



**NEMDA 2023 ENTLEFEST
& NATIONAL SPECIALTY**

R H O D E I S L A N D

July 27-30, 2023

**Information Packet
&
Schedule**



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Dear Entlebucher Owners and Friends,

The 25th Anniversary Entlefest and National Specialty is happening **July 27-30, 2023**. This year we will be gathering in beautiful Rhode Island (the "Ocean State")!

Join us for CEBA, beach romps, picnics, Dinner with Your Dog, a tour of Newport mansions and the famous oceanfront "Cliff Walk," the often-hilarious NEMDA auction, Annual General Meeting, National Specialty, a delicious banquet, and much more. We have a great hotel (be sure to make your reservations soon!) and will hold the Specialty in conjunction with the Providence County Kennel Club at the Wide World of Indoor Sports in North Kingstown.

Come meet new friends and greet old friends!

We will kick things off on Thursday with a wonderful tour of Newport (you can bring your dog!) plus Dinner with Your Dog. On Friday we will have CEBA, a fun and educational workshop, and hold our banquet. Saturday is a day to celebrate with the Specialty show and the Annual General Meeting, presentation on glaucoma research, auction and dinner.

The **Entlebucher Mountain Dog National Specialty** will be held on Saturday, July 29th, in conjunction with the Providence County Kennel Club at the air-conditioned [Wide World of Indoor Sports](#), 1610 Davisville Rd., North Kingstown, RI. The show lasts through Sunday, July 30th and will feature conformation, obedience and rally. [Map](#)

On Sunday you can go to the show or take your Entles to a nearby beach for some exercise and fun before heading home.

Be sure to check out the very special T-shirts we have this year, featuring a very happy Entlebucher at the beach and a 25th anniversary shirt – you'll want one of each!

For complete details, keep reading! At the end of this packet, we also have daily schedules.

Registration & Payment

Once you've read through the activities in this packet, you will register and choose what you want to sign up for on the NEMDA website, here: <https://nemda.org/event-5267735>
(look for the "Register" button on the left)

Registration cost: \$90 (members and immediate family); \$110 for non-members; \$45 for kids (12 and under). See the website for meals and activities included with your registration.

Registration deadline (including t-shirt orders) is Sunday, June 25, 2023!

You can order T-shirts even if you cannot attend Entlefest (shipping will apply) – here: <https://nemda.org/NEMDA-Store>

General Entlefest Questions? Contact: entlefest@nemda.org

Overview & Locations of Entlefest Activities

Locations

Here is a list of locations and their addresses for various Entlefest activities:

Host Hotel: Crowne Plaza Providence-Warwick

<https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/warwick/wrwri/hoteldetail>

801 Greenwich Avenue
Warwick, RI 02886 [Map](#)
401-732-6000

CEBA: Goddard Memorial State Park

<https://riparks.com/Locations/LocationGoddard.html>

1095 Ives Road
Warwick, RI 02818
(401) 884-2010
12-minute car ride from Crowne Plaza Hotel

Dinner with Your Dog: Finn's Harborside Restaurant

<https://www.finnsharborside.com>

38 Water Street
East Greenwich, RI 02818
(401) 884-6363
9-minute car ride from Crowne Plaza Hotel

Banquet: Iggy's Boardwalk

<https://iggyisri.com/locations/boardwalk/>

885 Oakland Beach Ave
Warwick, RI 02889
(401) 737-2895
13-minute car ride from Crowne Plaza Hotel

National Specialty: Wide World of Indoor Sports

<https://www.wideworldofindoorsports.com/northkingstown/>

1610 Davisville Rd.
North Kingstown, RI [Map](#)

Thursday, July 27

Optional Tour - Newport: Rhode Island's Spectacular City by the Sea

<https://experienceri.com/newport-rhode-islands-spectacular-city-by-the-sea/>

Come away with us to one of America's most special places! On this special tour your host will take you and your Entlebucher on a journey through early American history and the stunning wealth of America's Gilded Age. You will travel by air-conditioned tour bus along breathtaking Ocean Drive, see and hear the stories behind the marvelous summer homes of many famous Americans, including the Kennedys, Vanderbilts, and modern-day celebrities such as Jay Leno and Judge Judy, explore the cobblestone streets of colonial America, enjoy shopping at the picturesque inner harbor of the sailing capital of the United States, and visit the famous Cliff Walk. You can also take an inside tour of one of America's castles, the Vanderbilt's 70-room Breakers mansion, the grandest of Newport's summer "cottages." Note: dogs are not allowed inside The Breakers, but you can choose a different activity. Filled with interesting stories and fantastic sights, this is the best way to experience Rhode Island's spectacular city by the sea!

Time: 10:30am – 4:30pm with pick up and return to the hotel

Cost: \$75/per person (includes admission to The Breakers and box lunch from Panera Bread)

If not touring The Breakers, the cost is \$60/per person.

Goddard Memorial Park (optional for members arriving later in the day/not taking the tour)

Enjoy our reserved Performing Arts Shelter near the beach. Take your dog for a walk on the park trails, which entrance is on the left side of the beach. Dogs must be leashed and are not allowed on the beach.

<https://riparks.com/Locations/LocationGoddard.html>

<https://riparks.com/PDFFiles/Maps/GoddardParkMap.pdf>

Dinner with Your Dog

Finn's Harborside Restaurant

<https://www.finnsharborside.com>

Join us for a casual dinner with our dogs at Finn's Harborside. We will be on the large, outside deck which overlooks beautiful Greenwich Cove and the marina. Finn's is a family-owned restaurant loved by the locals! It features seafood, but there's something for everyone's taste and appetite.

Friday, July 28

CEBA Temperament & Conformation Evaluation

The Comprehensive Entlebucher Breed Assessment (CEBA) is for any NEMDA member who would like to learn how their Entle compares to the NEMDA breed standard in both temperament and conformation. Come away from the evaluations with a customized profile of your dog's behavioral traits and structural characteristics. For more information see page 9.

Can you help with CEBA? Join us Friday morning with family or spouse as a CEBA volunteer!

Volunteering for CEBA is fun in two ways: It is a great chance to see the commonalities and differences of typical Entles as they respond in a variety of situations, and a chance to mingle with fellow members with a purpose. Should this be your first time volunteering, don't worry, we're all learning and training together. Our CEBA crew will provide any guidance needed for the friendly strangers (10) and the stimulus exercises.

Lunch (included with registration - right after CEBA)

Box lunch from famous BJ's Brewhouse will include a sandwich, apple, chips, cookie and a drink. You will receive an email to make your selection through the NEMDA website after you have registered for Entlefest.

Friday, July 28 (continued)

Educational Activity:

Distractions 101 - Building Entle Focus & Attention

Is your Entle distracted or disengaged while out and about? When you and your Entle encounter friends, either dogs or people, does your Entle bark, try to drag you towards them or worse yet, jump on them? If so, this training session is for you.

Heidi Palmer McNeil, CTC, CPDT-KA, owner of Pooch Pawsitive Dog Training and her assistant, Taylor Fordham, KPA-CTP, CPDT-KA will guide us as we build and improve our dog training skills. Through fun, low stress exercises, we will empower our dogs to make the right choice while watching and paying attention to us.

When our dog's focus is on us, we set them up for success. We can tell them what we want to do next, and they can do it. After all, they will be paying attention! Put away all your distractions and join the fun!

Blood Draw for Research on Inherited Diseases

NEMDA is collaborating with the Entlebucher Preservation Foundation again this year to host a blood draw event. The samples will be sent to the OFA CHIC DNA Repository. These samples can be used in future research and testing aimed at reducing the incidence of inherited disease in Entlebucher Mountain Dogs. If the OFA does not already have your dog's sample, this is the perfect time for you to add it to this important research resource. We will have a veterinary technician on site to draw blood samples. There is no cost to you. Expenses will be covered by NEMDA and EPF.

25th Anniversary Entlefest Banquet - Iggy's Boardwalk

<https://igqysri.com/private-events/>

Join us for our 25th Anniversary Entlefest banquet at the highly acclaimed Iggy's Boardwalk, a family-owned restaurant with spectacular views across Narragansett Bay. Enjoy lively conversation and a delicious multi-course dinner in a festive tent at the beach's edge.

Nestled in the quiet seaside neighborhood of Oakland Beach, this hidden waterfront gem is beloved by Rhode Islanders. It's a quintessential New England restaurant that offers a beautiful view of the bay and spectacular sunsets, along with exceptional cuisine and customer service.

The price will be \$80 per person with a cash bar.



NOTE: Be sure to list any dietary restrictions when registering.

Saturday, July 29

National Specialty – Wide World of Indoor Sports - North Kingstown

<https://www.wideworldofindoorsports.com/northkingstown/>

Our Specialty will be held in conjunction with The Providence County Kennel Club (<https://www.providencecountykc.org/events/>) at the air-conditioned [Wide World of Indoor Sports](#), 1610 Davisville Rd., North Kingstown, RI. The show (which lasts through Sunday, July 30th) will feature conformation, obedience and rally. [Map](#)

Go to the MB-F/Infodog website for the Premium List and registration:

https://infodog.com/show/club_page.htm?ev=2023123305

NOTE: Premium List should be on the Infodog website by early June. Entry deadline: July 12, 2023

Optional Tour After National Specialty - Discover Providence

Join us for this delightful tour of one of America's favorite cities! As you relax comfortably on our climate-controlled tour bus, we will take you to the most exciting neighborhoods in Rhode Island's capital city and tell you the story of this special place and its most famous citizens. From America's first hero to the mafia, and to the mayor, this city is filled with intriguing tales. As we travel from College Hill to Federal Hill, and Brown University to the State House, you will admire the loveliest settings in the city and discover places you will want to go back to and explore on your own. Along the way there will be opportunities for you to get out, take pictures, and see things up close. Get ready for one of the most enjoyable tours you have ever taken! (If at least 15 sign up, this tour can be dog inclusive!)

Time: 1:30pm – 4:00pm with pick up and return to hotel

Cost: \$35/per person

Optional/On Your Own – Dog Friendly Beaches in North Kingstown

Compass Beach or Blue Beach – see the links below for more information.

<http://www.quonset.com/about-the-park/amenities/four-public-beaches/default.aspx>

<https://www.bringfido.com/attraction/26103>

<https://www.bringfido.com/attraction/12076>

Annual General Meeting

Join us for NEMDA's Annual General Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Providence-Warwick Hotel. There will be a short presentation of the past year's accomplishments and discussion of impact actions, followed by open discussion opportunities. Dinner will follow. Even if you can't join us for dinner, please feel free to attend the meeting and auction (no cost).

Dr. McLellan's Research on Glaucoma in the Entlebucher

https://vision.wisc.edu/staff/gillian_mclellan/ and <https://www.vetmed.wisc.edu/people/mclellan/>

Dr. Gillian McLellan and her research team at the University of Wisconsin-Madison are studying the genetics of glaucoma in the Entlebucher Mountain Dog. In a pre-recorded video, she will discuss the results of the research, and where we go from here. A live Q & A with Dr. McLellan via phone will follow.

Dinner (included with registration)

There will be dinner and a cash bar at the hotel after the AGM.

Auction

The annual silent auction is always great fun! Come bid on a wide variety of items donated by NEMDA members to raise money for the organization. NEMDA will be able to accept cash, check or credit card payments. Have something to donate to the auction? Fill out the Auction Donation form here:

<https://nemda.wufoo.com/forms/r1o501u609oj5h4/>

After dinner, participate in the always spirited and often hilarious live portion of the auction.

Sunday, July 30

Breakfast at the Hotel (Optional)

Join us at 9:00 am in the hotel's restaurant, The Crossings, for a 'departure' breakfast.

Optional/On Your Own – Providence County Kennel Club Show

The Providence County Kennel Club show continues at [Wide World of Indoor Sports](#), featuring conformation, obedience and rally.

Optional/On Your Own – Dog Friendly Beaches in North Kingstown

Still have some time before you travel home? There are some dog friendly beaches you can visit in North Kingstown, including Compass Beach and Blue Beach.

<http://www.quonset.com/about-the-park/amenities/four-public-beaches/default.aspx>

<https://www.bringfido.com/attraction/26103>

<https://www.bringfido.com/attraction/12076>

There's an app for that!

Did you know that there is an app for the NEMDA website? Download it to your cell phone from this page: <https://nemda.org/Members-App>

It's an easy way to keep track of the Entlefest/Specialty events, including dates, times, and locations. There are even links to Google Maps for directions to the various locations.

Other Information

Nearby Activities & Sightseeing

For a list of activities, shopping, restaurants and more in and around Rhode Island, see the Visit Rhode Island website: <https://www.visitrhodeisland.com/>

Dog Friendly Restaurants – Newport & Warwick

https://www.bringfido.com/restaurant/city/newport_ri_us/

https://www.bringfido.com/restaurant/city/warwick_ri_us/

Local Veterinary Clinics

Warwick Animal Hospital

<https://www.warwickanimalhospitalri.com/>

1950 Elmwood Ave

Warwick, RI 02888

Phone: 401-785-2222

Hours:

M-F 8am - 9pm

Sat & Sun 8am - 4pm

Warwick Animal Hospital is an urgent care office with extended hours, but not 24/7. The quickest route is approximately 10 minutes from the hotel.

Ocean State Vet Specialists

<https://osvs.net/>

1480 South County Trail

East Greenwich, RI 02818

Phone: 401-886-6787

Ocean State Vet Specialists is open 24/7. The quickest route is approximately 11 minutes from the hotel. If there is an emergency, they request a phone call to make sure the office can accommodate a new patient. If they can't, they will divert you to another local emergency location. They have a sister location in Massachusetts, and they also can refer people to a few other emergency locations in MA/CT. This is the closest 24/7 location.

Mass-RI Veterinary ER

<https://www.massriveter.com/>

477 Milford Rd

Swansea, MA 02777

Phone: 508-730-1112

Hours:

8am - 10 pm, 7 days a week

Mass-RI Veterinary ER has extended hours but is not open 24/7. The quickest route is approximately 23 minutes from the hotel.

Don't Miss Out! Entlefest AND 25th Anniversary T-Shirts!

Orders due Sunday, June 25, 2023 (same deadline as registration)

This year we have TWO very special shirts! This year's NEMDA Entlefest and National Specialty logo features Rhode Island's hallmarks – a lighthouse, the ocean and of course our Entlebucher ready to enjoy it all! We also have a NEMDA 25th Anniversary shirt with our special anniversary logo. You'll want one of each!

All shirts must be pre-ordered by the registration deadline! Shirts ordered by those not attending in person will be mailed after Entlefest. Postage fees will apply (but are yet to be determined).

Entlefest T-Shirt

White crew neck; available in unisex (S-4XL) and ladies' (XS-4XL) cuts. 100% cotton, made by Port & Company.

Sizes XS-XL - \$29

Sizes 2XL-4XL - \$33



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RHODE ISLAND



25th Anniversary T-Shirt

Heather gray, available in unisex crew neck (S-4XL) or ladies V-neck (XS-4XL). Both are 90% cotton/10% poly.

Unisex

Sizes S-XL - \$29

Sizes 2XL-4XL - \$33

Women's V-neck

Sizes XS-XL - \$32

Sizes 2XL-4XL - \$36



T-Shirt Size Charts

SIZE CHART – Women's	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
Bust (inches)	32-34	35-36	37-38	39-41	42-44	45-47	48-51	52-55
Size	2	4/6	8/10	12/14	16/18	20/22	24/26	28/30

SIZE CHART - Unisex	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
Chest (inches)	35-37	38-40	41-43	44-46	47-49	50-53	54-57

Lodging

Host Hotel: Crowne Plaza Providence-Warwick

<https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/warwick/wrwri/hoteldetail>

801 Greenwich Avenue
Warwick, RI 02886 [Map](#)
401-732-6000

We've chosen a gorgeous hotel where our Entles are welcome, and we'll be pampered with every amenity! *We have a limited block of rooms - make your reservation early!*

Room rates are \$159/night for Wednesday and Thursday and \$189/night for Friday and Saturday (July 26th - 29th). This special rate will only be offered until May 29th. After that, summer pricing will apply.

**IMPORTANT: the guest room block will only be held until Monday, May 29.
PLEASE DON'T DELAY!**

How to make reservations before 5/29/23:

1. The BEST WAY is to use the link for NEMDA discount: [Crowne Plaza Room Selection](#) or call (401) 732-6000 and please mention "National Entlebucher Mountain Dog Association" for a discount. **Code: NEM.** You may specify King or 2 Queens and non-smoking, but the hotel cannot guarantee your selection.
2. When you click on the link you will see the rate quoted as \$174. This is because the hotel averages the rates over four days. You only pay the group rates quoted above.

Other amenities/details:

\$50 one-time pet/cleaning fee
Free parking
Free WiFi
Refrigerators in rooms
Restaurant and lounge on site
Local area shuttle
Fitness center & pool

Camping

Whispering Pines Campground

<https://whisperingpinescamping.com/>

41 Saw Mill Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832
Please contact them directly for [reservations](#)
or call (401) 539-7011
Email: info@camprhody.com

Donations

Specialty Prizes: Make the Specialty even more "special" by helping our Awards Committee provide some great prizes! You can choose any amount to donate when you register. Suggested donation amounts are \$10 to \$50.

Auction (including Silent Auction): Donate an item, service or some funds to help make the Entlefest fundraiser a success! You can choose an amount to donate when you register if you want to give cash or donate items or services by completing the form here: <https://nemda.wufoo.com/forms/r1o501u609oj5h4/>
NOTE: The mailing deadline for donations is July 12, 2023.



Join us! Friday, July 28, 2023

**Become part of CEBA's legacy!
It's fun and rewarding!!**



Comprehensive Breed Assessment Evaluation – \$50

Come join the FUN!! Be one of ten NEMDA dog and owner teams to participate in CEBA this year at Goddard Memorial State Park. You will learn in a relaxed and noncompetitive atmosphere what makes your Entle unique! We are offering the temperament and conformation portions as a package, so everyone can take part in both.

Temperament Details

Evaluators: Heidi Palmer McNeil, CTC, CPDT-KA, owner, Pooch Pawsitive Dog Training Center and Taylor Fordham, KPA-CTP, CPDT-KA, training assistant, Pooch Pawsitive Dog Training Center. Heidi and Taylor, along with NEMDA's CEBA crew, look forward to assisting you as you walk your Entle through a series of aptitude exercises designed to evaluate your dog's inherent qualities in nerve strength, sociability, play, prey, hunt, and defense drives. In addition, this process will provide an opportunity to assess your team's working relationship. After all dogs have completed the course, there will be time to discuss your team's unique qualities with Heidi and Taylor.



To participate in the CEBA Temperament Evaluation, you must:

- Dress your dog in a flat collar -- no special control devices, treats or toys can be used.
- Attend CEBA's "Walk the Course with the Evaluator"

Conformation Details

Our team of AKC Conformation Judges will observe your Entle from the tip of its nose to the end of its tail, while you learn how your Entle compares to the Breed Standard. AKC Conformation Judges Janina Laurin, Judy Harrington and Neal Goodwin look forward to meeting you and your Entle and sharing their knowledge with you about your dog.

To participate in the CEBA Conformation Evaluation, PLEASE:

- Dress your dog in a flat collar or show lead.
- Practice "stand for exam" with your dog. [Tips on How to Prepare for a Conformation Exam](#)
- Practice showing your dog's bite. Video - [Video - How to Show Your Dog's Bite](#)
- Read and review the NEMDA Breed Standard. [Link to Entlebucher Breed Standard](#)

Note: We recommend that your Entle be at least 18 months old before participating in CEBA.

Register in advance to hold your evaluation spot. There will be no "day-of" sign-ups.

Start time for briefing and walk through is 8:00am on Friday, July 28, 2023.

Please arrive no later than 7:45am so we may start promptly at 8:00am.

Complete your CEBA registration form on the NEMDA website.

If you have any questions, please contact CEBA@nemda.org.

What to Bring to Entlefest

- x-pen and/or crate with shade cloth
- your Entle's favorite toy, food, and treats
- sunglasses, hat and sunscreen
- clothing for warm days and cool evenings
- fanny pack or small backpack (and water bottle) for walks or hike
- water/food bowls
- poop bags
- insect repellent
- camera
- flashlight/head lamp
- flat collar for CEBA
- red bandana for intact male dogs
- camp/beach chairs

Entlefest Etiquette

Entlefest presents the opportunity to expose your dog to new situations in an atmosphere of friendliness and camaraderie with people who understand this breed! For many of us, this will be the first time our dogs have been on leash around a large number of enthusiastic dogs, so please exercise common sense. **Always keep your attention on your dog**, whether on or off leash. **Be a good neighbor by keeping a distance between your dog and others you haven't met.**

Don't let your dog rush up to another dog without warning. People often exclaim, "Oh, don't worry. My dog likes everybody." That may be true, but the other dog may not like everybody. This is poor people and doggie etiquette. Keep your dog on a short leash. Before you closely approach another dog, ask the owner if it is OK. Don't force the dogs to meet face to face. Let them sniff one another. They usually do this side by side, focusing on rear ends. That's a doggie "nice to know you." If anyone growls, move your dog away firmly but don't jerk the dog back, as sudden movement may trigger the other dog to react defensively.

And please **keep a watchful eye on your dog's body language**, as that will tell you if they are out of their comfort zone. The same applies to dogs exhibiting dominant behavior. **If your dog seems uncomfortable**, try walking in circles until you can get your dog to walk by your side and **consider giving your dog a break** in its crate or x-pen. Have treats available to reward good behavior.

Stud dogs are often more territorial and dominant than neutered males. Stud owners should especially give wide berth to other stud dogs and not let their dogs loose. Pet owners should also watch the behavior of the nearby stud dogs. Some intact dogs do not like strange, even neutered dogs, to enter their personal space. Others are perfectly friendly. Stud dogs should wear a red bandana.

Crate your dog in a safe, shady, place with water available, when you are busy at mealtime, etc. Your dog will welcome a chance to chill out. Being around so many other dogs for long stretches, even when they enjoy it, is stressful for dogs.

While staying at your hotel:

- Ask where to relieve and exercise your dog.
- Take plastic bags when you walk and clean up after your dog.
- Throw doggie poop bags in the hotel dumpster.
- **Always crate your dog in the room.** Don't leave your dog in the room alone at all if he or she barks when left alone. This is an annoyance to everyone.

Be a goodwill ambassador for traveling Entlebachers!

Schedule of Activities – NEMDA Entlefest & Specialty 2023

Thursday, July 27	
Time	Event/Activity
10:30 am – 4:30 pm	Guided Tour with Entles - Newport - "Cliff Walk," sightseeing, shopping, lunch
All Day (on your own)	Picnics, hiking trails - Goddard Memorial Park's Performing Arts Shelter near entrance and beach
6:00 pm	Dinner with Your Dog - Finn's Harborside Restaurant

Friday, July 28	
Time	Event/Activity (Goddard Memorial State Park – Picnic Shelter "G" unless otherwise noted)
8:00 am	CEBA Walk-Through
8:30 am	CEBA Temperament & Conformation
12:30 pm	Lunch Discuss CEBA Results (one-on-one with owners)
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Educational/Training Seminar
2:30 – 3:30 pm	Blood Draw
7:00 pm	Banquet - Iggy's Boardwalk

Saturday, July 29	
Time	Event/Activity
TBD	National Specialty – Wide World of Indoor Sports
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Optional – Tour of Providence
5:30 pm	Annual General Meeting – Hotel
6:30 pm	Dr. McClellan Glaucoma Study Video and Q&A – Hotel
7:30 pm	Dinner – Hotel
8:00 pm	Auction – Hotel

Sunday, July 30	
Time	Event/Activity
9:00 am	Optional - Breakfast – The Crossings in the hotel
After breakfast	Optional - Visit Compass Beach and/or Blue Beach
All day	Providence Kennel Club Show – Wide World of Indoor Sports