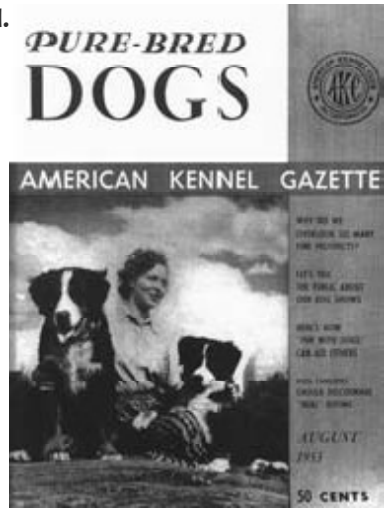
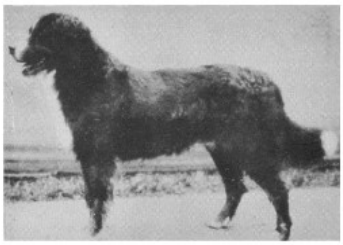
After WW II the number of dogs in the USA increased.

AKC's 'American Kennel Gazette', 1953➔



- In 1968 the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America (BMDCA) was formed, with 33 members and grew to just over 100 members in 1971. In 10 years of time BMDCA membership reached 350.
- In 1973 the American Kennel Club granted sanctioned status to the BMDCA.
- Several generations of BMDCA Standard Committees engaged in discussion about the need to revise the existing AKC standard. In November 1977 a proposed revision to the AKC breed standard was drawn up by Sylvia Howison and Esther Mueller, along with Mary Alice Horstick. The proposed revision was sent to the American Kennel Club. Mr. Mark Mooty, Secretary of the AKC offered input and copies of the proposed standard were mailed to the BMDCA Board and membership by January 1978. At that point discussions of revisions to the Breed Standard began in earnest among the Standard Committee and club membership.
- In 1980 the AKC approved revisions to the long worked and well honed breed standard.

Bella's Clara, born in 1967 ➔
& Zyta v. Nesselacher in 1976, pictured as Best Of Breed at the 1st BMDCA Specialty ➔

Photos on the right are from the AKC's "Complete Dog Book". The top photo, Ajax vom Bucheggberg, 1947 edition; bottom 2 photos, 1958 edition.