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High Fives for the 2019 CEBA Participants!

Christena Stephens took these delightful photos of the seven dogs who completed CEBA this year. All of these extraordinary Entlebuchers wowed the CEBA evaluators with their good looks and awesome personalities.

You can learn more about CEBA in the report on Entlefest and National Specialty 2019. The other events were also outstanding and are covered!
Feedback on Entlefest and National Specialty 2019
by Dru Patterson

This year’s National Specialty, Entlefest, and Annual General Meeting took place September 26-29 in the beautiful Finger Lakes region of upstate New York. We had a good turnout this year with more than 40 people attending most activities.

Most everyone stayed at the Geneva Ramada Inn perched at the northern end of Seneca Lake. Directly out the door of the hotel, a long, paved walking path winds along the waterfront through a green space. The lake is surrounded by small communities replete with signs posted along the roads to watch out for the horse-and-buggy and Amish work crews dressed in dapper attire who are renovating historic buildings.

Thursday
A short drive around the eastern edge of the lake takes one to Sampson State Park, where on Thursday the Comprehensive Entlebucher Breed Assessment (CEBA) evaluations and socialization were held from the cover and grounds of a large pavilion on the water’s edge. Here is some of the feedback we received about CEBA:

- **CEBA always impresses me, so that’s the first place I volunteer. Both my dogs have been through CEBA, and it seems to get better each year. From my perspective, this year went very smoothly, even with the rain.** —Carol Clarke
- **Temperament testing ran very smoothly and efficiently; lots of participation of owners and NEMDA members; Entles, as a whole, were well prepared for the exercises. Regarding the CEBA conformation evaluations, the club is to be commended on recruiting Anna Wallace to participate in the judging of the Entles. She is the first Entle owner/breeder to have achieved her judging designation, and this achievement should make the Entle community proud. As part of the breed standard, height and length are identified. In making breeding decisions, we as breeders take the ranges in the standards into consideration, as we want Entles to replicate the true image of the Entlebucher. I recommend that we go back to doing measurements of our dogs as part of the conformation component of CEBA. Participation of NEMDA members in the CEBA was overwhelming, and despite a light shower, it was a very enjoyable experience.** —Jane Haley
- **With CEBA, I now know what is involved with each step of the certification process so when I see or hear about it, I will not be in the dark.** —Christena Stephens
- **We didn’t know what to expect, but the CEBA testing was educational to watch and participate in. We’re pleased with Caleb’s results and now have a bona fide guide in making him the best Entle he can be. The judges even took us aside and offered instruction with specific behaviors.** —Rob, Caleb, and Mindy Campbell
- **We felt CEBA was a very worthwhile activity and glad that we enrolled. It provides very useful information for Entlebook owners and breeders. We hope this is offered again in the future.** —Nancy and Gil Chichester

After CEBA, the Breed Committee conducted a Judges’ Education session and then the Specialty 2019 crew got busy grilling hotdogs and sausages. A good time was had by all. Thanks to everyone who helped with cooking and cleaning, we made quick work of it and headed back to the hotel.