Norwegian Elkhound Notes July 13th 2025

These notes are back on the new Club website once more, necgb.net. Well done to Vanessa and Wendy on a great job.

At Evesham Open show on Sunday 13th July, the breed was judged by Mark Ord. There were just 2 exhibitors, Barbara Barganska with two dogs and Jill Cowper with 2. After winning Open, BOB was Ch Graythor Augustus at Rothenborg. Barbelka Dauntless Spirit won Special Junior, Kamgaard Kross the sea at Rothenborg won Limit and Cealdstan Ancestral Voices at Barbelka was 2nd in Open.
At S Yorks Hound yesterday, judged by Alex Paisey, BOB was won by Treena Maun with Ch Bowerhinton Bassanio with L Brown's Graythor Captain Hook taking Res BOB. Just two were entered.
Also at another Open Show, Bakewell Premier Open show, Donna Preston's Ravenheim Villii Jasmiini won BOB under the judge Steven Jones, (Carlita).

I hope everyone's surviving the heatwave. The sun moves onto the front of our house around 4pm so by bedtime the bedroom is like an oven, not cooling enough to sleep until around 4am so if there are mistakes this week, please blame my lack of sleep.

A KC press release this week explains the new rules for travel with dogs to Ireland.
"Kennel Club Press Release for your information: Published on 20 May 2025 at 9:44am
The Kennel Club has welcomed the announcement that pet passports will return, as part of the UK-EU trade deal.
Dr Ed Hayes, Head of Public Affairs at The Kennel Club said: "We thoroughly support the reintroduction of the pet passport system, meaning that dogs travelling from the UK will no longer need animal health certificates for every trip – which have proved to be both costly and burdensome for pet owners, and something we have continued to raise concerns about with Government officials in the UK.
"This is a very positive step and we thank all those MPs who have kept pet travel high on the agenda with the EU, and helped to deliver a solution for dog owners."

A REMINDER NOW; Schedules are now out on Fosse Data for the NECGB Open Show on 21/09. Our judge will be Helen Mansfield. Don't forget, the NEBC (Norwegian Elkhound Breed Council) will be holding a hands-on session for judges at lunchtime. Please don't miss this opportunity to complete the requirements for progression under the old system. Contact Vanessa McHugh for further details and to register your interest in the session.

Next Week is the Hound Assoc CH Show. 13 dogs and 17 bitches have made an entry of 15 and 22. Total entries 37. We are second in ring 14 after 41 Irish Wolfhounds. I hope it's cooled down a bit by then. Leeds, the week following has a history of totally variable weather so who knows? I've known torrential rain and deep mud and unbearable heat. At least there are trees for shade.

Collecting Dog hair
One final item- do take a look on the new Club website at the message about collecting dog undercoat.
https://www.necgb.net/Elkhound/news-and-results/general-news/undercoat-collection.
A company called Chiora which makes fine fibres is doing research into the properties of the undercoat of double coated breeds. They say; "I am a student at London College of Fashion, reaching out on behalf of Chiora, a London-based sustainable fashion startup. We are currently conducting research and development on the brushed undercoat of double-coated dog breeds. As part of this project, we're looking to collect a lot of undercoat for our R&D work. I wanted to ask if this is something your breed club might be interested in supporting or passing on to your members and

breeders? We would be very grateful if those who groom these dogs could help by saving the brushed undercoat and shipping it to us - we would of course cover all postage costs."

I know many have tried to spin dog hair and found it needs to be mixed with some sheep wool. Even after spinning, it can be itchy, can moult and even smell when wet. I knitted a jacket years ago from 3 of my dogs and I'm sure there was as much left stuck to my car seats as when I had a moulting dog in the seat. It's also almost too hot to wear even in the coldest winter. There are more details on the website.

Take great care in the heat.
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