towncountrypetsitters@gmail.com

TITLE CERTIFICATE RECOGNITION:

Every year at the Annual Meeting the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley recognizes those Bernese Mountain Dogs who have earned AKC or BMDCA titles in the previous year. If your Berner earned a title in 2021 and you would like to honor this achievement by receiving a Title Award Certificate from the BMDCNV, please email a copy of your 2021 title documentation (a photo/image) to *secretary@bmdcnv.org*. Deadline for submissions is April 10. Titleholders will be recognized at the Annual Meeting which will be held Sunday, April 24 via Zoom. Certificates will be mailed the following week. Please contact the club secretary with any questions.





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New Members Chowcase



Maggie Fall 2021

Molly Weinberg

Marlborough, MA

How Many Berners: 1

Favorite Activity: cuddling

This is Magnolia, aka Maggie. She is named after the Grateful Dead song Sugar Magnolia. I got her as a one-year-old from a farm in Kansas. Her favorite activities include eating snow, sleeping, getting belly rubs, following me around the house, going to the dog park, and eating treats, especially chicken. She and I both love cheese as well! I work as a mental health therapist and sometimes my clients get to see her on the telehealth camera. She is basically famous wherever I take her, with people stopping me every minute telling me how wonderful and beautiful she is! She really is and I am so glad to have her in my life. I have only had Maggie since October 2021, and she has been there for me ever since. She has helped me navigate a break-up, a cross country move, and makes every day brighter! So thankful for Maggie and excited to be a part of this Berner group!

Congratulations Teddy!

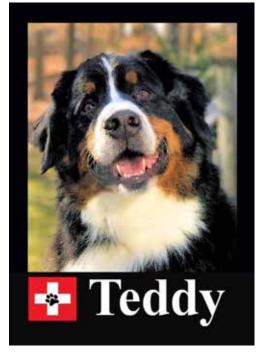
The AKC® Humane Fund is proud to announce the winners of the 22nd annual AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE). These awards celebrate five loyal, hard-working dogs that have significantly improved the lives of their owners and communities. The five winners were carefully chosen from a pool of nearly 1,000 impressive nominations. The winners in each category were featured in a special broadcast that aired December 2, 2021, on ESPN2. The program will re-air multiple times on ESPN Networks (check local listings) and will be available for ondemand viewing on the ESPN App.

One award is presented in each of the following five categories: *Exemplary Companion, Search and Rescue, Service Dog, Therapy Dog,* and *Uniformed Service K-9*. This year's winners range from a Labrador Retriever who uses his

ice-skating skills to help children with developmental disabilities to a Bernese Mountain Dog who helps people bridge the gap between a traumatic event and the connection to mental health support through therapy work.

"The heartwarming stories of these five ACE Award honorees demonstrate the many ways that our canine companions uplift humankind each and every day," said Doug Ljungren, President of the AKC Humane Fund. "We are grateful to everyone who shared their story by nominating a dog for an ACE award this year. We are pleased to be able to pay tribute to these five canines with the 2021 ACE awards."

The 2021 AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence are proudly sponsored by Eukanuba™. Each ACE recipient will receive \$1,000 to be awarded to a pet-related charity of their choice, a one-year supply of Eukanuba premium dog nutrition, and an engraved sterling silver medallion.



This year's ACE Therapy Dog winner is:

Teddy, a Bernese Mountain Dog owned by the Brown family of Attleboro, Massachusetts.

"Teddy," officially known as Steadfast Bright Lights Prince Theodore CGCA TKA, is an eight-year-old Bernese Mountain Dog owned by George, Pamela, and Caleigh Brown of Attleboro, Massachusetts.

K9FR Canine Teddy is certified by Dog Bone's Therapy Dogs and K9 First Responders, Inc. Uniformed K9 First Responder Teams (K9FR) bridge the gap between a traumatic event and the connection to mental health support by leveraging the human-canine bond. In this capacity, Teddy has provided support for people in a wide range of situations, including going into a prison, following the untimely death of a young corrections officer, and comforting EMS personnel

after the death of a beloved coworker. Most recently, Teddy and George deployed to support the US Capitol Police, providing one-on-one and group attention.

As a therapy dog, Teddy visits schools and is a member of one school's Suppress the Stress club. He works as a reading companion dog for educationally challenged children and visits classrooms to offer support for students and teachers. Teddy also attends adult day programs for developmentally disabled adults.

When Teddy isn't bringing comfort to those in need, he is often competing with his high-school-aged owner, Caleigh, in conformation, obedience, and other performance events.

Meet Caleigh Brown at the Therapy Dogs presentation at the Annual Meeting on April 24. See page 5 for more information.

The BMDCNV chairpeople

These dedicated chairpeople provide essential services to you, our membership. Please feel free to contact them with your questions, concerns, suggestions, requests for help or offers of help. Our mission is to provide the best for Berners and their families.

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Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley Annual Meeting

Join us on Zoom, Sunday, April 24 beginning at 10:30AM.



Therapy > Dogs 101

Meet Nashoba members Heidi Henderson, Barbie Beck-Wilczek, and Caleigh Brown, who will talk about how to prepare for this work and what it takes to be a Therapy Dog Team. They will share stories about their amazing partners and the human-canine bond shaped through the work they do being present to offer comfort and making connections that offer social, emotional, and health benefits that improve the quality of life of those who experience it.

Heidi Henderson is a Therapy Dog Evaluator for Pet Partners in Vermont.

Barbie Beck-Wilczek enjoys doing many activities with her dogs and has shared them as therapy dogs over the last thirty years. As part of the Dogs In Service Pet Assisted Therapy Program, she and her Berner Mac were present at the Family Assistance Center at Liberty State Park, across the Hudson River from 911's Ground Zero.

Caleigh Brown is a junior high school student whose interest in dog shows led her to Thunder Hill Canine Encounters 4-H, a youth-led program in Norfolk County where she developed her training and leadership skills. Her family's Berner, Teddy, is certified as a Therapy Dog and K9 First Responder, and was a recipient of the 2021 AKC Humane Fund Award for Canine Excellence in the Therapy Dog category for support work in a wide range of situations.

Left, top to bottom: Barbie's Laukie with a friend at Littleton Regional Hospital; Teddy and Gromit with Caleigh Brown; Heidi's Revvy at a Norwich University Cadet Visit

To Attend You MUST RSVP to the Club Secretary at secretary@bmdcnv.org

Please Respond by April 22



Show Results

Connecticut River Working Group Association

BMDCNV Regional Specialty Results

Saturday, March 5, 2022

JUDGE: Mr. Andrew Ritter

Best of Breed/Group 3:

GCHS CH ALPENSPIRT I'M A SOUL MAN FDC

Breeder: Mylene Turbide Owner: Pamela Eldredge & Mylene Turbide

Best of Opposite Sex:

GCH CH MARBEN'S MCKENNA V CRIMSON HARVEST CGCA

Breeder: Tiggie Gerli Owner: Tiggie Gerli & Kym Dekker Collins

Best of Winners/Winners Dog/Best Bred By Exhibitor:

TWINHEARTS SECRET INGREDIENT

Breeder/Owner: Lynn Meyers, Danielle Meyers & Rachel Meyers

Select Bitch:

GCH CH OLEKA'S IT'S TIME SAMANTHA

Breeder: Angela Evans Breeder/Owner: Angela Evans & Nancy Daley

Select Dog:

CH STEADFAST HANS

Breeder: Dorri Poppe Owner: Dorri Poppe & George Narby

Best of Breed Owner-Handled/

Award of Merit:

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Breeder: Barbara Pattison Owner: Sheri Wright & Ben & Holly Taylor

Winners Bitch:

URSLI FIRN AXP AJP NFP CGC

Breeder/Owner: Paul J Emerson & Mary J Durham

Best Veteran:

MAINE'S ELF CONFIDENCE CD RN TD

Breeder: Libby Kesner Owner: Mie Kingsley & Glenn Williams

Reserve Winners Dog

SNOWPAW'S TRACKING IN SNOW TO O'DALY

Breeder: Heidi Henderson

Owner: Angela Evans & John Daley & Heidi Henderson

Reserve Winners Bitch:

MARBEN'S MADAKET WINTER SUNSET

Breeder/Owner: Tiggie Gerli

Best Puppy:

TREVI'S LIFE IN THE FAST LANE

Breeder/Owner: Barbara Ann Bych

JUDGE: MR. EDWARD W. HALL

Best 4-6 month Puppy

HORIZONS ONE FOR THE MONEY

Breeder/Owner: Amanda Westcott

SWEEPS JUDGE: Mrs. Janice Vogel Bann

Best in Sweepstakes:

TWINHEARTS SECRET INGREDIENT

Breeder/Owner: Lynn Meyers, Danielle Meyers & Rachel Meyers

Best of Opposite Sex Sweepstakes:

FOUR SEASON'S PARTY LIKE A ROCK STAR WITH

HORIZONS CGC

Breeder: Susan Mahan & Kate Landry Owner: Amanda Wescott

Best Veteran in Sweepstakes:

MAINE'S ELF CONFIDENCE CD RN TD

Breeder: Libby Kesner Owner: Mie Kingsley & Glenn Williams









Show Results

Connecticut River Working Group Association

BMDCNV Supported Entry Results

Sunday, March 6, 2022

JUDGE: Mrs. Stephanie Hamblin Barnhill

Best of Breed/ Group 1:

GCHS CH ALPENSPIRT I'M A SOUL MAN FDC

Breeder: Mylene Turbide Owner: Pamela Eldredge & Mylene Turbide

Best of Breed Owner-Handled/Best

of Winners/ Winners Dog:

SPELLBOUND'S GRILLIN' & CHILLIN'

Breeder/Owner: Dayna Merrow & Scott Merrow

Best of Opposite Sex:

GCH CH MARBEN'S MCKENNA V CRIMSON HARVEST

CGCA

Breeder: Tiggie Gerli Owner: Tiggie Gerli & Kym Dekker Collins

Select Bitch:

URSLI FIRN AXP AJP NFP CGC

Breeder/Owner: Paul J Emerson & Mary J Durham

Select Dog:

CH STEADFAST HANS

Breeder: Dorri Poppe Owner: Dorri Poppe & George Narby

Award of Merit:

CH MARBEN'S THE OSGOOD FILE

Breeder: Tiggie Gerli Owner: Kym Dekker Collins & Tiggie Gerli

Award of Merit

GCH TREVI'S WINTER BLISS

Breeder: Carri Ehrich Owner: Barbara Ann Bych

Winners Bitch:

MARBEN'S MADAKET WINTER SUNSET

Breeder/Owner: Tiggie Gerli

Reserve Winners Dog

MARBEN'S CALIFORNIA DREAM CGCU

Breeder: Tiggie Gerli Owner: Tiggie Gerli & Kym Dekker Collins

Reserve Winners Bitch:

PINEHILL'S RING OF FIRE

Breeder/Owner: Amy Morrow

JUDGE: MR. MARC R. COHEN

Best 4-6 month Puppy

ANASTASIA'S TIE ONE ON WITH ALPENSPIRIT

Breeder: Natalie Ellis Owner: Pamela Eldredge & Natalie Ellis

SWEEPS JUDGE: Ms. KIM HOLMES

Best in Sweepstakes:

SNOWPAW'S TRACKING IN SNOW TO O'DALY

Breeder: Heidi Henderson Owner: Angela Evans & John Daley & Heidi

Henderson

Best of Opposite Sex Sweepstakes:

PINEHILL'S RING OF FIRE

Breeder/Owner: Amy Morrow







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FUN DAY

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley SPRING FLING!

Saturday, May 21 • 10am – 2:30pm
Rain or Shine at the Middlesex County 4-H Fairgrounds
55 South Chelmsford Road • Westford, MA

All friends of Berners are welcome!

HERE ARE SOME OF THE EVENTS PLANNED:

10 AM — REGISTRATION BEGINS

Stop by and say Hello and pick up a name tag. Sign up for the Puppy Parade and Conformation Match

Play Berner Bingo!

RAFFLE

Be sure to get your tickets in early! The drawing will be held during lunchtime

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We encourage you to bring your cart and practice with your draft dogs!

10:30 AM — PUPPY ACTIVITIES PLAY CORRAL, FUN AND GAMES, HOT DOG RUN

II AM — POTENTIAL PUPPY OWNER INFORMATION SESSION

II:30 AM — JUNIOR HANDLING

A short talk about Junior Handling and Q&A with Adam Conn, AKC Junior Judge since 2013. AKC Junior Handlers are ages 9-18, and Pee Wees (non-competitive) are 5-9. Kids all ages are welcome to join in, especially before you enter the afternoon Fun Match to show off your dog handling skills!

II:30 AM — "CONFORMATION FOR DUMMIES"

An entry-level introduction to the show ring world. Helpful if you are brand new to showing dogs!

NOON - PUPPY PARADE

Puppies 4-18 months old can strut their stuff! Sign up at the registration table.

LUNCH/RAFFLE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Bring Your Own Lunch! Drinks, snacks, and dessert will be provided.

I PM — AKC SANCTIONED B MATCH

Judge Adam Conn. Ribbons will be awarded! This is a great learning experience for those interested in trying the conformation ring! No major-pointed dogs please. Entry \$5. No special leashes or collars are required, but if you have them, bring them.

CLASSES:

3-6 month puppy, 6-9 month puppy, 9-12 month puppy, 12-18 month puppy, Open, Veterans 7 and up, Best Puppy & Opposite Sex, Best Veteran & Opposite Sex, and Best in Match. Special class for any Champion Veteran

PAWS AND SHOP OPEN ALL DAY!

For More Information: bmdcnv.org/events

Birthdays, Congratulations and Brays...



Paws Up for Lyra!

TRAILBOUND'S MORE THAN WORDS (Lyra) earned her AKC trick dog intermediate and advanced titles on March 8th.

- Nancy Bates; Old Orchard Beach, ME



Happy Birthday Heidi!

HEIDI MIROCO HEIDI DEUX PICOTS. Wishing Heidi a very happy birthday! Heidi turned 10 on March 20th, 2022. Heidi is the sweetest, most loving girl.

Patient with all the new additions we have added to the family over the years. Happy Birthday sweet girl.

— Linda Kipperman; Enfield, NH



Happy Birthday Brodie!

Brodie Hayes turned 5 on March 9th! We have only had him for 17 months, but he is fitting in like he's been with us all his life. He has become my favorite hiking buddy, and my husband's faithful work buddy. We can't imagine life without him.

- Glenn and Michelle Hayes; Jericho, VT



Happy Birthday Sully!

Shout out to our Berner Sully who turned 2 on March 12.

Jack Jones; Beverly, MA



New Veteran!

WINDFALL'S TO A THOUSAND PLACES "Digit". 3/14/15. He will be the youngest dog in the Parade of Veterans at the National Specialty (because his sister Truffles was born first!) Owned by Adam Conn, Kris Hayko, and Michael Knicely DVM



Congrats Grant! SNOWPAW'S TRACKING IN

SNOW TO O'DALY (Grant) was awarded 2x Reserve and Best in Sweepstakes at the CRWG shows at the young age of 12 months. Owned by Angela Evans & Heidi Henderson; Killington, VT



New Veteran!

My Nellie turned seven on January 24, 2022. Those seven years sure have flown by. Here's to continuing our adventures! CH Ledgewoods Up In Lights CGC TKN SEN SCN NW3.

- Ellen Barnaby; Cotiut, MA





Draff Workshop

The BMDCNV draft workshop on February 20 was a huge success! We had fifteen teams participating and a host of experienced instructors & assistants! All participants said that they left feeling they had made progress...and had fun doing it!

None of this could have happened without the assistance of a whole gang of club volunteers. Huge thanks to all of them: Tina & Sam Sirico, Beth & Phil Atkinson, Alison & Tom Jaskiewicz, Celeste O'Malley, Marjorie Cottle, Jeff Nowak, Mary Durham & Allison Harding.

We're really eager to schedule another session in April or May and of course, Spring Fun Day is always a good opportunity for practice.



Club Announcemení

ACCESS EXCLUSIVE MEMBER FEATURES ON OUR WEBSITE!

By creating a log-in to our website, you will have access to several helpful and fun features. You'll find current and back issues of Bernerblatt newsletters, By-Laws, and Board Minutes among other things in the Files section.

You'll be added to the BMDCNV Member Group, a forum where you can exchange posts similar to the old Yahoo Group. You can also upload photos and videos from your computer or your mobile phone to share with other members. We will be adding more members-only content in the future.

You must create a login to access these community features. You will be approved as long as you are a current member of the club in good standing.



Submitting Info to the Blatt is EASY!

The BernerBlatt is your newsletter and we love your submissions! Birthdays, memorials, brags, and anything you think is interesting to the members is not only easy, but it's also recommended and encouraged. Type your message in the body of an email and attach your favorite, high-resolution jpeg photo.

Be sure to include complete name(s) and city, state where you live. That's it! We'll do the rest.

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http://bmdcnv.org/newmember.html
Complete the quick summary, hit submit, email your pic and you're done!

We look forward to meeting you!

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