



MEMBER'S CODE OF ETHIC

The members of the National Entlebucher Mountain Dog Association share a deep concern for the welfare and future of the Entlebucher Mountain Dog (EMD). This Code is established in accordance with the objectives set out in the club Constitution as the minimum standards of practice for the responsible and ethical ownership and breeding of the Entlebucher Mountain Dog. Violations of the NEMDA Code of Ethics will be subject to NEMDA Disciplinary procedures, and may be grounds for expulsion.

Treatment

Members and breeders shall maintain a high level of health and care of their dogs including proper food, veterinary care, housing, training and socialization. A daily regimen of human interaction is necessary to ensure the development of good temperament. Dogs shall not be left chained or tied for extended periods or be allowed to suffer other physical or emotional abuse. No member shall have more dogs than they have adequate facilities or resources to keep.

Members have a responsibility to protect the reputation of the breed, shall clean up after their dogs and be diligent in handling their dogs in public places and shall do so in a manner as to minimize the risk of trauma or danger to any persons or animals. Members shall not allow their dogs to roam free, become a public nuisance or a public trust, and shall abide by all local animal regulations.

Members will never abandon their Entlebuchers. When a Member cannot keep their Entlebucher and does not have a suitable new home available, the Member will contact the Breeder for rehoming assistance. If failing at that, the Member will contact NEMDA for rehoming/rescue assistance.

Breed Health

In recognition of the fact that the Entlebucher is at high risk of genetically inherited disease due to its small gene pool both here and in Europe, members are encouraged to support NEMDA in protecting the health and future of this breed. In this regard, it is recommended (but not required) that all members:

- ***Submit copies of individual registration papers to the Registrar of the Club for historical reference including three generation pedigree and any photographs for inclusion in future historical documents;***
- ***Have their dogs checked for hip dysplasia after two years of age. Annual CERF exams are also suggested for dogs three years of age of older.***
- ***In the event that an Entlebucher dies of an unknown cause, have an autopsy performed and submit results to the Health Committee;***
- ***Cooperate with all health surveys or other record requirements set up to research and promote the health of the breed, and report any health problems to the Health Committee.***

While results that are submitted anonymously are not as useful, they still provide a valuable and important measure of the overall health of the breed.

Breeding

Breeders bear great responsibility to the future of the breed and must hold the paramount intention of advancing and protecting the breed and providing for individual dogs. Members shall become familiar with the NEMDA Breeder's Code of Ethics (which will be included in membership materials) so that they may support ethical breeding and shall avoid encouraging owners regarding breeding as it involves certain responsibilities and is not to be taken lightly.

Any member who currently engages in or who has in the past engaged in EMD breeding activities shall submit records as required by the Registrar.

Conduct

Members shall resolve to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws and standards of the club and to always conduct themselves in a manner that will be beneficial to the club, the breed and its reputation. Members shall not defame other club members, breeders, exhibitors or their dogs.

In applying for membership in the club, I agree to comply with the rules and the Code of Ethics of the National Entlebucher Mountain Dog Association.

Owner Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Co Owner Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Please sign and mail to "Jami Lockhart – NEMDA Membership Chair, 1487 Pioneer Trail, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150".