



Bernese Death Survey

For all owners and breeders of Bernese Mountain Dogs

Awareness of the ages and causes of deaths is a vital part of knowledge required in breeding and future breed management. This survey is about looking backwards to move our breed forwards, improving the breed for the future. For further info or extra forms please refer to the Death Survey section at www.bernese.co.uk/health

Only very basic information is requested so please give the details as best you can. Even partially complete details may still be of value so, please, still send in what you can about your dog(s). In order to make the list as relevant as possible dates and details of deaths from the present and more historical years are welcome and all dog's (correct) death details are important and helpful. Some people have made a quick call to their vets to obtain dates and submitted valuable historical information of long-gone Bernese.

We have to look for, and aim to reduce, hereditary conditions but also put anything arising into proper context so as many Bernese as possible are important. Therefore, even if you do not have a cause of death, please let us know the other details and any comments/thoughts you have. Even if you feel your dog simply died of 'old age' then this too is important to record. We really want to know about ALL Bernese past and present and ALL ages at death, accident or illness related, passed peacefully in sleep, show dogs, breeding dogs, working dogs, family pets, ALL BERNESE are important to this survey.

Please complete this form (both pages) and post it to Mr S. Green, 49 Carr Rd, Deepcar, Sheffield, S36 2PR or it can be scanned and emailed to survey@bernese.co.uk, please title your email "BMD Death Survey".

Alternatively, there is an online version of this form in the Health section of the web site.

Bernese Health Initiative Survey GDPR Statement

Any owner or breeder name and basic contact details volunteered by contributors to this survey will be stored electronically on a spreadsheet on a password protected personal computer for the purposes and duration of the survey and any subsequent analysis after which they will be deleted. Any data provided in written/paper format will be added to the electronic record then the paper forms will be destroyed responsibly. Data will only be directly accessed by the BHI sub committee members for the purposes of summary and analysis. All BHI committee members have signed a confidentiality agreement lodged with the BMDC of GB.

Whilst dog details may eventually be passed on to any 'professional' or 'specialist' third party appropriate to progress the investigation, e.g. a Veterinary University researcher or canine geneticist, specific individual owner's or breeder's details will never be passed to any third party in any form and these details will never be published in any identifiable way unless further specific individual permissions were obtained.

Summary reviews may be published within breed literature, e.g. breed club magazine, but such reports will never include any individual details of any dogs, breeders or owners. It may be helpful to contact contributors for further information, if such research is appropriate, but any such extra contribution will be entirely voluntary and subject to these same conditions.

Any individual owner or dog details can be removed from this survey at any time by emailing to survey@bernese.co.uk

PLEASE NOTE: By contributing to this survey owners and breeders will be deemed to have read, understood and consented to these terms.

Section One – Personal Details

1.1] PERSONAL DETAILS

1.a] Your Name: _____

1.b] Your Contact Email: _____ and/or Tel: _____

1.c] Were you the owner or breeder of the dog?

i] Owners

ii] Breeder

iii] Owner and Breeder

Section Two – Dogs Details

Even if you cannot complete all the details please give as much information as possible.

2.1] DOG IDENTITY

Dog's Pet Name: _____

KC Reg Name: _____

(If not known please include any helpful information you can e.g. breeder's name or affix, part of name)

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: M / F

Country of Origin if not UK _____

Was this dog neutered? Y/N If so, what age _____

Which of the following best describes this dog's feeding regime?

- i] Complete Kibble (dry dog biscuits)
- ii] Wet dog food (tins/pouches etc)
- iii] Raw

- iv] Vegetarian
- v] Mixture (please specify)
- vi] Other (please specify)

Other Feeding _____

Did you feed any supplements alongside the dog's regular diet? Y/N (if yes please list) _____

Which of the following best describes the vaccination protocol for this dog?

- i] Puppy vaccinations then yearly booster
- ii] Puppy vaccinations then intermittent boosters

- iii] Puppy vaccinations then titre testing and then booster vaccination if necessary
- iv] Only puppy vaccinations

- v] Alternative vaccinations only (e.g. homeopathic)
- vi] No vaccinations at all

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 and/or other comments you wish to make:

(N.B. whilst your full comments will be recorded within the survey we reserve the right to summarise and categorise for the purpose of the survey).

If you wish to provide more information, please use the space below or email survey@bernese.co.uk
