

Adoption Procedures



BEFORE ADOPTING

1. I recommend to first being certain that the Bernese Mountain Dog is a breed that fits your temperament, your type of leisure and your occupation. Future owners must ask themselves: Am I available to train and care for a dog that requires time, affection, exercise and space? It is imperative to love going outside in all temperatures, the Bernese like all dogs, also needs an active outdoor life.

2. If you have assessed the implications of having a Bernese Mountain at home, the second step is to choose a good breeder. Internet is a great way to shop without traveling. Visit the race club (www.cqbb.org), read the information, see the lists of breeders. Call for an initial approach, then I suggest making an appointment and visit two or three kennels.

All serious breeders will show their kennel set up inside out, and will also provide the original records of the dogs they own. If you do not have access to the dogs, beware. Some breeders will not allow direct access for puppies to prevent transmission of disease before vaccination.

The joy of living in a democratic country with some sort of free trade has its negative counterpart whoever can sell anything in breeding dogs. It's up to you to be cautious and not encourage puppy mills by buying a dog from a pet shop.

The Law on Animal Pedigree of Canada does not provide certification or registration if an animal as purebred is not recorded.

The choice of the Breeder will be based on your criteria and your affinity. I suggest you compare the warranties and you ask questions about how the breeder applies the warranty, the conditions. Unfortunately, it can happen, your dog could have hereditary problems. Beware of too fortunate breeders who say they never had problems of heredity. Have they had little puppies before or there is a lack of honesty?

Realistically, despite great efforts by all serious breeders, it may happen that a puppy will not meet its promises. The guarantee is there for the problems inherited and if it's the case, a veterinarian should be confirming it. Other health problems could occur and not all of them are under warranty, which means it would be at the risk of buyers and they would hold the decision in that case. The purchase of an animal

always involves some risks; a dog in excellent health can escape and be hit by a car, or eat something that requires a costly intervention. (There is insurance covering risks unrelated to the warranty.) All kinds of situation may arise in life; your dog may be doing well and just be unlucky. Just be prepared to any circumstances.

I affirm that the vast majority of puppies will be up to the breeder's promise if this is a serious breeder, and will bring you much pleasure, without overspending. Are you ready to make the jump and experience a life full of fun and sometimes surprises and sometimes sadness? Maybe I'll have the honour to have you as a customer?



ADOPTION PROCEDURES AT IMIER

Having done your research and a first approach as suggested above, you decided to choose Imier Kennel. Our adoption procedures are flexible and you can see which one you would prefer. In any case, at Imier or like any other kennel, the breeder should be informed and ask more questions about your motivation to buy a puppy and if future involvement is clearly understood. The breeder wants his puppies to live in good conditions and prefers to make sure of that. The breeder can refuse to sell a puppy, may suggest postponing the purchase until better conditions or may recommend buying a different race more fit to the lifestyle of the buyer.

A) You have decided you've chosen to reserve a puppy at the earliest to have greater choice in the litter?

A booking contract is signed, you specify if you have a preference for one sex and you make a deposit \$ 200. As the breeder we will keep you abreast of the time of mating, will confirm the pregnancy and then birth. You have new puppies and photos a few times during the eight weeks they are with their mother. You can come visit the puppies once if you did not already visit before. Hygiene rules will be applied in order to take the puppy in your arms.

B) Your not sure, your decision is not quite taken?

We can put your name on a list in chronological order of registration. However, anyone who will deposit will have priority over you.

C) You are sure, but there is only a last choice of the litter?

The breeder will register the option to return your deposit only if the temperament, sex or physical appearance nonstandard puppy that will not match customer requirements specified in the reservation.

The customer may also choose to wait until the next scope and the choices that remain to this point will be clarified.

D) You come to visit, there is one or more puppies ready to go?

Easy, you sign the adoption contract and you can leave with the puppy if all conditions are fulfilled ideal for immediate adoption. The farmer can keep a puppy a week to the client, without charge, then the breeder charge of boarding costs minimal.