

STEWARDS OF THE OPEN BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG DATABASE

The Berner-Garde Foundation was established to collect maintain and disseminate information about genetic diseases observed in the Bernese Mountain Dog.

The Berner-Garde Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, not for profit corporation.

The Berner-Garde Foundation is comprised of a voluntary Board of Directors, several committees and, at its core, a computerized database. The database contains information which has been compiled over many years from voluntary submissions of data from owners and from other public sources of information, including the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA).

Information in the Berner-Garde Foundation database is available to all owners, Bernese Mountain Dog clubs, both national and international, veterinarians, researchers and other appropriate users who are working to reduce genetic disease in the BMD.



OUR MISSION

The Berner-Garde Foundation is dedicated to advancing the health of Bernese Mountain Dogs by fostering collaboration and providing resources to reduce genetic disease.

OUR VISION

That all Bernese Mountain Dogs live long and healthy lives.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- Support health research into genetic diseases through:
- Maintaining a health and pedigree database through voluntary submissions from owners, breeders and other sources.
 - Open sharing of data and information with Bernese Mountain Dog owners, breeders, and scientists.
 - Preserving DNA samples and data for future health research through our partnership with BMD DNA Repository at Michigan State University.
 - Collaborating with the scientific research community to support health research relevant to the Bernese Mountain Dog.

LEAVE A LEGACY!

To accomplish the Berner-Garde Foundation's mission, all BMDs must be included in the database. Please make it your responsibility to submit data on each dog, regardless of whether the dog will be bred. Reporting should begin at the time of birth. Every breeder is encouraged to submit data on every puppy born. Periodically, review your dog's data in the database to update and check for accuracy.

Data submissions are made online at the Berner-Garde website or forms can be requested from the Berner-Garde File Manager.

HOW CAN BERNER-GARDE HELP ME?

Only by working together and sharing information openly can any long term control of genetic diseases be advanced on a breed wide basis.



FOR THE LOVE OF A BERNER
Funding for the Berner-Garde Foundation comes from gifts and fund-raising projects offered by friends of the breed. Memorial and celebration contributions are encouraged. The Foundation is run entirely by volunteers so all funds directly benefit Bernese Mountain Dogs. All donations are tax deductible, as allowed by law.

Make your check payable to:
The Berner-Garde Foundation, Inc.
Mail your donation to:

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Legacy from the Heart

By remembering the Berner-Garde Foundation in your estate plan you will enable the Foundation to participate in research projects which will improve and advance the lives of our beloved Berners.

The Berner-Garde Foundation has established a new fund designed for legacy giving. This fund, managed by a community foundation, will provide the means for the Foundation to fund health research projects.

By remembering the Berner-Garde Foundation in your estate plan, together we can make a lasting impact on the lives of the breed we all love.

For more information, contact:
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Every dog has a story to tell...
tell your dog's story in
Berner-Garde and leave a legacy.