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## 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.