

The Bernese Mountain Dog ~ An Illustrated Commentary on the Breed Standard

Bernese Mountain Dog history

In the area surrounding the canton of Bern, Switzerland, dogs that came to be known as Bernese Mountain Dogs were required to be versatile companions. Farm families living in remote areas made good use of dogs large enough to be respected by strangers and reliable when working with livestock. Dogs served as watchdogs around farms, cattle drovers, draft dogs, and companions for the alpine herdsman. A dog capable of serving his master well was strong, obedient, self-reliant, and fearless - able to apply good judgment and react appropriately in any situation. The dogs pictured here lived during the early and mid 20th century. Their blood lives on in the Bernese we appreciate today.

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