
Jennifer Brightbill

Jennifer got her first Berner in 1998 and started competing in draft with him in 2000. Tank wasn't fond of carting at first as he doesn't like things, like shafts, to touch him. But with the help of the Greater Seattle members and Tank's breeders, he came to feel comfortable in the cart and was a very steady draft dog. The addition of Porter in 1999 gave Jennifer whole new challenges as Porter loved to cart and wasn't afraid of anything. Porter has been known to cart up stairs, over beds and up trees, even with a full load. Adding Calli to the family in 2002, gave Jennifer yet another Berner to draft with.

Jennifer was hooked on the sport and now, six years later, she has put over 20 draft titles on Tank, Porter & Calli in both the US and Canada. When the Oregon club was revived Jennifer chose to put many of her efforts towards draft, putting on clinics and tests. She then decided to pursue judging in 2004.



In addition to draft Jennifer also competes in Obedience, Conformation and Agility and now has two Versatility Dogs and two Working Dogs in the BMDCA and two Versatility Dogs in the BMDCC. Calli's daughters, Mia & Ripley began their drafting careers in Sept and Oct of 2007.

When not playing with the dogs, Jennifer can be found doing construction, from wallpapering to light remodeling and the occasional 'flip'. When time permits, a trip to Hawaii or hiking in and around Oregon may be on the schedule.

Jennifer and her husband Tom, along with six Berners, live outside Oregon City OR on a small acreage with room for the dogs to run and practice all their events. Jennifer has bred three litters under the kennel name, Brechbühler BMDs. Their two legged kids are grown, their bedrooms

having been relinquished to visiting guests and dogs and all their grandchildren have four legs.

Jennifer would like to thank the 2008 Specialty Committee for inviting her to Judge at the Nationals. It is an honor to be invited and her wish is to give everyone a wonderful experience.

