Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Canada
Application for Membership

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:
Linda Smith, BMDCC Membership Chair, 1069 Pinewood Place, Kingston ON K7P 1K9
OR SUBMIT FORM ELECTRONICALLY: scan and send by email to: linda.2berners@gmail.com
For payment choices, please see the next page.
Application fees received after September 15th are valid for membership dues for the following year.

Please note: New member applications are processed on the 1st of each month, so please be patient.
The names and particulars of applicants, including sponsors, are published in the electronic Members Only group for consideration by the general membership, who then have until the end of the month of date of publication to raise in writing any objections with the Membership Director. If no objections are received, you will be informed by the Membership Director of the acceptance of your membership.

Type of Membership: ◯ Ordinary ◯ Family ◯ Non-Resident (outside of Canada) ◯ Junior

MEMBER(S) INFORMATION					
NAME:					
ADDRESS:					
CITY:		PROV/COUNTRY:		POSTAL CODE:	
PHONE:		EMAIL:			
WEBSITE:					

SPONSORSHIP NAMES/SIGNATURES REQUIRED FROM EITHER TWO (2) UNRELATED BMDCC MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING OR FROM YOUR BREEDER. If you are seeking membership without the above sponsorship, you may provide an endorsement from your veterinarian plus one other acceptable alternate reference (non-family member) who has known you for at least five (5) years.
Please include name of sponsor, relationship to you (BMDCC member, friend, vet, etc) & contact coordinates (email and telephone number).

Sponsor 1. Relationship:

Email: Tel:

Sponsor 2. Relationship:

Email: Tel:

DOGS
How many Bernese Mountain Dogs do you currently own?
Dog's name:
Sex: M or F Date of birth: (YYYY,MM,DD)
Breeder:
Dog's name:
Sex: M or F Date of birth: (YYYY,MM,DD)
Breeder:
Please list any additional dogs on a separate sheet.

TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOURSELF:

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE BMDCC?

CANINE ACTIVITIES IN WHICH ARE YOU INVOLVED:

◯ Pet owner ◯ Breeding ◯ Conformation ◯ Obedience ◯ Rally Obedience
◯ Draft ◯ Agility ◯ Rescue ◯ Therapy ◯ Herding ◯ Tracking ◯ Scent Detection
◯ Other:

ARE YOU A BREEDER, OR PLANNING TO BREED IN THE FUTURE?	◯ Yes ◯ No
If yes, Kennel Name:	**Is your kennel CKC-registered?** ◯ Yes ◯ No
How long have you been a breeder?	**Are you a CKC member?** ◯ Yes ◯ No
Berner-Garde (BG) #:	**Are your dogs listed on BG?** ◯ Yes ◯ No
Website link:	
Facebook link:	
DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL SKILLS (WEB, COMPUTER, EVENT ORGANIZATION, ETC) THAT YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER TO THE CLUB?	
OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOU THAT YOU WISH TO SHARE:	

MEMBERSHIP FEES (in Canadian funds):
Membership includes 4 printed issues of *The Bernese Please* magazine unless otherwise indicated

Type of membership	Cost	Total
Single (one adult)	$45.00	
Family (two adults in one family)	$50.00	
Non-resident: living in United States	$60.00	
Non-resident: living outside USA or Canada (with *Bernese Please* in electronic format)	$60.00	
Junior (age 10-18)	$40.00	
TOTAL		

PAYMENT OPTIONS	
◯	**Cheque/money order** payable to: **The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Canada** or **BMDCC** and mail, along with this form, to Membership Director Linda Smith, at the address below. **US members:** payment by **international money order**
◯	**INTERAC-e transfer** to: **finance.BMDCC@gmail.com** Funds are auto-deposited. Please indicate "New member application [your name]" in the Comments section

Note: **This form must be completed, signed and returned to the membership Chair, regardless of payment option selected.**
PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM AND PAYMENT TO:
Linda Smith, BMDCC Membership Chairperson, 1069 Pinewood Place, Kingston ON K7P 1K9
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With the view to the betterment of the breed of dog known as the Bernese Mountain Dog, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Canadian Kennel Club and by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Canada (BMDCC) and further agree to abide by the BMDCC Code of Ethics (attached).

Print name _____ Signature _____

Print name** _____ Signature _____

** (Second signature required for family membership)

Date: _____

Please **read and sign** the BMDCC Code of Ethics found on the following pages. The **signed** Code of Ethics must be submitted with your application.

BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF CANADA
CODE OF ETHICS
(revised 2021; revised for clarification June 2024)

AS A MEMBER I will ensure that all animals in my care will be kept in the best conditions possible. I will share my knowledge with other members and will support the Club in its endeavors to promote the breed.

I will abide by the Constitution, By-Laws and Code of Ethics set by the Club and will always conduct myself in a manner that will be beneficial to the Club, the breed, and its image. I will not defame other Club members.

AS A BREEDER I resolve to devote my efforts to the improvement of the breed, by maintaining high standards of correct Bernese temperament, physical soundness, working traits and conformity to the Canadian breed standard.

To this end, I agree to:

1. Maintain the best possible standards of health and care of dogs in my care.

2. Refuse to use for breeding purposes any dog/bitch that does not meet the standards described in the Code of Ethics; refuse stud service to any bitch that does not meet the same standards.

3. Complete basic health screening as recommended by the BMDCC for Bernese Mountain Dogs. All breeding animals raised in North America must have the following health screening tests completed:

    a. Hip Dysplasia evaluated by OFA once 2 years of age or by PennHip
    b. Elbow Dysplasia evaluated by OFA once 2 years of age
    c. Eye Examination by board certified Ophthalmologist
    d. Cardiac Evaluation by an OFA-accepted professional
    e. Degenerative Myelopathy (DM) DNA results for both SOD1-A and SOD1-B from a recognized lab

    Results should be used to make the best decisions in a breeding program always keeping in mind what we have devoted ourselves to, improving the breed. All results and any ensuing litters must be entered in Berner-Garde.

4. Refrain from breeding a bitch until she is at least 18 months old, preferably two years. A breeding may be done once just prior to 24 months with passing OFA preliminary hip and elbow x-rays and/or PennHip and all other testing completed and posted in Berner-Garde. Final x-rays must be done once 2 years of age. Back-to-back breeding is not encouraged but can be done in some cases. It is recommended that bitches have no more than 4 litters in a lifetime. Discretion should be used and the bitch's health and over all condition must be considered. Seek veterinary approval for all exceptional cases.

    Males may be used judiciously for the first time between 12 and 24 months of age with passing OFA preliminary hip and elbow x-rays and/or PennHip and all other testing completed and posted in Berner-Garde. Final x-rays must be done once 2 years of age.

    All health certifications/clearances must be posted in Berner-Garde, and it is recommended that they also be in the OFA database, where applicable, before a dog is used in any breeding program.

5. Refuse to deal with unethical breeders, wholesalers or retailers, or to sell to any buyer where there is reason to believe that the puppy or dog will not be properly cared for.

6. Keep and pass on to buyers of puppies or adult dogs, accurate health, final clearances of parents, registration and pedigree records.

7. Sell or place only puppies or adult dogs of sound health and temperament and to urge all buyers to have the puppy or adult dog examined by a competent veterinarian as soon as possible.

8. Discuss with all prospective buyers their expectations for the puppy or dog whether of show and/or breeding quality or pet quality. Rate all puppies and dogs to the best of my knowledge, giving full and frank disclosure of any faults which, the puppy/dog may have, or which are known to be in its immediate family's background.

9. Provide a written guarantee for all puppies/dogs clearly outlining what is covered as to health issues, plus acceptable provision for refund or replacement.

10. Registration will be on a CKC non-breeding agreement for all pet quality puppies and preferably for all puppies, to be signed by the buyer and myself at the time of the sale.

11. Keep in touch with the progress of dogs of my breeding in order to better analyze my program.

I understand that serious infractions of the above code, where they are deemed detrimental to the breed or an individual dog, or a club member, may result in expulsion from the Club.

I have read and understand all the points in the Code of Ethics and agree to conduct myself accordingly.

Print name _____ Signature _____

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