

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northeastern Illinois

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northeastern Illinois (BMDCNI) was established in 2000. Our membership is made up of Berner Lovers from all parts of northeastern Illinois – breeders, exhibitors, pet owners, and individuals interested in the Bernese Mountain Dog. We all share a common interest in protecting and promoting the health and welfare of the Bernese Mountain Dog.

Our club activities include fun pet owner activities, dog training and certification, dog shows, obedience, tracking, drafting tests, agility trails as well as other AKC sanctioned events. All of the mentioned activities are conducted in a sportsmanlike manner in accordance with the American Kennel Club rules and regulations and BMDCA draft rules.

We also have several meetings during the year, which include educational speakers to benefit our members and Berners. One of our goals is to promote fellowship among our members and provide the opportunity for our Berners to socialize.

Thank you for your interest in our club. Attached is our membership application. We're looking forward to you becoming part of our Bernese Mountain Dog family.

The BMDCNI Board of Directors

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Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northeastern Illinois
Membership Application

(Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____ Occupation: _____

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Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Kennel Name: _____ Date Kennel
(if applicable) Established: _____

Check all that may apply:

- Owner Exhibitor Breeder Conformation Obedience Rally Agility
 Drafting/Carting Tracking Herding Sent Work Therapy Dog Dog Judge

List other dog clubs in which you currently hold membership:

List positions that you have held in other dog clubs:

Have you ever been suspended from AKC privileges?

Tell us something about your dog interests. (Use other side if needed).

List Bernese Mountain Dogs that you currently own: (Use other side if needed.)

Dog's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Registration #: _____ Breeder: _____

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There are five types of memberships, please check the appropriate box:

Regular (Individual) Voting Membership – \$20.00

Open to Bernese Mountain Dog breeders and exhibitors in AKC events or associate members who have been members in good standing for one year. Regular membership enjoys all club privileges including the right to vote and hold office.

Regular (Household) Voting Membership – \$25.00

Open to two adult Bernese Mountain Dog breeders and/or exhibitors. Household membership consists of two adult members residing in the same household, each eligible to vote and hold office.

Breeder/Exhibitors applying for voting membership that were not previous Associate Members must attend two meetings with their applications read at each meeting. At the third meeting a secret written vote with 2/3 affirmative votes is required to be elected into full voting membership

Voting Membership requires the signatures of two unrelated BMDCNI member sponsors.

Sponsor 1: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor 2: _____ Date: _____

Associate Individual Membership – \$15.00

Open to Bernese Mountain Dog owner and other interested individuals. Associate members do not vote nor hold office. They are not counted in the quorum. After a period of one year, the person may apply for Regular (voting) Individual Membership following the procedure specified in Article I Section 3 of the BMDCNI bylaws. No Member sponsors and no additional fees are required when converting from Associate Member to a Voting Member during the year of conversion. Regular membership dues apply during the renewal period each calendar year.

Associate Household Membership – \$20.00

Open to Bernese Mountain Dog owners and other interested individuals. Associate household membership consists of two adult individuals residing in the same household. Associate household members do not vote nor hold office. They are not counted in the quorum. After a period of one year, the adults may apply for regular member following the procedure specified in Article I Section 3 of the bylaws. Member sponsors and No additional fees are required when converting from Associate Member to Voting Member during the year of conversion. Regular membership dues apply during the renewal period each calendar year.

Upon paying dues, you will immediately become associate members.

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Junior Membership – NO CHARGE

Open to persons 10 to 17 years of age who exhibit a Bernese Mountain Dog. Junior members cannot vote nor hold office. Their membership may automatically convert to regular membership upon their 18th birthday.

In applying for membership in BMDCNI, I agree to comply with all the American Kennel Club rules and regulations and the Code of Ethics (COE), rules and by-laws of the BMDCNI (A signed/dated copy of the COE MUST accompany this application)

Applicant _____ Date: _____
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All memberships include subscription to the BMDCNI newsletter.

Our website address is www.BMDCNI.org

The BMDCNI is always looking for new members to help with club activities. Please check any areas of interest.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting | <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Desktop publishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Database Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Computers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

The success of any organization relies on the involvement of its members.

Please return this application with the appropriate fees, make check payable to **BMDCNI**, to the membership chair:

Lynne Washburn
2381 N 4070th Road
Sheridan, IL 60551
Bmdcni Business bmdcni@gmail.com

Make check payable to **BMDCNI**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Voting | \$ _____ | Please consider making a donation for our: Media Fund (Tribune and Web) to counter puppy mill advertisements | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Voting | \$ _____ | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Family | \$ _____ | AND/OR | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Individual | \$ _____ | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Member | \$ _____ | Rescue Fund: | \$ _____ |

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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Date Application Received: _____

Date check mailed to BMDCNI Treasurer: _____

Date of First

Meeting: _____

Date of Second Meeting: _____

Date of Approval: _____

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Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northeastern Illinois 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 unregistrable 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(s) Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

Membership Chair's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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