

BACKCOUNTRY

Bernese Mountain Dogs, Perm Reg'd

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To assist in assessing whether a *Backcountry Bernese* Mountain Dog would make a wonderful addition to your home, would you please complete this questionnaire? This way, we can learn a bit more about you and your family. Our puppies are placed in selective homes, that we feel provide them with a lifestyle similar to ours, family companions. By filling out this questionnaire, it does not automatically mean you will be receiving a puppy. We will place your questionnaire on file, and follow up more intensely when we actually have puppies. We also share our potential puppy families with other breeders who have similar beliefs so that you may get a puppy quicker.

When considering a puppy, please understand that when the puppies leave they will be CKC registered, from health screened parents, grand-parents, etc... You will be under contractual obligation to spay/neuter your pet, x-ray hips and elbows when they are old enough, do at least one eye exam by a qualified ophthalmologist and take them to basic obedience classes. You will be asked to provide us with occasional updates on your puppy, including photos. However we always welcome and encourage communication from puppy owners and if you need guidance, support, information, etc at any point during your dog's life please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

Thank you for your time!

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Date: _____

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

email: _____

1. How were you referred to us?
2. Please describe your home:
3. Do you live in: (Circle) Urban Suburban Rural / Own Home Rent
Apartment
4. How long have you lived there?
5. Is your yard fenced, and if not, are you willing to provide a fenced area?
6. Where will your Bernese be allowed in the house?
7. Are there any children in the house? (If so, how many, ages?)
8. Are your children excited for a puppy? Please tell us more if applicable.

9. What made you decide on a Bernese Mountain Dog in particular? Please tell us more about yourself your family, so that we can better understand what you are looking for in a puppy.
10. How much time will you spend with your puppy daily? Do you and/or your spouse work away from home? If so, how will the needs of the puppy be met?
11. What are your plans for your Bernese? What would you like to be able to do with your dog?
12. Have you seen many Bernese? Are you familiar with the major health issues and longevity of the breed?
13. How long since you last raised a puppy if ever?
14. Have you owned a large dog before? Do you realize how large an adult Bernese is and how much they shed?
15. Have you visited shows or other Berner related activities?
16. Have you visited other breeders?

17. Are you interested in showing or breeding your Bernese? If so please elaborate.
18. What other animals (if any) do you presently have at home?
19. Have you ever had to re-home or put a pet down? If so, why?
20. Have you or anyone in your family ever been convicted of a criminal offence or been charged with cruelty to animals? If so, please explain the disposition of the charge.
21. Why are you interested in obtaining a *Backcountry Bernese* (circle):
Companion, Show, Obedience, Breeding, Therapy Work, Drafting/carting, Agility, Tracking? Are you interested in learning more about any of these activities?
22. How important are the markings to you?
23. Are you looking for a **Male or Female**, how important is it to you to get your choice and why?
24. Would you consider an adolescent or adult?
25. Do you plan to have your Bernese spayed or neutered?
26. Are you willing to have your dog x-rayed (hips and elbows) at time of spay/neuter in order to help determine the orthopedic health of the litter?

27. Are you willing to have your Bernese' eyes checked by a canine ophthalmologist at least once over a year of age?
28. Have you budgeted for veterinary expenses?
29. The initial cost of raising a puppy includes purchases, such as a proper collar, leash, food, crate, toys, obedience classes, etc... Then, to comfortably maintain a Bernese, you must budget approx \$100-\$125.00 monthly. Are you comfortable with these expenses?
30. Will you attend obedience/socialization classes with your puppy?
31. Does anyone in your family have allergies or asthma?
32. If so, have they been tested for allergies to dogs?
33. Where would your Bernese spend most of their time (ie: house, tied, kennel, loose, etc.)
34. What are your family's leisure activities? How will the dog fit into these activities?
35. activities?
36. Are you currently on a waiting list for any other litters?
37. Please tell us why you would be the best home for one of our puppies?

38. Please give any other information you feel is pertinent about yourself (hobbies, activities), and how a Bernese Mountain Dog would fit in as well as references with contact numbers below.

References: