

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley  
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### FOSTER HOME/ADOPTIVE HOME APPLICATION FORM

Please fill out this application completely. The application is designed to help us determine if the adoption is in the animal's best interest, and to assist the potential adopter in finding an animal most compatible with his/her lifestyle. An unwise adoption can result in an unpleasant experience for adoptive families and may ruin the dog for any further adoptions. We hope you will agree that the animal's welfare must be our foremost consideration.

In order to be considered for an adoption, you must:

- \_\_\_\_\_ be at least 18 years of age.
- \_\_\_\_\_ have the knowledge and consent of all adults living in your household.
- \_\_\_\_\_ have verifiable identification. Driver's license # \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ have landlord's consent to bring an animal onto the property.
- \_\_\_\_\_ understand that the BMDCNV has the right to deny your application.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

Vet's name and phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Type of dwelling: house \_\_\_\_\_ condo \_\_\_\_\_ apartment \_\_\_\_\_ dorm \_\_\_\_\_ mobile home \_\_\_\_\_

If renting, name, address and phone of landlord \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived at this address? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fenced yard or dog kennel? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how much space is provided? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the height and type of fencing? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to move in the foreseeable future? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what will you do with your pets? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you adopting for: self \_\_\_\_\_ immediate family \_\_\_\_\_ someone else \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be responsible for the care of dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you familiar with local animal control laws? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you or anyone in your household have any known allergies to animals? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, to what kinds of animals and how severe? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you travel a great deal? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how do you intend to provide for the dog while you're away? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want a Bernese mountain dog? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever owned a dog? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please describe your level of experience with dogs \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have other animals? List type, age, sex \_\_\_\_\_

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What happened to any pets you no longer have? \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you and your family be willing to consider the adoption and rehabilitation of a dog that has a behavior problem(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you and your family be willing to consider the adoption of a dog that has a health problem(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you be prepared to take a dog through a formal obedience training program? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever attended a dog training program? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children (at home)? List number and ages \_\_\_\_\_

Where will dog be during day? \_\_\_\_\_ at night? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours will it spend without human companionship? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will it be kept when alone? \_\_\_\_\_

The average yearly cost for routine care of a Bernese can run as high as \$600. This does not include emergency care or other unexpected costs. Are you prepared to spend this amount on your new pet? \_\_\_\_\_ Who will be financially responsible? \_\_\_\_\_

Bernese mountain dogs can live over 10 years; are you ready to take responsibility for the dog's entire life? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever brought an animal into a shelter? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, why? \_\_\_\_\_

Occasionally we are contacted by owners who need to rehome their Berners but choose to do so on their own rather than place them in rescue. Would you like to be contacted in this instance? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to have a member of BMDCNV visit your home prior to adoption (by appointment)? \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the BMDCNV Rescue Terms of Adoption on the reverse side of this page and am willing to abide by those terms if I adopt a Bernese Mountain Dog.

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

Date approved	Home Visit Coord Signature	phone#
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Please feel free to attach a letter going into more detail as to why you would like to adopt a Bernese Mountain Dog. What would a typical day be like in the life of your new pet? Why would your home be the ideal home for a rescued Berner? What type of dog would you prefer: young, older, male, female, active, laid-back?

The more information you provide, the better chance for us to make the best possible match. Please remember that many dogs in rescue have had a difficult life prior to coming into the program. It's not that they are not good dogs, they just have not been taught how to be good dogs by their prior owners.

Please review and sign the Terms of Adoption section on the following page.

Terms of Adoption

1. Fee.....The fee involved is to help to cover the Rescue expenses. Charges to the new owner will be a minimum donation of \$250, with additional charges to be determined on a case by case basis. A complete physical is given as well as the required rabies shot. Dogs over the age of seven are placed as seniors, for a minimum fee of \$50
2. AKC Papers.....If AKC registration papers are available for the rescue dog, they will be given to the new owner.
3. Return policy If for any reason, the adoption is not found to be satisfactory for the rescue dog or the family, the BMDCNV requires that the dog be returned. The rescue dog **MUST NOT** be sold or given away, but returned to the BMDCNV if for any reason the adoption is unsatisfactory for the adopting family. If the dog is returned within 14 days of adoption, a full refund of the adoption fee will be given. After 14 days, no portion of the fee will be returned. Furthermore, the BMDCNV reserves the right to take back any rescue dog that is being neglected or not properly cared for.
4. Release form The foster/adoptive owner must sign the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley Adoption Agreement
5. License .....The rescue dog must be licensed in accordance with existing laws in your town and rabies vaccine must be kept current.
6. Care .....The adopting family agrees to provide adequate shelter, food, all necessary medical care, and agrees that their rescue dog will not be allowed to run free without proper supervision. Failure to do so may result in the dog being surrendered to the BMDCNV.

We recommend that you follow a regular inoculation program as established by your veterinarian. Your dog will have received all necessary inoculations, but will need rabies boosters as mandated by State law, and other boosters as deemed necessary by you and your veterinarian.

Your dog **MUST** have an annual test for heartworm and your veterinarian will recommend a heartworm preventative program for your dog. I have read the terms of adoption and understand them and agree to abide by them if I adopt a Bernese mountain dog from the BMDCNV.

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

BMDCNV agent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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