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 NEMDA’s Code of Ethics will be subject to NEMDA Disciplinary procedures, and may be grounds for expulsion.

Treatment

When a Member cannot keep their Entlebucher and does not have a suitable new home available, NEMDA strongly recommends and prefers that the Member first contact their Breeder for re-homing assistance. If failing at that, the Member should contact NEMDA for re-homing/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- Submit copies of individual registration papers to the Registrar of the Club for historical reference including three generation pedigree and any photographs for inclusion in future historical documents;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.

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 cooperate with all health surveys or other record requirements set up to research and promote the health of the breed, and report major health problems to their breeder and the Genetics Committee. Members shall not defame other club members, breeders, exhibitors or their dogs.