



Bar TT Entlebuchers

## Bar TT Ranch Entlebuchers

### Puppy Application – Litter C

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#### Your Contact Information

Name(s)	
Street Address	
City, Province, Postal Code	
Home Phone(s)	
Work Phone(s)	
Mobile Phone(s)	
E-Mail Address	

\*Please include your MAIN, PREFERRED email address. This will be our primary point of communication. If your spouse or others want to be included, you are welcome to add them below.

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#### Family Details & Household Activity

Who resides at the home where the puppy will live? Please provide first name, relationship to you, age & gender, occupation for each person.

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Do any of your family have special needs – mobility, sight, hearing, learning, emotional?  Yes  No  
We may be able to help prepare the puppy to behave appropriately.

Do any of your family have allergies? Who? What allergens?  Yes

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Details: \_\_\_\_\_

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?

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Please describe frequent visitors or those who live part-time at your home. Name, age

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#### Your Expectations

Please tell us why have you chosen an Entlebucher? What other breeds did you consider? Why a Bar TT Ranch Entlebucher? Have you met an Entlebucher in person?

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

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Are you planning to participate with your dog in any performance events? (agility, rally, herding etc.)

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We hope to 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. These are excellent opportunities to learn more about the breed and their care. Besides, Entles attract great owners. Would you plan to attend if possible?

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We breed occasional litters, using our own dogs and sometimes an outside stud. Are you interested in a particular litter, timing, dam or sire? Please specify.

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Are you on any other breeder's Puppy List? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Please provide details.

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#### Our Expectations

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 accept indications of interest in our pups at any time and keep a list of families. We request applications only when we know that a litter is expected. We confirm families only once we know how many pups we have, any special needs and their sex.

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 feel that the right temperament is far more important than the sex of the puppy. If you are fixed on a girl or a boy, we will try to accommodate that wish, but it complicates our ability to find the best home for every puppy. It may well mean that you wait for a future litter. Please consider if sex is a critical deciding factor for you.

We take responsibility for every puppy that we produce for its entire life. Our puppies should NEVER be released to a rescue, friend or relative.

- If ever you find that you are no longer able to provide proper care for the dog, you must return it to us.

Your puppy contract will have specifics on caring for your puppy and dog, training them, feeding them a healthy diet and providing proper veterinary care. There are potential penalties involved for violations – particularly early neutering and allowing your dog to breed or be bred without proper planning. Brucellosis continues to be a serious, highly infectious disease passed to dogs, causing lifetime infection and abortion of litters.

- If these clauses will be a problem, another kennel may be a better choice.

The science is quite clear. Medium to large sized 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 females will



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have had 3 heat cycles by this time. Caring for a bitch in season is not particularly complicated but it does require some extra work.

- Your puppy contract will require that you keep your dog intact until after it's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

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. The only way we can preserve genes for the future, to ensure the health of the breed for many years is to breed more of our puppies when they are grown.

- Your puppy contract will encourage you to have your dog tested after its 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday to see if it passes the health screening for breeding Entlebachers. These tests may cost approximately \$1,000 in total.

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. If your dog passes health screens we hope you will consider breeding. Of course, breeding a male is a much less difficult task than a female.

It is a big undertaking to become a breeder of any animal. I have spent years studying and practicing my skills to be better able to manage birthing difficulties, stillborn or unviable pups and sickness of the female during/after whelping. I do not advise you to breed on your own without some serious education and mentoring. It can be very difficult emotionally, physically and financially.

There are many different ways that we could assist you in breeding your dog. The following list provides an idea of the options you will have available to you. The more help we provide, the more financial return we would require from the sale of puppies, but we will always be available to help you by phone, skype or personal visit. After all, the whelping female will be one of our beloved pups.

- Assist with selecting a suitable mate and timing the breeding
- Provide transportation and care during the breeding
- Assist with timing the expected whelping
- Provide advice and resources for a healthy, safe pregnancy
- Attend the whelping or bring the female to whelp with us
- Care for the female and puppies at our home for the critical first 2 weeks of life.
- Visits to the newborn puppies to assist with care and provide advice

Breeding even once will save precious genetic material for the future.

- Are you open to the possibility of breeding your dog?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you interested in becoming a breeder yourself?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_



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#### Health Care & Training

Who have you selected to be your regular veterinarian? May we call them? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Name Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

How did you choose your vet? \_\_\_\_\_

Your vet will likely want a series of vaccinations for your new puppy. Sometimes these can extend out to 16 weeks or beyond which severely limit your ability to properly socialize your pup. We have a protocol that involves taking a blood sample from our female before the pups are due and analyzing for her levels of protection against parvo and distemper, (called titres). The pups will inherit antibodies at birth but their protection wanes over time in a very predictable fashion. From the blood test and nomograph, we determine when maternal antibodies will be low enough to allow your pup to react to a vaccination and build immunity.

We do not endorse vaccinating before this point as it is not effective. This method, using the mother's nomograph is well supported by research and allows you to safely socialize your pups much earlier.

- Are you willing and able to discuss vaccination plans with your vet and insist on timing the vaccines when they will be effective? Documentation will be provided for your veterinarian's review. ?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Details: \_\_\_\_\_

How much have you read about dog nutrition? Are you familiar with the high temperature processing of all kibble? Have you read any of the books about dog longevity? It is now well known that keeping your dog lean is his best defense against all manner of illness. And feeding fresh food – raw, home cooked or topped with fresh ingredients improves health for a longer life. The puppies will start life on mother's milk and then will move to raw, commercial dog food. I will introduce them to kibble so that it is not foreign but I do not consider it a healthy full time diet.

- What is your feeding plan?

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- Where will you complete puppy socialization and ongoing training? \_\_\_\_\_

You may hear about positive training, balanced training or even aversive training. All training involves offering a pleasant outcome (treat, petting, toy play) when the pups does things you like and providing a correction (harsh word, collar tug, removal of fun item) when they do something you have already taught them to avoid. It doesn't really matter what type of training you do but an untrained Entlebucher puppy is a whirlwind of destructive energy that will not calm down with time.



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- Your contract will commit you to at least two series of classes or 6 months of training to get you started on the right foot with your puppy. Many entlebucher owners find that the 'work' of a weekly class greatly helps with everyday behavior and obedience at home.

#### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

Entlebuchers can jump – easily over 4 feet. If they are motivated, 6 feet is not always a barrier.

Where will you take the dog to exercise off leash? \_\_\_\_\_

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Dog parks can be fun but often the dogs are rough and the people are inattentive. Please be cautious about taking your pup to off leash dog parks and be sure to protect them from attacks. They are easily scared in the first months and fears can develop into problem behaviors without careful management.

#### Your Routine

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? \_\_\_\_\_

How will you provide exercise on weekends? \_\_\_\_\_

On busy weekdays? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the puppy sleep? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the puppy eat? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you normally do for holidays? \_\_\_\_\_

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What would the dog do? \_\_\_\_\_

Who might be able to help with dog care occasionally? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you discussed your puppy plans with them? \_\_\_\_\_

How eager are they to help? \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Climate

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

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Summer high \_\_\_\_\_ Winter low \_\_\_\_\_

Summer plan: \_\_\_\_\_

Winter plan: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

Good: \_\_\_\_\_

Bad: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you anticipate needing special help with a particular aspect of caring for your puppy? Please specify.

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#### Other Animal Care

Tell us about any other animals you have cared for.

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#### Anything Else We Should Know?

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

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#### References

Please provide 3 people who agree to provide a puppy reference. We need one reference to be a character reference (a friend, co-worker or pastor), a second to speak to your interactions with dogs (dog friends) and a third to provide thoughts on health and care (a vet, vet tech, sports coach, if you are new to dog ownership).

Reference	Relationship	Name	Phone Number & Email
Character	_____	_____	_____
Dog Person	_____	_____	_____
Vet or Coach	_____	_____	_____

#### 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 an 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 the right breed for everyone.
- We strongly advise a visit with a grown Entlebucher before you apply for a puppy. It is important to see how enthusiastic they are and how easily they can bowl over small people or objects. Entlebuchers retain their playful enthusiasm for most of their lives, so although they will calm down a bit after their first year or two, they will not lie on the rug all day. Let us know if you would like us to locate an Entle in your area to visit.
- 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. We may be able to refer you to another breeder with an upcoming litter.
- If your home is approved for a Bar TT Entlebucher, we will ask you for a deposit of \$1,250 US toward the price of the puppy. The balance owing will be payable before you pick up the puppy. Total price is expected to be approximately \$2,500 US.
- We will only take deposits for the number of pups that we have after whelping. If you change your mind, the deposit is non-refundable, as we will have extra work to find another suitable home.
- Deposits will be refunded if we find that your home is not a good match for any of the pups in this litter.





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- Be prepared for lifelong vet care costs before your puppy comes home. Many options are available for insurance to cover significant vet costs but they are costly. Setting aside money in a dog health fund yourself may be a good option. The puppies will come home with 30 days of free insurance with Trupanion. You are welcome to extend this if you wish.
- Your puppy will be preregistered with the Canadian Kennel Club and with NEMDA, the breed organization. You will be eligible for a free year's membership with NEMDA. We suggest you take advantage of all they offer – check out their website and plan on attending Entlefest at least once with your pup.
- You will be notified of the pick up day for the litter. 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 not deliver puppies. We will not meet you at an intermediate point except in exceptional circumstances. No puppies will be transported by third parties to their home. Please make arrangements to spend most of a day with us. If you are travelling from a distance to collect your puppy discuss options for accommodations with us. We need time to go over paperwork, review the contract and allow the parents to feel good about you before you leave with their puppy.
- It is anticipated that C Litter puppies will be born and raised at the ranch near Bergen, Alberta. Our closest commercial airport is Calgary International (YYC). We are about 1.5 hours drive from Calgary and 3 hours from Edmonton. If you cannot pick up at the ranch, you may want to consider waiting for the next litter.
- Your puppy will have received its first vaccinations, deworming and a complete health check before they go home. We will advise you if any health abnormalities are discovered and discuss any special treatment they will require. We will ask you to have them checked by your vet within a few days to ensure they are healthy after arriving home.

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#### Agreement and Signature

- By submitting this application, I acknowledge that puppies are granted to the best homes available based on their individual temperament and that it is not possible to know ahead of time when the litter will arrive or how many pups will be available. This application does not guarantee that a puppy will be suitable for your home.

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	



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### Thank you

Thank you for completing this application 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.

This breed requires steady companionship and regular training. Entles are incredibly intelligent and sensitive to your emotions as well as the general level of anxiety or conflict in the home. They are exuberant and their 50 pounds can come hurling at you unexpectedly at times. They are generally not the best breed for families new to dogs or those with mobility constraints but there are always exceptions. They are best with lots of room to run and play but they will expect you to be out there playing with them. And finally, they absolutely love the snow!

While you wait, let us know if you would like to visit our dogs. 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](http://www.Nemda.org)

We look forward to reviewing your application and will be back to you as soon as we can.

Laureen

Bar TT Ranch Entlebuchers

Bergen, Alberta & Cottonwood, Az