

Dogs Blog Summer 2024

Looking at the calendar, and it's September already! We've had a busy year with many activities and events taking place here at home! With the Appenzeller Sennenhund being a "listed" breed with the [Canadian Kennel Club](#), we can now enter Conformation shows in Canada. And we're pretty fortunate here on Vancouver Island to have several throughout the year.

In a sense, it's like starting over again, as in Canada, most judges have never seen an Appenzeller and being in the ring here is like "Appenzeller 101" in terms of education about our breed. The Alberni Valley Kennel Club always has a "Meet the breeds" at their annual show, and we took advantage of that! We were actually "introduced" at the beginning of the show and welcomed into the CKC dog show community. A judge from Mexico actually had judged the breed in Europe so that was a bonus for us. Bri earned herself an Altered Best in Show her first outing in Canada!

Throughout the show season, I entered shows that featured foreign judges, as they were more likely to have seen Appenzellers in Europe, and that paid some dividends as most of them had judged the breed before. In June, both Hektor and Bri garnered some nice wins at a local show, winning Best Veteran in Show and Best Altered in Show respectively.

Our summer highlight was attending the annual Entlefest in Bonney Lake/Enumclaw, WA. Yes, you read that correctly! Entlebuchers and Appenzellers share a long history together, and I took it upon myself (with the blessing of our national breed club [AMDCA](#)) to invite ourselves, as [NEMDA](#) was hosting the event close by, in Washington State. And I'm so glad we did!! There were over 40 Entlebuchers and their owners from across the US and Canada in attendance, and four Appenzellers; Hektor, Bri, and her half brother, Koda from Tacoma, and the beautiful Lexi from Vancouver!

What was so great, was that most Entlebucher owners had never seen an Appenzeller. And there are substantially more Entlebuchers in North America than there are Appenzellers. The opposite is true in Europe; more Appenzellers than Entlebuchers!

The two breeds have similar temperaments; both are herding type breeds, and even some physical traits that indicates how closely related they really are. It is not uncommon to see an Entlebucher with a curly tail, although most have a natural dock or straight tail. Markings of course, are the same as they are with the four Swiss breeds. It was a terrific educational opportunity for us all, and while the event included some formal events such as NEMDA'S AGM, it was also very social, and we had a terrific time, mostly talking about our dogs! We were made to feel so welcome!

Whilst there, down the road in Enumclaw over that weekend was the Olympic Kennel Club show. I entered Hektor in Conformation, and Bri in Obedience and Rally. Hek had a lot of his Entlebucher fans and friends cheering us on in the ring! Great fun indeed! Bri earned her first AKC Rally Master Qualifying score that weekend. Well worth the trip!

We will continue our training in other sports throughout the fall and winter. Bri is working hard in obedience and scent work. At almost 10, Hektor has really taken to tracking, and I plan on entering him in his first tracking test this fall!

The only hiccup in our travel this year was the introduction of the new [CDC dog import regulations](#) that took effect August 1. The announcement several months ago took dog clubs, dog owners, breeders, and veterinarians by surprise and caused a lot of consternation, not to mention a lot of financial burden for many. A huge backlash resulted in the CDC modifying some aspects of the regulation, but some issues still remain outstanding and concern mostly breeders. In the meantime, travel for us to the US not as onerous as initially proposed, and I still have plans to attend some events through the end of 2024!

As always, a busy Appenzeller is a happy Appenzeller!

Yours in Appenzellers

Hek & Bri 2024 Photo Gallery

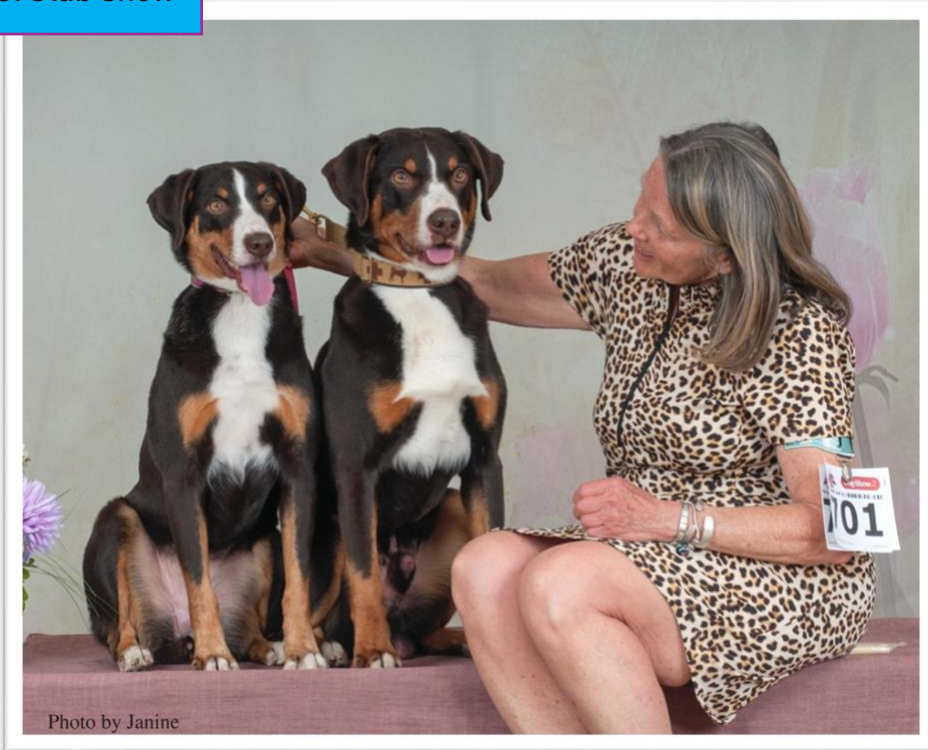


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TYEE Kennel Club Show





Nanaimo Kennel Club Show



Entlefest 2024 & OKC Shows
Enumclaw



Entlebuchers/Appenzellers- so much the same, so different



