



Bar TT Entlebuchers

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Your Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

Town State/Prov. ZIP/Postal Code

Phone(s) _____

Home Mobile 1 Mobile 2

Email(s) _____

Family Details & Household Activity

Who resides at the home where the puppy will live?

First Name	Relationship to You	Age / Gender	Occupation

Entlebuchers bond closely with their people. Whoever feeds, walks, trains and plays with the puppy will likely become their 'special person'. Who will realistically provide most of the dogs' care?

Name: _____

What other pets does your family have? Dogs, cats, horses, other?

Pet's Name	Type	Age / Gender	Size (lbs)



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Your Expectations

What are you looking for in a dog? _____

What is most important? _____

What other breeds did you consider? _____

Why is an Entlebucher a good fit? _____

Why a Bar TT Ranch Entlebucher? _____

Have you met an Entlebucher in person? Where did you meet them?

Dog's name	Owner's name	Location / event
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Are you interested in a particular litter, timing, dam or sire? Please specify.

Are you on any other breeder's Puppy List? Yes _____ No _____ Not Sure _____

Which breed? _____ Which breeder? _____

Training & Activities

What types of activities do you anticipate sharing with your dog?

Activity	# days per week	Duration (hrs)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____



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Your Home

Entlebuchers love to run and play, tug, rip and tussle. Tell us about the home and yard that your puppy will live in.

Home description _____

We Own _____ Rent _____ Share _____

Areas where dog is allowed _____

Areas off limits to dog _____

Yard description & size _____

Is the yard fenced? _____ Have you tested it with an energetic dog? _____

How will you exercise the dog? _____

Play areas nearby? _____ Distance? _____

Off-leash area nearby? _____ Distance? _____

Are the dogs there friendly? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Don't Know

Your Routine

Entlebuchers enjoy being with their people as much as possible. Of course, you will occasionally need to leave your dog at home. Initially, a puppy can only go a couple hours without a potty break. As they mature, this time can be extended. But they will anxiously await your return anytime they are left. We try not to leave them more than a few hours at a time and as seldom as possible.

What is the longest the puppy will be alone during the day? _____ hours

Where will the puppy be during this time? _____

Will anyone walk or visit the puppy during this time? How often/long? _____

How many days of the week will this be the case? _____

Please describe your typical Tuesday schedule. You can think back to last Tuesday or just generalize.

- At what time did your family wake up and get moving? _____
- When did members start leaving the house for the day? _____
- Who was the last to leave the house? At what time? _____
- Was the house empty from this time onward? _____



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- Were there any services in the house or yard that day? _____
- When did the first person return home? _____
- When did the last person return home? _____
- What evening activities did your family participate in? _____
- When did the last person go to bed? _____

Planning for a puppy in your home

Where will the puppy sleep? _____

Where will the puppy eat? _____

What do you normally do for holidays? _____

What would the dog do? _____

Who might be able to help with dog care occasionally? (neighbour, friend etc.) _____

Have you discussed your puppy plans with them? _____

How eager are they to help? _____

Is there a boarding facility that might also be helpful? _____

Climate

Entlebuchers are Swiss Mountain Dogs. They are best suited to a cool, temperate climate. Tell us about your location and seasonal weather. How will you keep the puppy comfortable?

Location: _____ Summer high _____ Winter low _____

Summer plan: _____

Winter plan: _____

Previous experience with dogs in your climate: _____



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Prior Dog Experience

Summarize any dog care experience you have. What went well? What was not so great? Please be honest. We will help you have success with this puppy.

Will you need special help with any aspect of caring for your puppy? Please specify.

Other Animal Care

Tell us about any other animals you have cared for.

Health Care & Training

Every pet requires routine health care. Have you selected a veterinarian? Yes No

How did you choose your vet? _____

Do they practice holistic, herbal or traditional care? _____

Lately, there has been considerable press about dog diets and related health issues. Some prefer to feed raw, others home cooked or kibble.

What is your feeding plan? Raw Home cooked Kibble

Other? _____

Vaccinations are a routine part of puppy health care. We use Nomographs to reduce the total number of vaccines and improve their timing and efficacy. Your vet may not be familiar with this protocol. We will provide you with the science to defend the nomograph choice. Have you read about dog vaccination? What is your vaccination plan?

What is your immunization plan? Bar TT Plan Vet Plan No vaccines

Other? _____

The science is quite clear. Dogs that remain intact (are not spayed or neutered) until they are skeletally mature have longer, healthier lives. Entlebuchers mature at 2 years old and will have had 3 heat cycles by this time. Caring for a bitch in season is not particularly complicated and we will support you through this time.



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Your vet may strongly advise that you spay or neuter as early as 4 months of age. We will provide you with the science to support delayed removal of the sex organs and their hormones which aids in longer, healthier lives.

What is your neuter plan? _____ 4 months _____ 1 year _____ 2 years

Other? _____

Breeding Considerations

Because of the rarity of the breed, the small number of founding dogs and the great many that were lost through the wars in Europe, it is important to preserve as much genetic material as possible. While your goal may be a beloved family pet, we would ask you to consider breeding just once, to pass along the DNA of your puppy to future generations.

We are prepared to assist puppy owners in a variety of ways to breed their dog once or twice before neutering. This would preserve many more genes and help with breed survival. Although breeding well is not financially lucrative, it should at least break even with our help.

- We will consider breeding our dog with your support. _____
- We are willing to commit to a single litter from our female dog. _____
- We are willing to commit to 3 breedings from our male dog. _____

Entlebuchers are ready to breed after their second birthday and should not breed past their eighth. We would suggest a single breeding take place between two and three years of age, once all health tests are completed and cleared and temperament has been well established. Ideally, the dog may have completed some conformation showing or performance competition by this time, demonstrating their worthiness for breeding.

Dogs must be prepared and qualified in order to breed. This involves a physical exam at the vet's to confirm physical ability to breed, no contagious or treatable diseases, brucellosis testing, semen collection and testing for males, conformation and temperament evaluations. Currently x-rays are used to ensure healthy hips, elbows and patella in all breeding dogs. An annual eye exam (CAER) is also required. Conformation and temperament can be evaluated by attending an Entlefest event and participating in the CEBA evaluation (Comprehensive Entlebucher Breed Assessment), a fun afternoon event with your dog.

Because breeding more Entlebuchers is the key to breed survival, we are prepared to assist you to help the breed in this way. Of course, the more help we provide, the more financial return we would require from the sale of puppies.

- At this time, we would likely breed with the following help.
 - Assist with selecting a suitable mate and timing the breeding
 - Provide transportation and care during the breeding
 - Support with education, resource ideas, visits during breeding & whelping
 - Assist with the loan of whelping and AVIDog raising equipment to reduce costs



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- Visits to the newborn puppies to assist with care (1/2 day to 2 weeks)
- Host the dog and bitch for breeding at the ranch (1 week)
- Return our bitch to the ranch just before whelping and collect her after puppies go home (10 weeks)
- Return our bitch for breeding, pregnancy, whelping and raising the pups, collecting her after puppies have gone to their homes (4-5 months)

Anything Else We Should Know?

Concerns? Questions? Special considerations? You are welcome to call anytime.

Our Breeding Program

We breed Entlebucher Mountain Dogs because we love the breed. We enjoy having them with us and love to watch them play and work. We have built our breeding program based on proven science and the AVIDog program. We hope that once you understand the science, you will work with us to ensure your puppy has the long, healthy life it deserves.

We take responsibility for every puppy that we produce for its entire life. If ever you find that you are no longer able to provide proper care for the dog, you must return it to us. Our puppies should NEVER be released to a rescue, friend or relative. If you have an alternate home in mind, please discuss it with us before relinquishing the dog.

We evaluate the temperament of each puppy at about 7 weeks old. We use this evaluation and your application details to match each puppy to the best available home. No matter how well-bred the puppy may be, a poor match between the puppy's natural temperament and the home environment will lead to an unhappy situation for everyone.

We enjoy making friends with our puppy families and receiving periodic updates from them about the pups. This information is very rewarding but also helps us to adjust our puppy raising program to produce better adjusted pups. We put considerable effort into evaluating the temperament of the litter to best place each puppy. CBARQ is a similar evaluation which is performed as a dog matures to confirm the temperament assessment and our initial testing. We will ask you to conduct this evaluation a few times as your puppy matures.

We will hold annual Entle Picnics to gather our puppies and their families together for fun, games and good food. We hope that you will attend as many as possible of these gatherings and take advantage of the opportunity to meet littermates and their families. In both Cottonwood and



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Bergen, we can accommodate a number of visitors – please inquire if you are coming from a distance and we'll find you suitable accommodation with us or nearby.

Entlebuchers are a rare breed and owners can benefit greatly from the experience of other owners. Membership in NEMDA and participation in annual Entlefest events is a great way to learn more about your dog and become inspired to try something new.

Our Policy

- We will contact you to discuss your application. You can expect to be asked questions about your specific plans for the puppy. After discussion, we will decide whether your home is suitable for a Bar TT Entlebucher puppy at this time.
- If we do not find your situation suitable, we will advise you as soon as possible so that you may address our concerns or pursue other options that provide a better fit. Entlebuchers are not for everyone.
- We strive to find the best possible home for each pup. If you are not the best fit for the pups in this litter, but are likely to be a good fit for a future pup, we will let you know. You will then be able to decide how you wish to proceed. Please be honest with us – and we will be honest with you. We may be able to refer you to another breeder with an upcoming litter.
- Circumstances sometimes change. If your desire for a puppy or ability to care for one changes please let us know. If you have a big move or new baby coming, we will work with you to make it work, or if necessary, we can consider you for the next litter.
- We will provide you with our Puppy Contract to review before you commit to a pup. The contract will impose certain standards of care including good quality food, regular vet care, delayed neutering and titre testing to check immunization status. Details of our position on these topics are provided on the website but please ask if you are concerned or unclear.
- Sometimes pups are born with 'kinked' tails, natural bob tails, or mid length tails. The breed standard allows for all of these variations although some prefer the bob tail look or the long straight tail. **We DO NOT dock tails.** We do not feel that a surgery to remove a portion of the tail is necessary, appropriate or advised in a young pup. This must be done by 3 days of age by law.
- Entlebuchers can be born with dewclaws on any of their feet. Most often, they are on the rear paws, a little 'thumb-like' protrusion, with or without a claw. Some breeders remove all dewclaws. Others remove front dewclaws. **We DO NOT remove dewclaws.** In the active lives of our dogs we have not found the dewclaws to be of any consequence for future injury and they may be helpful in making sharp turns.
- We strive to produce healthy, well-adjusted puppies but on occasion, things may not go as planned. If the puppy you are to receive has any abnormality (heart murmur, sight or hearing defect for example) discovered by our vet before leaving us, we will discuss your options with you. You will be able to take on the extra care required, if any or wait for the next litter for a different puppy.
- If your home is approved for a Bar TT Entlebucher, we will ask you for a deposit of \$1,250 US (\$1,625 Cdn) toward the price of the puppy, once we know we have a litter on the way. The balance owing will be payable when you pick up the puppy. Total price is



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expected to be \$2,500 US, approximately \$3,250 Cdn. We price in US dollars since the majority of our puppies head to the USA.

- We will only take deposits for the number of pups that are born healthy. We expect about 50% male/female and an average litter of 5. Depending on litter size, there may be more or less available pups than we had expected. We will let you know if you are 'next in line' for any pups beyond the ones we have on the ground. We will always let you know and return your deposit if there is not a good match for you.
- The puppies in this litter will all be registered with a name beginning with the letter "B" and ending with "of Bar TT Ranch". You will be asked to select a name for your puppy and provide it to us several weeks before pick-up. This timing allows us to get the pup ready for registration. Start thinking of your "B" name ideas and remember that this does not necessarily have to be your everyday call name for the dog. Also, you are free to add a second name after the "B" name if you have something particular in mind already. For example, Betty Lou of Bar TT Ranch (called Betty) would be a suitable name, as would Beautiful Dreamer of Bar TT Ranch (Dreamer).
- Be prepared for lifelong vet care costs before your puppy comes home. Small injuries can easily cost \$500 or more. Many options are available for insurance to cover significant vet costs but they can be quite expensive. Setting aside money in a dog health fund yourself may be a good option depending on your circumstances.
- You will be advised in advance of when the puppies will be ready for their new homes. Eight or nine weeks old is typical, but it can vary depending on how they are developing. If they need extra time to overcome a challenge, we will keep them longer. We will set a week or so for pick-up time and ask that you arrange to come during that time if at all possible.
- Normally, we do not deliver puppies nor meet you at an intermediate point. No puppies will be transported by third parties to their home. Please make arrangements to spend most of a day with us. We may be able to help with overnight accommodation and transport options from the airport. If COVID restrictions limit travel, we may preferentially choose families within Canada for this litter to ensure pups can safely get to their new homes.
- Your puppy will have received its first vaccinations, deworming and a complete health check before they go home. You will be required to have them checked by your vet within a few days to ensure they are healthy after arriving home. This will provide you confidence that your new pup is healthy. It also provides a second opinion in case a small irregularity is discovered. Please discuss any concerns with us.

• Agreement and Signature

- By submitting this application, I acknowledge that puppies are granted to the best homes available based on their individual personalities and that it is not possible to know ahead of time when the litter will arrive or how many pups will be available. Our family is willing to wait for our special puppy.

Name (printed)	
Signature	



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Date	
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Thank you

Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in our puppies. We know that the application is quite detailed and requires some thought. Entlebuchers are very special dogs and we want you to be totally happy with your choice. Once you love an Entle, you may never look at another breed.

While you wait, let us know if you would like to visit our dogs. If you are further away, we will do our best to find Entles closer to you. You might consider joining NEMDA, the breed parent group or at least check out their webpage. You will learn lots about Entlebuchers and their people. The annual EntleFest is a really fun way to meet dogs and people in a casual atmosphere.

www.Nemda.org