

NORWEGIAN ELKHOUND BULLETIN

The Elkhound Fun Day in memory of Robert Greaves & Gill Bingham

Organised by: Elaine Simms, Nicola Callow, Neal Cuss, Donna Preston & Cath Davis with ideas from the late Gill Bingham

Programme:

- 09:30-10:00 Tea & Coffee
- 10:00 Talk on Man Trailing
- 11:30 Ringcraft/Handling
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch break
- 13:30-15:00 Q & A session
- 15:00-16:30 Fun Classes

**Venue: Naseby Village Hall,
Northamptonshire, NN6
6BT**

Elaine Simms reports:

The man trailing lady & husband from Doghampton were first up giving a talk followed by a demonstration for those who wanted a go, at least 10 people did that we could see.

This was followed by a handling skills class. Will Croxford demonstrated with his bitch, Pearl, while Jill Cowper talked them through it, explaining how to get the best out of your dog.

After a short break the panel consisting of Maggie Mott, Vanessa McHugh & Jill Cowper began. They had some pre-set questions from the floor and a few people asked in person, ranging from their own experiences with elkhounds to answering about the breed in general. *Continued on page 3..*

Sunday, 1st September 2024

The first ELKHOUND FUN DAY!

**Designed to be a get-together,
educational and fun, fun, fun!**

**Please click on the link below or copy and paste
the link into your browser to see the “fastest
sausage eater” race filmed by Jenny Moo**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1caRTn4VCt8dIkFDgfEoh9TMS3czpidPC/view?usp=drivesdk>



Catherine Saint wrote:

“Would just like to thank all the organisers and their team for making it such a positive, fun day for everyone. You all did a fantastic job!



Some general photos of the day



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After lunch we had a fun dog show, Vanessa judged the puppy class, then Donna Preston judged the novelty classes: handsomest dog, prettiest bitch, best rescue and best golden oldie. Vanessa was tasked with awarding Best in Show.

Apart from a good number of Norwegian Elkhounds, we had an exhibiting Buhund and a Lundehund visitor. The day ended with games classes which were really good fun, especially the fastest sausage eater when a lot of laughing and cheering pursued.

Nicola Callow says thanks:

A personal thank you from me to everyone who came and supported our Elkhound Fun Day, to all those who gave their time and knowledge, those that helped on the day, donated lots of money and items to the raffle and the gorgeous rosettes. Please forgive me, there are so many to mention, I'm cheating by not doing so, but you will never know just how much it is appreciated. Without all of you, the day would not have happened. Every single one of you is important in its success. Thank you also to those sharing your photos on Facebook. It's fabulous to see so many happy smiley faces on both people and dogs. Keep sharing away. Much love to all of you for making the dream myself and Elaine had quite a long time ago come to fruition.

Julia Kuivenhoven wrote:

*We had a great first Elkie fun day!
Thank you every one for saying bello
and being so welcoming and kind!*



Man Trailing report by Maggie Mott:

We were late for starters as accidents on the motorways and motorcycle rallies created backups. When we got there, I went straight indoors where the speaker from Doghampton had already started and have to admit it was difficult to hear her over barking dogs. She basically explained the principles of the exercise and the steps leading up to the "finished product" of finding a person.

We moved to outdoors where it was a bit chaotic and difficult to get good photos as the trainer was practically in the next county with her Vizsla demo dog. Again with barking dogs and the wind, it was difficult to hear her.

There was a huge lineup of people willing to have a go and all were fitted with various sized harnesses which the trainer brought as that is the appropriate kit for a man trailing dog. It took quite a while to get everyone processed with varying degrees of success (or none!) but I think everyone came away with a new perspective and thoughts of something else their dog might be able to do with some practice and persistence.

Footnote: Man Trailing was suggested by the late Gill Bingham because she was keen for Elkhounds to learn another discipline.

The audience for the Mantrailing talk

By Doghampton



There is the Norwegian Buhund participant!

Donna Preston wrote:"The queue for the man trailing was long and a definite hit they even did one for the puppies using smaller harnesses and in a different area of the ground".



The “Have A Go” queue



- 1. The Talk*
- 2. The Demo*
- 3. Harnesses*
- 4. Have a go*



Elaine Simms reported that next we had a handling skills class, Will Croxford gave a demonstration with his Elkhound Pearl while Jill Cowper talked the audience through it, explaining how to get the best out of your dog. Please see 3 photos opposite taken by Chris Booth

There followed a short break.

Next in the programme was the Question & Answer Session. On the panel were Vanessa McHugh (Conrick), Maggie Mott (Kamgaard) and Jill Cowper (Rothenburg).

They had some pre set questions from the floor and a few people asked in person, ranging from their own experiences with elkhounds to answering about the breed in general.

Time for lunch! The organisers had provided beverages, cakes and biscuits and participants brought their own lunch with them.

The Venue by Elaine Simms: The venue also got the thumbs up from many people with it being mentioned for the club shows, lovely central location, easy to get to, spacious without being over big, good facilities, a reasonable charge, light & airy with 2 sets of double doors leading to a fabulous outdoor area, that was partially covered, ideal for an outdoor show where there was somewhere to stay dry on a wet day, topped off with a really good sized car park.

Kenn Birch wrote:
“One last comment on today's Sunday, what a fantastic venue, hat's off for finding a superb place with everything there for a great day”



The Question and Answer panel:
Vanessa McHugh, Maggie Mott & Jill Cowper photo Donna Presto

Vanessa McHugh judging the Puppy Classes
photo by Donna Preston



Some more quotes about the day taken from Facebook

Donna Preston:

“Well what a fantastic venue for our Elkhound Fun Day it was lovely to see so many. I think the rough head count was 40 Elkhounds and the weather definitely didn't disappoint

The Q&A session brought up some very interesting questions and our panel did a fantastic job with their answers. All in all it was a fantastic day to meet all you lovely Elkhound owner's”

Jenny Mohamoodally:

“A couple of videos from today's fun day. (A link to one of them is on the front page) Thank you again to those who organised it. Was lovely to see and catch up with friends and meet some new ones.”

Jo Tovey:

“We had a really brilliant day today at the Elkhound fun day. It was well organised and well attended by all. I don't think we have ever seen so many Elkhounds together and impressed by how well behaved they all were. Everyone was so welcoming and friendly. but a special thanks to Neal ,who kindly allowed us to “share” Ted and Tucker and Mel for allowing us to “share “ Yukon. Thanks again”

Neal Cuss replied:

“Jo and Keith you are very welcome You didn't stop smiling all day which was the objective of the day The boys had a great time too”

Domini Thorpe

“We had a great time with Dargo and it was really lovely to meet so many other Elkies (and their humans of course!). Special thanks to the judges/committee who were so supportive and free with their advice. Can't wait to do it again!”



“The fun classes were well attended (and I hope no one was disappointed with my choices)”

Donna Preston (Judge)



To the right is a lovely photo of Elaine Simms (left) and Nicola Callow (right). Well, they should be happy and proud along with their fellow organisers for a very successful event.

Maggie Mott took this photo and titled it

“The movers and shakers”

Nicola posed this question on Facebook:

So after the success of the last Fun Day. Would people like another one? X

Included in the 19 replies was this pictorial one that I thought you would like to see



I would like to thank everyone involved for putting on such a special and very successful day for Elhounds and their owners. Hopefully we shall have news about next year’s event. Secondly, I would like to thank all who sent me photos or posted them on our GB Norwegian Elkhound Group on Facebook. Some have been mentioned individually. They are Maggie Mott, Mel Hennessey, Donna Preston, Chris Booth, Julia Kuivenhoven, & Emily Dorey, Apologies if I have left anyone out. Thank you for making this Bulletin so pictorial, Wendy Sharman

The Norwegian Elkhound Club of Great Britain (NECGB) will be holding their Club Open Show on 22nd September and I shall endeavour to prepare the next Bulletin to cover this.

NORWEGIAN ELKHOUND ONLINE BAD & MCE

The Norwegian Elkhound Breed Council

Breed Talk Only: £10	THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 7.30 PM – 9.30 PM	Breed Talk & MCE: £15
	SPEAKERS Jill Cooper (NECGB) Annulise Haugstad (NEAS)	
For a booking form, please contact: Vanessa McHugh vanessa@constick.co.uk		

The Annual NECGB Magazine is closing for copy soon and the Editor, Katherine Tress, would love to receive any stories, poems etc for inclusion together with adverts, a box to remember your dog that has passed, etc. You can contact Katherine via Facebook

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