Bernese Mountain Dog Club
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BMD Death Survey – A Call to ALL BMD Owners

Hopefully everyone who cares about the health of our breed will understand the need for the breed to relaunch this initiative. This is not simply being morbid as awareness of the ages, and where possible causes, of deaths is a vital part of knowledge required to establish areas to investigate further and in breeding choice considerations. This survey is about looking backwards to move forwards, it is about the future, it is about positive progression of our breed by identifying issues. Such surveys are commonplace and even compulsory in some other countries. More information can be found in the health section of our web site.

Your information relating to each dog will be made available via the club web site, in the health section, and occasional summaries in club publications. Dogs forwarded for this survey will also have their death details added to their existing record on Berner Garde. Your personal details will not be published in any format.

Simple information is required so please give the details as fully and honestly as you can. Partially complete details may still be of value so, please, still send in what you can about your departed dogs. A call to your vet to quickly check your computerised record may be helpful to easily confirm dates and causes of death, people are reporting this is really easy to do.

In order to make the list as relevant as possible we welcome dates and details of deaths from more recent years but all dog's details are important however long ago. We have to look for, and aim to reduce, problems but also put anything arising into proper context so as many dogs as possible are important. So, whenever your Bernese died and even if you do not have a cause of death, please let us know the details and any comments/thoughts. If you feel your BMD died of *'old age'* then this too is important to record. We want to know about **all** Bernese and **all** ages at death, accident or illness related, passed peacefully in sleep, family pets, breeding or never breeding dogs, working dogs, show dogs, **ALL UK BERNESE are important,** this means bred or living in the UK**.**

You can complete the attached form and post it to Mr S. Green, 49, Carr Rd, Deepcar, Sheffield, S36 2PR or it can be scanned and emailed to health@bernese.co.uk.

If you can contribute more dogs please print and complete one survey form per dog. Alternatively, you can simply list and send the requested details by email. An electronic version of this form is available on our website here:
http://bernese.co.uk/health/bernese-death-survey-form

Thank you very much.

Mr Steve Green
BMD Breed Health CoOrdinator
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BMD Death Survey
(Print or Supply One Survey Sheet per Dog)

Dog's Pet Name: _____

(D)og/(B)itch: _____

Date of Birth: _____
If not known please include any helpful information you can

Dog's KC Registered Name: _____
If not known please include any helpful information you can

Breeder's Name: _____
If not known please include any helpful information you can

Dog's Date of Death: _____
Even if you don't know the exact date but do have a month and year then this is still useful and can be entered in the records (using the 15th as a 'mid month' reference point)

Dog's Cause of Death, if known, and any other comments you wish to make relating to health and/or death of this dog:

(Continue separately or PTO if required. Only very brief details of this answer can ever be published and, when necessary, we reserve the right to summarise and categorise for the purpose of the survey).

The following details WILL NOT be published but are needed & may be helpful if any clarification is needed.

Owner's Name(s): _____

Owner's email: _____

Owner's telephone number: _____