CEBA - Updated for 2015

NEMDA is offering the Comprehensive Entlebucher Breed Assessment (CEBA) at this year's Entlefest gathering. The CEBA temperament evaluation and the CEBA conformation evaluation are on August 14, 2015 at the Granlibakken Resort and are held concurrently from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm. The walk-thru is at 1:30 pm. Sign-ups are offered in the Entlefest registration packet. Look for the registration packet in the second week of June.

Jen Shaul, CEBA committee member, traveled to Switzerland twice in 2014.

She observed the spring Ankörung in April and participated with her female Entlebucher, Xella at the fall Ankörung in October.

Thanks to Jen’s notation, two exercises in the current CEBA program were updated and reflect the changes made to the Swiss Ankörung program.

Jen observed that the self-defense (fear-aggressive response) exercise was removed. No longer are the owner and the dog approached with active body language. Now, someone approaches the team naturally and shakes hands with the owner and says, “Hello.” Also discontinued was the exercise in which the dog was tethered to a stake and the owner was requested to leave and hide behind a tree. The evaluator then circled the dog in a 20-foot perimeter while clapping two sticks together above his head. Now, a neutral person and dog walk the perimeter at a reasonable distance, followed by a gentle approach (with a greeting) by a second neutral person.

Kudos to Jen for this valuable CEBA contribution. Thank you for sharing this new information with NEMDA. It is much appreciated. And, congratulations to Xella. She, of course, passed the Ankörung with flying colors.

CEBA:

CEBA’s vision is to provide an educational and informative program for NEMDA members in a relaxed, non-competitive atmosphere, where Entlebucher owners, be they pet or breeding, will receive a thorough assessment of their dog through the CEBA Conformation and Temperament Evaluations.

We have tailored this educational resource to bring the owner and judging team together in a novel hands-on experience to increase each owner’s knowledge and understanding of their dog’s conformation and temperament. Owners have the opportunity to learn how their dog compares to NEMDA’s Breed Standard, which in turn will support and preserve the health, future, and well-being of the EMD.