

## *Entlebucher Breeders' Agreement*

*Entlebucher Breeders* are committed to planning each breeding with care and diligence. We strive to adhere to the American Kennel Club Breed Standard as provided by the Parent Breed Club; producing the healthiest puppies with the soundest temperament reflective of the Entlebucher breed.

### ***Entlebucher Breeders:***

- 1) Register their breeding stock and all offspring with the American Kennel Club (AKC) and/ or the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC), and/or the FCI approved Registry of their home country.
- 2) Assure that all breeding stock and offspring have permanent identification by microchipping all dogs with a nationally recognized microchip.
- 3) Obtain DNA Identification on all breeding stock using the AKC DNA database.
- 4) Notify fellow *Entlebucher Breeders* when a breeding is taking place, sharing information on the breeding pair.
- 5) Monitor the health and well-being of all breeding stock and litters, by:
  - Breeding only after breeding stock has reached 18 months of age and passed all health screening listed below.
  - Considering carefully the bitch's physical and mental well-being prior to each breeding.
  - Assuring that each puppy will be provided with a good home.
- 6) Breed Entlebuchers free of any known hereditary defect such as, but not limited to: monochidism, cyptorchidism, glaucoma, Entlebucher Urinary Syndrome, hip or elbow dysplasia, or heart defects.
- 7) Breed only dogs certified free from hip dysplasia by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) or foreign panel of similar standing used by the recognized FCI breed club. Entlebuchers bred between the ages of 18-24 months will have hips certified free of hip dysplasia on Preliminary Exams. Regardless of Preliminary status, all breeding stock will receive a final hip certification after 24 months of age.
- 8) Obtain OFA Eye Registry Certification (ERC) prior to breeding.
- 9) Obtain the Optigen® pred-PRA test prior to breeding and plan breedings to only produce offspring free of PRA.
- 10) Monitor the health and temperament of offspring; tracking and sharing any genetic or health related issues with their fellow *Entlebucher Breeders* as well as the Genetic Database of the Parent Breed Club.
- 11) Educate all potential puppy owners about the strengths and challenges of the breed as well as genetic defects known to occur in Entlebuchers. *Entlebucher Breeders* prioritize appropriateness of placement over "need to find a home" so as to minimize rehoming and a negative experience for puppy, owner, and breeder.
- 12) Take the time and effort to educate and mentor all breeders new to the Entlebucher Breed and our group.
- 13) Take lifelong responsibility for the Entlebuchers produced from their kennel.
- 14) Treat each other with kindness and respect; providing support, understanding and compassion to their fellow breeders and friends.

- 15) Recognize that as breeders, we are ambassadors for the breed and will conduct ourselves in a professional manor while interacting with the public, other dog clubs, and each other. We will put our best foot forward in presenting the beauty and talents of the Entlebucher breed.