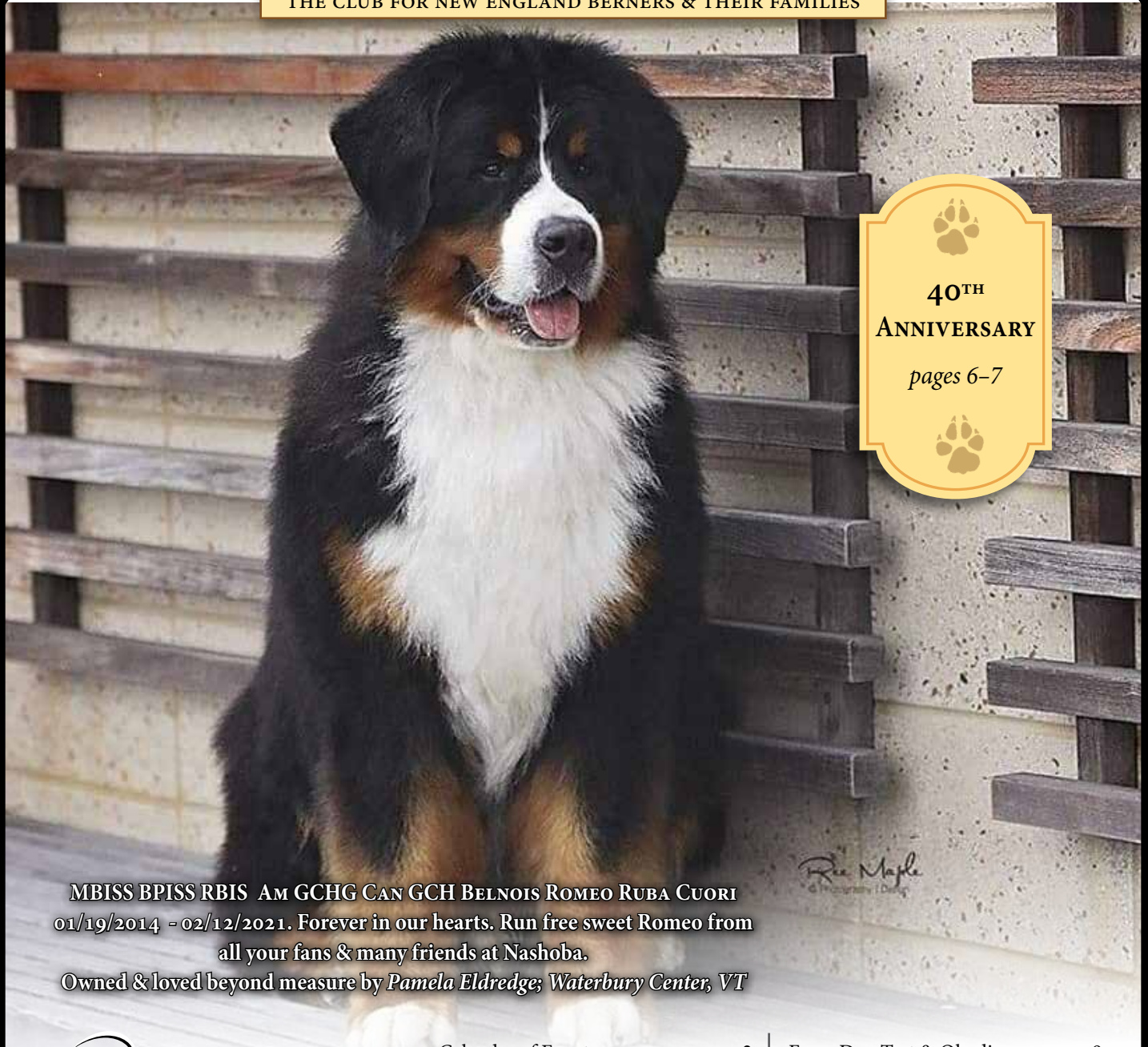


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# The Berner Blatt

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley

THE CLUB FOR NEW ENGLAND BERNERS & THEIR FAMILIES



  
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*Rose Maple*  
A Professional Dog

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01/19/2014 - 02/12/2021. Forever in our hearts. Run free sweet Romeo from  
all your fans & many friends at Nashoba.

Owned & loved beyond measure by *Pamela Eldredge; Waterbury Center, VT*

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# BMDCNV Calendar of Events

~ 2021 ~

April 18:

**BMDCNV Virtual Annual Meeting**

10:30am via Zoom

May 9-15

**BMDCA National Specialty**

Estes Park, CO

May 29

**Obedience Trial**

Warner Brook Training Ctr. • Pittsford, VT

June 26

**Farm Dog Trial**

Timber Lost Farm • Ashburnham, MA

July 17

\* **BMDCNV Supported w/ Sweeps**

Tunbridge Fairgrounds • Tunbridge, VT

September 18 - 19

\* **Regional Specialty & Supported Entry**

Cape Cod Fairgrounds • Falmouth, MA

September 25

**Fall Fun Day**

Westford, MA

October 23 - 24

**Draft Tests**

44 Littleton County Rd, Harvard, MA

\* **AKC PENDING**

**Note:** Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, all upcoming events are tentative and subject to change.

FMI: [www.bmdcnv.org/events.html](http://www.bmdcnv.org/events.html)

## Welcome! New Members

Raven Tamar Cauthon  
Glastonbury, CT

Abigail Ross  
Norfolk, MA

Maria & Mike Horsman  
Georgetown, MA



### Returning Members:

Matthew & Quinn  
O'Connell  
Sudbury, MA

Margaret Zawuka &  
Mark Lyon  
Newtonville, MA

Anna Grenier  
Lyme, CT

Amy & Stephen Orroth  
Ipswich, MA

## 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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## from the President...

Welcome Spring 2021! With 2020 now in our rearview mirror, I would like to welcome our new Nashoba Valley members and am confident that we will have opportunities to meet all of you at some of our events this year. I would also like to thank our members who have renewed their memberships and continue to support our club and help us provide education, guidance, and camaraderie with everything Berner!

In 2020, we were unable to hold any events due to Covid-19. However, a lot was going on behind the scenes! Our Board and members have been working on several projects that are worth mentioning. We have had a small group of members reviewing and are in the process of updating the club's By-Laws, Mimi Englander has been working tirelessly to get our new website up and running on the WIX platform, others are preparing and planning events in the coming months, and our club chairs continue to work year after year supporting our members and fielding questions from potential puppy owners. Without their time, energy, and dedication, we would have a difficult time keeping things going for our members!

We also want to express a sincere "Thank You" to Sam Sirico, who recently decided to step away as Blatt Editor, it is not an easy task gathering information and photos, and meeting deadlines to get the Blatt ready to go! We appreciate all that Sam has done for



us and know that she will continue to lend a hand at our events! Thankfully, the Blatt Editor seat was not vacant for long as Carolyn Massey has already jumped back into this role! Thank you, Carolyn! As mentioned in the last Blatt, Nashoba will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year and there will be more information forthcoming as to plans and 40th-anniversary memorabilia to be sold through Ways and Means, please keep a lookout on Facebook, our website, and the Blatt for information as it becomes available.

Our next Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 18th at 10:30 a.m. and is sure to be interesting! As you read through this issue you will find more information about the speaker and we encourage you to register early if you plan to attend! We hope you will be able to attend!

In closing, thank you all for being a part of our great club! We all share a common bond of love for the Bernese Mountain Dog and are eternally grateful for the love and support beautiful dogs have provided their humans over the past year!

Please feel free to contact me or any one of our Board members or Chairs with any comments, questions, or suggestions that you may have for events, education, or anything else you think the club can provide!

Your club President,  
Jean Michael

## Annual Meeting Info

Once again due to the Coronavirus and event attendee restrictions, Nashoba Valley will be holding its Annual Meeting virtually on April 18th via Zoom. People wishing to attend via zoom should send an email to RSVP to [pclubowners@gmail.com](mailto:pclubowners@gmail.com). It is our hope that as vaccinations continue that we will be back to our event schedule very soon! Thank you for your understanding!  
*Jean Michael, President BMDCNV*

Please join us in Welcoming the Annual Meeting Speaker, **Dr. Stephanie Borns-Weil**, DVM, DACVB. Dr. Borns-Weil earned her doctorate in veterinary medicine at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts. Before joining the Tufts Behavior Service, Dr. Borns-Weil owned a behavior house call practice in the Boston area. She has had a lifelong interest in companion animal behavior, with a special interest in aggression issues. Dr. Borns-Weil is a nationally recognized specialist in animal behavior who has evaluated and treated several BMDCNV Berners.

**For title certificates for Annual Meeting:** To have your dog recognized for a title they earned in 2020 at the Annual Meeting please send copies of certificates to Patricia Buickerood by

April 16, 2021! AKC or BMDCA titles. Must have been earned in 2020. Please send a copy of the certificate showing dog's registered name, owner, award. Should be either mailed to Patricia Buickerood at 19 Townsend St, Pepperell, MA 01463 or a photo/image emailed to [pbuickerood@gmail.com](mailto:pbuickerood@gmail.com) AKC titles and BMDCA Awards.



*Fond memories of Annual Meetings pre-COVID times. Can't wait until our next in-person Annual meeting!*



# New Members *Showcase*



Best buddies ❤️

## Barry Berthaume

Hampden, MA

How many Berners: 1

My dog's favorite activity: Visiting with family members; time alone with his human

Boomers rescue was featured in this year's Blatt rescue edition. Would not have been possible without the devotion of Amy and Linda, who facilitated the process.



I love my Berner! 😊

## Ava Bollig

Woodstock, CT

How many Berners: 1

My dog's favorite activity: Cuddling

I had been looking for a Berner for about seven months before I found Lady. I got her six weeks ago, and she is growing like crazy! I plan to show and hopefully breed her, so we are already working on her stack. I would like to thank Linda Seaver, Michelle Keck, and Janice Bann for all of their help over the past year. I wouldn't have my beautiful girl without them.



Three's Company

## Eden Vinyarszky

Chesterfield, NH

How many Berners: 3

My dog's favorite activity: Cuddle time

Noah is a 3-year-old Berner who completed his therapy dog training but with COVID we have, unfortunately, not been able to do much community work, hopefully soon. Miles and Holi are littermates and 8 mos old, William Hogue and I co-own them and enjoy watching them all play together for hours on end. I hope to train Miles in search & rescue and will be starting his rally training this Spring.

## • • SAVE THE DATE • •

### BMDCNV 2021 Regional Speciality & Supported Entry

September 18 & 19, 2021

Cranberry Cluster Dog Show

CAPE COD FAIRGROUNDS

1220 NATHAN S. ELLIS HWY • FALMOUTH, MA

Closing Date: Wednesday, September 01, 2021

BREED JUDGE: JOANNE GEROW

SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE: LILLIAN OSTERMILLER



# New Members *Showcase*



*Keeping watch with my friend, Bella*



*Put the camera away mom, its time to hike!*

## Beth Kelley

Amesbury, MA

**How many Berners:** 1

**My dog's favorite activity:** Playing ball in the snow

We have had Annie since November 2020. She is our second Berner. She has two companions at home - her Jack Russell, Bella, and a cat named Kitty. She was a little shy at the beginning but is a wonderful, loving dog.

## Michelle Hayes

Jericho, VT

**How many Berners:** 1

**My dog's favorite activity:** Hiking and car rides

It was a very lonely time during quarantine, I was hiking alone most days and missed having a 4 legged friend. Glenn found Michelle Larkin's post about "Brodie". After reading his bio, and hearing about the burns on his back, my heart broke for him. I knew he was going to be a challenge, but for some reason, I knew we had to do this.

We met up at Anna Tufts home (Brodie's neighbor who put his rescue in motion) with trainers Michelle Larkin, Leita Hagerman, and Casey Sugarman. I walked Brodie up and down the street. After 2-3 hours of evaluation with them, we decided to bring Brodie to our home.

The first few days, we worked with Brodie on positive touch. He was still so sensitive about being touched where his burn scars were. In only 3 days, he was dropping to the floor in front of us asking for belly rubs and dropping his head into our laps when we were sitting. After he received all his shots I started taking him hiking. It turns out, he absolutely loves it!

I then started working with a trainer "Tom Radford of Thin Blue line K-9" here in VT to help with his leash skills, his aggressiveness with other dogs, and how to properly greet strangers. Brodie has come leaps and bounds from the very scared reactive dog we picked up from Connecticut 5 months ago.

This past week, we hit another milestone. He can successfully pass by strangers on the hiking trails with no more growling or jumping, and I can walk him past other dogs with minimal reaction. This Sunday, he finished our hike while walking with a puppy!!! I let him have a 3-second greeting and he even play bowed. I didn't let him play with the puppy because of the size difference, but, in time I will let him play with other dogs. His recall is really outstanding.

Brodie has become best friends with my 85-year-old mom. They do crossword puzzles and watch TV together. He loves car rides and we finally found a harness that fits him for the convertible. This spring, we will share the pics in the BMDCNV on FB.

All I can say is that our house has paw prints on the floor, nose prints on the windows, and dog hair on the floors.....we couldn't be happier.

Share photos & videos of your Berners!  
*Join the Facebook group at*



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# Celebrating our 40th Anniversary

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# BERNER INC. RESCUE REPORT

## JUNE 2020

By Linda DeCelles, Rescue Chair

**RESCUE INTAKES** (April 1919-June 2020): 11

**ADOPTIONS** (April 1919-June 2020): 7

**CURRENT FOSTERS** (to be adopted by fosters after scheduled neuter surgeries): 4

### Issues and trends:

We faced the perennial problem of puppy mills, bad individual breeders, and online sales of puppies. The majority of our rescues have come from these sources in the past few years. Added to poorly bred Berners is the continuing trend of “Bernerdoodles,” BMDs bred with an array of other breeds. Predictably, many of these dogs combine the weakest traits of all the breeds. We received calls for rehoming of Bernerdoodles, but we accept only purebred Berners and referred callers to all-breed rescues. We’re hearing from our callers and from other BMD

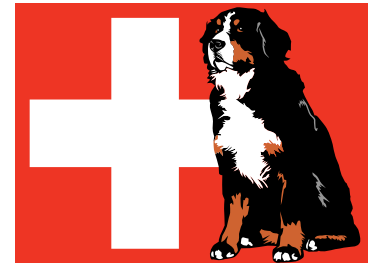
rescues that a common problem in Bernerdoodles is aggressive behavior and antisocial temperaments.

### Covid-19 and rescue:

During the pandemic, we have had 3 rescue intakes. Fortunately, trusted BERNER, Inc. adopters and club members picked up these dogs from their surrendering owners. Three members took the dogs in as fosters (soon to be adopted by these fosters). This assured us that Covid-19 safety protocols were followed.

**Editor’s Note:** In the Fall 2020/BERNER Inc. issue on page 3 of the “Catching up with our Adopted Berners” the dog on the right standing on all fours is Nala, not Delta.

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## Farm Dog Test



### Farm Dog Certification Test

**Saturday, June 26th 8:00am - 5:00pm**

Timberlost Farm \* 327 Ashby Road, Ashburnham, MA 01430

**Entries close: Friday, June 11, 2021 at 5:00pm.**

Farm Dog Premium: <https://tinyurl.com/pkxchzcf>

There will be 35 slots available with two judges on one day so you can earn your Farm Dog title the same day!  
Contact Heidi Henderson at [snowpawbmd@gmail.com](mailto:snowpawbmd@gmail.com) to reserve your spot!

## BMDCNV Obedience Trial

**Saturday, May 29, 2021**

**7:00am - 5:00pm**

**Warner Brook Training Center  
1040 Corn Hill Rd. Pittsford, VT**

**Event Chair:** Mie Kingsley

**JUDGE:** TIBBY CHASE

2 Trials Run concurrently. Limited to 25 entries.  
Obedience Trial Premium: <https://tinyurl.com/est8emhk>





# Birthdays, Congratulations and Brags...



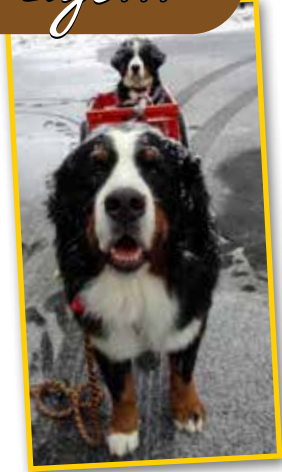
## Happy 4th Birthday Brodie!!!!

You have definitely come a long way from October when we first brought you home! You went from being reactive to excited at new challenges, people, and dogs. We love you, big boy!!  
— Michelle & Glenn Hayes; Jericho, VT



## Darling Dog Winner!

Congratulations to Regina Helfer her Bernese Acadia for winning the Down East 3rd Annual Cutest Pet Photo Contest for "Darling Dog" out of 784 entries and getting 5,769 votes.  
— Regina Helfer; Freeport, ME



Braeburn enjoyed her ride in the cart with Raffi at the Main Street COVID safe Winter Carnival in Greenfield.  
— Celeste O'Malley; West Brattleboro, VT

## GCH THALASSA'S SUMMER MAGIC



Oliver earned his points to add "Grand" Champion to his title this weekend!!! BOB on Saturday and Select Dog on Sunday at the Monticello Kennel Club shows! Thanks Tuni Conti for a job well done!!!

— Joan & Robert Gabriel; Bayport; NY

## New Grand Champions!



## BISS MBPIG Am GCH CAN CH ALPENSPRIT I'M A SOUL MAN FDC



"Otis" finished his GCH at the Monticello Kennel Club shows. Thank you to Judge Mr. P. Levi Marsman for awarding Otis BOB, and Judge Mr. Terry Stacy for Group 3 in the Working Group on Sunday March 14. Otis also won Select Dog at the BMDCEW Specialty out of a stunning lineup! As always, a big thank you to Lisa Gallizzo for piloting the Oti Man!

— Pamela Eldredge; Waterbury Center, VT

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## BMDCNV Supported Entry With Sweepstakes

**Saturday, July 17, 2021**

Green Mountain Dog Club  
Tunbridge Fairgrounds Route 110 • Tunbridge, VT

**Closing Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2021**

**REGULAR CLASSES JUDGE: MR. RICK BLANCHARD**

**SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE: MRS. ALISE BURBRIDGE**



## Vermont Dog Day Picnic



**DOG MOUNTAIN**  
Home of Stephen Huneok Gallery

**Saturday, July 31, 2021 • 10am- 3pm**

**Dog Mountain • 143 Parks Rd • Saint Johnsbury, VT**

*Come & join us for a fun-filled day with your Bernese Mountain Dog at Dog Mountain!*

Come to relax; take in the sights; visit the gallery; enjoy a walk...all on the 150 acres of dog friendly property. There are hiking trails, dog ponds and of course - the world famous Dog Chapel! It's an off leash haven for all! Dogs are welcome in the Chapel and in the Gallery.

*Outdoor cover is limited to the chapel and the gallery so shade tents are a good idea. Also bring a chair for yourself or a picnic blanket to lounge on. There is access to water for dogs to drink, but bringing it is a good idea as well.*



Please RSVP to Heidi Henderson at  
snowpawbmd@gmail.com or call 802-422-3084



## In Remembrance



**MBISS BPISS RBIS Am GCHG CAN  
GCH BELNOIS ROMEO RUBA CUORI**

**01/19/2014 - 02/12/2021**

My beautiful, special boy left me suddenly on February 12th, 2021. Histiosarcoma came like a thief in the night and stole his bright light.

Romeo was my first show dog, and we were supposed to grow together in the sport of Conformation. He, however, shot past my amateur abilities as a handler very quickly. I handled him to portions of his Can CH, GCH, and Am CH, GCH but I realized that I couldn't do him justice. Lisa Gallizzo entered our life in the fall of 2015, and a beautiful team was born.

He was the #1 BMD Breed and All Breed, #20 Working Dog in Canada when he was a year old. He became the #1 BMD in breed, #2 All Breed in America when he was two years old. He was in the lineup all 4 years that he entered Westminster KC Show with 2x Select Dog and 2x AOM. Even from the young age of 7 months at the 2014 Canadian National Seiger Show, he was described as having "presence". Judges would comment "Type, Type, Type".

It is fitting that Ro left on Valentine's Day weekend. He lived up to the meaning of his name Ruba Cuori which is Italian for he steals hearts. He stole mine and will continue to live deep in my heart until the day comes that we meet again. I love you my Ro Ro forever and always.

— Pamela Eldredge; Waterbury Center, VT

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