picture perfect vacation.

The dogs had a blast, we got to hang out w/amazing dog people from California, New Mexico, Wyoming, and even some fellow Minnesotans. The food was prepared by a local chef and it was amazing. We got to try some new activities w/the crew, plus make many new friends, and all the while, relaxing and enjoying being together.

If you are looking for an amazing, dog-oriented vacation, be sure to check out YDS. More info can be found on their site (as well as amazing pictures) at: http://www.yellowstondogsports.com I will be back out there the last week in August for their 2nd Summer Camp. I'd love to see some BCRMN families out there!

There is nothing quite like waking up in the mountains, in my opinion. The cool, crisp air (despite the fact that it’s the end of June), the birds chirping, sun peaking over the jagged skyline. I love the mountains. The only thing that makes it better for me is to wake up in high altitude, is to wake up w/my dogs. This is what it’s like at Yellowstone Dog Sports.

Yellowstone Dog Sports (YDS) is a brand new facility located in Red Lodge, Montana, at the base of the Beartooth Mountains. The facility is amazing, not only does it a huge, indoor, climate-controlled training facility w/ample crating space, it also offers lodging on site (dorm rooms, RV hook-ups, and camping). YDS sits on 90 acres of Montana’s finest soil. There are sheep for herding (small pens and large fields), a pond and dock specifically for dock diving, a clear, ground-water fed pool for canine swimming, huge fields for bird dog training and tracking, plus so much more. All of this is about 15 minutes from the regal and majestic Beartooth Pass.

I was invited out to teach summer camp at YDS in June. It was the first summer camp the facility held. I taught dock diving, frisbee, foundation obedience and some tricks. It was a blast. In addition to the classes I taught, others offered classes such as nosework, tracking, herding, agility, etc. The summer camps are 3 days of action packed, dog-induced fun. Campers have the option to participate in both morning and afternoon sessions w/their dog, plus evening activities that include local flair (such as locally brewed beer, geologists, and canine chiropractors!). If you want a break from dog fun, there are many options close by to enjoy the area, such as horse back riding, hiking (with or w/out dogs), white water rafting, or even just taking a scenic drive up the pass.

Paul and I had a wonderful time at YDS. We brought 6 dogs with us and it was the
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When I arrived home from work one evening in late January of 2011 to find our border collie hiding behind a chair in the living room, I knew something was wrong. This is the dog that was at the door to greet us each and every time we approached the door. We were able to keep our 13 year old best friend alive for the next 24 hours. I believe it was the best 24 hours I spent with him. The relationship one develops with man’s best friend is only explainable to those that are true “dog people.” I can’t image my life without this kind of companionship. I know whenever I have troubles, my dog will be there to lend an ear, and provide that ever so consoling face.

The house was so empty for the two months after Obi died. I finally told my husband that I just couldn’t go on without a dog. Little did he know that I had been eyeing “Ritchie,” whom I had found on Petfinder. I can’t explain it, I know it sounds so ridiculously silly, but I felt as if I had a connection to this dog that I had only simply viewed online. It sounds crazy, but it was as if I was blind to all of the other available dogs.

The Minneapolis Pet Expo was quickly approaching so I took our four-year old daughter to the expo so that we could meet Ritchie. He was just so sweet, and I felt as if he was looking at us and telling us with his eyes to take him to his forever home. I went home and told my husband that I was going to complete an application for Ritchie. While he still felt it was too soon to get a dog, he was agreeable to my plan. We were approved! We picked Ritchie up the following weekend.

When Ritchie first arrived at our home, he acted like a lost soul. He would gingerly walk around the house, and was just missing that silly personality that I had heard so much about from the rescue group. A few weeks after he was with us, he developed a strong devotion to us, so much so, that we were a bit concerned about his protective behavior towards people.

We decided that we would take him to doggie daycare to assist in socializing him. I felt more comfortable with semi-professionals providing guidance rather than us trying to go it alone. The daycare was amazing! Ritchie has made incredible progress in his interactions with strangers. I think he is finally learning to trust people despite the speculative tough life he lived as a puppy, likely abused and neglected. It is so exciting to see him grow into the life that every dog should have, learning commands, going for walks, and hiding our shoes around the house, it’s a fun game.

Let me tell you, he’s certainly not short on love these days! We love Ritchie so much and he has been an incredible addition to our family!
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## Adoptable Dog Highlight

**BUD!**

**Breed:** Border Collie x Aussie  
**Age:** 5 years old  
**Sex:** Male/Neutered  
**Color:** Bi Blue  
**Size:** 42 pounds/19-20” tall  
**Vet History:** Current on DA2PPPL, Rabies, Heartworm Negative and preventative started. Avid Microchip implanted.  
**More Info:** Bud was an owner surrender when they realized he would not make a good “truck” buddy.  
**Training:** Bud has had no formal training.  
**Additional Info:** Bud is a special boy who came to rescue when his previous home didn’t work out. Bud is an interesting guy. He has vision issues. He is nearsighted in both eyes and has a stigmatism in one eye. He can see things in focus, about 3” from his nose, otherwise, the world is blurry to him. Bud also seems to be a dog who was maybe deprived of oxygen at birth. He is a friendly, happy guy, but a little slow on the uptake sometimes. Bud is good w/people and LOVES attention, however, due to his blurred vision, if he see’s someone out in the distance he may growl at them until they get close to him. This is his natural response to not being able to see very well. Bud is very much a creature of habit. He does extremely well w/ routine and a schedule. Bud would do best in an adult home where things are quiet and change is not a common factor. Due to Bud’s vision, he has hard time if furniture is moved frequently, etc. Bud is house and crate trained. He does great w/other dogs and does enjoy hanging out w/ them. Bud is a lower energy guy. He likes going for walks. He will occasionally play w/a ball. He is very treat motivated. Bud does need a home w/a fenced yard, or a home who will leash walk him. Bud does seem to know basic commands. Bud would be a great dog for a retired person/ persons. Are you his special forever home?  

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3rd Annual Herding Fun Day

BCRMN will be holding its 3rd Annual Herding Fun Day on Sunday, September 9. The event will have a new location! It will take place at the LaMere-Dragovich home in Cokato, MN.

For more information, or if you would like to sign up, please go to the website: http://www.bcrmn.org click on "events" at the top and select the paypal/herding fun day link on the page that opens. If you have questions, please email Melissa at cdx@hotmail.com This event is limited and will fill fast! BCRMN adopted dogs get priority; non-BCRMN adopted dogs can enter (if spots remain) after August 20.

Renaissance Festival

The Renaissance Festival is coming up fast! BCRMN will have a booth for the 4th consecutive year, during the popular Pet Fest! The festival runs 9am-6pm both days. We are looking for volunteers who can help run the booth, walk dogs around, etc! Both shifts have openings, as well as set up on Friday afternoon. If you’d like to volunteer, please email Kim Nygard at: kcngard7@gmail.com Please note, volunteers need to be ages 12+ years old, and anyone under 15 y/o, must be accompanied by a parent. BCRMN will provide free admission to the event for each person who volunteers for a minimum 4 hour shift. More info on the event can be found at: http://rennaissancefest.com/petfest.html

MN State Fair 2011

BCRMN will be attending the Great Minnesota Get Together! We will have a booth in the Pet Building on Labor Day. The space is small, but we are looking for 1-2 volunteers per shift (4 hour shifts) to run the bench and be available to answer questions. Due to the tight space, we can only have a maximum of 2 people in the space per shift. If you’d like to volunteer, please email Kim Nygard.

Westonka Dog Days

BCRMN will have a small booth at the Westonka Dog Days celebration on August 18 in Mound. If you are in the area and attending the event, be sure to stop by and say hi!

More info:
http://www.dogdayswestonka.com
St. Cloud Pet Expo May 12th, 2012

The St. Cloud Pet Expo was held on a beautiful day in May, this year. Volunteers helped run the event, which helped bring in around $300 in donations. One foster dog was also adopted by people who met her at the event!

Pride June 23, 2012

BCRMN participated in the 2012 PRIDES festival in Minneapolis in June. About $200 was raised at the event. Many people stopped by and the foster dogs enjoyed visiting and making new friends.

Dock Diving Success

BCRMN recently held our second, annual, Dock Diving Fun Day at the Rousler’s residence in Elko! We had 16 people attend, with a total of 27 dogs who participated in the event! Most dogs were adopted from BCRMN, or are current foster dogs. Every dog got in the water (and some of the people too). The event was a ton of fun and made a huge "splash." Thanks to everyone for attending!

2012 BCRMN Calendar

Back by popular demand! After the huge success of the 2011 calendar, we are now starting planning for a 2012 calendar! Pictures of all BCRMN dogs (current fosters, past fosters, and adopted dogs) are wanted! If you have some great pictures, we'd love to see them! Last year over 85 dogs were featured in the calendar. We will accept submissions through September 15, 2012. Please limit your submissions to the top 5 pictures per dog. Please send your pictures to Kim Nygard at kcnygard7@gmail.com Be sure to include your name, your dog's name, and what your dogs foster name was (if it changed). We look forward to seeing the updates!!! Info for ordering the calendars will be in the October newsletter! These make great holiday gifts!
Border Collie Rescue

Border Collie Rescue of Minnesota is a volunteer, non-profit organization which accepts pedigreed, non-verified, and mixed Border Collies from owners, shelters, and other rescue organizations.

Quarterly Statement: April-July 2012

Dogs Received: 38

Dogs Adopted: 32

Returned: 5

Euthanized/Died: 2

Transferred to Other Rescues: 1

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