

Services

- **Meetings** every other month, usually followed by educational programs.
- **Social activities** that support the informal network established between Berner people and give us an opportunity to get to know each other while having fun with our dogs.
- **Training** to promote responsible and appreciation for these dogs' many abilities, offered through workshops on basic and rally obedience, solving problem behaviors, agility, drafting (carting), herding instinct, and tracking; and through Canine Good Citizen testing.
- **Recognition** of achievements such as earning titles and public service as therapy dogs in our newsletters and at our annual awards banquet.
- **Shows and Trials** are sponsored and supported by the club, including an annual specialty breed show and two annual Draft Tests, as well as entries and trophies at several kennel club shows in the region.
- **Public education** about our breed in particular and about responsible dog ownership in general, through responding directly to inquiries, participating in breed showcases and public events (e.g., parades, pet therapy, drafting demonstrations) and providing written materials and our website, www.bmdcr.org.
- **Breeder referral** for those looking a Bernese Mountain Dog puppy.
- **Rescue** of Bernese Mountain Dogs needing rehoming, often after veterinary care and fostering are provided by club members.
- **Assistance to breeders** through mentorship of novice breeders by experienced breeders.
- **Improving Berner health** by raising funds to support canine health studies pertinent to Bernese Mountain Dogs, offering annual health screening clinics and selling health test kits at discounted prices.
- **Member information** through newsletters, a Yahoo group and a library.
- **Social networking** for members and the public on Facebook page.

