

# Bernese Mountain Dog Club of South-western Ontario

## Hobby Kennel Standard & Guidelines

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Every Bernese Mountain Dog Club of South-western Ontario who owns or operates a hobby kennel (20 dogs or less) shall comply with the following guidelines:

### A) Facilities

1. The facilities shall be kept sanitary, well ventilated, lighted and free from offensive odours at all times.
2. An exercise area shall be provided so as to enable each dog to exercise freely and easily so as to maintain physical health and well being.
3. The facilities shall be maintained at a healthful temperature at all times for the health, welfare and comfort of every dog therein.
4. Each cage, crate or pen if used for the housing of dogs, shall be of a size appropriate to the breed of dog and shall be so constructed and maintained so that:
  - a) every dog so confined may comfortably extend its legs, stand, sit, turn around and lie down;
  - b) it is not likely to harm any dog therein;
  - c) a dog therein can not readily escape therefrom; and
  - d) it may be readily cleaned.
5. The yards or runways associated with the hobby kennel operation shall be completely enclosed so as
  - a) to obstruct the visibility of the neighbouring properties from the dogs and
  - b) to prevent dogs from soiling neighbouring properties
  - c) to prevent the dogs from escaping from the premises.
6. The yards or runways associated with the hobby kennel operation shall be;
  - a) provided with a gutter or graded to adequately drain; and
  - b) cleaned at least once daily when in use; and
  - c) disinfected at least weekly or as necessary.
7. Excreta and other waste resulting from the keeping of dogs shall be removed from the premises as necessary.

### B) Treatment

1. Dogs shall be fed and watered periodically each day and kept in a clean and healthy condition free from vermin and disease.
2. Each dog will be provided with adequate and daily human contact.

### C) Ethics

1. Each member will, to the best of their ability, abide by current local by-laws as appropriate.
2. Each member breeding or contemplating breeding dogs will belong to a recognized Canadian or American Breed Club (for each breed) if one exists.
3. Any member breeding dogs must keep complete and accurate records of all litters, stud services, puppy buyers, ownership transfers, etc. and be agreeable to make such records available upon request for review by the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of South-western Ontario.
4. Each member will be agreeable to allow for property visits by the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of South-western Ontario for the purpose of kennel inspection as per these guidelines.
5. No member shall sell adults or puppies to any known retail or wholesale pet outlet or any organization involved in animal research.

### D) Community Responsibility

1. Dogs will be controlled and kept in a manner so as not to disturb any reasonable and objective neighbour.
2. Any member breeding or contemplating breeding dogs will own property or have a long term lease and specific permission from the property owner to set up a hobby kennel.