**Copeland’s Bernese Mountain Dogs**

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**PROSPECTIVE ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE**

Date:

Name:

Spouse:

Address:

Phone (Home):

Work:

Occupation:

Spouse Occupation:

Email Address:

Children (Include Ages):

Other people living in your home:

Other animals that you currently own:

Who referred you?

Why would you like to own a Bernese Mountain Dog? Have you ever owned a Berner before and are you familiar with the breed?

Tell me about the dogs that you have owned. What period of your life did you own them?

Are you considering any breed other than a Berner? If so, what breed or breeds?

What qualities are you looking for in a dog? Describe your “perfect” dog:

What qualities would you NOT want in a dog?

Describe the temperament/personality you are looking for in a dog

Are you looking for a male, female, or do you have no preference?

Are you looking for a companion dog, a show dog, an obedience/agility dog?

What is a typical day in your life like? What part of that would your dog share?

Do you have a fenced yard?

Will someone be home with the puppy during the day? If not, how do you plan on dealing with housebreaking, etc.?

How much time do you have available for a young dog? Do you realize that adding a puppy to the family is like adding a human baby? Tell me how you will deal with this.

Describe your home setting and the space available for the dog. Where will the puppy stay during the day? Where will it sleep at night?

Do all the members of the family REALLY want a dog, and understand that this will be a part of the family for years?

\*\* Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions carefully. My goal is to breed Bernese Mountain puppies who are healthy, who have wonderful outgoing temperaments, and who are true to the Bernese Mountain Dog Breed standard.

It is important that you have done research on Bernese Mountain Dogs, and that you understand and acknowledge the specific problems inherent to this breed including but not limited to CANCER-HIP-ELBOW DISEASE, DM, VW DISEASE. It is important that you understand the potential cost involved in adopting this puppy as part of your family. Living creatures are so different from the things we buy. Animals become ill. They can misbehave. They have accidents. They can destroy things. They can be willful, but they can also be playful. They can also fascinate us and demonstrate loyalty as they provide wonderful companionship.

I take great care in choosing my breeding dogs and test them for possible hip, elbow, DM, VW, as well as other tests necessary for healthier offspring. I am just as careful in placing my puppies with prospective families. Your answers to these questions will help me choose the right puppy for you and your family. I make that choice based on my knowledge of each puppy in addition to the information that I collect from you. Although we cannot provide specific assurances, warranties or guarantees, we remain willing to help foster a good relationship for you and your pet and will try to be the best resource we can be for you both now and in the future.

* Laurie Copeland