

HEART OF MICHIGAN BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB, INC.
ADVANCE DIRECTIVES FOR YOUR BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG

The time when a beloved Bernese Mt. Dog, (BMD), comes to the close of his/her life, whether due to illness or age, is most difficult for the owner. Often this time comes suddenly, leaving little time to consider what steps to take when death is imminent. Many owners wish to contribute in some way to BMD research, but do not know what to do. This document attempts to address, in advance, options to allow the Berner to continue to work for the health of the breed even after death. It is suggested that copies of this document be given to the veterinarian, close friend, breeder or any individual who will be involved in the dogs' end of life.

Remember that you can change your mind at any time and amend this directive, but be sure to make certain your veterinarian, and others know what changes are made.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE
(PLEASE PRINT)

I, _____, wish to follow the procedures below in the event my beloved dog, _____, comes to the end of his/her life.

EUTHANASIA

BLOOD DRAW PRIOR TO EUTHANASIA FOR:

- Berner-Garde DNA and Tissue repository (10 cc in EDTA tube)
- Soft Tissue Sarcoma Research Study (M. Breen)
- Malignant Histiocytosis/Hemangiosarcoma study (E. Ostrander; 10 cc in acid citrate tube)
- Other _____

NECROPSY

To be performed by: _____

TISSUE SAMPLES IN FORMALIN FOR:

- Berner-Garde DNA and Tissue repository (10 cc in EDTA tube)
- Soft Tissue Sarcoma Research Study (M. Breen)
- Other _____

TISSUE SAMPLES FRESHLY FROZEN (no preservative)

Detailed instructions for donation of blood or tissue for research will either accompany this Directive or be provided by a designated person.

In the event I cannot be available at the time of death to provide instructions, I hereby give _____ permission for the following persons to carry out my wishes:

Signature of Designee

Designees Phone Number

This document represents my wishes at the time this is signed. I understand that this document can be voided by me at any time.

Owners Signature

Date

Owners Printed Name

Owners Phone Number

Owners Printed Address