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MONDAY 9 - 11 AM

CANINE REPRODUCTION 101 – A BREEDER'S TOP 10 GREAT PRACTICES
MARTY GREER DVM

Dr. Marty Greer, our 2010 Breeder Symposium speaker, returns to present essential education for breeders, otherwise known as A Breeder's Top 10 Great Practices. Listening, asking questions and mastering these practices will increase the chances of sitting in your whelping box with a litter of beautiful Berner pups. Dr. Greer will cover the following:

1. Great pre-breeding screening for **brucellosis**
2. Great **timing** of breedings with **great record keeping**
3. Great **semen**
4. Great **prenatal care** for the bitch
5. Great **whelping** intervention
    A. Mom - Recognize **dystocias** early
    B. Babies - **Breathing**
6. Great **post natal care** for the bitch
7. Great **post natal care** for the newborn
    A. **Preventive** Care
    B. Treat for the **Treatable**
8. Great and Logical **vaccination** program
9. Great **hygiene**
10. Great use of **post mortems**

Dr. Marty Greer received her BS in 1978 and her DVM in 1981 from Iowa State University in Ames Iowa. In 2010, she received her law degree from Marquette University Law School Dr. Greer and her husband, Dr. Daniel Griffiths run Veterinary Village together with their amazing staff. They have two adult children, Katy and Karl, a daughter-in-law Kelly and a son-in-law Tim Anderson. She loves photography and cooking and is a serious foodie.

In addition they have raised and shown Pembroke Welsh Corgis, Danish-Swedish Farmdogs, and Bernese Mountain Dogs. They also have cats, rescue dogs, a horse, 4H dairy heifers,

llamas and sheep. Her family has raised five puppies for Canine Companions for Independence, a service dog organization.

Dr. Greer has a special interest in canine pediatrics and reproduction. In 2002, she opened International Canine Semen Bank-Wisconsin, a canine semen-freezing center. She has contributed to pharmaceutical and nutritional research as an investigator for Abbott Laboratory, Deprenyl Animal Health, and Hill's Pet Food Corporation. Dr. Greer also practices law at Animal Legal Resources, LLC with Sheila Kessler.

EXPLORING GRIEF: NOW WHAT DO I DO? IMPLICATIONS FROM A STUDY ABOUT GRIEF FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF A BELOVED DOG
MARY-ANN BOWMAN PHD LCSW

This presentation will be the first look at results from Dr. Mary-Ann Sontag Bowman's large study about the experience of grief following the death of a beloved dog. The presentation will briefly summarize the study, and then focus on three areas that can contribute to creating a supportive community and enhancing our own ability to handle grief. Specifically, we will identify characteristics of normal grief following the death of a dog, and then we will focus on findings that reveal how to help a bereaved friend and also how to cope with the death of our own beloved dog. Although Kleenex will be provided, this presentation will be hopeful and positive, giving participants useful knowledge and skills to better handle the inevitable life experience of grief in both self and others.

Dr. Mary-Ann Sontag Bowman, a faculty member in the School of Social Work at the University of Montana, holds a Ph.D. and an MSW from the University of California at Berkeley; she is also a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Mary-Ann has worked in end-of-life care and grief for over two decades; her interest and passion in this area began following her own experience with loss and grief when her mother died of breast cancer at the age of 45.

Mary-Ann's clinical work includes time as a hospice social worker/bereavement coordinator, developing and implementing a bereavement program at a regional pediatric hospital, providing crisis social work services to pediatric patients and their families, and being part of a team that developed a successful pediatric palliative care service. Mary-Ann's research agenda focuses on grief and loss, parental bereavement, and pediatric palliative care. In addition to her research, Mary-Ann teaches undergraduate and graduate students, and regularly presents in her areas of expertise. http://www.helpwithgrief.org

FREESTYLE 101 OR IT'S TIME FOR THE HOKEY POKEY
MARJORIE GEIGER

This workshop will introduce the basics of Canine Freestyle, otherwise known as dancing with your dog. It will be an active class demonstrating the joy of partnering with your dog using obedience skills and tricks choreographed to music. I'll demystify the process of picking music and designing a routine and you'll leave prepared to get started with freestyle.

Marjorie Geiger is an Educator with a Bachelor of Science in Education and a Certified Laughter Leader. As an educator she enjoys many aspects of learning. Training dogs is a fun and creative pursuit, and she attends seminars to learn new tactics and strategies. Although an avid trainer for thirty years, her greatest growth, success and satisfaction have come with the Berners. That is when she was introduced to clicker training. Clicker has allowed her dogs' learning abilities to grow, and their partnership to flourish. Marjorie has two Berners, and a Siamese cat; with the dogs she participates in obedience, rally, carting, Nose Work, agility, lure coursing, freestyle, and conformation.

MONDAY 12 - 2 PM

CANINE REPRODUCTION 201
MARTY GREER DVM

Canine Reproduction 201, the second seminar presented by Dr. Marty Greer, focuses on recent veterinary advances available to breeders. These can help you not only increase your chances of a healthy pregnancy but also keep your treasure, your valuable bitch or stud dog, healthy and long-lived. Marty will also review and join in the recent, national discussion of why and when to spay/neuter. This topic is relevant not only to breeders but owners of pet Berners as well.

1. Advances in Canine Reproduction
   A. Using fresh chilled and frozen semen
   B. Alternative treatments for prostatic disease
   C. Alternative treatments for pyometra and pregnancy termination

2. The spay/neuter controversy – a brief introduction to the materials available and alternative options to traditional spays and neuters

See Reproduction 101 above for Dr. Greer's biography.

MALIGNANT HISTIOCYTOSIS UPDATE
HEIDI G. PARKER DVM PHD

Malignant histiocytosis or disseminated histiocytic sarcoma (HS) is a rare and aggressive cancer that is of particular importance to the Bernese Mountain Dog community. HS has been estimated to affect as many as 25% of the BMD population and dogs diagnosed with HS usually succumb to the disease within a matter of months. In the Bernese there is a strong inherited component that leads to their very high risk of developing HS. We have identified one genetic locus and two genes, CDKN2a and CDKN2b, which are contributing to the disease. We have found a second disease locus in European BMD and are currently looking for the causative genes in that region. This seminar will cover the current findings and the future directions of the HS study.

Dr. Heidi Parker is a Staff Scientist in the Cancer Genetics Branch at the National Human Genome Research Institute of NIH. Dr. Parker received her Ph.D. from the University of Washington and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center where she studied the population structure of the domestic dog and began collecting samples and information for the association study of malignant histiocytosis in the Bernese Mountain Dog. After moving to the National Institutes of Health in 2004, she has continued her work on canine genetics by applying information gained from population studies to the mapping and identification of genes involved in complex traits and diseases. She has identified genetic elements responsible for major breed defining traits and has recently released the results from the first genome wide association study for malignant histiocytosis. Dr. Parker is currently leading projects aimed at identifying the genetic variants associated with multiple cancer susceptibilities and morphologic traits, while continuing to study breed history and development through genetic analyses.

EVIDENCE-BASED CANCER PREVENTION AND SUPPLEMENTATION
ELAINE LAWRENCE

In this class we will look at various factors and supplements that may influence cancer risk, based on published studies.

Elaine Lawrence has owned Bernese Mt. Dogs since the age of six. Her first dog was purchased in 1977 as a pet and lived as part of her family for 14½ years. She later became interested in showing and breeding, and has been showing Berners for the past 10 years. Elaine currently has 3 Berners that share her home: Truffles (10 years) Tucker (9.5 years) and Kitty (6 years).

Elaine considers herself a life-long student of the breed, and her particular interest is breeding and rearing to promote longevity in our dogs. She has previously taught the Berner University Pedigree Research and Analysis seminar at the National, and has written several articles on breed-related topics. She has also served as chair of the BMDCA Health Awards Task force.

BREED HANDLING 101
DAWN GABIG WITH LAYAL BOUAOUN

This workshop introduces the skills of conformation handling to beginning students but also welcomes intermediate students for a timely review. We'll cover ring procedures, stacking, movement, free bait and exam by judge. You may bring a dog to work or audit without one. Please bring a conformation style collar and leash (for beginners, a shorter leash is better 12"-16").

Dawn Gabig has bred, trained and handled her own dogs, mostly Berners, for over 40 years. She has handled dozens of her own dogs to AKC championships in three breeds. Her small Bernese Mountain Dog breeding program has produced over 30 champions first generation (her dogs have produced over 70 champions), over 100 working titles, multiple group placers, group winners, Best in Show and Best in Show National Specialty. She considers conformation showing a hobby and is happy to share her experiences, skill and knowledge during this class. *Layal Bouaoun* has kindly offered to assist in this workshop.

MONDAY 3 - 5 PM

A LAWYER LOOKS AT BREEDER CONTRACTS FROM BOTH THE BREEDER AND BUYER'S POINT OF VIEW
RUTH NIELSEN

Whether you are a breeder selling your puppies, or a puppy buyer looking for that perfect addition to your family, the contract you have can help save you disagreements and disappointments down the road. Learn some tips to help you understand the benefits of a contract and avoid miscommunications and misunderstandings.

Ruth Nielsen has had Bernese Mountain Dogs in her life since she got her first Berner ZenMaster Max in 1994. Ruth competes with her Berner boys in conformation, draft, obedience and agility - but most of all she enjoys taking her boys on adventures in the mountains where they go hiking, climbing, skiing, and backpacking together. She has written articles for The Alpenhorn where her Berner photos have also been featured. Ruth is a BMDCA Draft judge and in addition to judging draft tests for the BMDCA, she has judged draft tests for the Swissy club, the Collie club, and the Bouvier club.

In her non-dog professional life Ruth is a trial attorney who has her own law firm in Seattle, Washington. She has consulted on a number of legal issues for the BMDCA and serves as the BMDCA Legislative Liaison. Ruth has served as president of a national attorney's organization and knows her way around the courtroom. She has handled contract disputes for both breeders and puppy buyers and would like to help people avoid those disputes!

COMPETE WITH CONFIDENCE! Mastering the Mental Art of Showing Dogs
MARY-ANN SONTAG BOWMAN PHD LCSW

Nearly 75% of dog event exhibitors in a national study reported being negatively impacted by "Ring Nerves" and almost as many reported their dogs were negatively impacted by the human experience of "Ring Nerves". Learning techniques for training a dog is just one component of preparing for competition – we also need to manage the human experiences that interfere with success in competition. But what many do not understand is that once a negative emotional/physical response has been triggered at a dog event, the negative influence to both handler and dog has already happened and "calm down" techniques are essentially useless. This presentation will provide exhibitors with the understanding and tools needed to approach dog events without the negative response known as "Ring Nerves." Further, this presentation will educate and support exhibitors in the art of the maintaining both confidence and joy when participating in any type of dog event – or stressful life event!

Dr. Mary-Ann Sontag Bowman is a successful and versatile trainer of Bernese Mountain Dogs, having earned approximately 100 titles on her dogs (and counting). Mary-Ann and her dogs have titled in conformation, obedience, agility, draft, rally, and tracking, earning many BMDCA awards along the way. She trained and handled the breed's first bitch to earn Versatility Dog Excellent (Zoey) and another of her talented Kaibab girls (Asia) was the first bitch in the breed to earn the Champion Tracker title and become a Dual Champion. Mary-Ann is an author, a Berkeley-educated university professor, and a compassionate, enthusiastic trainer of both people and dogs – and she has nerves of steel, which she attributes to having been educated by nuns.

HERDING 101
BUCK SYKES

Just the thought of Herding with a Bernese Mountain Dog is something that will bring an instant smile. But 'how to start' and 'where to go?' This seminar provides a basic overview of the sport of Herding with a BMD, and dispels some myths along the way. Along with tips & techniques to help brighten your path in getting started, you will also learn about the AKC and American Herding Breeds Association (AHBA) Herding Programs, and their eligibility for BMDCA's medallions and awards.

Buck and Priscilla Sykes fell in love with Berners while hiking in the Swiss Alps during the mid-1990s. They have shared their lives with Berners since bringing Molly B home from Switzerland in 2000. While they participate in conformation, performance and working events, their greatest love is in the working events' dance of responsibilities where the handler has to strike a balance between directing the dog and allowing the dog to do the job it knows best! They have earned herding titles on six Berners since 2004. Robyn is now 'leader of the pack.' She and her two pups, Andy and Anja, currently participate at trial level in both AKC and AHBA events.

EUROPEAN-STYLE SIEGER EVALUATIONS
DENISE DEAN

Denise, a respected and experienced Berner breeder judge, has offered to evaluate your Berner in the European manner. She will closely observe and evaluate over 30 different conformation characteristics while the dog stands in a relaxed, natural pose and then is gaited down and back. She will then give an oral critique of the dog to you and the observing Berner U students. You will also receive a written, signed evaluation of conformation, and a Sieger certificate if your dog receives an "Excellent" rating. Everyone is welcome to come and observe without prior registration.

Denise Dean has been involved in purebred-bred dogs since 1975 when she got her first Old English Sheepdogs. She has been involved with Berners since 1978 and has attended all the National Specialties since then. She has finished over 100 champion Bernese under the Deer Park name, including a national specialty Best of Breed winner, best in sweeps, winner's dog and winners bitch at the national through the years. Denise has been judging for AKC for about 14 years and is currently approved to judge the Herding Group and two working breeds. She judged sweepstakes at the National in Kansas City, served as editor of The Alpenhorn for several years, has worked on many Nationals, and served in various capacities for several dog clubs.

MONDAY 7 - 9 PM *BREEDER SYMPOSIUM*

MADE FOR EACH OTHER
MEG DALEY OLMERT

Nothing turns a baby's head more quickly from nursing or playing than the sight of a dog, especially a Berner! In this presentation, Meg shares the story of the discoveries that led to her book, *Made for Each Other*. In it, she lays out both sides of the deep mutual connection between human and dog, and the way it has evolved since prehistoric times. Drawing on recent discoveries from neuroscience, evolutionary biology, behavioral psychology, archeology, as well as her own investigations, Meg explains why the bonding chemistry humans and animals trigger in each other also has a profound effect on our mental and physical well being.

Meg Daley Olmert has created and produced documentaries for *National Geographic*, *The Discovery Channel* and *PBS*. In 1992, while developing a series on the evolution of the human-animal bond, she was asked to join a research team studying the neurobiology of social bonding. This partnership inspired *Made For Each Other, The Biology of the Human-Animal Bond* - the first book to explain the brain chemistry that flows through-and between-all mammals forging powerful social bonds. It also shows how caring for animals activates this complex brain system, quieting our hearts and minds and filling us with a very real, very essential sense of well being.

Meg is also the Director of Research & Development for Warrior Canine Connection, Inc. A canine therapy program designed to reduce the symptoms of combat Post Traumatic Stress Disorder offered at Walter Reed Army Hospital. She is part of the first research team to scientifically measure the physiological and psychological effects of training service dogs on the symptoms of combat trauma.

TUESDAY 9 - 11 AM

BREEDING THE BOND: The Human-Animal Partnership in the 21st Century
MEG DALEY OLMERT

For hundreds of thousands of years, animal intelligence was as highly valued as artificial intelligence is today. Those who had "a way with animals" were the Steve Jobs and Bill Gates of their day. Their sharp eyes and calm hearts turned wolf into dog - the greatest achievement of the Golden Age of Domestication. Together we vanquished the old enemies, but now face new threats to our wellbeing. In the 21st Century it is loneliness, stress, and depression that eat at our hearts and minds. We will explore the fascinating biology of the human-dog bond to learn how we can best breed and nurture dogs with the nose and the heart to protect us from these modern day adversaries.

*See **Made For Each Other** above for Meg Daley Olmert's biography.*

K9 NOSE WORK 101
JANIE SIMMONS

Would you & your canine buddy like to discover one of the newest dog sports, K-9 Nose Work? K-9 Nose Work is based on detection training and designed for the pet dog. Dogs have amazing noses and this sport puts those noses to work. Nose Work is geared toward any age or size of dog from puppies to older dogs. During the workshop, the dogs will be introduced to the sport with the use of food & cardboard boxes. The ultimate goal in Nose Work is to develop a dog's hunting ability, allow the dog to put their noses to work and most of all to have fun!

What You'll Need to Bring:

1. Crate
2. Water for you dog
3. Leash--6 ft lightweight (no retractable leashes)
4. High Value Treats!! Some examples are hot dogs, sausages, liverwurst, Yummy Chummies, meatballs etc. Avoid crumbly or crunchy treats.

Janie Simmons has been training dogs for over 20 years. Currently she both teaches others & competes with her own dogs in K-9 Nose Work, agility, & tracking. She has a number of students that have achieved the highest title in their sport such as MACH (Master Agility Champion), CT (Champion Tracker) & several students working on their NW3 (Nose Work). During this year, her own dogs have achieved a MACH2, 2 TDX's, and a NW1, NW2 & recently a NW3. Janie is a Certified Nose Work Instructor (CNWI) and a CPDT-KA and is owned by 3 Labradors that make sure the house is well stocked with tennis balls. Janie owns Paws Plus Training in Glen Allen, Virginia.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF SELECTION: What's Love Got to do With It? The Many Things to Think About When Selecting Animals for Breeding
BERT KLEI

In this class we will be thinking about all the things to consider when breeding animals from a genetics point of view. Not only will we be studying the short-term effect on individual litters, but we will also look at how our decisions can affect the breed in the long run. I am looking for students who are not afraid to voice their opinion and are willing to share their thoughts with others.

Bert Klei's family has owned Berners since 1988 (BG#43939, 43941, 60541, 60542, and 78532), all of them as pets. Two pet Berners, Wally and Willem, currently own his family. Dr. Klei received his Master's degree in animal breeding in The Netherlands, and his Doctoral degree in animal breeding and genetics at Cornell University in the USA. He worked for a number of years in developing software programs for genetic evaluations for different animal registration organizations in the US. He is currently working at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Pennsylvania USA to analyze large datasets to uncover the genetic background of diseases in humans. Dr. Klei's unique contribution to the Berner Garde Foundation has been to add the COI calculator to the database to determine the influence of inbreeding on longevity in Bernese. He is a member of the Three Rivers Bernese Mountain Dog Club.

TUESDAY 12-2 PM

OPERATION SOCIALIZATION: SOCIALIZING YOUR PUPPY RIGHT
ARIANA KINCAID

Did you know that it is equally important to "vaccinate" your puppy against behavior problems as it is to vaccinate him against disease? Help your puppy build resistance to developing fear and aggression in adulthood by learning how to socialize him safely, early and effectively. We'll break down everything you need to know about puppy socialization.

Ariana Kincaid is a self-described dog geek fascinated by everything dog. Spending many years in Education Administration, Ariana turned her organizational skills to the running of a successful and busy doggy daycare, boarding and training facility. During her 6 years there, she saw firsthand the problems caused by a lack of early socialization, which inspired her to create Operation Socialization™. Ariana's extensive background in dog training and behavior work includes evaluating dog behavior, teaching puppy and intermediate classes, working one-on-one to modify behavior problems from aggression to fearfulness, raising litters of foster puppies and training apprentices. Ariana is a Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner and a Certified Pet Dog Trainer - Knowledge Assessed.

BERNER BEHAVIOR CLINIC
The Power of Positive Reinforcement for Training and for Problem Solving
VIRGINIA BROITMAN DARE

This two-part presentation will begin with an overview of positive reinforcement training, including information about why it is so powerful and effective, no matter what your training goals or activities, and no matter what type of animals you work with!
The second portion of the presentation will address behaviors we humans consider problematic -- how and why they happen, and what we can do to resolve them humanely and effectively. To participate in this demonstration clinic, submit requests to Virginia and describe a specific issue with your Berner. Make sure she receives this by April 1, 2014 (www.northstarcanines.com) and remember to bring your dog to class!

Virginia Broitman Dare began her dog training career in 1981 and is now a nationally recognized positive reinforcement trainer. Her business, North Star Canines, currently provides private lessons and behavior consultations for pet owners in Richmond, VA and surrounding areas. (www.northstarcanines.com)

Virginia is head trainer for Pixie's Pen Pals, an organization that places shelter dogs with inmates at prison facilities for training and behavior modification before being adopted to the public. Since Jan. 2007, she has worked at five different facilities, teaching and supervising many dozens of inmate handlers. (www.fetchacure.com). In addition to training/behavior services, Virginia has co-produced five positive reinforcement training DVDs that are sold internationally. (www.takeabowwow.com). She also presents training workshops around the country and overseas, and was a faculty member of Karen Pryor's ClickerExpos for six years.

BMD HISTORY
DANIEL SERNICOLA

This class will give a basic overview of the history of the Bernese Mountain Dog, and dispel some myths along the way. Where did Berners come from? How did they get to the United States? Who were the individuals who preserved our breed? Along with learning historical facts, you will also learn about some theories and current research. Daniel has a wealth of interesting stories as well as many intriguing photographs, ephemera, and other antique Berner items to share.

Daniel Sernicola has been in Berners for over ten years. During this short time, he has been quite active having served the Berner-Garde Foundation as trustee, Ways and Means chair, and Public Relations & Marketing Director. Daniel has chaired and co-chaired several Health Fund Auctions and is also a past board member of the North Coast Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Ohio.

Daniel has developed a reputation for his knowledge of breed history and his research into the history of Berners has led to some fascinating finds. He is a Creative Marketing Manager in his professional career and uses his experience in the field of marketing and design to present a class that is informative and visually appealing. His enthusiasm for the history of the breed is contagious and this history class is anything but boring!

TUESDAY 3 - 5 PM

RESCUE 101 & RESCUE ROUND TABLE
KATHY DEYO

RESCUE 101, the first hour of this seminar, will be a presentation of how Bernese rescue works on both the regional club level and national level. The discussion will enable you to you become more aware of the process and perhaps find a way to participate. We'll review all aspects of running a Bernese rescue committee: working with shelters, finding evaluators we can trust, identifying strategies for both supporting owners and for removing the dogs, attending to legal concerns, evaluating behavioral issues, finding foster homes, finding volunteer transporters, funding the program, using the web to locate and interview potential families - all with the goal of finding forever homes for dogs in need. Anyone curious about rescue is welcome to come.

The RESCUE ROUNDTABLE, the second hour of this seminar, offers an opportunity for BMDCA recognized regional clubs, BARC, and people who individually rescue Bernese to share problems, concerns and solutions. We find that when online friends meet face-to-face it allows us to support each other and create an even stronger network for the next time we need to rescue a Berner. Newcomers are welcome to join us for one or both hours as we always appreciate fresh perspectives.

Dogs have been part of *Kathy Deyo's* life since she was a little girl but she was blessed with her first Bernese in 1986 and will never be without them. Since Hapi Mtn Kennel began, she has been a part of the Bernese community, becoming a BMDCA member in 1987, helping form the Inland Northwest regional club, being active in conformation, obedience, clinics and workshops, helping with National Specialties, and taking in her first rescue Bernese in 1995. Kathy teaches obedience classes locally, gives clinics, and has been a dog 4-H leader for 19 years. In 2001, she took over as BMDCA Rescue & Rehome Coordinator. She has also been elected a BMDCA Board Member on three different occasions. Kathy's mantra is, "If you breed, you are responsible for your dogs throughout their lifetime."

AKC BMD STANDARD
SHARON CHESNUTT SMITH

"First things first" at Berner U means "Know the Standard". This seminar will cover the basic information about Bernese using the AKC BMD Standard, as well as many of the finer points that only the experienced eyes of a longtime breeder and judge might notice. Sharon will share the presentation given to provisional judges along with some of her slides and will use live examples to demonstrate what makes a truly spectacular conformation BMD.

Sharon Chesnutt Smith's husband's strong admiration for the Bernese Mountain Dog led them to purchase a Berner puppy in 1984 - Ch. Arthos October V Berndash. After a rocky start that taught her to give Berners a long time to mature, Arthos became a three-time All-Breed Best-in-Show winner, with 54 group placings, #1 BMD breed & group in 1989 as well as becoming a BMDCA Top Producer of 40+ Champions.

Sharon's passion for breeding and eye for a dog placed a Berner with the "October" kennel name in the Top Ten Conformation Rankings yearly for over a decade. Approved to judge The Working Group, Golden Retrievers, Miscellaneous classes and Best in Show, Sharon has been honored to judge Bernese specialties in the U.S., England, Norway, Belgium, Brazil, France, Russia,

Sweden, Denmark and Switzerland. She served as the BMDCA delegate to the American Kennel Club for over nine years, was a co-founder and president of The Helderberg Bernese Mountain Dog Club and past president of the Chattahoochee Valley Bernese Mountain Dog Club.

UNDERSTANDING MOVEMENT
MARJORIE REHO

The language of canine anatomy, the definitions of gait patterns, and the necessity of angulation and balance to good structure - these are the essentials to understanding movement in the Bernese Mountain Dog. We'll look at shoulder assemblies and examples of center lining, crossing, crabbing, pacing, knitting, and purling in our much loved companion dogs. What's normal? What's correct? How do you spot faulty movement and why does it matter? Learn to see what's happening beneath those gorgeous black coats.

Marjorie Reho has owned Bernese Mountain Dogs and been active in the BMDCA since 1978. Under the kennel name of "Dallybeck", she has bred 24 litters, and has produced some of the top dogs in the United States and Canada. At National Specialties, her own dogs, Dallybeck-produced dogs, and offspring of Dallybeck dogs, have won such prestigious awards as High In Trial, Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Award of Merit, first in Stud Dog, first in Brood Bitch, both Best and Best of Opposite in Veteran Sweeps with son and dam. Many dogs from her breeding have been Versatility Award Winners over the years. She has produced both a BMDCA Top Producer and Top Conformation Dog. Margie's active interests in the breed focus on the total dog: structure, soundness, type, temperament, working ability, and longevity. She became the first recipient of a Dog World Award for Bernese in obedience, and also placed a Tracking Degree on her bitch. In conformation, she has judged Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes classes in Canada, and at the BMDCA National Specialty in Colorado.

WELL BEHAVED DOGS ARE WELCOME IN ALL CLASSES 9-5 PM

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