

ERBS LUXURY DOODLES

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THE COMPLETE OWNER'S GUIDE

Mini Bernedoodle

Owner's Guide

Gentle. Loyal. Unforgettable.

BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG × MINIATURE POODLE · EVERYTHING TO KNOW BEFORE YOU BRING ONE HOME

WELCOME

Meet the Mini Bernedoodle

The Mini Bernedoodle is a cross between the Bernese Mountain Dog and the Miniature Poodle — pairing the Bernese’s famously gentle, devoted heart with the Poodle’s intelligence and low-shedding coat.

The result is a striking, teddy-bear companion that is calm at home, eager to please, and deeply bonded to its family. Because they carry more Poodle, minis tend to live longer and shed less than standard Bernedoodles while keeping that signature sweetness.

BREED AT A GLANCE

ADULT SIZE	25–49 lbs · 18–22 in
COAT	Wavy–curly · low-shedding
LIFESPAN	12–18 years
ENERGY	Moderate
SHEDDING	Minimal
GREAT WITH	Kids, families, first-timers

“A gentle giant’s soul in a right-sized, low-shedding companion.”

PERSONALITY

Temperament & Character

Bernedoodles are affectionate, people-oriented and wonderfully patient — which is why they make such trusted family dogs. They're playful without being frantic, and happiest when they're near their people.

The Poodle side makes them quick learners; the Bernese side can add a touch of gentle stubbornness in puppyhood. Early, positive training turns that into a calm, confident adult.

LOVES

Family time, gentle play, cuddling on the couch, and being included in everything you do.

NEEDS

Daily companionship and moderate exercise. They don't do well left alone for long stretches.

A GREAT FIT FOR

- ✓ Families with children
- ✓ First-time and experienced owners
- ✓ Homes wanting a calm, affectionate companion
- ✓ People who want minimal shedding

COAT & CARE

Coat, Colors & Grooming

Mini Bernedoodles usually have a wavy to curly, single-layer coat that sheds very little — often a good match for allergy-conscious homes (though no dog is 100%% hypoallergenic).

The most iconic look is the tri-color (black, white and rust), but the breed comes in many beautiful patterns. Curlier coats shed least and need the most brushing.

COMMON COLORS

Tri-color · black & white · merle · sable · phantom · and bi-color variations.

A SIMPLE GROOMING ROUTINE

- ✓ Brush 3–4 times a week to prevent matting (daily for very curly coats)
- ✓ Professional grooming every 6–8 weeks
- ✓ Check and gently clean the ears weekly — floppy ears trap moisture
- ✓ Trim nails every 3–4 weeks; brush teeth several times a week

Start gentle handling of paws, ears and coat in the first weeks so grooming becomes a calm, lifelong routine.

HEALTH & LONGEVITY

A Healthy Start for Life

With responsible breeding, Mini Bernedoodles are a hardy, long-lived hybrid — minis commonly reach 15+ years. Hybrid vigor helps, but good outcomes still start with health-tested parents.

WHAT RESPONSIBLE BREEDERS SCREEN FOR

- ✓ Hips & elbows (dysplasia)
- ✓ Eyes — Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA)
- ✓ Von Willebrand's (a clotting factor)
- ✓ Degenerative Myelopathy (DM)
- ✓ Patellas (knees)

THE ERBS STANDARD

At ERBS, our parent dogs are genetically screened before they ever join our program, and every puppy leaves vet-checked with a written health guarantee.

This guide is educational and does not replace advice from your own veterinarian.

NUTRITION

Feeding for a Long, Vibrant Life

Feed a high-quality, appropriately-sized diet formulated for your puppy's life stage. Because Bernedoodles are a larger doodle, controlled, steady growth protects developing joints — avoid overfeeding.

Fresh water always available. Keep treats to about 10%% of daily calories and use them for training.

FEEDING GUIDELINES

- ✓ Puppies: 3 meals/day, transitioning to 2 by ~6 months
- ✓ Follow your food's weight-based portion chart, then adjust to body condition
- ✓ Avoid free-feeding — measured meals prevent excess weight
- ✓ Introduce any food changes gradually over 7–10 days

TRAINING

Training & Socialization

Bernedoodles are eager to please and highly food-motivated, which makes positive-reinforcement training a joy. Keep sessions short, upbeat and consistent.

Early socialization is the single most valuable thing you can do — calm, positive exposure to people, sounds, surfaces and other dogs builds a confident adult.

YOUR FIRST-90-DAYS PRIORITIES

- ✓ House & crate training with a predictable routine
- ✓ Gentle handling & grooming desensitization
- ✓ Socialization to new people, places & sounds
- ✓ Basic cues: name, sit, come, settle
- ✓ Alone-time training to prevent separation anxiety

“Reward the behavior you want, and a Bernedoodle will happily give you more of it.”

HONEST FIT

Is the Mini Bernedoodle Right for You?

YOU'LL LOVE THIS BREED IF...

- ✓ You want an affectionate, family-centered dog
- ✓ You're home often or can bring your dog along
- ✓ You want minimal shedding
- ✓ You'll commit to regular grooming

THINK TWICE IF...

- You're away from home for long hours daily
- You'd rather not brush or budget for grooming
- You want a low-touch, independent dog

HOMECOMING

Your First 30 Days

Give your puppy a calm, predictable first week — a defined potty schedule, a cozy crate, and plenty of rest. Bonding and trust come before big adventures.

Keep early experiences short and positive. A tired, well-fed, gently-handled puppy settles fastest into your home.

BEFORE YOUR PUPPY ARRIVES

- ✓ Crate + soft bedding & a safe puppy zone
- ✓ Age-appropriate food (ask us what they're eating)
- ✓ Stainless bowls, collar, ID tag, leash
- ✓ Puppy-safe chews & enrichment toys
- ✓ A vet appointment booked for the first week

THE ERBS PROMISE

Raised Like Family

Every ERBS puppy is born and raised in our home — not a kennel. Parents are genetically health-tested, and each puppy is vet-checked, up-to-date on vaccinations and deworming, well-socialized, and sent home with a health guarantee and a go-home kit.

We keep our program small so every puppy gets our full attention, and we're your breeder for life — here for questions on training, grooming and care long after homecoming.

- ✓ Health-tested parents & written health guarantee
- ✓ Vet-checked, vaccinated & dewormed
- ✓ Family-raised & hand-socialized from day one
- ✓ Lifetime breeder support

Ready to Meet Your Mini Bernedoodle?

Reserve your spot or ask us anything — we read every application.

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