



## NEMDA Member Code of Ethics

Members of the National Entlebucher Mountain Dog Association (NEMDA) are genuinely concerned for the welfare and future of the Entlebucher Mountain Dog breed. This Code is established in accordance with the objectives outlined in our Constitution as the Standards of Conduct for responsible and ethical ownership, exhibiting, and breeding of the Entlebucher Mountain Dog.

### Personal Conduct

Members shall abide by NEMDA's Constitution, Bylaws, and Standards, as well as our Code of Ethics. Members shall:

- Always conduct themselves in a manner respectful of and beneficial to NEMDA, the breed, and the public.
- Not defame other club members, breeders, exhibitors, or their dogs.
- Recognize and agree that work projects developed and worked on under the auspices of NEMDA, will always belong to NEMDA and reside with NEMDA, unless contractually agreed upon otherwise.

### Breed Health

The Entlebucher is at high risk of genetically inherited diseases due to its small gene pool both here and in Europe. Our Members are encouraged to support NEMDA in protecting the health and future of this breed. It is **encouraged**, but *not required* that all NEMDA members:

- Submit registration copies to the NEMDA Pedigree Database for health research and historical documentation. Try to include as much pedigree information and photographs of your dog(s) if possible.
- Have your Entle(s) checked for luxating patellas and x-rayed for hip dysplasia after two years of age. An eye exam with gonioscopy is also recommended. These screening results should be submitted to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA).
- Participate in NEMDA health surveys and other record requests developed for research and improving the health of this breed. Report health issues to NEMDA's Health & Genetics Committee.

### Ownership Change

If you cannot keep your Entlebucher(s) and do not have a suitable new home available, NEMDA recommends and prefers you first contact your Breeder for re-homing assistance. If unsuccessful, the Member can contact NEMDA Rescue for re-homing and rescue assistance.

### Signature

By signing NEMDA's Code Ethics you are agreeing to these ethics. Disciplinary action will result from violation of any of NEMDA's Code of Ethics, and may include suspension or expulsion from the organization.