



Wipe your
PAWS
and join us!

Canine Educational Seminar

Canine Good Citizen (CGC) & Trick Training

Carol Lynn Fox

Learn all you need for your dog to pass the AKC Canine Good Citizen test and Trick Novice test.

Canine Good Citizen (CGC) & Trick Testing

Trish Carter

Test with a certified AKC Canine Good Citizen and Tricks evaluator and earn your titles.

Drafting 101

Jenny Durrance & Carolyn Crockett

Introduction of the basics of draft work to novice handlers.

Drafting 102

Jenny Durrance & Carolyn Crockett

We will further hone your drafting skills and prepare you for your draft test.

Nutrition

Dr. Barbara Eves, DVM

We'll cover the ins and outs of supplements for the health and performance of your dog and make it easy to choose the right ones.

Grooming Training

Dawn Hitchcock

For the person who simply wants to keep their Bernese Mountain Dog looking neat and tidy. Covers the tools needed and how to use them.



Sunday, April 8, 2018
10am-4pm

Piedmont Kennel Club Showplace
13607 Choate Circle, Charlotte, NC

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Hurry! Registration ends FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH

Carolyn Crockett

With her first dog in 1972, Carolyn was introduced to conformation, obedience training, and competition. Several moves, horses, three sons and two dogs later she found herself living in Leonberg, Germany and discovered those beautiful Leonberger dogs. One of her sons rode in a wagon pulled by one of those lovely animals in a parade. That was her introduction to draft dogs! On a visit to distant relatives in Bern, Switzerland Carolyn was introduced to their elegant Bernese and lost her heart to this gentle breed. 10 years later she got her first Berner, Dickens. They conquered the obedience, agility and conformation rings and reverted to an earlier passion for therapy and rehab before finding draft. That was thanks to Jim and Jenny Durrance, who later urged me to become a judge. Carolyn has thoroughly enjoyed the fourteen years of meeting folks new to the 'game' and watching their progress as they developed closer relationships with their dogs.

Dr. Barbara Eves

Dr. Barbara Eves, part of a military family, spent much of her childhood in Europe. After graduating from high school in Germany, she earned a BS degree from Pennsylvania State University and her DVM from the University of Tennessee. She then practiced at several small animal hospitals in and around Baltimore, Maryland. In 1998, after five years in practice, a desire to travel more led Dr. Eves to explore other opportunities in veterinary medicine. In early 1999, she began working for Nutramax Laboratories, Inc (now Nutramax Laboratories Veterinary Sciences, Inc.). She has been employed with the company since then in technical services, marketing, and international sales positions, and is now Senior Manager of Scientific Communications. Dr. Eves has lectured at dinner meetings for veterinarians and pet owners and has co-authored several articles on the topic of nutritional supplements. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with family and friends. She shares her home in South Carolina with her amazing PBGV rescue, Lucy, who puts a smile on her face each and every day.

Dawn Hitchcock

Dawn has spent most of her adult life with Bernese Mountain Dogs, having grown up with Mini Poodles and after college, Papillons. She was a handler of BMD's before obtaining one as a gift from a friend. As a teen she worked for a professional dog handler, where she learned her craft at an early age. Soon after college Dawn opened a boarding kennel/grooming shop/pet supplies store in Oneonta, New York where she groomed up to ten dogs per day. When it became too much to manage the day-to-day business, being a mother, and taking care of a hobby kennel all at the same time, she sold the business and went to work as a quality assurance manager at a packaging firm in Oneonta. Then she was free on the weekends to attend shows again. Dawn has handled over 100 BMD's to their championships and currently lives with eight of these magnificent dogs. She is also licensed by the American Kennel club to judge BMD's, Papillons, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, and Junior Showmanship. Dawn has also been a member of the BMDCA since 1994, and a founding member of the Piedmont BMDC.

Jenny Durrance

Jenny and her husband, Jim, have shared their lives with 19 BMD's, 4 Chows, two Miniature Schnauzers and a Golden Retriever. All of these dogs have participated in dog sports from conformation and obedience to rally and draft. The time, attention and diligence needed to compete and attend these events demonstrates the dedicated partnership between humans and their canine partners. Jenny became a judge in 2004 and supported their local Bernese club but also helped to expand the sport of Draft across the region. Jenny has dedicated her efforts and experience to helping novice handlers develop a method for building a working relationship with their draft dog. Jenny is currently a member of the BMDCA, Piedmont BMDC, Clemson Kennel Club and the Dog Obedience Club of Greenville.

Carol Lynn Fox

Carol Lynn currently runs her own dog training business, Blue Ribbon K9 Academy in Charlotte, NC. She is an AKC CGC Evaluator and train Service and Therapy dogs along with Canine Conditioning, Puppy, Obedience, agility, reactive rover and behavior modification using positive reinforcement and hands-off methods. Carol Lynn participates in Conformation, Draft, Obedience and Rally regularly along with dabbling in a few other dog activities. As an AKC Breeder of Merit, Carol Lynn, under the kennel name of MahaRaja and has been involved with Berners for 13 years. She feels very fortunate to have had some success at the national level with class placements most every year, breeder of Best Puppy and BOS in Futurity in 2008 and Best of Winners at the 2009 National Specialty. Twenty-sixteen was another first for her with Special Toro ranked in the top 20. She continues to focus on health and longevity without sacrificing the correct temperament we all love. Carol Lynn is currently working on becoming an AKC approved judge.

Trish Carter

Trish came to the US in 1976 for two years and here she remains! While living in Connecticut, she became aware of the benefits of Pet Therapy and formally joined Happy Tails in Atlanta in 1991. She has been involved ever since and currently serves as vice president and evaluator for SC Dogs Pet therapy group in the Anderson and Clemson areas. Trish met her first Berner in an REI store in Atlanta and vowed to have one herself! It took her a few years as she already had two wonderful dogs but Helen Taylor had a litter at the very moment she needed a dog and Matilda became her first BMD. The very best dog in the entire world but sadly Matilda only lived for 7 years. Trish has since adopted two other Berners from CVBMDC rescue and currently is the proud owner of Wilson and Maya, both of whom are wonderful therapy dogs. She started helping with dog evaluations in the early 1990's and found that she had a natural ability to judge a dog's character. Trish became a certified AKC Canine Good Citizen evaluator about nine years ago. She continues to evaluate dogs for Therapy work on a regular basis.