



Bar TT Entlebuchers

Bar TT Ranch Entlebucher Puppies

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Origins of the Entlebuchers Mountain Dog

We believe the breed descended from dogs of the Roman Molossus, but being isolated in the Swiss Alps, they evolved very little through centuries. The Entlebucher Mountain Dog breed was almost extinct when it was rediscovered by Albert Heim in 1913 at a dog show in Bern, Switzerland. Breed numbers of the four Swiss breeds, (Bernese, Greater Swiss, Entlebucher and Appenzeller) grew from this point, but were again constrained through the war years. In 1954, the first Entlebucher was imported to North America, Desiree vom Seeruecken. Her owner, Andrew Luescher, DVM, who had just accepted a job at the University of Guelph in Canada travelled back to Switzerland for breeding a number of times, adding to the breed in Canada and the USA. <https://adherentlebuchers.com/our-dogs/history/>

With these meagre beginnings, it is no wonder that many Entlebuchers in North America share common ancestors and many identical genes. Only in the past forty years have owners travelled back to Europe more frequently, bringing puppies from new bloodlines home with them. And although artificial insemination provides worldwide breeding options in many commercial farm species, it has not been very successful yet with Entlebuchers. We are fortunate that breeders through history have been so conscientious in selecting the mates for these dogs. Our breed has only a few identified heritable conditions as a result of this care.