



Bar TT Entlebuchers

## Bar TT Ranch Entlebucher Puppies

### Litter A

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Hello! I hope you enjoyed a nice summer - ours was quite cool and wet at the ranch, but we got in some great herding practice with the cattle.

Nelson is now 4 and bred another female in July. He has 8 lovely pups on the ground in Oregon. You can check them out at Country Glen Entlebuchers on their webpage or facebook. Nakita will be turning 2 on November 6th and we expect her next heat cycle sometime shortly after that. Our plan is to breed, live cover, with Nelson on this heat cycle.

Since we are getting closer, I wanted to provide an update on our process and get things moving. In the meantime, I've been studying all things about dog breeding and matching pups to homes with AVIDog. It has been a great program for us and I know you will see the benefits of this approach in our puppies.

Our process for breeding and selling puppies will involve

- Providing information on the breed so there are no big surprises (Welcome)
- Answering questions you may have about our program or Entlebuchers in your situation
- Seeking information about you, your family and your goals for a puppy (Application)
- Spending time getting to know you, and your plans for your pup (Interview, References)
- We will high grade applicants to select homes for our A litter puppies
- We will notify families and ask for a deposit to confirm your commitment (Deposit)
- Next, you can expect regular communication about how the dogs are doing and more requests to better understand what kind of pup will fit you best (Puppy Match Information)
- We will keep a 'Reserved' list in case someone drops out or we have more pups than expected. These families will be on the top of the list for Litter B. We will collect information on the best kind of puppy from you as well, in case we need to move you up the list, (Puppy Match Information) but we won't ask for a deposit.

Throughout this time, we will be confirming Nakita's hip score with a final OFA hip exam and making the many preparations required for whelping and raising a litter. Heat cycles can easily be a month early or late and the elapsed time from breeding to whelping is only 63 days on average, so things have to in place and ready well ahead of time. Then, there is a lot of work to do with the puppies after they are born – first just helping them to survive as neonates, then helping them to learn and discover and grow. We will provide you with regular updates as the pups mature so that you will see how much they are learning.

So, let's get started.



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In case I missed sending you our introductory note, I am attaching it here (Welcome). It will provide some basic information about us and the breed, give you a few things to think about and provide some Entlebucher resource ideas.

I am also attaching our application to be added to our Puppy List (Application). This document will require a little time and thought as it asks a number of questions about you, your family, your home and the puppy that you are looking for. Your answers will help us to determine if a Bar TT Entlebucher is the best choice for you at this time. Once your application is submitted, we will review it and get back to you with any further questions. We will spend some time getting to know you and your situation though email, skype and phone calls, (Interviews). We will need to meet everyone that lives in the home, either in person or by video chat and we will ask you for references (References).

Once we clarify any questions from the application and get to know you through the SKYPE interview and references, we will select homes for the number and type of puppies we expect. We will let you know if you have been chosen to receive a Bar TT Entlebucher puppy and whether you are in the A Litter group or the Reserved group for Litter B. Don't panic if you land in the Reserved group – some families will inevitably drop out. We plan for an average sized litter but they can range from 1 pup to at least 10, so there could well be 'extra pups' available.

Purchasing a puppy from Bar TT Ranch is the beginning of a long-term relationship. We will be in contact with you throughout the life of your dog to help and support you and to enjoy your photos and notes describing your life with our puppy. It is important to us that we follow the puppies so that we understand what this breeding produced. We cannot progress toward breeding goals if we never get long term data on our dogs and their families.

At this point, our breeding goals are pretty simple – produce healthy, long-lived dogs and place them in homes where they and their family can thrive. You play a huge part in this goal as we will need your assessment of how your pup is developing, a simple temperament test you can do each year and updates from you whenever you encounter an illness or injury that doesn't resolve easily in a few days. We will want hear about any specific behaviour challenges so we or the litter group can help you find a solution. And we need to know what training you have selected and how your pup is doing with the work.

A secondary goal is to find a way to propagate diverse DNA to future generations without keeping and breeding many of our pups. This simply requires us to identify the best dogs for breeding and match them with families that are willing to breed their dog, with varying degrees of our help. We will talk about this more in the future so be sure to let us know if you might be interested in breeding one or two litters with plenty of support or allowing us to borrow your dog for the breeding period.



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In the longer term, we would like to establish a line of Entlebuchers with excellent hip, elbow and patella scores that produce this quality in their offspring, but that requires time for puppies to mature and commitment from buyers to test their dogs for both health and temperament throughout their lives. We would also like to develop our line to be great herding dogs, for cattle, especially. This requires training and trialling in herding events. At this point, while we would certainly appreciate your efforts toward these goals it is not required of our buyers. Be sure to ask if you are interested in these opportunities.

We hope you are as excited about an Entlebucher puppy as we are. Please complete the application and request for references and return them to us. You can scan them and then email them back to [littlelaureen@gmail.com](mailto:littlelaureen@gmail.com).