

## **Norwegian Elkhound Notes December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

No show news this week so I will just say I hope everyone is safe after the storm and suffered no or only minimal damage. Our local TV news never mentions Wales so I had no idea just how bad it had been in Powys. Look up videos of the flooding in Builth Wells. Babs Stokes was ok but went into town afterwards and said she'd never seen anything like it in her life. The river was barely 18 inches or so below the top of the arches on the road bridge and cars parked on the grass were totally under water. I've seen the river flood but not like that. Maggie and Sally had no damage but the road from Welshpool to Berriew was closed. Sarah Thomas posted a photo of her ex garden gate which still had a frame but no middle and I've now heard that Bryony Grey and Tanja Mortimer have had damage. We were very lucky in East Lancashire with just minor flooding on the roads and the wind only lasted around 12 hours. The dogs are so funny when the wind is strong. When they go potty they face into the wind and try to shelter behind bushes. Always a very quick trip .

Now, do you have an Elkhound puppy that you don't show? Have you ever wanted your pup to meet other Elkhound pups, learn to socialise and maybe see what dog shows are like? Would you like to see lots of really beautiful adult Elkhounds and talk to exhibitors while you have a lovely lunch? If you would like a lovely day out doing all that then February is the time.

You are invited by the Norwegian Elkhound Club of Great Britain to the prestigious **Contest of Champions** which is being held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025. This will be held at **BEST WESTERN HALL HOTEL, BULKINGTON, COVENTRY, CV12 9RU** after the AGM of the Norwegian Elkhound Club of GB. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

The Show part for which dogs must qualify and enter beforehand, consists of the Contest of Champions, Veteran Challenge, Stud Book Number Challenge, Special Beginners, Special Yearling and Puppy of the Year 2024. Details and entry forms have been sent out to all Club Members who have provided emails. Others will receive theirs in the mail later. The AGM takes place first for members only, followed by a 2 course lunch and the Contest. The judge will remain secret until the day.

**New this year we are going to have a Baby Puppy Walk for pups of 4-6 months at the start of the Contest. There is no need to enter the puppy, just turn up .** There will be no awards, but the judge will go over the

puppies, so a wonderful chance for the puppies to have this experience before you consider maybe showing them and a good chance to socialise and see some beautiful Elkhounds.

**WHO CAN COME? Anyone.**

**Even if you have not entered your dog or don't have a puppy, you can just come to watch and have lunch if you wish. You can also bring your dog. You will just need to fill out a Spectator Dog Slip. The 2 course lunch is £30 for Club Members and £35 for non members and needs to be booked and paid before January 27th. Club Member or not, you can still come along to watch, bring your puppy or adult Elkhound and just have a good day out and a picnic in your car if you don't want the lunch.**

If you plan on going and do want to book lunch, Contact Margaret Deuchar on [margaretdeuchar@gmail.com](mailto:margaretdeuchar@gmail.com). She will tell you how to pay directly to the Club's account or you can send her a cheque. Tell your Elkhound friends who may not be Club members.

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