

Ayler Bernese Mountain Dogs
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Questionnaire for Potential Puppy Owners

Thank you for your inquiry about our Bernese Mountain Dogs. When we have puppies, we use a lengthy screening process to insure that our puppies are matched with the correct loving and committed homes. Please answer all the following questions as honestly and completely as possible and return this form when you are finished to the address listed above. If you have any questions please feel free to call or email us. All information is confidential and used to see if we may have the correct puppy for you. Thank you.

Your Name: _____

Your Spouse's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address (if different): _____

City State and Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

What is your occupation? _____

Spouse's occupation? _____

What sex are you interested in? Male _____ Female _____ Male would consider a female _____
Female would consider male _____
no preference _____

What purpose are you interested in a berner? Family Pet/Companion _____
Obedience _____ Conformation _____ Therapy Work _____ Drafting _____
Breeding _____ Agility _____ Herding _____ Hiking _____ Sleding/Ski-jouring _____ other _____
(please list) _____

What do you expect of your dog's breeder?

We require ALL of the puppies from Ayler Kennels to have hip and elbow x-rays at 24 months old and be submitted to OFA for evaluation and their eyes checked by a canine ophthalmologist and submitted to CERF yearly to help us evaluate our breeding program. Are you willing to have orthopedic x-rays and eye exams done? Yes No Unsure

Most of our puppies are sold on an AKC limited registration with a spay/neuter agreement. Do you have a problem with this? No _____ Yes & Why

Have you spoken to any other Bernese Mountain Dog Breeders Yes No

Are you currently on a waiting list with any other breeders? Yes No

Are you aware that Bernese Mountain Dogs are a large breed that sheds daily and blow their coat once to twice a year; does that pose a problem with your household? Yes No

Is there ANY member affected with dog allergies in your household?

Yes No

Are you familiar with the health concerns of the Bernese? Life Span?

Berners may have various health issues, and although we do our best to genetically screen to avoid these problems they may still arise. Are you prepared to care for a dog for the next 7-14 years even if a health issue may arise? Yes No Not Sure

Although we strive to produce healthy berners, do you understand and agree that there is no guarantee that the puppy/dog purchased from us will be free of genetic defects. Although proper screening of both parents is done? Yes No

Would you agree to annual veterinarian care & proper grooming? Yes No

What Veterinarian will you use? (Name, Clinic Name, address & phone #)

Who would take care of your Bernese if you had an emergency that took you away from your home?

What will you do with the dog when you go on a vacation or a trip?

If something were to happen in your life that would prevent you from further caring for your Bernese, would you be agreeable to returning the Bernese to us immediately? Yes No If no please explain why.

Do you have any children? Yes No

Names and Ages _____

Do you live in: House _____ Apartment _____ Townhouse _____ Other _____

Do you Own _____ Rent _____

Do you plan on moving any time soon? Yes _____ No _____

Are you an Active Military Family? Yes _____ No _____ Reserves _____

Do you have a fenced yard? Yes _____ No _____

If not, how will you provide security for your berner when it is outside or when you are away?

Is there someone home during the day? Yes _____ No _____

Where will this puppy spend the day?

Outside in a fenced yard _____ Outside in a dog run _____ Loose inside _____

In a crate inside _____ Inside with outdoor potty breaks _____ Outside with indoor visits _____ In the garage _____ Away from home _____

Will your puppy have regular interaction with the family during the day? Yes No

Where will this puppy spend the evening?

Outside in a fenced yard ___ Outside in a dog run ___ Loose inside ___

In a crate inside ___ Inside with outdoor potty breaks ___ Outside with indoor visits ___ In the garage ___ Away from home ___

Will your puppy have regular interaction with the family during the evenings? Yes No

Where will this puppy sleep?

Outside in a fenced yard ___ Outside in a dog run ___

Loose inside ___ In a crate inside ___ In the garage ___

Are you willing to attend group puppy training classes with this dog as a condition to adopting one of our puppies? Yes No Unsure

Have you ever owned a Bernese before? Yes ___ No ___ Part Berner ___

What attracts you to this breed?

What don't you like about this breed?

What other breeds do you or have you owned please list past or current and if past please tell us what happened to the dog? If you have never owned a dog please state none

If any of the dogs are deceased, please explain the circumstances.

Please list all the animals currently in your household.

Who will have primary responsibility for this puppy? _____

Do all the family members want a berner? Yes Unsure No

If no, why?

Have you ever given a dog to a shelter or rescue? Yes No

Have you ever been charged with animal abuse or neglect? Yes No

What type of personality are you looking for in your berner?

Occasionally I send out emails and questionnaires to all my puppy buyers asking questions about the puppies and requesting pictures or videos. Would you have any problem with this? Yes No

Please explain

Would you be willing to send photos of your Bernese at 6, 12, 18 & 24 months of age and then year to the stud dog owner and us? Would you be willing to keep me informed of how your dog is doing, health, training issues, etc?

Would you be willing to sign a contract to purchase your puppy? Yes No

Please give us any other information you may think will help us get to know you and your family and your needs in respect to placing a puppy most suited to your family, home and lifestyle or any questions you would like answered.

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please contact me after you forward this to me to discuss your responses and any further questions you may have for me.