

**AKC BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG RANCH**  
**PUPPY DELIVERY/PICKUP OPTIONS**

**Buyer Initial**\_\_\_\_\_ **Buyer Date**\_\_\_\_\_

We offer a range of puppy pickup and delivery options to ensure a hassle-free experience for you and your new furry companion. Let's dive into the details:

- 1. FREE Pickup** from Breeder's Wyoming Property: If you prefer to personally pick up your puppy, you are welcome to visit our Wyoming property. This option allows you to meet the breeder and see the environment where your puppy has been raised. Best of all, there is no additional cost for this pickup option.
- 2. FREE Ground Delivery within 750 Miles:** For added convenience, we provide FREE ground delivery to locations within a 750-mile radius of our Wyoming property. Our team will make the necessary arrangements to bring your puppy directly to your doorstep. Please keep in mind that delivery scheduling may depend on coordinating with other puppies from the same litter.
- 3. Convenient Delivery Beyond 750 Miles:** If your location is beyond the 750-mile radius, we have you covered. We offer both Ground and Flight Delivery options to accommodate longer distances. For distances up to 1,500 miles, we provide delivery services for a flat fee of \$750. Beyond the initial 1,500 miles, there is an additional charge of \$1 per mile. Rest assured, we take care of the logistics, ensuring your puppy's safe and comfortable journey to your home. For this option, ground or flight delivery is at our discretion, and based on a number of variables.

We understand that choosing the right pickup or delivery option is an important decision. We kindly request that you notify us of your preference by the time your puppy reaches 8 weeks old. This allows us to make the necessary arrangements and ensure a smooth transition for your new family member.

At AKC Bernese Mountain Dog Ranch, we prioritize the well-being and happiness of our puppies and their new families. Rest assured that whichever option you choose, we are dedicated to providing exceptional service and ensuring a positive experience for everyone involved.



## **Dog Owner Questionnaire © Michelle Hall AKCBerneseMountainDogRanch.com**

Next to the waiting for your puppy to arrive, the most difficult and time consuming aspect of bringing home a puppy from my Wyoming Kennel is the completion of this 26 page Puppy Adoption Document Packet. It is very important though and we thank you in advance for providing us with all the details we need to pair the perfect puppy with you.

Finding the right canine companion is an important decision. This process of matching a personality fit will help ensure long-term happiness for both you and your new furry friend.

While puppies are undeniably adorable, their true natures can be hard to discern during brief interactions. Our experienced staff takes the time to intimately observe each puppy's behaviors and tendencies from a young age. Through dedicated research-backed assessments, we gain profound insights into each puppy's natural disposition and needs.

That's why we developed this simple but powerful questionnaire. By learning more about your lifestyle preferences and what you seek in a canine match, we can introduce you to puppies with aligned temperaments primed for success together.

Research shows the most fulfilling canine bonds arise from complementary personalities. We evaluate six primary types: energetic and outgoing, independent yet social, confident and adaptable, gentle and relaxed. Understanding each style enables ideal pairing with new forever families.

Some puppies thrive as natural leaders, while others prefer supportive roles. Our expertise ensures bold future chieftains find confident owners, and gentle souls find stability with relax households seeking a calming presence.

Additional criteria like size and coat also affect long-term suitability. Our singular goal remains crafting relationships destined for lasting love and loyalty. Please allow us to leverage our insights toward introducing you to your perfect pup!

Michelle Hall

**Your Name:** .....

**Street Address:** .....

**City, State, Zip:** .....

**Phone:**.....

michelle@bernesemountainrailway.com

**Email:** .....

**Please answer the questions as honestly as you can!**

**1. What best describes your childhood experience with dogs?**

- We usually had a dog for work or guarding and it lived outside.
- Grew up close to 1 or more dogs and helped train and look after it.
- Loved playing with dog(s) as a child but someone else trained and took care of it.
- Never had much to do with dogs while growing up

**2. What has your adult experience with dogs been like?**

- Have never owned a dog as an adult.
- Owned a dog before but there were behavioral problems
- Owned a family pet dog before and it was great
- Owned guard dogs but not family pets

If yes, is there anything about that experience that you do not want to repeat this time?

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**3. What do you most want to get out of having a dog in your life?**

- I want a dog to guard the place and be around
- I want a dog to share and keep up with my physically active lifestyle
- My ideal dog will be a gentle, safe and easy-going family pet
- Other.....

**4. How much time and effort do you see yourself putting into training your dog?**

- Training is important to me and will be an ongoing activity through the life of my dog.
- We will take our dog to puppy school, but once that's done we'd like to be done.
- Just want to teach my dog myself to follow basic commands – come, sit, stay.
- Once we've handled potty training, I'll pretty much let my dog do whatever it wants and hope it behaves itself.

**5. What's your best guess at describing your fur-kid parenting style? (Please be honest!)**

- I'll provide food, shelter and a big yard to run around in and that's pretty much it.
- As long as my dog gets a handle on potty training it can do pretty much what it likes
- I'll insist on good manners and basic discipline (e.g. sit, come) most of the time
- I'll be insisting on ongoing discipline and training my dog to a high level

**6. How trainable would you like your dog to be?**

- Highly trainable for an active working life in obedience, agility, cart pulling
- Responsive to training, so I can teach it a few fun tricks
- Affectionate and cuddly are more important than intelligence.
- Not a consideration

**7. How sociable are you and your dog likely to be?**

- A quiet life at home suits us just fine
- Occasional visits and outings with adult friends and family
- Occasional visits and outings with all ages, including small children
- Regular walks or meetups with friends at the local dog-friendly café'

**8. What would an ideal day with your dog be like?**

- My dog stays outside doing his job and I go about my business
- High intensity work together to learn more skills
- Lots of running around and having fun
- Walking to the local café to meet up with friends and their dogs
- Cuddle up watching TV together on the couch

**9. How much exercise will you give your dog?**

- We'll take him on a brisk walk or run together at least once a day.
- We'll go for a walk a few times a week
- We'll play with him a few times a week
- None, just give him a yard to run around in

**10. How much time are you likely to spend with your dog?**

- Not much. And never in the house.
- He'll share the house with us after hours and we'll spend quality time together a few times a week
- I love to stay at home most of the time with my dog by my side
- I love getting out and about and my dog will come everywhere with me

**11. Are you or is someone in your household allergic to dogs?**

- Yes, extremely allergic
- Yes, somewhat allergic
- I don't know
- No

**12. How old are you?**

- under 40
- 40 to 60
- over 60

**13. How would you rate your health and fitness?**

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

**14. Do you currently own a dog(s)?**

What sex are they?

- Male
- Female

How big are they?

- Much bigger than a Bernese Mountain Dog
- About the same size as a Bernese Mountain Dog
- Much smaller than a Bernese Mountain Dog

How would you describe their personality?

- Bold, bossy, energetic.
- Easy going, friendly, adaptable.
- Shy, nervous, submissive.

**15. Who will share your home and your dog with you, now or in coming years?**

- No-one, just me and my dog.
- A few other confident adults like me
- Other adult(s) and older children. Ages: .....
- Small children or infirm definitely part of our lives. Details

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**16. What other animals share your household?**

- None that can't stand up to a spirited dog.
- We have other animals but they are kept separate or always supervised together.
- Once trained, our dog will need to be trustworthy with our other small or vulnerable pets.

**17. What size Bernese Mountain Dog would you prefer?**

- As small as possible; easily fit on my lap.
- I prefer medium dogs
- As large as possible
- Any size is fine

**18. GROOMING: What are your grooming preferences?**

- Easy, low-maintenance is more important than looks.
- High-maintenance, beautifully groomed and gorgeous to look at.
- Not a consideration

**19. How important is it that your new puppy is "Show Quality"?**

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not important – just want it to be a great pet

**Anything else you'd like us to know? Additional comments you wish to share:**

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**Thank YOU for your investing valuable time in helping us get to know you, by completing our family questionnaire and lifetime genetic health guarantee/puppy adoption agreement. Once you submit, we will be in touch very soon.**







# Certificate of Participation

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

*certifies that*

**MICHELLE HALL**

A BREEDER OF BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOGS  
HAS MET THE REQUIREMENTS ON AUGUST 10, 2023 UNTIL AUGUST 10, 2024  
TO BE OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED AS BEING IN THE

**Bred with H.E.A.R.T. Program**



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dennis B. Sprung".

DENNIS SPRUNG  
PRESIDENT AND CEO

Buyer Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_/\_\_/20\_\_

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# HAPPY TAILS

## Lifetime Genetic Health Guarantee



### **Seller's Responsibility:**

1. David &/or Michelle Hall (DBA AKC Bernese Mountain Dog Ranch), hereafter referred to as Breeder, does hereby certify that to the best of Breeder's knowledge, the dog sold is in good health and has current vaccinations. The breeder guarantees the puppy is in good health, has had, as a minimum, its first two rounds of immunizations, & and has been de-wormed. The Buyer has 72 hours, from the time of pick up, to take the puppy to a licensed veterinarian for a physical examination. If the puppy is found to be in poor health, the Buyer has the option of returning the puppy to the Breeder, at the Buyer's cost, for a full refund. The Buyer will provide to Breeder a written statement from a licensed veterinarian clearly stating the defect or illness. If the puppy is not taken to a licensed veterinarian within 72 hours from the time of pickup, this health warranty is void.

2. Breeder provides this lifetime warranty against the following debilitating genetic disease: Degenerative Myelopathy (DM, SOD1A & SOD1B) and Von Willebrand Disease Type I (Type I vWD, VWF). In the unlikely event this dog exhibits symptoms suspected to be caused by one of these debilitating genetic defects, the Buyer must supply any requested veterinary records to the Breeder within 72 hours of informing the Breeder of the defect. Breeder has the right to require a second opinion from a veterinarian of the Breeder's choice at the Breeder's expense. If the puppy is euthanized or in any way disposed of, without a second opinion from the Breeder's veterinarian of choice, the Buyer waives all rights to a replacement puppy. This genetic disease warranty entitles the Buyer to:

a) This dog will be replaced by a puppy of equal value, or be refunded the adoption fee paid if another puppy is not available within 12 months (excluding any/all travel/shipping costs, vet supplies, and veterinarian costs). The affected dog must be returned to the Breeder prior to or at the time of replacement.

3. The breeder warrants that this dog will remain free from Severe and Debilitating hip and/or elbow Dysplasia. The dog must have an OFA and/or PENN HIP Evaluation performed by the Buyer's licensed Veterinarian and at the Buyer's cost, to confirm the diagnosis and must be documented by the OFA foundation, and the results delivered to the Breeder's vet.

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a) If this dog is documented by OFA to have Severe and Debilitating Hip and/or Elbow Dysplasia, this dog will be replaced by a puppy of equal value or be refunded the adoption fee paid if another puppy is not available within 12 months (excluding any/all travel/shipping costs, vet supplies, and veterinarian costs). The affected dog must be returned to the Breeder prior to or at the time of replacement.

4a. This warranty does not include viral illnesses, infections, hypoglycemia, Clostridium, Coccidiosis, or Giardia. These conditions will be ruled out during the puppy's veterinarian visit to receive a health certificate. If any of these conditions present themselves during the puppy's health certificate Veterinarian examination, a treatment protocol will be administered and documentation will be made.

4b. This warranty does not include hernias (such as umbilical cord hernia) and/or prolapsed gland of the third eyelid (aka Cherry Eye). These conditions will be ruled out during the puppy's veterinarian visit to receive a health certificate. If either/both condition(s) present themselves, during the puppy's Health Certificate Veterinarian examination, documentation will be made. Treatment protocol will be administered unless the veterinarian advises waiting until the sterilization procedure when the puppy is older. If the latter, then the Breeder will reimburse the Buyer, up to \$150 for each treatment protocol (up to \$300 total), once procedure completion documentation is provided to the Breeder directly from the Buyer's veterinarian (emailed to Puppies@AKCBerneseMountainDogRanch.com).

4c. This warranty does not include improper bites. If this condition presents itself during the puppy's health certificate Veterinarian examination, documentation will be made and the Buyer will have the option to continue with the purchase of the puppy with this known condition excluded from this guarantee or have the puppy adoption deposit/reservation fee rolled to our next litter.

4d. Buyer agrees to submit the name & and contact information of Buyer's Veterinarian to Breeder within 72 hours of submitting a puppy deposit/reservation fee. Failure to do so will void this warranty. Breeder reserves the right to contact Buyer's Breeder with any questions related to the care of the puppy placed from the Breeder's program.

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5. This warranty does not include any sickness/disease/death due to the ingestion of foreign objects, food, chemicals, or physical injury or neglect after pickup or delivery of the puppy..

6. In the unlikely event a licensed Veterinarian determines the dog suffers from a condition caused by a genetic disorder not directly mentioned above, the Buyer must supply any requested veterinary records to Breeder within 72 hours of informing Breeder of the defect. Breeder has the right to require a second opinion from a veterinarian of the Breeder's choice at the Breeder's expense. If the puppy is euthanized or in any way disposed of, without a second opinion from the Breeder's veterinarian of choice, the Buyer waives all rights to a replacement puppy. This genetic disease warranty entitles the Buyer: to a **replacement puppy from the next available litter. The initial dog must be returned to Breeder. Shipping fees will not be refunded, & if it becomes necessary to ship a replacement puppy, those fees are to be paid by the Buyer.**

7. If the dog should die from a suspected congenital defect, a Necropsy must be performed at the Buyer's expense by a licensed veterinarian acceptable to the Breeder's own veterinarian. If the Necropsy shows a congenital defect as the reason of the death, the Breeder will provide another puppy to the Buyer. A written statement from the Buyer's Veterinarian must be provided. If it becomes necessary to ship a replacement puppy, those fees are to be paid by the Buyer. This warranty is void in the event of an undetermined or inconclusive diagnosis.

8. Buyer is required to maintain lifetime health insurance coverage on this dog, with a maximum \$1,000 deductible, or this warranty is void. The first 30 days of this coverage is provided free, with puppy adoption, as long as Buyer completes the Free Coverage Signup Process with Trupainion.

9. Breeder agrees to submit, on behalf of Buyer and with one of Buyer's two name choices, AKC Registration for the puppy with the first 30 Characters being, "BerneseMountainDogRanch.com." This is for Full AKC Registered Puppies sold, ONLY.

10. No warranties or guarantees, expressed or implied, are made under this contract except as stated.

11. This warranty is non-transferable.

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### Buyer's Responsibility:

1. The Buyer bears all costs relating to the sale of the above animal, including transportation. The risk of loss or injury to the above animal is on the Buyer at all times after the dog leaves the Breeder's facility..
2. Buyer agrees that Breeder is not responsible for any harm the puppy may do to property or individuals, including but not limited to, biting, scratching, or spreading of any sickness or disease (including to humans).
3. Because of the variety and quality of dog foods available (and not all canine illnesses are covered by vaccination), the Breeder requires the puppy/dog be kept on food product provided by the Breeder at the time of pickup/transfer until replacement dog food is recommended by Buyer's Veterinarian. Buyer agrees to keep puppy/dog on dog food recommended (and documented) by Buyer's licensed Veterinarian. Deviating from this policy will void this health guarantee.
4. The Buyer agrees to keep their Bernese at a healthy weight, documented annually by a licensed veterinarian. Veterinarian weight documentation is to be kept for the lifetime of the dog. Deviating from this policy will void this health guarantee.
5. The Buyer agrees to make and keep annual veterinary appointments for their Bernese, keep all immunizations current according to the guidelines of the American Veterinary Medical Association, and properly administer heartworm preventative medication.
6. By following the Puppy Culture Exercise Guide posted on the last page of this agreement document, The Buyer agrees to postpone strenuous, repetitive exercise until after their Bernese is over one year of age by.
7. Before the puppy's first birthday, Buyer agrees to complete with their puppy the AKC S.T.A.R Puppy Testing and/or AKC Canine Good Citizen Certification (or equivalent, as agreed upon between Buyer and seller) and provide documentation of this completed training. Failure to complete this training will void this warranty.
8. The Buyer agrees to never tie-out (tie up or chain) puppy/dog or to place the puppy/dog in a shelter, pound, similar facility, or research laboratory.

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9. Buyer and Seller agree that the Dog is being sold "as-is" with no warranties made by the Seller unless otherwise stated in this Agreement.

10. Buyer agrees to submit the balance of the puppy's adoption fee prior to the puppy being released from the Breeder to the Buyer and must be paid in full before the puppy reaches 9 weeks of age. Buyer further agrees to claim puppy from Breeder between 8 weeks and 16 weeks of age. Delayed pickup/delivery/shipment will result in an additional \$25 per day boarding fee, payable in advance. Additional Boarding arrangements, beyond 8 weeks of age, must be made before the puppy turns 10 weeks old. Breeder must agree to an additional boarding term, prior to the puppy turning 12 weeks old. All additional Boarding Fees are payable in advance of the puppy reaching 10 weeks of age.

The  puppy Adoption  Fee includes Free Delivery for distances not greater than 750 miles (one way) from Breeder, in Clark, WY. No delivery or pickup before 10 a.m.

### Buyer/Seller's Adoption Agreement:

11. Buyer has selected a Male / Female (**circle one**) puppy identified as:  
No Gender Preference

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with  Limited /  Full (**check one**) Registration.

Full Registration is a \$500 Refundable Holding Fee (less \$125 Administrative Fee) plus an additional \$3,750 due prior to the puppy leaving with the Buyer or before the Breeder delivers/ships the puppy.

Limited Registration is a \$500 holding fee (less \$125 Administrative Fee) plus an additional \$3,250.00 prior to the puppy leaving with the Buyer or before the Breeder delivers/ships the puppy. Failure of the Buyer to have the puppy neutered/spayed between 18 months and 24 months voids all guarantees and warranties.

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Because training is vital for all pets, large breeds especially, before the puppy leaves the home of the Breeder, Buyer must submit to Breeder an emailed copy of the Certificate of Completion for Jane Messineo Lindquist's (Puppy Culture Director) newly released, 2nd additional, puppy video series, "With Open Arms and a Level Head" or an Equivalent that is approved by Breeder. Failure to document the completion of this training series will void this warranty.

(check box) I agree to the terms and conditions defined in the above 5 pages and the following 3 appendix pages.

End of Happy Tails Puppy Health Guarantee Terms and Puppy Adoption Agreement Terms

**Buyers information:**

I have read and understood the above guarantee and purchase agreement regarding this puppy and agree to this document.

Buyer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Buyer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Seller Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Michelle Hall

Breeder Note:

Puppy Culture Exercise Guide, as provided at this link:

<http://www.inugami.ca/fr/exercise-guidelines-for-puppies-by-puppy-culture>

**A FREE bound and printed copy of this guide will be purchased by Breeder from Puppy Culture for each Buyer and sent home with the puppy.**

	8-12 Weeks	12-16 Weeks	4-6 Months	6-12 Months	12-18 Months	18 Months to 2 years
<b>Sustained and Continuous Walking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50-200 feet at a time</li> <li>• Break up with sniffing and noodling around</li> <li>• Formal heeling/leash walking training limited to 2 minutes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gradually increase duration and length of walks - Probably going to be between 100-200 feet by the time the puppy is 16 weeks old.</li> <li>• Let the puppy volunteer to keep going and stop if he shows reluctance to go further.</li> <li>• Keep formal training under 2 minutes per session.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gradually increase duration and length of walks - Probably going to be between 200-400 feet at a time by the time the puppy is 6 months old.</li> <li>• Let the puppy volunteer to keep going and stop if he shows reluctance to go further.</li> <li>• Keep formal training under 2 minutes per session.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walks on pavement should be kept short, but duration of walks on dirt or turf can be increased and more "hiking" type activities can be introduced.</li> <li>• Again, best to keep do these walks as "sniff and strolls" but you can increase sustained walking to up to 20-30 minutes on a relatively level, soft, surface by the time the puppy is a year old IF the puppy volunteers to go that far.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walks on pavement should be kept short, but duration of walks on dirt or turf can be increased and more "hiking" type activities can be introduced.</li> <li>• Again, best to keep do these walks as "sniff and strolls" but you can increase sustained walking to up to 20-30 minutes on a relatively level, soft, surface by the time the puppy is a year old IF the puppy volunteers to go that far.</li> </ul>	Hikes and walks can be gradually increased to as long and as rigorous as you and your dog both like, but remember that a dog's soft tissue is still maturing through about three years old. Increases should be gradual and you should back off if your dog appears tired or reluctant.
<b>Sniff N Stroll</b>	Informal "sniff and stroll" sessions can be up to about 10-15 minutes.	Can be increased to 15-20 minutes	Can be increased to as much as 45 minutes by the time the puppy is 6 months old, provided you are moving at a very slow pace with lots of opportunity for the puppy to stop and noodle around.	Can be increased to as much as 60 minutes by the time the puppy is 12 months old, provided you are moving at a very slow pace with lots of opportunity for the puppy to stop and noodle around.	OK to do 60 minutes provided you are moving at a very slow pace with lots of opportunity for the puppy to stop and noodle around.	Sniff and strolls can be gradually replaced with more sustained "walks" but remember that sniffing is the primary way dogs relate to the world, so be a sport and continue to give your dog to stop an sniff from time to time.
<b>Noodling and Kibble Trails</b>	Puppy can go out in a safe yard and explore at his own pace or do a "Kibble Trail" as long as he likes.	Puppy can go out in a safe yard and explore at his own pace or do a "Kibble Trail" as long as he likes.	Puppy can go out in a safe yard and explore at his own pace or do a "Kibble Trail" as long as he likes.	Puppy can go out in a safe yard and explore at his own pace or do a "Kibble Trail" as long as he likes.	Puppy can go out in a safe yard and explore at his own pace or do a "Kibble Trail" as long as he likes.	Your dog can go out in a safe yard and explore at his own pace or do a "Kibble Trail" as long as he likes.
<b>Running</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No directed running except for very short spurts in play</li> <li>• Puppy can run as much as he likes on his own</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No directed running except for very short spurts in play</li> <li>• Puppy can run as much as he likes on his own</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No directed running except for very short spurts in play</li> <li>• Puppy can run as much as he likes on his own</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No directed running except for very short spurts in play</li> <li>• Puppy can run as much as he likes on his own</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No directed running except for very short spurts in play</li> <li>• Puppy can run as much as he likes on his own</li> </ul>	Running and endurance training can gradually be introduced at this time





<p><b>Jumping and Impact activities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bars on the ground to wrist height</li> <li>• No more than one or two obstacles in a row</li> <li>• Wobble boards and unstable surfaces, but but very low</li> <li>• Carpet all indoor stairs and never allow puppy to go up and down stairs unsupervised</li> <li>• Put up gates at top/ bottom of stairs</li> <li>• Consider carrying puppy if your he needs to do more than one or two stair steps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bars on the ground to wrist height</li> <li>• No more than one or two obstacles in a row</li> <li>• Wobble boards and unstable surfaces, but but very low</li> <li>• Carpet all indoor stairs and never allow puppy to go up and down stairs unsupervised</li> <li>• Put up gates at top/ bottom of stairs</li> <li>• Consider carrying puppy if your he needs to do more than one or two stair steps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bars on the ground to wrist height</li> <li>• No more than one or two obstacles in a row</li> <li>• Wobble boards and unstable surfaces, but but very low</li> <li>• Carpet all indoor stairs and never allow puppy to go up and down stairs unsupervised</li> <li>• Put up gates at top/ bottom of stairs</li> <li>• Consider carrying puppy if your he needs to do more than one or two stair steps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps can be gradually raised half way to elbow height between 6 and 12 months old, with correspondingly more challenging ramps, wobble boards, and teeters</li> <li>• Platform work for rear end awareness can be introduced at this time very carefully and slowly</li> <li>• This is also the time when we see the most spiral fractures happen because the puppies have the wherewithal to get up on high couches and beds - be extra vigilant about not letting puppies up on high furniture without very close supervision!</li> <li>• Stairs are always a hazard and should have good traction - carpet indoors, non-skid surface outdoors</li> <li>• Although the puppy may start doing stairs with good traction at this time, you should still supervise and don't let him run down the stairs with other dogs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps can be gradually raised half way to elbow height between 6 and 12 months old, with correspondingly more challenging ramps, wobble boards, and teeters</li> <li>• Platform work for rear end awareness can be introduced at this time very carefully and slowly</li> <li>• This is also the time when we see the most spiral fractures happen because the puppies have the wherewithal to get up on high couches and beds - be extra vigilant about not letting puppies up on high furniture without very close supervision!</li> <li>• Stairs are always a hazard and should have good traction - carpet indoors, non-skid surface outdoors</li> <li>• Although the puppy may start doing stairs with good traction at this time, you should still supervise and don't let him run down the stairs with other dogs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gradually raise jumps and contact obstacles to full competition height between 18-24 months old</li> <li>• Stairs are always a hazard and should have good traction - carpet indoors, non-skid surface outdoors</li> </ul>
<p><b>Swimming</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Puppy should ALWAYS wear a life jacket</li> <li>• Wading and playing on the shoreline</li> <li>• Climbing on and off low platforms and rafts in shallow water</li> <li>• Retrieves/tossing toys in shallow water parallel to shoreline, never into deep water</li> <li>• Normal puppies should be allowed to swim if they volunteer to do so, but never forced</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Puppy should ALWAYS wear a life jacket</li> <li>• Wading and playing on the shoreline</li> <li>• Climbing on and off low platforms and rafts in shallow water</li> <li>• Retrieves/tossing toys in shallow water parallel to shoreline, never into deep water</li> <li>• Normal puppies should be allowed to swim if they volunteer to do so, but never forced</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Puppy should ALWAYS wear a life jacket</li> <li>• Wading and playing on the shoreline</li> <li>• Climbing on and off low platforms and rafts in shallow water</li> <li>• Retrieves/tossing toys in shallow water parallel to shoreline, never into deep water</li> <li>• Normal puppies should be allowed to swim if they volunteer to do so, but never forced</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Puppy should ALWAYS wear a life jacket</li> <li>• Wading and playing on the shoreline</li> <li>• Climbing on and off low platforms and rafts in shallow water</li> <li>• Retrieves/tossing toys in shallow water parallel to shoreline, never into deep water</li> <li>• Normal puppies should be allowed to swim if they volunteer to do so. Limit swimming to a few minutes at a time.</li> <li>• Very short swim out to retrieves in the water.</li> <li>• Keep the toy close to shore. High toy-drive dogs will swim further after a thrown toy than they can or should.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Puppy should ALWAYS wear a life jacket</li> <li>• Wading and playing on the shoreline</li> <li>• Climbing on and off low platforms and rafts in shallow water</li> <li>• Retrieves/tossing toys in shallow water parallel to shoreline, never into deep water</li> <li>• Normal puppies should be allowed to swim if they volunteer to do so. Limit swimming to a few minutes at a time.</li> <li>• Very short swim out to retrieves in the water.</li> <li>• Keep the toy close to shore. High toy-drive dogs will swim further after a thrown toy than they can or should.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competition swimming behaviors can be introduced and dog can swim for as long as he volunteers to</li> <li>• Life jackets are always a must</li> </ul>



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	8-12 Weeks	12-16 Weeks	4-6 Months	6-12 Months	12-18 Months	18 Months to 2 years
<b>Chasing</b>	Roll balls and drag toys on the ground in gentle circles	Roll balls and drag toys on the ground in gentle circles	Roll balls and drag toys on the ground in gentle circles	Roll balls and drag toys on the ground in gentle circles	Roll balls and drag toys on the ground in gentle circles	Gauge your play style by your dog's common sense. If you throw a ball and your dog tumbles head over heels to get it, don't throw the ball, roll or lob it
<b>Tugging</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep the toy low so the puppy's neck is in a straight line</li> <li>Don't pull on the toy - allow the puppy to tug against you</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep the toy low so the puppy's neck is in a straight line</li> <li>Don't pull on the toy - allow the puppy to tug against you</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep the toy low so the puppy's neck is in a straight line</li> <li>Don't pull on the toy - allow the puppy to tug against you</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep the toy low so the puppy's neck is in a straight line</li> <li>Don't pull on the toy - allow the puppy to tug against you</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep the toy low so the puppy's neck is in a straight line</li> <li>Don't pull on the toy - allow the puppy to tug against you</li> </ul>	You can start to hold the tug toy higher but generally it's best to let the dog tug on the toy rather than you pulling on it
<b>Fast Turns</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No fast turns or sudden stops</li> <li>No <b>fast</b> weaves or lure coursing</li> <li>We do begin <b>slow</b> shaping of weave poles but discontinue if the puppy shows any signs of speeding up or really "weaving" through the poles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No fast turns or sudden stops</li> <li>No <b>fast</b> weaves or lure coursing</li> <li>We do begin <b>slow</b> shaping of weave poles but discontinue if the puppy shows any signs of speeding up or really "weaving" through the poles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No fast turns or sudden stops</li> <li>No <b>fast</b> weaves or lure coursing</li> <li>We do begin <b>slow</b> shaping of weave poles but discontinue if the puppy shows any signs of speeding up or really "weaving" through the poles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No fast turns or sudden stops</li> <li>No <b>fast</b> weaves or lure coursing</li> <li>We do begin <b>slow</b> shaping of weave poles but discontinue if the puppy shows any signs of speeding up or really "weaving" through the poles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No fast turns or sudden stops</li> <li>No <b>fast</b> weaves or lure coursing</li> <li>We do begin <b>slow</b> shaping of weave poles but discontinue if the puppy shows any signs of speeding up or really "weaving" through the poles</li> </ul>	Full weave pole training and other activities that involve twisting and turning can be introduced.
<b>Free Play With Other Dogs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10-15 minutes for formal "play dates,"</li> <li>Puppy can have free access to other puppies and adults in the household (so long as the puppy is not harassing the adults.)</li> <li>Keep bags of small dog treats on hand and throw handfuls of food down to interrupt rough or overly fast play</li> <li>You may have to enforce rest periods by putting puppy away for naps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10-15 minutes for formal "play dates,"</li> <li>Puppy can have free access to other puppies and adults in the household (so long as the puppy is not harassing the adults.)</li> <li>Keep bags of small dog treats on hand and throw handfuls of food down to interrupt rough or overly fast play</li> <li>You may have to enforce rest periods by putting puppy away for naps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 20 minutes for formal "play dates,"</li> <li>Puppy can have free access to other puppies and adults in the household (so long as the puppy is not harassing the adults.)</li> <li>Keep bags of small dog treats on hand and throw handfuls of food down to interrupt rough or overly fast play</li> <li>You may have to enforce rest periods by putting puppy away for naps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your puppy's increased body mass can make him more liable to injury if he engages in body-slammng play or a lot of fast sprints and turns.</li> <li>Keep bags of small dog treats on hand and throw handfuls of food down to interrupt rough or overly fast play</li> <li>Up to 20 minutes for formal "play dates,"</li> <li>Puppy can have free access to other puppies and adults in the household (so long as the puppy is not harassing the adults.)</li> <li>You may have to enforce rest periods by putting puppy away for naps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your puppy's increased body mass can make him more liable to injury if he engages in body-slammng play or a lot of fast sprints and turns.</li> <li>Keep bags of small dog treats on hand and throw handfuls of food down to interrupt rough or overly fast play</li> <li>Up to 20 minutes for formal "play dates,"</li> <li>Puppy can have free access to other puppies and adults in the household (so long as the puppy is not harassing the adults.)</li> <li>You may have to enforce rest periods by putting puppy away for naps</li> </ul>	Always be vigilant when your dogs are playing and intervene by throwing handfuls of food down if there's a lot of body slammng or the play just gets crazy.



# AKC Bernese Mountain Dog Ranch

## Pricing Policy (page 1 of 2)

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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 & and decades of experience, we do all we can to ensure your Berner will be a healthy & and enjoyable canine companion. Because of this, our puppies are simply the best that money can buy & and 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 & and 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. Alternatively, 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.

When you are offered a puppy from a new litter and decide to accept your placement in that litter, a "Good Faith Installment" of \$1000 will be invoiced and payment of that invoice is applied towards the purchase price. This "Good Faith Installment" is required within 3 days of placement acceptance. The remaining balance is payable when your puppy is 8 weeks and 4 days old (the earliest day your puppy is ready for pickup).

## **AKC Bernese Mountain Dog Ranch Pricing Policy (cont'd page 2 of 2)**

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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 \$125 Administrative Fee. as long as your refund request is received via email before your puppy's litter turns 5 weeks old.

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 Final payment needs to be complete by the time your puppy is 8 weeks and 4 days of age (the earliest 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 fee of \$25 per day.

## Limited Registration:

Taken from <https://www.akc.org/register/information/limited-registration>

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Limited Registration means that the dog is registered but no litters produced by that dog are eligible for registration.

Chapter 3, Section 4A of the AKC's Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline states the following: "may be requested for a dog when application for individual registration of the dog is submitted, provided the application, together with a request for such limitation, is filed by the owner(s) of the litter at birth.

No offspring of a dog for which has been granted is eligible for registration. Each registration certificate for such dog shall carry notice of the limitation, and the limitation shall continue, regardless of any change of ownership, unless and until the owner(s) of the litter at birth shall apply to AKC for removal of the limitation."

A dog registered with an AKC Limited Registration shall be ineligible to be entered in a breed competition in a licensed or member dog show. It is eligible, however, to be entered in any other licensed or member event. These events include: Obedience, Rally, Agility, Tracking, Field Trials, Hunting Tests, Herding, Lure Coursing, Earthdog, Fast Cat, CAT, Scentwork, Junior Showmanship, Trick Dog and CGC.

Limited Registration is determined by the litter owner(s). The litter owner(s) check the Limited box on the AKC Dog Registration Application.

Limited Registration certificates are white with an orange border; the Full Registration certificate is white with a purple border.

Limited Registration can be changed to Full Registration only by the litter owner(s). The litter owner(s) will need to obtain the Application to Revoke Limited Status. That form will then need to be completed and sent to our Raleigh address with the processing fee. After processing, we will send a Full Registration certificate to the dog's owner.

Limited Registration helps breeders protect their breeding programs. If breeders do not want puppies used for breeding purposes, they can request the option for those puppies.

The American Kennel Club does not license or endorse anyone engaged in the commerce of selling purebred dogs and, therefore, has no control over the business practices of those involved in such transactions. Membership in the American Kennel Club is comprised of independent dog clubs located throughout the United States. No individual persons are members of the AKC.

The AKC will not become involved in disputes concerning 'full' or 'limited' registration of a dog. These disputes must be resolved by the parties involved in the sale of the dog.