



Health Statement for the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America:  
The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America (BMDCA) Board of Directors is committed to the future health and well-being of the Bernese Mountain Dog. As such, we strongly recommend the health screening tests for both sire and dam in breeding programs such as the Bred with H.E.A.R.T. and the Breeder of Merit include, at minimum, health tests specified in the current CHIC requirements, approved by the BMDCA Board of Directors November 2017, which currently include:

**Required tests;**

AKC DNA Profile

Hip Dysplasia

- OFA Evaluation OR
- PennHIP Evaluation OR
- OVC Evaluation

Elbow Dysplasia

- OFA Evaluation OR
- OVC Evaluation

Eye examination by a boarded ACVO Ophthalmologist

- Results registered with OFA OR
- Results registered with CERF

Cardiac Evaluation by a boarded ACVIM Cardiologist

- Results registered with OFA

DM DNA tests

- SOD1A and SOD1B-both required with the following exceptions;
- Clear by parentage to one generation
- At risk for one mutation

**Optional tests, choose one;**

vWD DNA

- clear by parentage to one generation accepted

Thyroid

- Thyroid profile per OFA

Histiocytic Sarcoma Risk Test submitted to OptiGen or Antagene

Contact person

Toby Erlichman, VMD

BMDCA Health Committee Chair

[drtobs@gmail.com](mailto:drtobs@gmail.com)