



## Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northeastern Illinois

### 2017 Membership Application

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date Established \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Home or ( ) Cell

Primary Member Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that may apply:

( ) Owner ( ) Exhibitor ( ) Breeder ( ) Conformation ( ) Drafting ( ) Obedience ( ) Rally ( )

Agility ( ) Tracking ( ) Herding ( ) Therapy ( ) Rescue ( ) AKC/BMDCA Judge ( ) Nose work

List other clubs in which you currently hold membership:

\_\_\_\_\_

List positions held in other clubs:

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been suspended from AKC/BMDCA or other dog club privileges? ( ) Yes or ( ) NO

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about your dog interests:

\_\_\_\_\_

List Bernese Mountain Dogs currently owned:

Dog Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder \_\_\_\_\_

Dog Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder \_\_\_\_\_

Types of Membership:

( ) **Voting Individual \$20.00** – Is open to any individual Bernese Mountain Dog Breeder and exhibitor in AKC events OR associate members who have been members in good standing with the BMDCNI for one year. This membership enjoys all of the club privileges such as voting and holding office.

( ) **Voting Household \$25.00**- Is open to two adults living in the same household that are a Bernese Mountain Dog Breeder and exhibitor in AKC events OR associate members who have been members in good standing with the BMDCNI for one year. Each member enjoys all of the club privileges, each eligible to vote and each eligible to hold office.

If applying for voting membership, you must attend **three** membership meetings within one calendar year. Your application will be read at each meeting and at the third meeting the application will be voted upon. In order for the application to be approved, 2/3 of the voting members present must approve the application by a written secret vote.

**Voting** membership requires the signatures of two unrelated BMDCNI member sponsors:

Sponsor 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

( ) **Associate Individual \$15.00**- Is open to any individual that owns or is interested in Bernese Mountain Dogs. Associate members do not vote or hold office. After a period of one year, the associate member may apply for Regular Voting Membership as outlined above.

( ) **Associate Household \$20.00**- Is open to any two adults residing in the same household that own or have an interest in Bernese Mountain Dogs. Associate members do not vote or hold office. After a period of one year, both adults may apply for Regular Household Voting Membership as outlined above.

Those applying for associate membership will become members once the membership chair receives their application and dues. Your name will be announced at the next membership meeting and in the next Matterhorn Newsletter, which is emailed 6 times per year.

( ) **Junior Membership \$15.00**- Is open to individuals who are 10-17 years of age and exhibit Bernese Mountain Dogs. Junior members cannot vote or hold office. Their membership automatically converts to regular voting membership on their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.



In applying for membership in the BMDNCNI, I agree to comply with all the American Kennel Club rules and regulations and the BMDNCNI Code of Ethics, Rules and By-Laws. Please sign and date the enclosed code of ethics.

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form & the appropriate dues (check made payable to BMDNCNI) to:

Lynne Farrell  
BMDNCNI Membership Chair  
2011 Lake Avenue  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014 [farrells4@aol.com](mailto:farrells4@aol.com)

**Membership Dues:**

- Voting Household \$25.00
- Voting Individual \$20.00
- Associate Household \$20.00
- Associate Individual \$15.00
- Junior (10-17yrs) \$15.00

**Please consider making a donation to:**

- General Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Media Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Rescue Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Trophy Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_

Surcharge for Paper copy of Matterhorn Newsletter MAILED \$15.00

**Total Amount Enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Make Check Payable to BMDNCNI)**

Please check any events or committees you would be interested in helping with on the attached Volunteer Opportunities Form.

**For BMDNCNI Use Only:**

Date App Received: _____		Date CK mailed to Treasurer: _____	
Date of 1 <sup>st</sup> mtg: _____	Date of 2 <sup>nd</sup> mtg: _____	Date of 3 <sup>rd</sup> mtg: _____	Approved Y / N
Date Welcome letter, brochure, and Matterhorn emailed: _____			

Date Newsletter Chair notified: \_\_\_\_\_

## **BMDCNI Code of Ethics**

1. Breeders shall strive for perfection of the Bernese Mountain Dog in accordance with the official standard set forth by the American Kennel Club. In this regard they shall:
  - a. Maintain high standards of health and care for their dogs.
  - b. Use only physically and temperamentally sound stock, and will refuse stud service to any bitch that is unregisterable or shows obvious defects. They shall study and learn the good and bad points within their own stock never doubling up on a known and visible fault.
  - c. Ideally, x-ray for evidence of hip dysplasia at two years of age or older, treating mild cases as they would any other fault, and excluding from breeding programs dogs with more severe evidence of hip dysplasia.
  - d. Refrain from breeding the bitch until her second season, preferably waiting until at least 18 months of age. A bitch shall be bred no more than two out of three seasons, this depending on the size of the litter whelped and her condition. It is suggested that in most cases a period of one-year lapse between litters.
2. Breeders will not sell stock without true representation to the purchaser nor use misleading or untruthful statements in selling or advertising.
3. No member shall sell adults or puppies to any known retail or wholesale pet outlet.
4. A buyer should be supplied with a four-generation pedigree, with information on inoculations and other veterinary care that the dog has had, and with instructions on the care, feeding and training of the Bernese Mountain Dog.
5. A breeder should guarantee the health of his stock subject to a veterinarian's examination within 48 hours of the sale.
6. A breeder should try to keep in touch with the progress of dogs of his breeding in order to better analyze his own program.
7. A breeder shall exhibit at dog shows and matches where feasible.
8. Members shall at all times exhibit good sportsmanship at all events related to the club and dog shows.
9. Members shall not degrade any other member or kennel.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Board Approved 11/19/16)