

Norwegian Elkhound Notes 21st September 2025

Sunday was the NECGB Open show and produced a lovely Birthday present for Linda Middleton (and Brian of course) when they won both BOB and Res BOB and BOS.

The entry was 27. It was a cold day with quite a breeze but that didn't stop two very popular Elkhounders from getting to the show and it was a delight to hear that both Mo Horner and Jill Cowper managed to attend. I'm told that Jill gave a lovely little speech that had many people in tears. Her daughter had driven her there, her first show since the disaster that was Leeds. In an emotional speech, she announced that she considers us all her Elkhound Family not just friends. Lovely to see you back Jill, just take it very easy and lovely to see Mo at a show again as she's not been well this year.

Now to the results. Best Dog, Best of Opposite sex and Reserve Best in Show was the Middletons' Graythor Broadway and Best Bitch and Best in Show went to their Kamgaard Kadence at Graythor.

Res Best dog was the Simms' Ch Aftonlee Aros at Elverdal with Res Best Bitch going to Threadgold's Laakso Katja.

Best Puppy was the bitch Gilbert's Bowerhinton Bailey Grace for Balsemasi. and Best puppy dog went to Stephenson's Kamgaard Kyffin for Brawdor.

Best Veteran was won by Helen Tress's Grasilva Little Rock avec Gilkaro JW and the oldest veteran was Gilbert's Rothenborg Nanja for Balsemasi.

Last but not least, was Best Baby Puppy. Thoroughly enjoying her first experience of showing was Karen and Alan Gold's baby Kara; Ravenheim Blue Mystique of Lassah.

Kara and her Kennel mate Marco have started doing mantrailing and have totally amazed the trainer with their ability. Well tracking is what they are supposed to do although something a bit bigger than a human.

Karen explained how it works.

"The track layer leaves a scent article at base which the dog sniffs on command. The trainer then follows Marco & Alan while taking a video. Marco had quite a long track & he stopped, went to the trainer & sniffed the scent

article to refresh then trotted off & found the person. The trainer had heard of dogs doing the refresh but had never seen it happen. She is very impressed by both dogs. It's great for them as it makes them use their brain & their nose & even better it exhausts them so we have tired Happy dogs.”

The scent layer leaves an open jiffy bag on the ground with their scent article, usually a scarf, then you walk the dog round the scent layer a few times. They go off to hide while the trainer chats, usually 5 mins then you give the command 'sniff' & the dog sniffs the scent article for a few seconds. Then you give the command 'track' & off he goes, nose to the ground. If he goes up a blind path that is to eliminate that route as the smell can 'waft' out of the main path. He just did it without being told. Same with Kara last weekend she just did it. She is slower than Marco so I can handle her. Marco goes at such a rate I can't hold the lead!”

Look for Karen gold on Facebook if you want to watch Marco working. Very impressive.

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