It was a beautiful day for CEBA, especially after the park’s sprinklers were turned off! Tall trees bordered one side of the grassy field that shielded us from the morning sun and the Columbia River was on the other side, with a giant container ship waiting to enter the Port of Portland. Very exciting! This year was the BEST year yet for CEBA for several reasons:

1. It was a stand alone event;  
2. The entire CEBA Committee was there to make the evaluations run smoothly.  
3. We had a tremendous volunteer turn-out from both our Board and our Northwest members.  
4. And finally, the evaluators and judges were enthusiastically engaged in the process.

2017 CEBA Temperament

“It was great to see all the friendly faces, old and new, at this year’s CEBA evaluations. I was really impressed by the dogs I saw. Even the young ones who weren’t officially ready for testing showed a lot of heart. Plus, it was a pleasure to be out in a beautiful park, on a beautiful day, with a bunch of beautiful dogs, near my own home. Thank you all for having me back!”

Greta Kaplan, CDBC
Fuzzy Logic Dog Behavior Consulting and Training

“I'd like to thank you for including me as an evaluator at your 2017 CEBA evaluations in Vancouver. I had a wonderful time. I felt the group of dogs I saw was a fantastic example of the breed from a temperament perspective. The teams I saw were comfortable, and versatile. I saw confident and attentive dogs who were well behaved and were able to excel at each task put before them. The handling was very good and it was clear that the club takes great pride in reaching the full potential and standard of the breed. In addition to performing well, it was clear to me that the teams were having fun and enjoying the event. In the cases where a dog could improve, the handlers were interested in working with them with the focus more on the wellbeing of the dog, rather than the score of the test. If every breed operated in this fashion, the dog world would be better for it.”

Denise Mullenix
Head of Behavior and Training
Intake Coordinator – Pixie Project
2017 CEBA Conformation

"Thank you for the opportunity to judge your breed. This was a great learning experience for the exhibitor and this judge. I am very impressed at the score sheet used to evaluate the dogs. It is directly from the standard and covers over 50 breed points. All clubs should offer this comprehensive breed assessment. The scribes were very helpful in keeping us on track and moving the process along. The dogs were a joy to judge. Your numbers may be small, but the quality is high. We judged many very good dogs and one excellent specimen. Of the ten dogs, I saw a few that were a little light in bone and none that were coarse. Many had long rib cages which is so important for them to do their job. Thank you for the experience and the chance to meet your members and your dogs. It was a great way to learn about your engaging breed.

PS...I will be bringing this idea to the Doberman Pinscher club. It is a great learning opportunity..... thanks for the invite.”

Faye Strauss, AKC Judge

“It was a pleasure to go over so many dogs and offer my humble opinion. The two things in my mind that need to be worked on are better fronts and eyes that need to be darker and less round. These, and others that were mentioned, could be corrected by perhaps forgetting kennel blindness and search the data base for the dog that will best help the breed.”

David Denis, AKC & CKC Judge

“Thank you so much for allowing me to judge the 2017 CEBA conformation evaluation. It was a pleasure to meet the Entlebucher exhibitors and really get a chance to do a detailed evaluation on the dogs.

I thought that overall it went smoothly, just took us a few times before we got used to the process of the evaluation and could speed up the process. It was great to have a knowledgeable person scribing for us and to keep us on our feet in moving things forward. Thank you so much!

My only suggestion in the process is that you might want to start with a solid dog that has done a lot of showing just so it’s easier to get used to the process rather than starting with a younger puppy who isn’t used to hands on experience. The conformation evaluation seemed to take a bit longer, so you may want to start the conformation portion a little before the rest to allow for more time. The breakdown of the standard was definitely well done, we only added a place to comment on the feet under the rear assembly as we should comment on both front and rear feet.

As a breeder, I always strive to go forward with outstanding qualities instead of an average dog with mediocrity. I have found over the years that a dog that is an average dog in all aspects, can do well in the show ring as it has nothing blatantly incorrect, whereas a dog that has maybe an obvious fault but also an outstanding quality can be overlooked. I would encourage all of you to really study the evaluations and take away those details of what is an outstanding quality and what is something that needs improvement. Going forward, keep in mind these qualities to help get closer to your goal of getting an outstanding quality Entlebucher.

Thank you again for asking me to judge and I hope that I get to be a part of the Entlefest in the future!“

Emily Barnhart
AKC Judge #92354
Pawcific Cardigans & Border Collies
2017 CEBA Participants

Darcy Kemp - “Levi” Levi v. Eagleheart (T&C)
David Gunsul - “Pico” Pico von der Auentuti (T&C)
Beth Hoffmann - “Kesch” Desch des Waldes v. Eagleheart (T&C)
Joyce Mackay - “Jaylah” Antea z. Rodevachu (T&C)
Suzanne Olszowiec - “Cadbury” Night Owl ExcelEnt Cadbury (T&C)
Rebecca Christiansen - “Flexi” Ch Flexi of Creekside Entlebuchers (T&C)
Kari Gilje - “Inga” Ice Princess Inga v. Eagleheart (T&C)
Cindy Stocker - “Liesel” Ch Int Ch Liberty Run’s Echo From the Alps (C)
Dru Patterson - “Simmy” Blue-Jay’s Cembra to Tierra Alta (T&C)
Susanne Foster - “Opal” Juno v. Eagleheart (T&C)

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Now in our 8th year, CEBA has become a familiar part of NEMDA’s Entlefest educational offerings. Participants are always surprised by one or two things they learn about their dogs. Thank you to our participants for taking their dogs through this shared venue because we, scribes, field coordinators, friendly strangers, and potential Entle owners, all learn more about our wonderful dogs, which in turn makes us better stewards of the breed. And finally, a “HUGE THANK YOU” to all our volunteers who made this year’s CEBA possible.

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