
THE BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB of GREAT BRITAIN

Official Programme for the Golden Jubilee Event of 2022

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Great Britain invites you to join us to celebrate our Golden Jubilee by attending our 5 day event.

In likeminded company, we will celebrate all things Bernese through a variety of shows, events and seminars, in the picturesque surroundings of The Forest of Dean.



Wednesday 21 September 2022 to Sunday 25 September 2022

(inclusive)

Forest Oak Farm

Purlieu View

Lydney

Forest of Dean

Gloucestershire

GL15 4LN



<http://bernese.co.uk/events/2022-events/>

PRESIDENT'S INVITATION

By Stephen Green

President's Invitation to all Bernese Lovers

The last couple of years have been challenging for any club trying to organise an event, especially when inviting international visitors. We had to cancel the original event last year and even entering into this year doubts were still persisting. Now, just when it finally seemed that, although concern about rising costs were worrying, at least we could look forward with some confidence but as we go to press the events in Ukraine are disturbing the whole world and who knows what effects they will have on us all in the coming months.

A canine event in England is of little importance in comparison to what the world is seeing from the opposite end of Europe. In these times the rest of the world tries to help in the ways it can but also takes a 'keep calm and carry on' attitude to try and give some sense of normality to life. So, we hope no one feels we are being insensitive in carrying on with our already delayed event celebrating 50 years of our club.

We would still like to invite people from the Bernese world to join us for our club's special event; breeders, exhibitors, owners who work with their Bernese in fact, anyone with any interest in our breed is welcome. We hope to provide something for everyone during our event, and give a good Bernese fix to all who join us.

Even if you don't want to attend or take part in any of the shows or events why not just come and have a 4 day Bernese fix, just chilling around our breed and enjoying the social events. We have a great new venue, which enables us to hold all of our varied events, with on-site camping, nearby hostelries and relaxing days, all in one place together, which is great news. There are a range of formal and informal events for all days, and British themed evenings, to occupy everyone right through the whole of our get together.

You can find outline details of all of our events in this leaflet, and how to book for them. A team of dedicated people have worked hard to put this all together, and will continue to develop the event between now and September, so please do contact the appropriate person with any queries or booking requests.

We hope many BMD people from all over the world will be able to join us and we look forward to welcoming everyone for a great Bernese time. I look forward to welcoming our visitors in September, but until then wish you the best year you can have with your Bernese.

Steve Green

President
BMDC of GB



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday 21 September 2022

General Reception & Arrivals

BIWG Meeting 14:00—18:00 (approximately)

Fish & Chip Supper (evening event)

Thursday 22 September 2022

General Reception & Arrivals

International Health Seminar 09:00—17:00 (approximately)

Berner Bar (evening event)

Parade of Veterans (open to all Swiss Mountain Dog breeds)

Friday 23 September 2022

International Carting Parade

2022 Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Great Britain Championship Dog Show, judged by Lisbet Ramsing (Dogs) and Jens Ramsing (Bitches) from Denmark, referee Satu Yla-Mononen (Finland)

Limited Obedience Competition (4 classes), judged by David Pierson (BMD only)

Great British Fete Night (evening event)

Celebration of Champions (open to all Swiss Mountain Dog breeds)

Health Auction

Torchlit Carting Parade

Saturday 24 September 2022

Golden Swiss Carting Parade

50th Anniversary Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Great Britain Championship Show, judged by Stephen Green (UK)

Golden Jubilee Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Great Britain Championship Show, judged by Helen Davenport-Willis (UK)

Junior Handling Competition— Judge Paige Spencer (UK)

Swiss Breeds Event—Jenny Shorer-Wheeler (UK)

Fun Dog Show

Obstacart (see page 18)

BHI Antagene Histo & DM Testing Clinic

Food & Wine (evening event)

Sunday 25 September 2022

International Judges Meeting

Relaxed Farewell evening event

Throughout the Event

In between the many scheduled events, please find the time to visit The Berner Shop, The Bernese Health Initiative Stand and the Rescue Gallery.

CLOSING DATES & BOOKING METHODS

The closing date for the following events are **19 August 2022** (postal) and **21 August 2022** (online).

Online show entries are via www.fossedata.co.uk, all other event bookings are via SumUp as outlined below;

- www.fossedata.co.uk (schedules will be available soon)
 - 2022 Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Great Britain Championship Dog Show & Limited Obedience Competition
 - 50th Anniversary Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Great Britain Championship Show
 - Golden Jubilee Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Great Britain Championship Show
 - Junior Handling Competition
- SumUp—www.bmdcofgeb.sumup.link
 - Registration
 - All Evening Event Bookings
 - Camping—must be booked via SumUp only, the venue will not be able to process camping requests
 - Celebration of Champions
 - Parade of Veterans
 - Carting Parades
 - BIWG Meeting
 - International Health Seminar
 - International Judges Meeting & Seminar
 - BHI Antagene Histo Testing clinic
 - General Donations

****Please note, that for administrative reasons, the closing dates will not be extended.****

The following events will be open for entries on the day of the show, cash and card payments accepted;

- Swiss Breeds Event
- Fun Dog Show
- Obstacart

VENUE

Forest Oak Farm

We are delighted to confirm the venue for The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Great Britain Golden Jubilee event as Forest Oak Farm, Lydney, Gloucestershire, GL15 4LN.

We searched far and wide for the ideal venue for our event, which was no small task. The venue offers us both the facilities and the space to host a series of fantastic dog shows, in addition to wonderful evening events, all with on-site camping and associated facilities. Forest Oak Farm is set in over 20 acres of fields, lakes and woodlands including two enclosed dog exercise areas, to ensure our Bernese will have a great time. If this isn't enough, it is on the doorstep of The Forest of Dean, for those who want to venture further afield.

Showground

Ideally, all of the dog shows will be held outside on the showground field, where exhibitors' gazebos may be erected at their owners risk (maximum size 3 x 3m). In the event of poor weather, we have the option of holding all shows indoors, right next to the showground. Both locations will allow for large rings and ample space. The evening events and seminars will be held in the indoor arena, which is carpeted, central heated and ideal for socialising.

The venue has well maintained amenities including toilets, showers and fresh drinking water, all in close proximity to the showground. The venue also offers a dog wash area.

Parking Facilities

There is ample parking next to the showground/indoor arena

Dog Exercise Areas

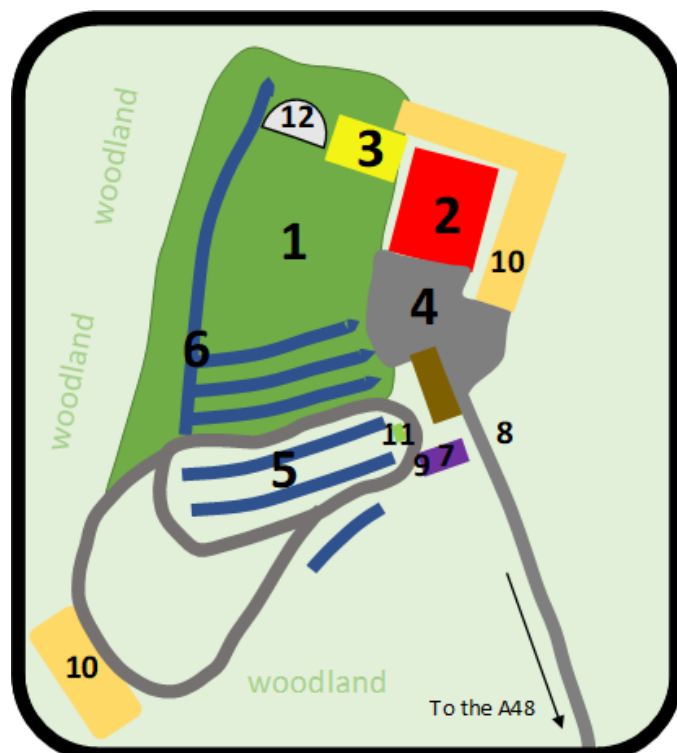
Forest Oak Farm boasts acres of green field, two enclosed dog exercise areas, in addition to a woodland walk and a lakeside seating area. Of course, we would expect all attendees to pickup after their dogs and do not expect any waste to be left behind.

Camping Facilities

Abundant space is available for touring caravans, motorhomes or tents with limited electric hook-ups (first come, first served!). The site has well kept toilets and showers, along with a chemical disposal point, laundry and a washing up room. Please note, all camping is to be booked via SumUp (www.bmdcofgb.sumup.link) —do not attempt to book camping via the site direct.

Key:

- 1 Showground Field
- 2 Indoor Arena
- 3 Marquee
- 4 Car Park
- 5 Camping Area (limited electric hook-up)
- 6 Grass Pitch Camping
- 7 Toilet & Shower Block
- 8 Chemical Disposal Point
- 9 Laundry & Washing Up Room
- 10 Secure Dog Exercise Areas
- 11 Dog Wash
- 12 Vendors Area



VENUE—TRAVEL

Travel to the Venue

From the North and East:

North - (Down M5)/East (via A417/A40, joining the M5): Exit M5 at Junction 11a, 11 or follow A417 towards Gloucester. Follow the signs for Ross/A40/A48, until you join the A40.

Pass through a series of traffic lights until you reach the Highnam roundabout, where you take the 1st exit onto A48 towards Chepstow and the Forest of Dean. Follow the A48 through the villages of Minsterworth, Westbury on Severn, Newnham and Blakeney. When you come out of Blakeney, pass through the Nibley crossroads and keep going for approximately 1 mile. You will reach a small section of dual carriageway on the brow of a hill. The Farm gates are on the right about 410m on from the end of the dual carriageway, opposite The Willows (Big white house with white stones around the driveway).

From Wales:

M48 Junction 2, take the A466 exit to A48/Chepstow/Cas-gwent. At the roundabout take the 3rd exit onto Wye Valley Link Rd/A466. At the next roundabout take the 3rd exit onto Newport Rd/A48. Follow the A48 through Chepstow, Alyburton and Alvington (approximately 12 miles).

At the next roundabout take the 2nd exit towards Gloucester. Drive straight over the next two roundabouts. Drive straight, past the turning to Coleford on your left. Keep straight for approximately 150m and the entrance to the Farm is on the left, opposite The Willows (Big white house with white stones around the driveway).

From The South:

M5 Junction 15, exit onto M4. Keep in the left hand lane and head off the M4 onto M48 after 2.1 miles. Continue over the Severn Road Bridge. Then follow the above instructions from Wales.

NOTE: We are advised satellite navigation systems (sat-nav's) are generally inaccurate when relying upon the venue post code. As such, if a sat nav is to be used, please use the following Latitude and Longitude coordinates;

Decimal Degrees:

Latitude: 51.740683, Longitude: -2.503007

Degrees Minutes and Seconds:

Latitude: 51 44' 26.45" North, Longitude: 2 30' 10.82" West

By Train:

Lydney Train Station is located 5 minutes away by car

Train travel in the UK can be booked online via www.thetrainline.com, or in person at most train stations. Booking in advance often allows for much cheaper ticket options.

By Air:

The nearest airports to the venue are as follows;

Birmingham International Airport—approximately 1 hour 30 minutes away by car (public transport times vary)

Bristol Airport—approximately 1 hour away by car (public transport times vary)

Local taxi:

It is unlikely taxis in the UK will allow travel with dogs, however for those travelling without dogs the following taxi companies operate in the area;

K&T Taxis—01594 845913

Taxicabs—01594 843456

Abbey Taxis—01594 528181

If you require any assistance in booking and organising international travel please contact Abbie Manix at Golden@bernese.co.uk

CAMPING, SITE & EVENT RULES

We are very fortunate to have located a venue which can hold our large event, welcome a lot of large dogs and still accommodate a number of camping setups. We ask each and every attendee to read and abide by the site's rules.

- Drive slowly on site.
- Please keep noise to a minimum between 22:30 and 08:00—we understand dogs inherently bark, but please do not allow your dogs to bark unnecessarily or for prolonged periods of time.
- Generators are not to be used between the hours of 20:00 and 08:00, and only used with consideration throughout the day.
- BBQ's are allowed, but must be well off the ground/grass.
- Campfires are only allowed in approved pits and with the site owners permission before being lit.
- All dogs must be on a lead at all times, except in the closed exercise areas or when competing at approved events.
- All dog waste should be cleaned up effectively and immediately.
- Children are to be supervised by a responsible adult at all times. Note—the lake on site is 10ft deep.
- Do not allow children to play in/around the toilet block or around/on any machinery.
- Do not leave rubbish in bags outside your caravan/tent/vehicle, instead ensure all rubbish is dealt with appropriately in the skip provided.
- No large items, for example BBQ's, airbeds, chairs, windbreaks etc are to be disposed of in or near the skip, this is for general rubbish only.
- Do not flush wet wipes or nappies in the toilets provided. This will cause a blockage in the system.
- The use of household domestic appliances, for example fan convectors, chip fryers etc is strictly forbidden. Low voltage appliances are permitted.
- Gates are locked at 22:30 and opened at 07:30 each day. If you need access outside these times you must make prior arrangements with the site manager(s) during office hours.
- Further rules, specific to the exhibition, can be located within the schedules.

Evening Events

- Only dogs participating in the scheduled evening events are welcome in the arena for the duration of their event. Arena crate space can be booked when registering for the evening events. Unreserved crate space will be available in the adjacent marquee for dogs not participating.
- Parking is available directly outside the event arena for all who would prefer to leave their dogs in vehicles (if appropriate).
- No dogs are to be under/around the tables for the events.
- Please arrive on time to allow for the smooth running of events.

ACCOMMODATION

We anticipate attendees will join us on the campsite where possible however, we fully appreciate the onsite camping arrangements may not suit everyone. We are therefore happy to suggest the following nearby accommodation options.

Accommodation options are listed in no particular order, using the consistent format of; 'name, postcode, room type, contact/website'

When contacting & booking, mention you are attending the BMD Club of GB Golden Jubilee event at Forest Oak Farm; you may be offered a preferential rate.

Dog Friendly (amount of dogs per room varies) Dogs may be at added cost

Greenway Farm, GL17 9HW, arks/camping, admin@greenwayfarm.org, www.greenwayfarm.org

Highbury Coach House, GL15 5JH, apartments, info@highburycoachhouse.co.uk, www.highburycoachhouse.co.uk

Deanwood Holiday Cottages, GL15 4TY, cottages, deanwoodholidays@gmail.com, www.deanwoodholidays.co.uk

The Stables @ Rose Cottage, GL15 6EW, cottage, rosecottage2014@btinternet.com, via www.Booking.com

Rosebank Holiday Cottage, GL15 4HN, cottage, rosebankcottage@yahoo.com, www.forestofdeanholidaycottage.com

The George Inn & Millingbrook Lodge, GL15 6DE, pub/inn, info.millingbrooklodge@yahoo.co.uk, www.millingbrooklodge.com/

Deangate Motel, GL15 5DX, Motel, info@deangatemotel.com, www.deangatemotel.com/

Edale House, Folly Road, Parkend, GL15 4JF, B&B, edalehouse@gmail.com, www.edalehouse.co.uk/

Grove Farm B&B & Camping, HR6 0HE, camping & B&B, fiona@grovesfarmdirect.co.uk, http://www.grovesfarmbnb.co.uk/

Speech House, GL16 7EL, Hotel, info@thespeechhouse.co.uk, www.thespeechhouse.co.uk/

Tudor Farmhouse Hotel, GL16 8JS, Hotel, info@tudorfarmhousehotel.co.uk, https://tudorfarmhousehotel.co.uk/

The following accommodation options are located within the nearby town of Chepstow;

Woodfield House, NP16 5EZ, B&B, woodfield-house@outlook.com, www.woodfield.house/

Coach & Horses, NP16 5LN, Inn, coachandhorseschepstow@gmail.com, www.coachchepstow.co.uk/

Further afield there are larger chain hotels such as Travelodge Bristol Severn View (16 miles provided the bridge is open), Travelodge Gloucester (18.1 miles) and Holiday Inn Express Gloucester (21.3 miles).

Please note:

Whilst all of the accommodations above have confirmed they are dog friendly, many also have 'non-dog friendly' rooms available. Given the expected amount of attendees bringing dogs we respectfully request that if you are not travelling with dogs you request a non-dog friendly room to ensure availability for people travelling with dogs is maximised.

Not dog friendly

The Fountain Inn, Parkend, GL15 4JD, Inn/hostel, TheFountainInn@aol.com, www.thefountaininn.info

Two Rivers Hotel, NP16 5PR, Hotel, tworivers.chepstow@marstons.co.uk, www.marstonsinns.co.uk/inns/two-rivers-hotel-chepstow

St Pierre Hotel & Country Club, NP16 6YA, Hotel, www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/cwlgs-st-pierre-marriott-hotel-and-country-club/overview/

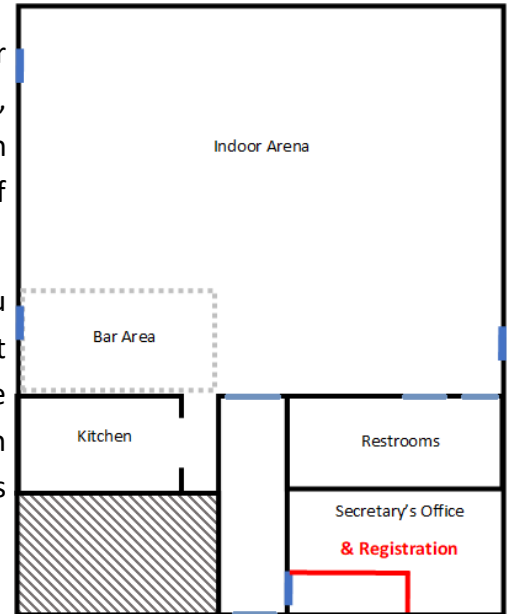
The First Hurdle (dog position unknown), NP16 5EX, B&B, info@thefirsthurdle.co.uk, https://thefirsthurdle.co.uk/contact/

This is not an exhaustive list, but examples of available accommodation in the area. Numerous further options can be located on www.booking.com, www.airbnb.co.uk, www.trivago.co.uk and other accommodation search websites.

WELCOME & REGISTRATION

Upon arrival, we invite you to register, where you will be given your personal welcome bag containing everything you need for the event, including any pre-booked tickets to the evening events. The registration desk is located in the indoor arena, please use the plan on the right of this page to ascertain its position.

The registration desk will be open daily from 08:30 to 12:00noon. If you wish to collect your welcome bag outside of these times, please contact a member of the Committee who will try their best to help. If you are camping onsite, we would appreciate if you could confirm an approximate arrival time when booking (and update thereafter if this changes) so we can make arrangements for someone to welcome you.



Golden Ticket Welcome Bag Upgrade

On arrival at the event everyone who has registered via SumUp will receive a bundle of their tickets along with useful information leaflets.

We would like to make the event as memorable as possible therefore, we invite everyone to upgrade to a 'Golden Ticket' Welcome Bag. This will contain all of the documentation you need for the event, but will have added special keepsakes contained in a high quality, reusable bag branded with our event logo—ideal for use at future events.

All bag contents will be carefully assembled in your bag prior to your arrival at the show to ensure your bag truly is your golden ticket to the entire event.

This is an upgrade you do not want to miss and we cannot guarantee any items created for this upgrade will subsequently be on general sale.

Upgrades to Golden Ticket Welcome Bags will be priced at £15.00 and will be limited to first come first served.

JUDGES INTRODUCTION

2022 Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Great Britain Championship Dog Show—**Friday 23 September 2022**

Lisbet Ramsing (Dogs) & Jens Ramsing (Bitches) - (Sennettas)

The name "Sennettas" is world famous and is the kennel name of husband and wife team, Jens and Lisbet Ramsing from Denmark.

Jens started out in the early 1970s with the kennel name of "Danettas. He purchased a number of quality females from the famous Swiss kennel, " Bernetta" owned by Alice Moser (who became his mentor) and together with his then wife Jytte, they enjoyed considerable success at club specialty shows and World shows with a number of Bernese including, World Winner, Heika v Bernetta (b. 1974), World Winner in Bern and Best In Show, Madi v Bernetta (b. 1976). Their first "Danettas" litter was bred in 1975 from Flori v Bernetta sired by Dani von der Sagegasse. The litter contained DK Ch Danettas Jucky, who was the dam of NK Ch Danettas Laro and Dk Ch Danettas Jonni who was the dam of Dk Ch Ponti.

The first "Sennettas" litter was born in 1984 with Jens with his wife Lisbet. In this litter were the top winning females, WW '86 Danettas Urte and her litter sister Sennettas Ursula who won the Res CACIB at the World show in Innsbruck. Together, they have had considerable breeding and showing success with many Bernese owned and bred by them, including Twice European Winner, Int Ch Danetas Floggy (born 1980), Int Ch Danettas Pazuzu (WW '85) and the sensational twice World Winner and twice BOB at Crufts, record breaking top sire/ top producer, Int Ch Sennettas Sixten (born 1995) whose female line goes back five generations to Heika von Bernetta, one of the excellent foundation females Jens purchased from Alice Moser.

Jens qualified as an FCI judge in both Denmark and Germany in 1981, originally starting out with the 4 Sennenhund breeds. Lisbet became fully authorised as an FCI for Berner Sennenhund in 1991. Today, both are passed to judge a number of breeds, Jens for all breeds in FCI Groups 2 and 5 which correspond to the Working Group. Lisbet. FCI Group 2 and Group 10 as well as a number of breeds in FCI Groups 1,5, 6 and 9. Both have judged Bernese Mt Dogs extensively all over the world. They are looking forward to judging in the UK in September, at the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of GB 2022 Championship show.

50th Anniversary Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Great Britain Championship Show—**Saturday 24 September 2022**

Stephen Green (Waldershelf)

Since owning his first Bernese in 1983 Stephen has dedicated his life to the breed and along with his wife, Jeanette and daughter, Emily, shows and breeds under the Waldershelf kennel. A main priority has always been breeding for health but they have enjoyed making up Champions and importing dogs to improve the health of their lines.

Whilst involved in showing and breeding he has contributed to the breed in many other ways since he joined the BMDC of GB committee in 1988 being an ever present since that time, holding many posts including Handbook Editor, Magazine Editor, Membership Secretary, Show Secretary and Manager, Chairman, Website Manager, Treasurer and was recently voted to Club President.

Stephen is well known for the work he has done in his role as Breed Health Coordinator, a position he has held since the early nineties and still very active in now working with the Bernese Health Initiative (B.H.I.). He has been heavily involved in the Berner International Working Group (BIWG) with the honour of being President for 6 years. For over 15 years he was Chairman of the Bernese Breed Council up to its disbanding in 2021 and has also supported the working side of the breed, creating the UK Working Cart course in the early nineties.

Judging since 1988 and having awarded CC's 10 times in the UK, in the last 17 years he has also had the honour of judging over 21 times in 13 different countries, mostly at BMD breed club shows. This judging experience has meant he has had the privilege to judge over 2,500 dogs to date.

Stephen was both surprised and honoured to be chosen to judge our Golden Jubilee event. He hopes everyone has a great time at the event and remembers that you always take the best dog home with you.

Golden Jubilee Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Great Britain Championship Show—**Saturday 24 September 2022**

Helen Davenport-Willis (Nellsbern)

For the past 37 years she has shared her life with Bernese Mountain Dogs and freely admits they are her passion. She fell in love with Bernese in 1982. She registered her KC prefix "Nellsbern" in 1986 and bred her first litter in 1988. She has bred/owned 8 UK champions. In 1992 she won Best of Breed at Crufts with Ch Carlacot Genesis at Nellsbern. She has a keen interest in preserving the integrity of the breed, whilst understanding and respecting the breed's function, purpose and development. She has worked proactively for the breed's health and conservation, hip scoring all her dogs, later becoming a pioneer of the early elbow scoring scheme.

She joined the BMDC of GB in 1983 and was co-opted onto the committee in 1987, taking over as editor of the club's Magazine and Handbook from Diana Cochrane. Helen was instrumental in collating and editing the GB club's first Champions Book in 1990 and in 1991 she was show secretary for the GB Clubs ch show which was part of the Festival of Bernese, In 1998, together with her husband, Dr Malcolm Willis, she co wrote, "The Bernese Mountain Dog Today". He was a great mentor and much of her acquired knowledge and valuable experience in the breed she admits came from his influence, living with and learning from him and their Bernese during 25 years together.

Helen started judging Bernese at ch show level in the UK in 1992 and has awarded CCs to the breed 14 times. She has judged Bernese specialities in 20 plus countries around the world. She is a great believer in both judges and breeder education and proactive in this regard. Helen is delighted to have been asked to judge both males and females at the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of GB Golden Jubilee Championship Show in September and is looking forward to the 4 day celebrations. She congratulates the GB Club on its Golden Anniversary, an important milestone in its history, hopes it is a huge success and is proud to be actively part of it.

JUDGES INTRODUCTION

Limited Obedience (Friday 23 September 2022)—David Pierson

David has been training dogs since the late 90's, starting with a rescue Collie X/GSD named Moses, in obedience at companion shows. He found this a complete eye opener and began his entry into the wonderful world of activities that are available for our faithful companions.

Over the years David has shown his dogs Moses, Max, Pip and Amber in a variety of obedience, conformation and heelwork to music. Max excelled at heelwork to music, in which he came second in the Inter Regional Championships for the South East Region. Pip reached the Kennel Club Special Pre-Beginner Stages in 2014 and the National Obedience Class Finals in 2015. She also reached A&B in open obedience shows and auditioned for Britain's Got Talent, with heelwork to music! In which she has a first in starters. Amber is still young, currently 3.5 years old. Whilst she has done basic heelwork to music, and is at novice and A in obedience, her forte is man trailing and scenting, which they are currently still learning.

In addition to exhibiting, David has spent time as a club secretary of a companion dog training club and is a trainer and examiner for the Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme. He is also a student member of their Accredited Instructor Scheme, waiting to be assessed, and an Advanced Professional member of the PDTI (Pet Dog Training Instructors).

David has been judging at companion shows since 2008, becoming 'official' in 2016, passing the Kennel Club's obedience judge examination. David marvels at the great bond between owners and their faithful companions, and looks forward to seeing the handlers at the Bernese show, and wishes them all a great time with their dogs.

Junior Handling (Saturday 24 September 2022)—Paige Spencer

Paige started handling at the age of 8, when she first stepped into the ring with Archie, the Bernese Mountain Dog. Even at that young age, with Archie she won YKC 6-11 and, it's fair to say, she never looked back. Since then, she has handled many dogs over all 7 groups, achieving numerous Challenge Certificates and Best of Breeds, when handling within the UK, and achieving multiple Green Stars, CAC's and CACIB's when handling internationally. Whilst she has handled various dogs over the years, her Bernese Mountain Dogs and her Australian Shepherd 'Dream' hold a special place in her heart, not forgetting her trusty Shetland Sheepdog 'Harry'. In 2017 Paige won Best Junior Handler in Show at The Rotterdam IDS, reached the Junior Handling Semi-Finals at the World Dog Show in 2018 and was shortlisted as a Junior Handler of the Year finalist at The Pawscars in 2018.

Paige's time spent handling dogs has allowed her to build an understanding of how to get the best from any dog but also how to support other handlers. She has been known to offer help and guidance to youngsters starting out in the show world and we are very happy to invite her to judge Junior Handling at our event.

Swiss Breeds Show—(Saturday 24 September 2022)—Jenny Shorer-Wheeler

Jenny's love of dog shows started as a teenager when she was allowed her first dog, a Labrador. She became very involved with the YKC and enjoyed doing lots of different activities with her dogs.

Jenny's first serious show dog was a homebred American Cocker who won her puppy class at Crufts in 2005. In the same year Jenny also handled a Malamute to BPIB for a friend, and from him she became involved with the Malamutes. She awards Challenge Certificate's in Malamutes where she has bred 2 Champions. She now has Norwegian Buhunds, where she has owned, bred and handled several Champions.

Jenny has been judging Bernese Mountain Dogs at open show level since 2009 and looks forward to attending the breed appreciation day in April 2022 to further her knowledge of the breed.

Jenny is delighted to have been asked to join our Golden Jubilee celebrations and looks forward to meeting lots of lovely dogs.

DAY BY DAY—WEDNESDAY

The Berner International Working Group (BIWG)

The BIWG is the Berner International Working Group, who meet every few years to compare and collate BMD health information from participating countries. Clubs from every country are invited to send representation and present the breed's position from each country's perspective. Any issues raised are then compared, analysed and discussed from all participating delegates and respective countries.

The meeting is hosted by the different countries and clubs in turn, and usually arranged around a major event such as the main show of the year or, as in our case this year, as part of a special celebration including shows and other activities. The meeting is chaired by the President of the BIWG, currently Martha Cehrs, formerly President of the KBS, the Swiss BMD club.

Subject to space and arrangements being in place, interested persons are welcome to observe and listen to the BIWG meeting. If not a nominated representative, you will need to reserve a place via SumUp (www.bmdcofgeb.sumup.link), however, this will be free of charge. Most people genuinely interested in the breed's health will enjoy listening to reports from around the world.

The BMDC of GB is proud to be hosting the BIWG for the second time, only the second club, after the KBS themselves, to do this more than once, and looks forward to welcoming all the members of the BIWG to our special week.

Steve Green

BMDC of GB BIWG Representative

Fish & Chip Supper

Whilst attendance at the above meeting is by invitation only, you are all invited to join us on Wednesday evening, in the Arena, for a Fish & Chip Supper, widely regarded as an English national dish.

A hearty meal of deep fried white fish (generally cod or haddock) in a light crispy batter, served alongside golden chunky chips, will surely settle your appetite at the first night of the 5 day event. The Fish & Chips will be cooked locally and served, as is customary, alongside mushy peas and condiments, including tartar sauce & salt and vinegar. You may wish to eat your meal traditionally, from the paper, although plates will be made available.

The venue's bar will be open to purchase drinks, therefore, understandably, you are asked not to bring your own alcoholic drinks to the event.

Tickets to this event are £10.00 per person, must be booked online via SumUp ahead of the event and will include the cost of the meal.

DAY BY DAY—THURSDAY

Health Symposium

First held in 2000, and put together by the KBS, the International Breed Health Symposium is held every few years, usually as part of the same event as the BIWG meeting as the two go hand in hand together. The host club arranges the symposium to have breed related presentations from experts, mostly from the host country, but also from international speakers involved in specific BMD issues, with a chance to question the presenters of course. For example, a regular staple, since 2005, has been a live update from our Systemic Histiocytosis researchers from France. The exact make up of the day will be announced in due course.

Everyone with an interest in BMD breed health is invited to attend the symposium, and there is usually a strong overseas visitor attendance. This is an unmissable event for everyone who wants to improve their understanding of Bernese Health. All presentations will be in English but please be aware that admission is by prebooked ticket only; we have to know numbers in advance. Ticket price includes refreshments for the day, a light lunch and a unique symposium booklet.

Tickets for this event are £80.00, however due to successful fundraising, the BHI is happy to subsidise tickets for Club members, taking member tickets to just £50.00. If you are not already a member, details on how to join can be found here- www.bernese.co.uk/club/membership-application/

The Berner Bar

There is nothing more 'British' than a traditional pub; a welcoming and charming location for socialising and winding down at the end of a long day. For one night only we will be turning the Arena into our very own 'Berner Bar' with many characteristics of our beloved public houses.

We would love for you to join us at The Berner Bar, where we will have the use of the on site well-stocked bar and enjoy a 'pie and pea' supper, whilst we chat the night away. Pie and Peas is another traditional meal, more often seen in the north of England. Pie options will include a meat and vegetarian option, with traditional accompaniments. We will also have salted peanuts and pork scratchings, which are considered naughty but delicious nibbles in British pubs.

We would love for you to celebrate our Veterans, join in with a 'pub quiz' and other pub games such as cards, dominos or darts. The venue's bar will be open to purchase drinks, therefore you are not permitted to bring your own alcoholic drinks.

Tickets to this event are £15.00 per person, must be booked online via SumUp by 21 August 2022, and will include the cost of the meal.

Parade of Veterans

Join us in the Berner Bar as we take a moment to celebrate the older dogs, with a parade in their honour.

Open to all Swiss Mountain Dog Veterans (those who have celebrated their seventh birthday on or before Thursday 22 September 2022), who are of Kennel Club registered pedigree. All qualifying Veterans will take away a personalised memento of the evening.

Participation in this parade is by qualification (by age and pedigree) and prior registration via SumUp is essential. If you would like your Veteran to feature in the Parade of Veterans, you must enter the parade online, when booking your tickets, at a contribution of £5.00 per dog, closing date for this is 21 August 2022.

DAY BY DAY—FRIDAY DAYTIME

BMD Club of Great Britain Championship Show 2022

Carting International Opening Ceremony

A warm welcome to Carters from across the country, who will open our event with an International Opening Ceremony.

For this ceremony, the carts will be adorned with decoration representing each nationality registered to attend the event. As always, the carts will be expertly pulled by Bernese, (and occasionally similar breeds) and accompanied by their handlers, as they exhibit a true representation of the breeds heritage.

In order to participate in this event, registering is essential (free of charge) via SumUp.

BMD Club of Great Britain Championship Show 2022

Our 2022 BMDC of GB single breed Championship Show, held under Kennel Club Limited Rules & Regulations

Judges: Lisbet Ramsing (dogs) and Jens Ramsing (Bitches) from Denmark

Referee: Satu Yla-Mononen from Finland

Limited Obedience Show

Our Limited Obedience Competition, comprising our usual 4 classes, held under Kennel Club Limited Rules & Regulations

Judge: Mr David Pierson

Show Entries

Schedules will be available soon, with requirements for postal entries and online entries, through www.fossedata.co.uk. The closing date for entries will be 19 August 2022 (postal) and 21 August 2022 (online) **the closing dates will not be extended.**

Please direct any queries in relation to either show to the Show Secretary, Karen Bird at secretary@bernese.co.uk

DAY BY DAY—FRIDAY EVENING

The Great British Fete

Perhaps the most civilised of all British parties, we welcome you to our Great British Fete. This is a traditional event, often held in quaint British villages, and occurs throughout the summer months; generally making the most of our warmer temperatures. This outside event usually always focuses on fun & games, alongside sampling homemade produce and cooked fare.

Please join us for another traditional British tradition of 'hog roast' wherein pork is slow roasted to release its wonderful flavour, and is served in a sandwich, alongside optional toppings of stuffing and apple sauce. For dessert, we will cut our Golden Jubilee Celebrational Cake, and all enjoy a sweet treat.

Alongside the meal, we invite you to take part in an evening of games and parades, in homage to our wonderful breed. We will have a Champions Parade, in addition to a Torch-lit Carting Parade, which cannot be missed (further information below). Be sure to bring your spending money so you can bid on some fantastic items in the Health Auction, raising much needed funds for the Bernese Health Initiative.

This event will have a stocked bar. All alcoholic drinks must be purchased from the bar.

Tickets to this event are £15.00 per person, must be booked online ahead of the event and will include the cost of the meal.

Health Auction

Everyone in attendance at this event will have a shared appreciation and love for the Bernese breed. As with most things, whilst we may consider ourselves to have the perfect breed, even perfection can be improved upon. With Bernese, a major concern to all owners is health and longevity. There are many people around the world working hard to improve Bernese health, and to ensure they are able to live long, healthy lives, whilst retaining our breed type.

At this event we will be holding an auction for some wonderful items. 100% of all proceeds will go directly to the Bernese Health Initiative, therefore we ask that you all dig deep, and keeps those hands raised, with bids to improve Bernese health for the future.

Celebration of Champions

Being a Champion is the highest recognised award a dog can gain in the show ring.

Tonight we will celebrate Champion Bernese Mountain Dogs and other Swiss Breeds from the UK and around the world. All qualifying Champions will take away a momento of the evening.

Participation in this celebration event is by qualification, and prior registration via SumUp, only. **If you would like your Champion to feature in the Celebration of Champions, you must book your tickets at a contribution of £5.00 per dog, closing date for this is 21 August 2022.**

Torch-lit Carting Parade

We are happy to welcome Carters from across the country, to perform a torchlit carting parade, which is not to be missed.

This will take place after dark, and will feature carts decorated with various lighting affects, resulting in a magical parade in our indoor arena. Not only will this cause a mesmerising effect, it showcases the skills of our carting Bernese; working with confidence and carrying out their 'job' in unusual situations, again, a testament to their character and training - it is most certainly not to be missed.

Participation in this event is free of charge, however registering is essential via SumUp.

DAY BY DAY—SATURDAY

Golden Swiss Carting Parade

What better way to start the day of both our 50th Anniversary and Golden Jubilee shows than a carting parade celebrating all things Swiss, with added golden flair? From cheese to chocolate and mountains to customary Swiss music, we hope you will enjoy watching as the decorated carts are pulled by the trusty Bernese, accompanied by their handlers, who may finish the look with traditional Swiss clothing. This opening carting parade will pay homage to the Bernese heritage, with subtle acknowledgement of the golden celebration.

Participation in this event is free of charge, however registering is essential via SumUp.

BMD Club of Great Britain 50th Anniversary Championship Show

Judge: Stephen Green—Waldershelf (UK)

BMD Club of Great Britain Golden Jubilee Championship Show

Judge: Helen Davenport-Willis—Nellsbern/Nelstephbern (UK)

The UK Kennel Club has granted the Club an extra set of Challenge Certificates (CC's) to celebrate our Golden Jubilee. Therefore, on this day we will hold two single breed Championship shows, held under Kennel Club Rules & Regulations. These are Partnership Shows thus run independently with a 'Best in Show' declared at each show.

Our intention is to stagger the judging in an attempt to minimise the inevitable clashes for exhibitors entering both shows. The start times for both shows is subject to later confirmation and will depend on size of the entry.

Junior Handling

Judge: Paige Spencer—Padiky (UK)

Alongside the Saturday shows we will host the usual Junior Handling Competition (for handlers aged 6-16), held under JHA rules, offering the opportunity to qualify for the National Semi-finals, run by the Junior Handling Association, at National Working and Pastoral Breeds Championship Show in July 2023.

There will be extra special rosettes for each celebration show, and prizes for each placing, with extra large rosettes for 'Best in Show'.
Each exhibit will also be entered into a free cash prize draw.

Entries

Schedules will be available soon, with requirements for postal entries and online entries through www.fossedata.co.uk. The closing date for entries will be 19 August 2022 (postal) and 21 August 2022 (online) **the closing dates will not be extended.**

Please direct any queries, in relation to either show, to the Show Secretary, Karen Bird at secretary@bernese.co.uk

Swiss Breeds Event & Fun Dog Show

The Swiss Breeds Event allows us to celebrate the four recognised Swiss Mountain Dog breeds (Bernese, Entlebucher, Appenzeller and Great Swiss Mountain Dog). In order to enter this show, dogs must be purebred and will compete firstly within their breeds to find the Best of Breed, Best Puppy in Breed and Best Veteran in Breed. Thereafter, each of the dogs awarded 'Best of' will compete to be awarded Best in Show, Best Puppy in Show and Best Veteran in Show.

Also we have a 10 class Fun Dog Show for dogs of all kinds, to celebrate all dogs, regardless of breed. This show will have a more relaxed feel, and dogs will compete in classes such as 'Most Handsome Dog', 'Prettiest Bitch' and 'Waggiest Tail'.

Entries to the above fun shows will be taken on the day (payment by cash or card).

After the shows

After a long day of dog shows, we invite you to join us for a laid back evening with hot buffet style food and drinks. The evening will feature a fun 'carting surprise' from the carting group and a Bernese Heelwork To Music display by well known competitor Sandra Hallam and her amazing 'Fizz'.

Tickets to this event are £10.00 per person, must be booked online ahead of the event and will include the cost of the food.

DAY BY DAY—SUNDAY

International Judges Meeting

This is a relatively new event on the international Bernese calendar, having only occurred twice previously, once in Helsinki in 2015 and the second time in Amsterdam in 2018, hosted by the respective countries BMD clubs. The brainchild of esteemed international judge and Finnish Bernese breeder Satu Yla-Mononen, who has been heavily involved in all of them including this one hosted by us.

Topics presented or discussed have been current breed issues which judges have observed in their countries with presentations and discussions around BMD subjects of interest to judges, and indeed standards of judging. This time around sessions will include an expanded version of a previous presentation comparing and contrasting the FCI, American and British BMD standards as well as a short breed history showing how the breed has evolved in shape and size since its founding days. We also plan to build in a focussed discussion session giving everyone the chance learn from the experienced judges in the room.

All established, or developing Bernese Mountain Dog judges, specialist or non specialist, are invited to attend this meeting which will be interesting and educational for anyone with an interest in this aspect of the breed.

Places have to be purchased in advance to assist planning and admission, again, includes refreshments for the day, and a light lunch.

Tickets are £25.00 and must be booked online in advance via SumUp.

Goodbye Supper

As we are coming to the end of the event we are conscious that many of you may have left for home. For those who remain, you are invited to join us for pizza and goodbye drinks, to be arranged and paid for on the night.

CARTING

We are delighted to welcome carting enthusiasts to our Bernese celebration, to appear in various parts of our event. As you can see from our schedule of events, Carters will be performing parades for the opening ceremony of both show days and taking part in several of the evening events, including a torchlit parade. People who were present at our Ruby Jubilee will remember what a stunning impact the carters made and we look forward to enjoying something similar.

The Carters will be present all week and holding an 'Obstacart' event, described as RallyO for carting, with practice available on most days before the competition day. For those attending our Bernese event, with their dog, and wishing to try our breed's signature activity, beginners and novices are welcome to visit the carting area to find out more and possibly try out carting for themselves. Most Bernese quickly move on to complete their 'First Draft' assessment, which will be available here, which enables you to compete on the Working Cart course. So, you could arrive at the event as a complete beginner but leave looking forward to next year's events, where both you & your dog can officially take part in the carting course! This invitation is also open to our friends from the other Swiss breeds, especially the Great Swiss of course.

As well as being a colourful part of our whole event the carters have promised a 'Carter's Surprise' on Saturday evening and we can't resist intrigue so we are especially looking forward to that. Carting celebrates our breed's Swiss cultural heritage and consequently is a strong part of our breed's identity. If you are a BMD lover but not au fait with carting, why not take this opportunity to speak with the carters and find out more or, if you have a Bernese and have never tried carting, this might be your chance, especially if you are with us for several days.

Those Carters participating in all of the parades will receive unique gifts to celebrate the occasion.

RAFFLES

We will have two separate raffles at our event, don't miss out on the opportunity to win some great prizes.

Firstly, on Friday and Saturday, we have a tombola style bottle & gift boxed raffle; prizes will be labelled with winning tickets and participants will pick their tickets from a receptacle in the hope of finding the lucky winning tickets. Proceeds from this raffle will go to The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Great Britain to be reinvested in future events.

Our second raffle allows you to pinpoint the prizes you are most interested in winning. Proceeds from this raffle will go to The Bernese Health Initiative, which has organised and funded the Health Seminar and subsidised the Histo & DM testing for this event.

Raffle Prizes & Donations

Of course the best raffles have the best prizes and we would very much appreciate donations of quality items, particularly, but not exclusively, Bernese related items. We know the Bernese community have many generous members and hope you support the raffles with excellent donations. In the event that you are unable to think of a suitable donation, we would be happy to receive financial donations to allow us to purchase specific items.

Donations can be given to any member of committee, or can be brought to the event. We would however appreciate if you could notify us of your intention to make a donation, at your earliest convenience, so we can make arrangements accordingly. Please email any queries in this regard to Golden@bernese.co.uk.

RESCUE GALLERY

Throughout this event we will take the opportunity to display a celebration of the work of the Club's rescue and rehoming service. Please do pay us a visit, and browse through our display of photographs, showcasing the successful rehoming of our rescue dogs, who have found their happy new home. Take a moment to read their story which may have had twists and turns but ultimately ends with a happy ever after.

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Great Britain Rescue

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Great Britain's Rescue organisation is in existence to help any Bernese who is in need of a new home. Whilst it occasionally can be, rescue is not always as a result of dreadful conditions or negligent ownership, but often as a result of unforeseen change of circumstances requiring tough decisions to rehome beloved pets. There really is a limitless number of reasons a Bernese could find themselves in rescue however, we always put the dog first, and try to always ensure that the maximum chance of success is applied in the selection choices, so that their next home will be their forever home.

When a Bernese comes into our rescue, we will usually try to locate and notify the Breeder; responsible breeders will always want to help with the rehoming of a dog they have bred. Often, it is not possible to locate the breeder, or it becomes clear the Breeder would not be interested in supporting the dog. We then consider the many loving families, that we have ready and waiting to rehome at a moment's notice, and place the dog with the home we think is most compatible with their needs.

We believe strongly that people who give up their Bernese to the club rescue are generally making a difficult decision in the best interest of the dog. If there ever becomes a point where you need to give up your Bernese, and you are unable for whatever reason to return it to the breeder, please contact our Rescue Coordinator.

Likewise, if you are able to provide a loving home to a rescue Bernese please contact the Rescue Coordinator to discuss your situation. It is important that all those who express an interest in rehoming a Bernese, understand fully that a rescue Bernese may have behavioural or medical issues, which would be discussed fully prior to rehoming. It may take time, patience and careful training to gain mutual trust, but if you are able to provide this, it can be extremely rewarding. If you remain interested in supporting the rescue, by fostering or looking to rehome a dog, your details will be retained and considered whenever a Bernese is in need of a new home.

For more information, contact details can be found on our website at www.bernese.co.uk/rescue/ or by sending an email to rescue@bernese.co.uk

THE BERNER SHOP

The Berner Shop will be present throughout the event selling a variety of Bernese related items in addition to club branded apparel, including items featuring the Golden Jubilee logo.

The Berner Shop has been managed fantastically by Helen Thompson for many years now, growing into a successful area of the club. Helen made the difficult decision to step back from her position at the end of 2021. We have been very fortunate to have Helen for so long, however wish her luck with her future endeavors.

As such, 2022 marks a new dawn for The Berner Shop and we are excited to see what the future holds. We are very happy to welcome Michelle & Owen Copeland who have taken over daily management of the Berner Shop, which we agree is no small undertaking, and wish them all the best with this new venture.

VETERINARIAN CONTACTS

Sevenside Veterinary Group

Veterinary cover is available locally, throughout our event.

We have notified the below veterinary group of our event therefore, they are aware there will be an increase of dogs in the area. Whilst we hope your dog will not require veterinarian treatment throughout the event, please make note of this page very carefully. You may want to print this page and/or save the contact details to save time in the case of an emergency.

Sevenside Veterinary Group

Lydney Surgery

1 Tuthill

Lydney

Gloucestershire

GL15 5PA

Tel: 01594 842185

Website: www.sevensideveterinarygroup.co.uk/lydney

Location:

This main practice is located 4 minutes (1.6 miles) from the venue by car. It is just off the main street in Lydney, next to The Greyhound Pub.

Opening Hours:

Monday-Friday: 08:30—18:30

Saturday (urgent only-no appointments): 08:30-12:30

All appointments must be made by phone, there is no open surgery/walk in clinic.

Out of Hours/Emergency:

In the case of an emergency please contact the usual number above, which will be diverted, and head to the out of hours service at Wood Veterinary Group, 125 Bristol Road, Quedgeley, Gloucester, GL2 4NB (20.1 miles, 31 minutes on a clear route).

Pet Passports:

The practice is able to assist with pet passport services however it is strongly recommended you contact the practice well in advance of the event and book an appointment, should this be needed.



BHI



The Bernese Health Initiative

The Bernese Health Initiative (BHI), formerly known as the Bernese Health Fund, has been in existence since the early days of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Great Britain, and was set up to direct money raised or donated to pay for any health initiatives relevant to the breed.

The main objectives of the BHI are to support ongoing research, promote health testing and provide information and resources to help with education. The future of Bernese really is in the hands of current owners; the more data we can gather, the more it helps to inform research programmes going forward.

The BHI is heavily involved in the organisation of the International Health Seminar, taking place on Thursday 22 September 2022, and we would invite anyone looking to better understand breed health, or looking to share their knowledge and engage in meaningful discussions relating to breed health, to attend this event. Tickets to this event must be pre-booked via the event booking page on SumUp.

Please feel free to visit the BHI stand, which will be present throughout the event, to enquire about the various ongoing health initiatives or to show your support. The profit from sales through the BHI shop will help to support future health based projects, education and research. We hope, in time, the BHI will continue to grow and become a more recognised and fundamental part of the breed. If you are approached to support the raffle or auction, in aid of the BHI, please give generously to support this worthy cause. All proceeds from the Health Auction at the Great British Fete on Friday 23 September 2022 will also go to BHI.

Histio & DM Testing Clinic

The BHI are happy to offer Histio & DM testing for potential breeding dogs on Saturday 24 September 2022, thanks to the ongoing support and commitment from Bernese owner Dr Rich Irvine BVSc, who offers his services completely free of charge. Dr Irvine will not be shaving dogs, to take the sample, and the small blood sample required should not cause any upset to the dogs, or affect their day in any way, other than taking a few minutes of time.

On top of the negotiated club discount with Antagene, the BHI has agreed to subsidise this further for BMD of GB Club members taking the overall cost to **£80.00 per dog**. It is estimated this is around half the normal cost, when taking into account vets fees, postage and currency conversions etc.

Anyone wishing to take advantage of the Histio & DM health testing must pre-book their space, prior to the event, via the SumUp event link. It is also imperative to the smooth running of the day that all advance paperwork is completed in advance of the event.

We are very thankful to Dr Irvine for donating his time and expertise to The BHI, not only at the event, but also prior to and following the event to process the samples. Without this continued support, we would be severely restricted in our ability to run health testing clinics.

Please note Dr Irvine is not present at the show for the purpose of any other veterinary assistance, and is therefore unable to offer veterinary consultations, passport/travel documents or similar. Anyone requiring such services must make alternative arrangements.



If you have any questions on health, would like to help organise fund raising or educational events, or would like to simply donate please email The BHI at bhi@bernese.co.uk

SHOW PHOTOGRAPHER

Four Little Paws

The official show photographer for this event is Yulia Titovets of Four Little Paws Photography, who is not only a self acclaimed dog lover, but also an experienced and highly respected dog show photographer, regularly covering shows and agility competitions. Her experience in dog training, handling and showing (both as a competitor and as a judge) allows her to have a deeper understanding of the dogs, and how to capture brief moments, turning them into lasting keepsakes.

Yulia has an impressive collection of awards, being placed second in category at WDPA Professional Dog Photographer of the Year 2018 and 2019, in addition to being a finalist in category at the very prestigious Kennel Club's Dog Photographer of the Year awards 2010. Yulia is one of the official photographers at Crufts 2022.

Yulia will be offering her services Friday daytime, Friday evening and Saturday daytime, around her show photography, and her images will be available to purchase after the event. Yulia is happy to accept private commission requests.

SHOW VIDEOGRAPHER

ShowdogMedia

In addition to the official show photographer, our Championship Shows and some evening events will be filmed and livestreamed by ShowdogMedia. Many exhibitors will be aware of ShowdogMedia as a result of coverage they have provided of other events. Having been in the 'show world' for many years, starting as photographers and naturally progressing into videography services, ShowdogMedia will be able to not only allow those who cannot attend the event an opportunity to view from anywhere in the world, but also the chance for us to record our Golden Jubilee event; enabling us to look back on it in the years to come.

General Photographs

Please be advised that our event is viewed as a public place, and photographs will be taken as a record of the day for the club, and also by individuals.

Even if not the main subject, persons can appear in backgrounds and, by attending our event, you are deemed to agree to this possibility.

Some of these photographs may be published on our club web site, or other social media outlets, and also in our magazine or handbook.

If you have any potential issue with this, please speak to the person taking the photographs, or if any photos on our virtual outlets are problematical for you, please contact us at web@bernese.co.uk

The club cannot accept any responsibility for photos taken by individuals attending our event, or posted by them, on other platforms than our own media outlets.

ABOUT THE AREA—NEARBY AMENITIES

For all emergencies please dial 999. For non-emergencies that you wish to report to the emergency services please dial 101 (Police) or 111 (medical)

Hospitals

Serious Injury & Emergency (24 hour)

Gloucester Royal Hospital, Great Western Road, Gloucester, GL1 3NN (32 min/18.1 miles)

Minor Injuries (08:00—23:00)

Lydney District Hospital, Grove Road, Lydney, GL15 5JF (6 min/2.1 miles)

Lloyds Pharmacy, 41-43 Newerne Street, Lydney, GL15 5RA (4 min/1.6 miles)

Pet food/supplies

There are larger pet shops, including Pets at Home and Jollyes, located around 30 minutes away in Gloucester

Raw Dog Food

K9 Raw Supplies, 22B Foxes Bridge Road, Forest Vale Industrial Estate, Cinderford, GL14 2PQ (18min/8.3miles)

Knockley Dog Foods, Coleford Rd, Bream, Lydney GL15 6ES (10min/4.7 miles)

Grooming

Waggly Tails Grooming, 15c High Street, Lydney, Gloucestershire, GL15 5DP (5min/2 miles)

Grocery

Tesco Superstore, High Street, Lydney, GL15 5DN (06:00-22:00 Mon-Sat, 10:00-16:00 Sun) (5min/1.9mile)

Your Coop Lydney, Highfield Road, Lydney, GL15 4BY (07:00-22:00 all days) (2min/0.8 mile)

Your Coop Food, 33 Newerne St, Lydney, GL15 5RA (4min/1.6 mile)

Fuel Stations

Tesco, High Street, Lydney, GL15 5DN (06:00-20:00 Mon-Sat, 07:00-21:00 Sun) (5min/1.9mile)

Your Coop Lydney, Highfield Road, Lydney, GL15 4BY (07:00-22:00 all days) (2min/0.8 mile)

Camping equipment

Lydney Gas Centre, 5 High Street, Lydney, Gloucestershire, GL15 5DP (6min/3.1 miles)

Forest of Dean Caravans, Fancy Road, Parkend, Lydney, GL15 4JN (11min/5.6 miles)

Other

Lydney High Street includes a variety of small businesses including a launderette, dry cleaner, hair salons, take aways and gift shops. Sunday 25 September 2022 should also see Lydney Market on Newerne Street from 11:00 -15:00 featuring independent producers, talented crafters, artisan makers and a few tasty surprises!

ABOUT THE AREA—NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

We are exceptionally fortunate to be able to hold our event in Lydney, known as the ‘Gateway to the Forest’, being located on the doorstep of The Forest of Dean, which offers an array of local attractions;

The Royal Forest of Dean

The Forest of Dean is one of the most fascinating regions of Britain nestling, between the Wye Valley, the Vale of Leadon and the Severn Vale. The Royal Forest occupies an area of 204 square miles in the western part of Gloucestershire. The 20 million trees that cover the Royal Forest of Dean include oak, beech, ash, birch and holly trees.

The forest is at its best in the autumn, when the majestic oaks, beeches and larches turn golden and russet and forest forays will reveal autumn fruits, fungi and berries. You are welcome to walk, run or cycle through the forest.

To mention just a few, The Royal Forest of Dean is home to a sculpture trail, the Cyril Hart Arboretum, Clearwell Caves, and Puzzle Wood. Most attractions are dog friendly however, we do recommend you check before travelling. When discovering the forest with your dog(s), please ensure they are on lead unless they have faultless recall, to protect the local wildlife.

For those feeling a little more energetic, there is The National Diving and Activity Centre, Go Ape and Forest Barn Falconry, to keep you and the family entertained.

Dean Forest Railway

Enjoy a steam train ride for 4.5 mile route, with 5 stations through the Forest of Dean, a truly unique way to see the surrounding woodland and countryside. Dogs are welcome at extra cost (£2).

Tintern Abbey

Tintern Abbey is a national icon, still standing in roofless splendour on the banks of the River Wye, nearly 500 years since its tragic fall from grace. If you have chance, read the story of how it was originally founded in 1131 by Cistercian monks, happy to make do with timber buildings, before gradually being ‘modernised’ through to 1535, before turning into the majestic ruin it is today.

Gloucester

A cathedral city, located around 30 minutes away by car, Gloucester is packed with history and hosts museums, including Jet Age Museum, Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum and the National Waterways Museum. If that doesn't take your fancy, you may be interested in The Barn Owl Centre, the Three Choirs Vineyard, or one of the other many attractions Gloucester has to offer

Further Afield

Cheltenham, Cardiff, Newport, Bristol and Bath are all within 1 hour travel by car, and offer endless city based attractions. For those looking for the British seaside experience, Weston-Super-Mare is within 1 hour in clear traffic.

SPONSORS

We have a range of sponsorship packages available, some starting at just £15.00.

If you would like to discuss the sponsorship packages on offer please contact Abbie Manix at Golden@bernese.co.uk

All sponsors will be acknowledged in the show catalogues and/or seminar leaflets

VENDORS

If you are interested in being a vendor at our event please contact Abbie Manix at Golden@bernese.co.uk

BOOKING & PAYMENT

Show schedules will be available soon. Show entries can be made by post or online at www.fossedata.co.uk.

Registration, camping and all other events can be purchased via SumUp at www.bmdcofgb.sumup.link.

GENERAL CONTACT DETAILS

Please send all show enquiries by email to Secretary@bernese.co.uk or please contact Karen Bird on 07778384507. All non show related queries can be sent by email to Golden@bernese.co.uk.

WELFARE OF ANIMALS

Anyone whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not put a dog's health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. Breach of Kennel Club Regulations in this respect may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. Right to Refuse Entries: Exhibitors/Competitors are reminded that show societies have the right under Kennel Club Regulation to refuse any entry

DOGS IN VEHICLES/CARAVANS

Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog. If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle or caravan may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

COVID-19

The Club will ensure to the best of its ability that the event is run to Covid Safe guidelines, whatever they may be at the time. It is your responsibility to ensure you comply with national and local restrictions including advice given about non-essential travel in and out of locally affected regions (which must not be ignored).

In the interests of the safety of all participants this may give rise to a short notice refusal of entry at the society's discretion. The Kennel Club will respect the society's exercise of its discretion. If a competitor, or anyone in their household, has Covid-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 they must isolate in line with Government advice - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/> The competitor must not attend the event.

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