



FOSTER HOME/ADOPTIVE HOME APPLICATION FORM

Please fill out this application completely. The application is designed to assist the potential adopter in finding an animal most compatible with his/her lifestyle. An unwise adoption can result in an unpleasant experience for adoptive families and may ruin the dog for any further adoptions. We hope you will agree that the animal's welfare must be our foremost consideration.

In order to be considered for an adoption, you must:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- have the knowledge and consent of all adults living in your household.
- have verifiable identification. Driver's license # _____
- have landlord's consent to bring an animal onto the property.
- understand that the ABMDR has the right to deny your application for any reason they deem fit.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

Email Address: _____

Referred

by _____

Vet's name and phone #

Type of dwelling: house _____ condo _____ apartment _____ dorm _____

mobile home _____

If renting, name, address and phone of landlord _____

How long have you lived at this address? _____ yrs

Do you have a fenced yard or dog kennel? Yes No

If yes, how much space is provided?

What is the height and type of fencing?

Do you plan to move in the foreseeable future? Yes No

If yes, what will you do with your pets?

General Information:

Are you adopting for: self _____ immediate family _____
someone else _____

Who will be responsible for the care of dog?

Are you familiar with local animal control laws?

Do you or anyone in your household have any known allergies to animals?

Yes No

If yes, to what kinds of animals and how severe?

Do you travel a great deal? Yes No

If yes, how do you intend to provide for the dog while you're away? _____

Why do you want a Bernese Mountain dog? _____

Have you ever owned a dog? Yes No

If yes, please describe your level of experience with dogs _____

Do you have other animals? List type, age, sex _____

What happened to any pets you no longer have?

Would you and your family be willing to consider the adoption and rehabilitation of a dog that has a behavior problem(s)? Yes No

Would you and your family be willing to consider the adoption of a dog that has a health problem(s)? Yes No

Would you be prepared to take a dog through a formal obedience training program Yes No

Have you ever attended a dog training program? Yes No

Do you have children (at home)? Yes No

List number and ages _____

Where will dog be during day? _____

at night? _____

How many hours will it spend without human companionship?

Where will it be kept when alone?

The average yearly cost for routine care of a Bernese can run as high as \$600. This does not include emergency care or other unexpected costs. Are you prepared to spend this amount on your new pet? Yes No

Who will be financially responsible? _____

Bernese mountain dogs can live over 10 years; are you ready to take responsibility for the dog's entire life? Yes No

Are you aware of the health issues of Bernese Mountain Dogs?

Yes No

Have you ever brought an animal into a shelter? Yes No

If yes, why? _____

Are you willing to have a member of ABMDR visit your home prior to adoption (by appointment)? Yes No

Are you willing to have follow up contact with the ABMDR? Yes No

I understand that a portion of the rescue fee is a refundable (\$50) upon completion and proof of an obedience program? (must be completed first during the first 6 month after adoption is complete) Yes No

Please feel free to attach a letter (or use area at bottom of page) going into more detail as to why you would like to adopt a Bernese Mountain Dog.

It should include the following:

What would a typical day be like in the life of your new pet?

Why would your home be the ideal home for a rescued Berner?

What type of dog would you prefer:
young, older, male, female, active, laid-back?

What characteristics you are looking for.

Why do you want a Rescue?

What type of activities would you want to do with your dog?

Please review and sign the Terms of Adoption section

Terms of Adoption

1. Return policy: If for any reason, the adoption is not found to be satisfactory for the rescue dog or the family, the ABMDR requires that the dog be returned. The rescue dog **MUST NOT** be sold or given away, but returned to the ABMDR if for any reason the adoption is unsatisfactory for the adopting family. If the dog is returned within 14 days of adoption, a full refund of the adoption fee will be given. After 14 days, no portion of the fee will be returned. Furthermore, the GCSBMDC reserves the right to take back any rescue dog that is being neglected or not properly cared for.
2. The rescue dog must be licensed in accordance with existing laws in your town and rabies vaccine must be kept current.
3. The adopting family agrees to provide adequate shelter, food, all necessary medical care, and agrees that their rescue dog will not be allowed to run free without proper supervision. Failure to do so may result in the dog being surrendered to the ABMDR.
4. If AKC registration papers are available for the rescue dog, they will be given to the new owner. The documents will be held for thirty days, after which the adoption will be considered completed.
5. I will provide for this dog a loving home and accept this dog as a member of my family. I will provide food, water, adequate exercise and safe shelter at all times.
6. I will provide veterinary care, including all vaccinations and medical tests required for good health.
7. I understand that ABMDR has no further responsibilities for this dog, medical or otherwise.
8. I ensure that this dog will wear obvious identification at all times.
9. I will accept and cooperate with the removal of this dog from my home if there should be a violation of this agreement.
10. I will pay an adoption fee of \$375. This includes a \$50 refundable fee if an obedience course is completed with this dog within 6 months of this adoption.

Signature _____ Date _____

<small>For ABMDR representative only</small>	
ABMDR agent _____	Date _____
Application accepted? _____ Denied? _____	Date _____
Name of Dog placed _____	Date _____
Terms of Adoption Reviewed _____	Date _____