

BARC's Moonlight Dancer Becca
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When Becca first joined our family in July of 2004 at the age of one and a half, she was so very frightened in the house that she spent most of her time under our bed. She would come out and snuggle only if you got down on the floor. Our other Berner, Socrates, who was twelve, helped her learn how to go in and out the doors and the routine for meals. She was a different dog outside. She ran and danced, spinning, rolling and just thoroughly delighted in her freedom.

Unfortunately, Socrates died after only ten months, and poor Becca was lost. She lost her confidence without him at her side. Socrates died the day before we left for the Specialty in Michigan and she had to learn to deal with elevators and automatic doors all by herself. She did very well, but we decided that she needed a companion. Enter her new BIG brother Xaro in August. He joined us at the age of four and was absolutely a love. Becca began to grow again.

Then in October we agreed to adopt Bruno. He has added a totally new dimension to her life. Since his arrival she has come out from under the bed and now hangs out ON the bed. She has learned from him what toys are for, carrying them with her on long walks or just taking them out to her "nests" in the yard. She has learned to stand up for herself when he teases her and, in fact, frequently initiates the chase and can easily outrun him with a big grin on her face.

She has become a real Berner.

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