

Norwegian Elkhound Notes 24th November 2024

Hi all,

Very short notes this week as there's only one piece of news- the Nordic. I hope everyone had safe journeys through the storm and those who didn't make it because of snow, flood and rain didn't suffer any damage. Here the wind wasn't as bad as expected on Saturday but during the night it was wild. The rain wasn't heavy but constant and combined with the melting snow, there was a lot of flooding. The rivers were all very high but most of the flooding seemed to have been run off from the hills and fields. The main A646 trunk road into Yorkshire was completely closed.

The Nordic is always a very happy show although given the time of year, very cold. Photos showed exhibitors at ringside wearing woolly hats and thick coats and my word, it was incredibly noisy. Why don't people control their dogs? One obviously small dog had a really high pitched , well not a yap it was more of a scream and just constant. I turned the sound off the video that Alan Hodkinson posted but then discovered that AI thinks it can speak "Dog".

I always have English subtitles turned on for when I watch Norwegian films. Odd words and short phrases kept appearing at the bottom of the screen. I thought at first it was picking up people talking at ringside as there were things like 'good' , 'I like it', '2CC that', 'Woah', 'NO!' and other odd comments. Then I turned on the sound and it was obvious that the AI was matching certain tones of barking to the closest English words it knew. AI obviously has a distinct lack of intelligence but it is getting difficult, especially on Facebook to know which photos and articles are genuine and which are done by AI. One particular site picks up comments on social media and makes up possible (Very wrong) scenarios about what's going to happen on Emmerdale. Don't be taken in by them. If photos seem too good to be true then they are likely to be done by AI.

Thank you to Wendy Threadgold for getting the results to me and Alan Hodkinson's video of the judging on Facebook was extremely welcome. When you can't get to shows it really is good to see many of the dogs you've only read about in the results. There were no puppies entered and all except Open were mixed classes.

With so few classes I may as well mention each class winner. Junior was Benner's Barbelka Devilishly Divine. I was delighted to hear that Beth's ankle is healing well although taking a long time. It's been 6 weeks now and she still can't wear shoes. Post Grad winner was Seasara Heartbreaker and Limit went to Graythor Loves the Luxor. Open dog was between Treena Maun's Ch Bowerhinton Bassanio and Jill Cowper's Ch Graythor Augustus at Rothenborg and was won by Augustus who was then BOB and was shortlisted for BIS. Winner of Open Bitch was Wendy Threadgold's Ch Norvin Joyeux Noel who was also Res BOB. Best Veteran was won by Mel Hennesey's Bowerhinton Bombette. I don't know how old she is now but she certainly didn't look like a veteran. Jill Cowper was kept very busy helping to set up and running the raffle. It sounds as if a good day was had by all. I hope everyone got home safely.

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