

Questionnaire for Prospective Puppy Purchasers

Thank you for your interest in our Bernese Mountain Dogs. Completion of this questionnaire will assist our efforts to make sure that puppies find their way into the most appropriate homes. Questions answered completely and honestly will help us match you to a puppy. Feel free to elaborate on additional pages.

Name _____ Occupation _____
Address _____ Best time to call _____
City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____
Email _____

1. Why do you want a Bernese Mountain Dog?
2. Is this your first dog? If not, what other dogs have you owned? (Please include breed, who you purchased it from, name of breeder, etc.)

Do you currently have any other dogs living with you? If so, please specify breed, age, sex, And whether spayed or neutered.

How do you feel your current dog(s) will accept a puppy?

3. Do you have any other pets? If so, please list.
4. Please describe your environment (urban, suburban, small town, rural, etc.)

Approximate yard size?
5. Please describe the method you will use to restrain a dog on your property including details on fence size, height, material, relationship to house, etc. (Pictures are great if you have them.)

6. Will the dog be allowed in the house?

Where will the dog sleep at night?

Where will the dog spend most of its time?

7. Do all family members want a dog?

Do you have children? If yes, please include their ages.

8. Who in your family will be primarily responsible for the following:

Daily care?

Cleanup?

Training?

Vet and food bills?

Exercise?

9. How do you imagine a dog fitting into your home? (schedule, indoor dog, outdoor dog, activities, exercise, etc.)

10. Who would take care of the dog if you had an emergency which took you away from home?

11. What will you do with the dog when you go on a vacation or trip?

12. What veterinarian do you use? Please include the name, clinic name, address and phone.

13. Do you belong to any dog clubs? If so, please list.

14. Do you subscribe to or read regularly any "doggie" magazines? If so, please list.

15. What dog training books have you read? Please list and include your general reaction to each book?

16. Are you willing to take your dog to basic obedience training?

17. Are you willing to continue communication with us and share photos or videos periodically?

18. What sex of dog do you want? Male _____ Female _____ Either _____
Why?

19. What kind of temperament are you looking for in a dog? (I.e. outgoing, quiet, spunky, loving, loyal, etc.) Please elaborate.

20. Please rank the following items from 1 to 5 with one being the least important and five being the most important.

Sex of dog	1 2 3 4 5
Size of dog	1 2 3 4 5
Temperament of dog	1 2 3 4 5
Markings of dog	1 2 3 4 5
Protection/Watch Dog	1 2 3 4 5
Companionship	1 2 3 4 5
Playmate for children	1 2 3 4 5
Traveling companion	1 2 3 4 5

21. Please elaborate on any physical or character attributes you are particularly looking for in a puppy.

22. Do you intend to participate in any of the following with your Bernese?

Conformation Events (Dog Shows)?

Obedience Trials?

Rally?

Drafting/Carting?

Herding Trials?

Tracking?

Search and Rescue?

Agility?

Animal Assisted Activities (Therapy Dogs)?

Schutzhund/Ring Sport?

Sledding?

Any other activities?

23. Are you committed to caring for this dog for the duration of its life?

24. Have you read about Bernese Mountain Dogs and are you aware of the health problems in the breed and their relatively short life spans?

25. What do you expect of your dog's breeder?

26. Have you contacted other Bernese breeders? Is so, to whom did you speak?

Are you on any other waiting lists? If so, please specify.

27. Are you willing to have hip and elbow x-rays done at the age of 24 months and submit them to OFA for evaluation?

28. Please list a minimum of two references which would have good knowledge of your responsible dog ownership. This may include dog trainers, Bernese owners who know you, other dog owners who know you, your veterinarian, friends and neighbors. Please provide their names, addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and relationship to you.

I/we certify that the information given on this questionnaire is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge.

Signature(s)_____

Date_____

Mail completed form to:

SJR Bernese
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Iola, TX 77861