

## Norwegian Elkhound Notes. June 15<sup>th</sup> 2024

Last Tuesday was the funeral of Gill Bingham with many Elkhound friends attending from near and far, from those who knew her as a fellow exhibitor, breeder and judge to those who had dogs from her. There were no flowers by request but Linda Middleton wrote a thank you to those who donated to Elkhound Rescue in Gill's memory. She said, "On behalf of the Elkhound Rescue fund I would like to thank everyone who donated today at Gill Bingham's funeral. A total of £265.72 has been donated." We turned out our loft this weekend and discovered a box of black and white photos that Peter had taken; one of which was Gill's handler Len showing I believe, Kriega when she became unable to move her dogs in 2005.

I thought there were no show results this week but I'd forgotten about Border Union. We lost CCs there and don't even have classes but two intrepid exhibitors entered AVNSC Hound and did extremely well. Karen and Alan Gold's Ch Graythor at The Venetian with Llassah was best AVNSC Hound Dog under Judge Miss Nicola Spencer (Bannonbrig) and Callow and Davis's Ch Whittimere Alright Bab JW was best AVNSC Hound Bitch and Best AVNSC Hound overall and went on from there to be placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Hound Group which was judged by Mr Colin Ashmore (Buttermere). Well done; the long journey was worth it. Only two Elkhounds present but after such lovely wins, maybe they might consider putting classes back on for us.

Last week, there was also an announcement by the RKC ; firstly that at the AGM last Wednesday, they voted to officially adopt the title of the Royal Kennel Club and secondly that they are increasing prices again . Puppy registrations go up to £25 (from £20), except for those from Assured Breeders who will pay £23 (£18). Late registration after 12 months will be £80 (£60). Activity register £20 (£18). Transfer £22 (£20). Litter naming service £22 (£20). Authority to compete £33 (30). All prices will be effective from July 1st.

Many congratulations to Margaret and David Deuchar who last week celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary; 60 years married, on Margaret's Birthday. Margaret posted a photo of a lovely Congratulations card they received from His Majesty King Charles and Queen Camilla.

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