

Rescue/Rehome

Thank you for your interest regarding the adoption of a Bernese Mountain Dog through Inland Northwest Bernese Mountain Dog Club Rescue/Rehome Program. We receive many questions about our program so we have put together the information that follows. If you have specific questions that are not answered below please feel free to contact us again.

The Bernese Mountain Dog Rescue/Rehome and Placement program is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that is dedicated to placing dogs in need of new homes. None of its officers or representatives receives any payment for their services. Our organization incurs many costs in order to provide this service. A donation will be requested of new owners when a dog is placed with them to help fund this project.

Individuals that would like to adopt a dog should fill out and send in an adoption application. This will give the representative information to place a dog in the best home for its needs. Because we cannot predict when the next dog will come into our program or each one's particular needs, it is important that we have a variety of potential homes to contact. Your application will be kept on file and you will be contacted if we have a dog that might fit into your home.

Fortunately we only get a few dogs needing new homes each year. However, the number of dogs needing rescue and rehoming has been steadily increasing over the past few years. I never know when the next dog will arrive so it is very important to get your adoption application in and on our waiting list. The average age is usually 3 to 5 years old. They often come to us with a checkered history and sometimes have physical and/or behavioral problems. Each one is carefully evaluated and matched up with the home that best suits both dog and adopter. Homes are chosen from the applications mentioned above.

If you want to adopt a rescue dog because you would prefer an adult instead of a puppy, you might want to contact breeders in your area. They often have adult dogs that they are looking to place in the right home.

Recently, our most pressing problem has been the explosion of possible Berner mixes. These are dogs of unknown origin that shelter staff classified as part BMD due to markings, size, and/or temperament. We are not able to help all of these dogs but, if you are interested, we will be glad to refer you to the shelter if we are notified of a mix that is available.

As part of your search for a dog, please include a trip to your local shelter or visit on line at www.Petfinder.com You will be pleasantly surprised to find the wonderful dogs that are available. You can also enjoy the added benefit of knowing your effort of adopting a dog has saved a dog's life.

One other source to consider is Bernese Auction Rescue Coalition (BARC). This is an independent rescue group that is involved in saving dogs that are destined for a life in a puppy mill. Please visit the BARC site at www.barcinc.net . If you are interested, please fill out a BARC application located on-line.

If you would like information about the breed and a list of local breeders please call or email with your street mailing address and I will send you a breed information packet. I'm also available to talk about the breed in general so feel free to call.

We hope this information has helped.

INLAND NORTHWEST BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB

ADOPTION HOME APPLICATION

Please fill out this form as completely as possible. There are no right or wrong answers. We need a clear idea of what type of home you will provide a dog. We strive to place every dog in a home that best meets his/her requirements as well as match you with a dog that will meet your needs.

NAME: _____ HOME # _____
ADDRESS: _____ WORK # _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Your occupation: _____ Work hours & days away from home per week: _____
Partner Occupation: _____ Work hours & days away from home per week: _____
Are there any other adults in the home? _____ How many? _____

How many children live at home? _____ Ages? _____
Do children often visit your home? _____ Ages? _____

Have you owned a Bernese? _____ What happened to the dog? _____

What do you like about the breed that makes you want a Bernese Mountain Dog? _____

What don't you like about the breed? _____

What other breeds are you considering? _____

Why do you want a rescue/rehome dog? _____

Do you rent? _____ Own? _____ House? _____ Townhouse? _____ Apartment? _____
Are you planning a move soon? _____ When and where? _____

Do you have a yard? _____ Acreage? _____ How large? _____

Will the dog be confined (fenced) or free? _____
If you have a fenced area, type of fencing? _____ Height? _____
Dog Run? _____ If no fence or run, will you be fencing soon and date? _____
If no fenced area, how will you exercise and provide bathroom breaks for your dog? _____

Where will the dog spend most of the day? Inside _____ Outside _____ Kennel _____ Other _____

Where will the dog sleep? _____

What are your plans for the dog when you are away overnight or vacation? _____

Do you have any pets now? _____ Are they spayed or neutered? _____
Types & ages: _____

Does your community have a limit on the number of pets allowed per home? _____ How many? _____

If you do not currently have any, have you ever had a pet (pets)? _____ What happened to it (them)? _____

Have you taken any obedience classes with other dogs? _____
When and Where? _____

Have you and your family carefully considered how a dog will fit into your lifestyle? _____
Do you have time to brush a large, long-haired dog each week? _____
Are you aware that almost all routine/non-emergency care (grooming, feeding, Vet care, etc.) for any large breed is often more expensive? _____
Are you prepared for the fact that most Bernese only live 7 to 9 years? _____
Are you aware that Berners shed black hair and wag things off table tops? _____
Who will be responsible for the dog? _____
Most rescue/rehome dogs have special training needs. Are you willing to take the dog to obedience classes or private lessons? _____
What behavior problems would you consider intolerable (jumping, growling, barking, digging, house soiling, dog aggression, etc.)? _____
Will you have the extra time to help a rescue/rehome dog make the transition to your family? _____
Have you housetrained a dog? _____ Are you willing to housetrain the dog if necessary? _____

Describe a typical weekday for your dog. _____

Describe a typical weekend day for your dog. _____

Do you have a sex preference? _____ Would you consider the opposite sex? _____

Would you consider an older dog (6+ years)? _____

Would you consider a dog with special health needs? _____

Would you like to be notified of possible Bernese mixes available from shelters? _____

Will you allow a Rescue representative to visit your home? _____

Will you agree to return the dog to the INWBMDC Rescue Program should some unforeseen circumstances prevent you from keeping the dog any longer? _____

If you have owned dogs before, what did you enjoy most about dog ownership? _____

If you have owned dogs before, what was difficult for you? _____

If you have not owned a dog please answer the above with what you believe would be the most enjoyable and difficult aspects of dog ownership.

Please describe the characteristics of the ideal dog for you and your family. _____

An adoption donation will be requested if a dog is placed with you. This is necessary in order to continue our work.
We reserve the right to refuse any applicant

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

REFERENCES: (preferably a Veterinarian you have frequented and dog related contact)

Name: _____ Phone # _____

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Please write any additional comments or thoughts on back or on additional paper.

RETURN TO: INWBMDC Rescue, Kathy M. Deyo, P.O. Box 2003, Orofino, ID 83544
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