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Form **990-EZ**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Short Form**
Return of Organization Exempt From Income TaxUnder section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No. 1545-1150

2009**Open to Public Inspection****A** For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2009, and ending , 20**B** Check if applicable

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

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tions.**C** Name of organization**The Berner-Garde Foundation**

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite

23095 Hilliard Boulevard

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

Westlake, OH 44145**D** Employer identification number**38 - 324642 5****E** Telephone number**440 356-0184****F** Group Exemption

Number ▶

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting Method: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual
Other (specify) ▶**I** Website: ▶ **www.bernergarde.org****J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☒ 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**H** Check ☒ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)**K** Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.**L** Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$**Part I** Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	40,011
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	58
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here ☐		
	6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
6b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b		
6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8	Other revenue (describe ▶)	8		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	40,069	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	15,289
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ See Statement 1)	16	53,993
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	69,282
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	(29,213)
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 20 of column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	70,895
Net Assets	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	(9,156)
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	32,526

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	58,327	61,120
23	0	0
24	12,568	3,412
25	70,895	64,532
26	0	32,006
27	70,895	32,526

Expenses

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

28	Genetic database for Bernese Mountain Dogs		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	28a	69,282
29			
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	29a	
30			
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	30a	
31	Other program services (attach schedule)		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	31a	
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	69,282

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	33	✓
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34	✓
35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.		
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a	✓
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	35b	
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 0		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	✓
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?	38a	✓
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ 0 ; section 4912 ▶ 0 ; section 4955 ▶ 0		
b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	✓
c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ 0		
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.	40e	✓
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ California		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Gary Lambach, Treasurer Telephone no. ▶ 440-356-0184		
Located at ▶ 23095 Hilliard Boulevard, Westlake, OH ZIP + 4 ▶ 44145		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	42b	✓
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?	42c	✓
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ▶ ☐		
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43		
44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44	✓
45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45	✓

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46–49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

46	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46	☐	☒
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47	☐	☒
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	☐	☒
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	☐	☒
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	☐	☐
50	Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."			

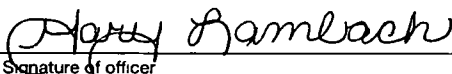
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
None				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶

Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.			
	 Signature of officer		5-14-10 Date	
	Gary Lambach, Treasurer Type or print name and title			
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed ☐	Preparer's identifying number (See instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4	EIN		Phone no.
	May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☐ Yes ☐ No			

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2009

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

The Berner-Garde Foundation

Employer identification number

38 : 3246425

Part I	Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vii).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☒ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33⅓ % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33⅓ % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.

a ☐ Type I

b ☐ Type II

c ☐ Type III—Functionally integrated

d ☐ Type III—Other

- e ☐ By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box _____ ☐
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?

(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?

(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

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Part II **Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ☐						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33⅓% support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33⅓% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐		
b 33⅓% support test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33⅓% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ► ☐		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	28,345	51,266	36,895	28,011	24,489	169,006
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	7,688	0	18,783	21,382	15,522	63,375
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	36,033	51,266	55,678	49,393	40,011	232,381
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						232,381

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	36,033	51,266	55,678	49,393	40,011	232,381
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	175	350	2,098	249	58	2,930
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	175	350	2,098	249	58	2,930
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	36,208	51,616	57,776	49,642	40,069	235,311

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	98.75 %
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	98.55 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	1.25 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	1.45 %

19a 33⅓% support tests—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33⅓%, and line 17 is not more than 33⅓%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☒

b 33⅓% support tests—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33⅓%, and line 18 is not more than 33⅓%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☒

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► ☐

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions.

Area for supplemental information with horizontal dashed lines.

THE BERNER-GARDE FOUNDATION, INC.

38-3246425

FYE 12/31/2009

Federal Statements

Statement 1 – Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 – Other Expenses

Description		Amount
EXPENSES		
	Supplies	\$15,805
	DNA Repository	\$36,279
	Database Administration	<u>\$1,909</u>
	TOTAL:	<u>\$53,993</u>

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Statement 2 – Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24 – Other Assets

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>End of Year</u>
Inventories for Sale or Use	\$8,210	\$3,412
Accounts Receivable	\$0	\$0
Unrestricted donation of stock	\$4,358	\$0
TOTAL:	<u>\$12,568</u>	<u>\$3,412</u>

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Federal Statements

Statement 3 – Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26 – Total Liabilities

Description	Beginning of Year	End of Year
DNA Repository Contract Fee	\$0	\$32,006
TOTAL:	\$0	\$32,006

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Other Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances – Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26 – To

	2009	2008	Net Change
Change in Inventory Balance	\$3,412	\$8,210	(\$4,798)
Change in Accts. Receivable	\$0	\$0	\$0
Change in Current Assets	\$0	\$4,358	(\$4,358)
Change in Current Liabilities	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<u>\$3,412</u>	<u>\$12,568</u>	<u>(\$9,156)</u>

THE BERNER-GARDE FOUNDATION, INC.

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Statement 4 – Form 990-EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees and Key Employees

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Average Hours</u>	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Lori Jodar 2121 Townline Road Petoskey, MI 49770	President	10	0	0	0
Roaxanne Bortnick 1922 Cherry Lane Johnstown, CO 80543	Secretary	2	0	0	0
Gary Lambach 23095 Hilliard Boulevard Westlake, OH 44145	Treasurer	7	0	0	0
Gary Galunas 1930 Connolly Drive Troy, MI 48098	Director	14	0	0	0
Mary Maliarik 5894 Earhart Road Ann Arbor, MI 48105	Director	3	0	0	0
Nancy Stewart 8650 E. Wood Scottsdale, AZ	Director	1	0	0	0
Pat Long 1164 Old Lancaster Road Berwyn, PA 19312	Director	20	0	0	0
Joye Neff 1182 Firwood Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15243	Director	5	0	0	0
Daniel Sernicola 23095 Hilliard Boulevard Westlake, OH 44145	Director	20	0	0	0
Bill Dunnivant 219 Briarwood Circle Athen, AL 35613	Director	1	0	0	0