

**Bernese Mountain Dog Breed Standard as accepted by: Klub Für Berner Sennenhund Translated by: L. Egg Leach
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The 1936 Bernese Mountain Dog Breed Standard follows:

Bernese Mountain Dogs (Sennenhund)

The following is the description of the Bernese variety of the Swiss Mountain Dogs laid down and accepted by the Club for Bernese Mountain Dogs in Switzerland.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

A well balanced dog, active and alert; a combination of sagacity, fidelity and utility.

HEIGHT

Dogs 23 ins. to 27 1/2 ins.; bitches 21 ins. to 26 ins. at the shoulder.

HEAD

Skull flat, defined stop and strong muzzle. Dewlaps very slightly developed, flews not too pendulous, jaw strong with good strong teeth. Eyes dark hazel brown, full of fire. Ears V shaped, set on high not too pointed at tips and rather short. When in repose, hanging close to the head; when alert, brought slightly forward and raised at the base.

BODY

Rather short than too long in back, compact and well ribbed up. Chest broad with good depth of brisket. Loins strong and muscular.

LEGS & FEET

Forelegs perfectly straight and muscular, thighs well developed and stifles well bent. Feet round and compact. Dewclaws should be removed.

TAIL

Of good thickness and covered with long hair; but not to form a flag; moderate length. When in repose should be carried low; upward swirl permissible; when alert may be carried gayly, but may never curl or be carried over the back.

COAT

Soft and silky with bright, natural sheen; long and slightly wavy but may never curl.

COLOUR AND MARKINGS

Jet-black with russet brown or deep tan markings on all four legs, a spot just above the forelegs, each side of the white chest markings, and spots over eyes, which may never be missing. The brown on the forelegs must always be between the black and white.

Preferable, but not a condition are:

White feet, tip of tail, pure white blaze up the foreface, a few white hairs on back of neck, and white star-shaped markings on chest. When the latter markings are missing, it is not a disqualification.

FAULTS

Too massive in head, light or staring eyes, too heavy or long ears, too narrow or snipy muzzle, under or overshot mouth, pendulous dewlaps, too long or Setter-like body, splay or hare feet, tail curled or carried over back, cow-hocks and white legs.

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