**The Bernedoodles**

**The marvelous, smart, faithful, family-loving, job-oriented Bernedudes. Don’t bother to get one IF you do not have the time for a new kid.**

I expect Bernedudes to act like both breeds. The Bernese Mountain Dog and the (very happy) Poodle can be a bit pushy with wanting affection -- and that seems pronounced with the BIG sizes. XANADU Bernedoodles weigh in at the 40ish-pound range; all LOVE and GIVE and NEED to be included as family members and want your attention. The Bernedoodles need a job to do; they need to be important to their home-people-pack; they are a responsible breed.

In training and love and bonding, they need affection, but shouldn't be in your face all the time. Cesar Millan (the Dog Whisperer's methods) should work well with the Bernedoodle -- that is, giving affection when they are not expecting it, teaching patience and obedience.

The Bernedudes like consistency and commitment from their owners. I'd say that this is ***vital*** to them. While everyone says that they treat their dogs like a part of the family, these dogs really ***need*** to feel like part of the family. They like human-pack security. Maybe they think they are human, too.

Also, they are happy dogs that will thrive with positive reinforcement. I recommend a pup-training book to all new-pup owners that is pretty fantastic: *The Tao of Puppy* by Krista Cantrell. And there are so many other great pup-training books on the market. I like the *Tao* especially.

Teach your child to be very kind to his/her new friend. The Bernedoodle will feel protective of your child, AND your Bernedude must trust his child. They should be friends and companions to each other, and if they are, they will form a very tight bond; that bond will seem instinctive/intuitive.

Bernedudes like to pull sleds and wagons or carts with groceries. Originally, the Bernese Mountain Dog guarded entire villages--definitely a dog you want on your side. These dogs are not suspicious of strangers under ordinary circumstances, but the ‘watch dog’ quality is still there. It's the stranger in the middle of the night -- or a stranger that would tease a dog that would be the recipient of suspicion (and barking that will alert you).

The things that I like best about the Bernedoodles are their responsibility for their families, their intelligence, devotion, their no-bad-doggie-odor, their lower-shed quality, and their stunning beauty.

All XANADU Bernedoodle puppies will be guaranteed for sound genetic health, general health, and temperament—our first priority. All need training, of course.

Deposits are $400 when you have made a confident decision—PayPal is the best deposit mode and is on the XANADOODLE website. Except for the Guardians and Litter Picks, **puppies are selected in the order deposits are received.**

Pricing depends on coat patterns and colors and low-to-no-shed qualities. Whether standard-sized or minis, expect Bernedoodle prices to be between $2600 and $3750, Litter Pick puppies will be more expensive. And if you look at Bernedoodles elsewhere, ask about the parents' OFA or PennHip test results. The Bernese Mountain Dogs often have bad hips, as do some other large breeds. Request to actually SEE the results of those tests. Have a veterinarian read these results for you. There will be jargon and abbreviations you may not know.

The pups produced in this season’s breeding have had a ‘longevity’ factor introduced to the female’s lineage several generations back. Bernese Mountain Dogs are **not** known for long lives. Long-lived ancestors should fix that sad problem.

Bernedoodle size as adult dogs will vary from about 30 lb. to 90 pounds +/-. And for such a big breed, 30-50 lb. is called ‘mini’. ‘Standards’ are 50-65 lb.—**not** GIANTS like the 70-130 lb. Bernese Mountain Dogs.