



DUES RENEWAL NOTICE for 2026

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northeastern Illinois

Due by January 31st, 2026

Please print, fill out this form, sign the updated Code of Ethics and mail with dues to
Lynne Washburn, 2381 N 4070th Road, Sheridan, IL 60551.

Please email the membership chair at highlandsbmd@gmail.com if you have any questions.

☐ PLEASE CHECK IF THERE ARE CHANGES TO YOUR INFORMATION

Name _____ Email _____

Addtl Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Best Phone Number _____ () Home or () Cell

Kennel Name _____ Website _____

Please list me in the new club directory under the following categories. Check all that apply:

() Owner () Exhibitor () Breeder () Conformation () Obedience () Rally () Agility
() Tracking () Herding () Therapy () Scent () Drafting work () AKC/BMDCA Judge () Rescue

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUES:

() Voting Family \$30.00 () Voting Individual \$25.00

I plan to attend at least one meeting event and would like to have input into the direction and activities of the club. (Keep in mind we need a quorum at a meeting to vote on items so please consider Non-Voting if you do not attend meetings)

() Associate Family \$25.00 () Associate Individual \$20.00

I probably will not attend meeting events but am interested in belonging to a Regional BMD Club.

() Junior (10-17yrs) NO CHARGE

The Matterhorn Newsletter will be sent via email and is available online. All club business is conducted at meetings. Please attend meetings if you want your vote to count.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO:

() General Fund \$ _____ () Trophy Fund \$ _____

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

(Board Approved 12/8/2024)

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 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. 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. X-ray for evidence of elbow 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 elbow dysplasia.
 - e. Ideally, certify all dogs for Eyes, Heart, Von Willebrand Disease (vWD), and Degenerative Myelopathy (DM) SOD1A & SOD1B.
 - f. 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 adults or puppies 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 retail or wholesale pet stores, commercial breeders, Berner Doodle breeders or other breeders of mixed breeds.
4. Breeders will sell all adults and puppies via a signed contract that requires the breeder to take back any sold puppy or adult dogs and ensure all adults and puppies are registered with the AKC.
5. 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.
6. A breeder should guarantee the health of their dogs subject to a veterinarian's examination within two working days of the sale.
7. A breeder should try to keep in touch with the progress of dogs, of their breeding, in order to better analyze their own program.

8. A breeder will enter health and certification information, of dogs they have bred into the BernerGarde database.
9. A breeder shall exhibit at dog shows and matches where feasible.
10. Members shall at all times exhibit good sportsmanship at all events related to the club and dog shows.
11. Members shall not degrade any other member or kennel.

Applicant(s) Signature(s):

Date:

Membership Chair's Signature:

Date:
