

BARC'S MIKKI  
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Approximately 6 and ½ years ago I saw my first Bernese Mountain Dog on the TV show, "Breed All About It" on the Animal Planet. I simply fell in love with this breed. On a trip to Colorado I saw two BMD's in person and was in Heaven. I started searching the internet and found BARC, Inc.

BARC had just rescued several BMD's from a couple of auctions. I contacted Amy Kessler about adopting and the rest is history. There were so many dogs to choose from and I had no idea how to decide which one we would adopt. I told Amy what we were looking for and she suggested a couple of the dogs. There was one that stood out and BARC had named him "Chewy". Chewy came to his forever home, with us, when he was 8 months old. We drove to Kansas from Oklahoma City in January, 2001. It was cold, windy and snowy a little.

Mikki, we named him after my father whose nickname was Micky and my father was Scandinavian so it made sense to name him Mikki, would hardly acknowledge us on the way home. He stayed in the far back of the SUV all the way home. We would stop and try to get him to drink or go to the bathroom and he would just stand there.

When we got home we introduced Mikki to our three other dogs. Mikki immediately latched on to our Golden Retriever, Casey. They are now best friends. We were very lucky in that it only took about 3 weeks for Mikki to warm up to us and sense then he has been one of the loves of our lives. He loves to play outside with the other dogs. He loves to lay on me, all 95 pounds of him. He loves his food and he loves to go places. WE love him dearly.

Mikki has been a fairly healthy dog. He does have allergies and takes allergy shots and he tends to have episodes of the "Gulps" but other than these two things he is a happy, healthy, thriving boy that we love spoiling on a regular basis.

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