



Bar TT Entlebuchers

Bar TT Ranch Entlebucher Puppies

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Health of Entlebuchers

First, there is the inherited eye disease, similar to human Age Related Macular Degeneration, called **PRA-prcd**. Fortunately, we can now test for this disease genetically and know that this blindness will not result from our breeding of Nelson and Nakita.

Ectopic Ureter is another disease known in Entlebuchers which is believed to be heritable. Although we understand what goes wrong, the ureter doesn't connect to the bladder correctly, many dogs can carry this condition without any symptoms. Additionally, the malady is difficult to diagnose even in dogs with symptoms of incontinence. It is not a fatal disease, but it does increase the level of care required by owners as females may need to wear 'culottes' or diapers while indoors. Some dogs with the condition are prone to urinary tract infections which require vigilance to avoid kidney damage. It is a disease we would like to eliminate but at the moment we just don't have the necessary knowledge. For our litter, you can be assured that neither Nelson nor Nakita nor any of their immediate relatives have shown any symptoms of this disease.

Next, is the chance of **Hip Dysplasia** – a common disease in medium to large sized dogs. We are not nearly as clear on the cause or transmission of this disease and the related **Elbow Dysplasia** and **Patellar Luxation**. There is some genetic component but we know that environmental factors also play a significant role. Our dogs have both passed the OFA hip xrays which are used to screen for this disease. Our puppy whelping and raising will carefully involve good traction surfaces and outdoor play time, both factors associated with lower incidence of these diseases. In addition, we will provide puppy owners with guidelines on nutrition and exercise which can reduce your risk.

And finally, all dogs can inherit eye diseases such as **Glaucoma** or **Cataracts**. Again, we don't have enough detail on this to provide a guarantee of health, but our dogs have annual eye exams to check for and identify any eye disease as early as possible. You can also rest easy knowing that their immediate relatives have not had these concerns.

In addition to our work with NEMDA, we have recently joined a newer group, dedicated to making it easier for puppy buyers to find well bred and healthy pups. Good Dog qualifies breeders based on their assessment of health risks and testing recommendations. You will find that we have met all of their requirements for Good Dog Breeders of Entlebucher Mountain Dogs.

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