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Heart of Michigan Bernese Mountain Dog Club, Inc.

Glossery of Terms

Open registry - repository of health test results, allows full access to the information.

Closed registry - allows breeders and owners to register results of health tests, but does not allow anyone to find out anything but good results.

Berner-Garde - Bernese Mountain Dog data repository used to track health trends and provides kin reports on request.

CERF - Canine Eye Registry Foundation - closed registry of eye tests.

OFA - Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, closed registry of hip and elbow results.

GDC - Genetic Disease Control, open registry of hip and elbow results, tumor registry, eye tests, as well as other health problems.

PennHIP - Penn Hip Improvement Program - closed registry of hip laxity measurements. Uses a DI (distraction index), a number from 0.0 - 1.00 with the lower the number the better the hip.

Breed health problems:

Cancer - mast cell, malignant histiocytosis, lymphoma, and others (some are hereditary, some are not)

Heart - SAS - sub-aortic stenosis - hereditary

PRA - progressive retinal atrophy, dogs become blind - hereditary

CHD - Canine Hip Dysplasia, malformation of hip joints - hereditary in part, and partly environmental

ED - Elbow Dysplasia, malformation of elbow joint, see above

OCD - osteochondritis dissecans, cartilage problem, see above

PSS - portosystemic shunt, blood does not flow to the liver properly, some forms may be hereditary glomerulonephritis - kidney does not develop properly - hereditary

allergies - food, skin, inhalent, topical, you name it - may be hereditary

AKC - American Kennel Club - registers dogs claimed to be purebred by a breeder. Not a guarantee of being either purebred or healthy.

CKC - Canadian Kennel Club - see above.

UKC - United Kennel Club - slightly different flavor of registry, with more emphasis on obedience competition.

CH - champion. A dog was said by several different judges to be the best non-champion dog at several different shows. Not a guarantee of anything.

CD - companion dog. First level of obedience titles, followed by CDX (companion dog excellent), UD (utility dog), UDX, OTCH (Obedience Trial Champion). Note, only 2 Berners to date have ever gotten a UDX!

NDD - novice draft dog. First level of carting titles, followed by DD.

TD - tracking dog. First level of tracking title, followed by TDX.

TT - temperament tested. Not an AKC recognized title, but allows the dog to be used for therapy work.

CGC - canine good citizen. Dog was tested for basic behavior and control. Well behaved in public. Maybe.

NA - novice agility.

HD - herding dog. Not a title yet recognized for Bernese Mountain Dogs.