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Breeder Referral Program Policy and Procedure

- 1. Please realize that the On Line Breeder Task Force is not to police Litter Advertisements but we will try to educate our Potential Puppy Owner's ("PPO") to buy from a ethical breeder rather than a puppy mill or back yard breeder. We will advise the PPO to seek and discuss the health issues of each litter with the referral breeder. Each responsible breeder has chosen their breeding and decided their ethics.**
- 2. The On Line Breeder Referral participants list is compiled and is updated on a weekly basis. The advertisement will remain for 8 weeks unless other arrangements are made. The web designer will create a link from the breeder's name to their email address or website. A phone number can be listed.**
- 3. All Breeder Referral Participants who have a litter on the ground or have an older dog available may enroll. In connection with a co-bred litter, the BMDCA member will be encouraged to enroll the litter (assistance from the On Line Breeder Referral Task Force will be provided) and agree as follows:**
 - Make certain that all required Health Certifications and Health Forms are complete, current, and on file with the Berner Garde for both sire and dam. If for some reason these Health Certifications are not registered with Berner Garde, or are not available through a public website, then a hard copy of these Health Certificates will be provided to the On Line Breeder Referral Program Coordinator PRIOR TO submitting the Litter Listing Form to the On Line Breeder Referral Services Coordinator. These Health Certifications should include OFA hips, elbows, and a valid current CERF. An AKC DNA registration should be submitted if available.**
 - The litter listing period is: eight weeks after actual whelping. The listed breeder may request up to four additional weeks, if necessary, from the On Line Breeder Referral Program Coordinator.**
 - To list an older dog, its name, date of birth, and the names of sire and dam must be supplied. The health status of the older dog must be cited in the listing and the pertinent health information entered in Berner Garde.**
- 4. If the breeder is not in compliance with all of the components of the signed On Line Breeder Agreement then, then the On Line Breeder Task Force Committee has the right to remove or refuse any advertisement (explanation of removal will be provided by the Task Force Committee).**
- 5. After the litter is born and the AKC Application is received, the litter registration must be submitted to Berner Garde.**