

Bernese Mountain Railway

FAQ



This is a list of common questions we get with each litter, so we have a quick FAQ list.

1) How many litters would I have access to for 2022 & 2023? With the hopeful cooperation of Mother Nature, we are planning to whelp 3 additional litters between now and December 31, 2022.

Additionally, we plan 3 spring 2023 litters and 3 Fall 2023 Litters. If Covid (or additional global chaos) throws additional curve balls, we will evaluate these plans as our females come into heat.

2) Do you have shipping services for puppies ? Yes. Those details are at the very bottom of our "Puppy Adoption Agreement and Health Guarantee" Document found on this linked page: <https://bernesemountainrailway.com/puppy-adoption> . During Covid 2020 we only bred one litter and the only air cargo option at the time was through American. We consider, on a case-by-case basis, driving to deliver/meet beyond the 1,000 driving miles (for free).

3) How is puppy selection determined? Our puppies are each evaluated based on a scientifically proven temperament evaluation. From these results, we place each puppy in a depositor's home, one that is best suited for their temperament. [Here](#) is a link with more temperament testing information. If this link doesn't properly load, you can copy and paste this into your browser <https://www.dogbreedinginformation.com/puppy-personality-matching/?fbclid=IwAR1CInxdCgDS9UUbh19EJl3kASACeZE57KspNwH8XDx6A9kM6xR8xbzhj0>

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4) What initial vaccinations, de-worming, and other treatments do you have for the dog before we take home?

Our Program includes:

- A "Lifetime Happy Tails Health Guarantee" is linked [HERE](#);
- 30 FREE Days of Canine Health Insurance Coverage (in effect until 30 days after Adoption/Go-Home-Day);
- Puppy Culture Protocol begins at birth;
- Non-stop Ambient sounds (for early desensitization) begins from birth through Go-Home-Day;
- Dewclaws removed (if any) by our local vet on day 4;
- Bio-Sensory Stimulation begins at day 3 and continues through day 16;
- Pyrantel D-wormer at 2 and 4 weeks.
- Weeks 6 & 8 weeks, we administer a broader spectrum wormer including 50mg Praziquantel, 143mg Pyrantel Embonate and 542mg Oxantel Embonate
- Puppy immunizations @ 5 & 8 weeks CANINE 1-DAPPV+Cv PROVIDES PROTECTION AGAINST A COMBINATION OF VIRUSES.
- To request notification when we have live births, please email me a request to be on our waiting list (to: Michelle@BerneseMountainRailway.com).
- You can learn more details about our "Bred with H.E.A.R.T breeding program at this [G-drive](#) link.

5) What health testing and certifications do you provide? Learning who in our dogs' pedigrees have been tested, along with test results, can be tracked down by visiting our photo gallery for each dog. Click on the image with their pedigrees. The photo caption for the pedigrees has a testing link. We also have a "testing" page (Linked [HERE](#)) on our website.

For an expanded explanation concerning my thoughts on testing, I recommend this easy to digest link: <https://www.mountainlifemalamutes.com/why-dont-we-ofa-certify-our-dogs/>

Towards the end of the blog article, they share much of what PC authors feel about the spay/neuter issue and how it can even have an effect on osteo health.

https://www.instituteofcaninebiology.org/blog/the-10-most-important-things-to-know-about-canine-hip-dysplasia?fbclid=IwAR3X92NLMEdfSDn361RMs_JwgT2GQDNpXO67Pc_Slr5frmSiWgghYhDzVqw

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6) What is the difference between Full and Limited AKC Registration? The difference is that with Full AKC Registration, dogs are allowed to show in all AKC sanctioned exhibits and with limited, they cannot show in Confirmation exhibits. Also Full Registration allows for any puppies produced with that male and another AKC Bernese Mountain Dog to be registered with AKC. If you don't plan on showing or breeding for show, then Limited Registration is all you would need.

7) For Limited Registration - We ask that you don't complete any spaying or neutering procedures until the puppy is 18 months old. To maintain your lifetime health warranty, this procedure must be completed between 18 months and 24 months of age. There are studies that show bone/joint health can be affected by completing these elective procedures before the puppy is mature.

8) Do you have puppy adoption references from past litters? If you will agree to give us permission, we will share your contact information with happy owners of puppies from our past litter and ask them to contact you. We also encourage you to contact those who bred our parent dogs. Their pedigrees are on our website, in the photo gallery of each adult dog.

9) What is Our Pricing Policy? The aim of our puppy pricing policy is to be as fair as possible to everyone on our list awaiting their precious new AKC Bernese Mountain Dog.

Backed by the latest science & decades of experience, we do all we can to ensure your Berner will be a healthy & enjoyable canine companion. Because of this, our puppies are simply the best that money can buy & are priced accordingly, at the top of the market.

From time to time we increase the price of our puppies, in accordance with prevailing market conditions that affect the rising cost of maintaining optimal health for our beloved pets & the rising cost of raising the healthiest puppy for your family to adopt.

Our policy on pricing is as follows:

The price quoted to you in your first email from us will be the price you pay for your puppy provided that:

- Your deposit, securing your place on our waiting list, is received within 7 days of that email, and:
- You accept the first puppy you are offered that conforms to the preferences you stated on joining the list. Alternately, if you postpone to a later litter for any reason the price you will pay will be in accord with the prices current at the time you postponed.

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9) What is Our Pricing Policy? (continued) Our policy on pricing continues as follows:

When you are offered a puppy from a new litter and decide to accept your placement in that litter, an additional payment of \$1000 toward the purchase price is required within 3 days of acceptance. The remaining balance is payable when your puppy is 8 weeks and 4 days old (the usual day you pick your puppy up).

We are under no obligation to notify you of changes to our prices. However, we are happy to answer your inquiries at any time.

If a price rise affects you that you consider unacceptable to your expectations or circumstances, we will refund your deposit, upon request, less the \$125 Administrative Fee. Our policy on deposits is as follows:

Your position on the list is strictly determined by the date the waiting list deposit is received.

If we are unable to provide a puppy for you in the time frame estimated in our first email to you, and you wish to leave the list, you are entitled to a complete refund.

If you cancel your placement on the list for any reason we will refund your deposit minus \$125 admin fee.

If, after being allocated and accepting a puppy, you cancel your placement on the list your payment(s) to date is/are non-refundable but will be held for you as a credit on your next puppy from our group.

Our policy on puppies boarded with us past 8 weeks and 4 days of age is as follows? Final payment needs to be complete by the time your puppy is 8 weeks and 4 days of age (the usual pickup date). While every care is taken, any puppy kept here past that date is at the owner's risk. After 9 weeks old, we collect a boarding/training fee of \$25 per day.