



Castagnoli Family's Breaking Trail Berners

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Puppy Adoption Contract

The Breeder, Jen Castagnoli and the Adoptive Owner(s) _____ hereby agree to the following:
The Breeder hereby transfers to the Adoptive Owner, for the total adoption price of _____ dollars which includes Salt Lake County sales tax of 7.25%, and is acknowledged specifically for 1 AKC Limited Registration Purebred Bernese Mountain Dog puppy, born on _____.

HEALTH GUARANTEE: The Breeder Guarantees to the best of the Breeder's knowledge that the puppy is in good health on day of transfer. The Adoptive Owner has the right to return the puppy for the full adoption price if the puppy is examined by a veterinarian and found to be anything other than healthy by the veterinarian within 4 days of transfer. Failure by the Adoptive Owner to have the puppy examined within the 4 day period will void this warranty. While the Breeder does their best to prevent and treat parasitic infections, the Breeder does not guarantee for the puppy to be completely free of parasites at time of transfer and parasitic infections are not covered in this guarantee.

Above stated puppy will also come with a 1 year genetic health guarantee. The Breeder agrees to return the adoption fee in full if above stated puppy is diagnosed with specific genetic health conditions limited to: Renal dysplasia (genetic) and heart murmurs (non innocent and unresolved by 6 months in age). In addition, Should the puppy happen to pass away within the first year of life due to any genetic disease, the breeder agrees to refund the puppy adoption price in full. Cause of death and covered health conditions must be confirmed by a licensed veterinarian with documentation provided to the Breeder within 14 days of findings. Documentation must prove health afflictions and cause of death to be in fact genetic and not in any way environmental.

Additionally, up until the puppy's first birthday, the Breeder guarantees the puppy to be free of being diagnosed with Elbow Dysplasia beyond a rating of Grade 1. As well as Hip dysplasia beyond a mild rating and for reasons other than subluxation. Dysplasia must be determined by OFA, and positioning and quality of slides evaluated and approved by the Breeder before submission to OFA. In the event the puppy is diagnosed with dysplasia meeting the above requirements before 1 year in age, the breeder agrees to promptly refund the total puppy adoption price. All Health records for the puppy's first year of vet check-ups and weight gain must be released to Breeder to qualify for the Health Guarantee. If the dog is overweight, fed an inappropriate diet, over exercised, exposed to excessive use of stairs, consistent jumping from high elevations or re-homed without the Breeder's knowledge, every part of the health guarantee is voided.

COMMITMENT: The Adoptive Owner agrees that they have thoroughly researched the Bernese Mountain Dog breed and that they understand the many health issues a Bernese may possess. **The Adoptive Owner acknowledges that the Breeder highly recommends Pet Insurance to help cover any unexpected medical expenses from puppyhood and for the lifetime of the dog.** The Adoptive Owner agrees to be responsible for any veterinarian costs accumulated by the puppy/ dog while in the Adoptive Owner's care.

Adoptive Owner Initial _____

The Adoptive Owner agrees to not let the dog become overweight or engage in over-exercise, especially during the major growth period, this can cause permanent damage to your fast growing large breed pup's joints and muscles. The Adoptive Owner shall maintain the dog in good condition, including adherence to regular immunization schedules, heartworm preventative, proper diet, healthy weight and a clean, safe, loving environment. The dog is to be loved and kept close to their human family- not left out in extreme temperatures, ignored or chained/tied out, Bernese are a breed that in order to thrive they must be kept close to their human companions.

In the event the Adoptive Owner can no longer keep the dog, he/she agrees to contact the Breeder and return the dog to the Breeder with no refund of adoption price or let the Breeder assist in finding the dog a new home. In no case is the dog to ever be turned over to a shelter or re-homed without the Breeder's knowledge.

The Adoptive Owner agrees to spay/neuter the dog and never breed the dog in any capacity. Spay/Neuter is recommended between the ages of 1.5 & 2 years of age (after the major growth period has passed). Upon the Breeder's request, Adoptive Owner must be able to provide proof of spay/neuter to the Breeder by 2.5 years of age (unless other arrangements in writing have been made between the Breeder and Adoptive Owner. Failure to spay/neuter will result in a 3000. dollar fine. Any litters produced unintentionally/ intentionally will incur a 10,000. dollar fine per incident. Adoptive Owner also agrees to pay any legal fees incurred by the Breeder while recouping any of the above fines.

TEMPERMENT: While Bernese are known for calm loving temperaments, the Breeder does not guarantee temperament and is not responsible for any future damage or injury caused by the dog.

Adoptive Owner agrees to stay in contact with the Breeder throughout the life of the Dog with pictures, updates and health info.

Above stated Puppy's health has been evaluated by the Breeder's Veterinarian and the Adoptive Owner has been informed of the Vet's findings listed below.

Any litigation in regards to this contract will be carried out in the Breeder's County and State. **Breeder and Adoptive Owner have read and agree to the terms of this contract:**

Executed: _____ Scheduled Day of Transfer: _____
_____, **Breeder** **X** _____, **Adoptive Owner**

New owner Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Weight D.O.T _____

Litter# **AKC#** **MChip#**

Puppy was evaluated by breeder's vet on: **Clinic:** **Vet:**

VET Findings: **Phone:**