



Organiser: Helen Tress
18 Marshall Road
Cropwell Bishop
Nottinghamshire
NG12 3DP

Dear Elkhounder,

30 YEARS OF THE NECGB CONTEST OF CHAMPIONS – 21 FEBRUARY 2026
PEARL ANNIVERSARY

You are invited by the Norwegian Elkhound Club of Great Britain to this prestigious event being held on Saturday 21st February 2026. It will be held at **BEST WESTERN HALL HOTEL, BULKINGTON, COVENTRY, CV12 9RU AFTER THE AGM.**

Everyone is welcome to attend this special match which will be on a “head-to-head” basis, depending on the age of the Puppy, Special Yearling, Special Beginner, Stud Book Winner, Veteran, or Champion. If you have not entered your dog, you can come to watch and have lunch. You could bring your dog if you wish to spectate, but you will need to fill out a Spectator Dog Slip on arrival; a charge of **£5.00** will be made for un-entered dogs attending.

If you have a Puppy, Special Yearling (who has qualified see separate sheet overleaf) Special Beginner, Stud Book Winner, Veteran or Champion there is a class for you.

We will once again have a Baby Puppy Walk, for puppies aged 4-6 months on the day of the Contest. There will be no awards, but puppy details need to be included on the entry form. The judge will go over the puppies, so a wonderful chance for them to have this experience before they start competing in their own right.

The judge has been selected from the Breed Council A1 list. Their name will remain secret until the day.

The cost per person attending the event is **£30.00** which includes a buffet lunch (No limit on number of dogs entered) or **£10.00** per dog entry if you would prefer to bring your own lunch.

If you would like to attend this special event, please complete the reply slip and dog entry form (if entering dogs) and return as soon as possible (with remittance) to myself at the above address or by email to elkhoundcontest@gmail.com.

Entries must be received no later than **21st JANUARY 2026 (sorry but absolutely no late entries)**.

Cheques should be made payable to the Norwegian Elkhound Club of Great Britain, or if you pay your membership straight into the bank use those details, but you will need to inform me of the date the money was paid in.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Yours sincerely,

Helen

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP WITH YOUR ENTRY FORM

Please reserve ____ ticket(s) @ **£30.00 per person inc. lunch.***

OR

Please reserve ____ ticket(s) @ **£10.00 per dog entered no lunch.***

(*Please delete as appropriate)

Please indicate if you have any special dietary requirements:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Number of Dogs to be entered _____

(N.B. The dog entry form must also be completed and returned by 21st January 2026).

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Puppies:

Qualifications for “Norwegian Elkhound Puppy of the Year” are as follows:

- a) 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Minor Puppy, Puppy, Special Minor Puppy or Special Puppy class or 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in Junior when Dog/Bitch is less than 12 months of age when exhibited in a Junior Class at any Championship Show where KC Challenge Certificates are on offer for Norwegian Elkhounds between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025.
- b) 1st in Minor Puppy, Puppy, Special Minor Puppy or Special Puppy class or 1st in Junior when Dog/Bitch is less than 12 months of age when exhibited in a Junior Class at any Championship Show where CCs are NOT on offer for Norwegian Elkhounds between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025
- c) 1st in Minor Puppy and Puppy class at the Norwegian Elkhound Association of Scotland’s Open Show 2025 or the Norwegian Elkhound Club of Great Britain’s Open Show 2025.
- d) Best Puppy in Show at a General/Group Open Show between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025.

Notes:

- i) Any Norwegian Elkhound puppy winning one or more of the above awards during the qualification period is eligible to compete irrespective of their age on 21st February 2026. The puppy entrants will be divided into heats based on sex and age on 21st February 2026.
- ii) Qualifications are in classes confined to the breed.

Special Yearling

Qualifications for “Norwegian Elkhound Special Yearling of the Year” are as follows:

- a) 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Junior, Postgraduate, Limit or Open Dog/Bitch class when the dog is twelve and not exceeding twenty-four months of age at any Championship Show where KC Challenge Certificates are on offer for Norwegian Elkhounds between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025.
- b) 1st in Junior, Postgraduate, Limit or Open Dog/Bitch when the dog is twelve and not exceeding twenty-four months of age at any Championship Show where CCs are NOT on offer for Norwegian Elkhounds between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025
- c) 1st in Junior, Postgraduate, Limit or Open Dog/Bitch class when the dog is twelve and not exceeding twenty-four months of age at the Norwegian Elkhound Association of Scotland’s Open Show in 2025 or the Norwegian Elkhound Club of Great Britain’s Open Show 2025.

Notes:

- i) Any Norwegian Elkhound special yearling winning one or more of the above awards during the qualification period is eligible to compete irrespective of their age on 21st February 2026. The special yearling entrants will be divided into heats based on sex and age on 21st February 2026.
- ii) Qualifications are in classes confined to the breed.
- iii) Any qualified special yearling gaining KC Champion Status (subject to approval) will also be eligible to enter the Champions competition.

Special Beginners

Any Norwegian Elkhound that is a Special Beginner as per the Kennel Club rules:

“For owner, handler, or exhibit not having won a Challenge Certificate or Reserve Challenge Certificate, Best of Sex or Reserve Best of Sex at a Championship Show.”

Entrants will be divided into heats based on sex and age on 21st February 2026.

Stud Book Challenge

Qualifications for “Stud Book Challenge winner of the year” are as follows:

Any Norwegian Elkhound that has been awarded a Kennel Club Stud Book Number. No further “In Year” qualification is necessary.

Notes:

- (i) The Stud Book Challenge entrants will be divided into heats based on sex and age on 21st February 2026.
- (ii) Any Norwegian Elkhound that has also qualified as a Puppy, Special Yearling or Veteran will be eligible to enter this competition.
- (iii) Any Norwegian Elkhound that has gained the title of Champion from the Kennel Club or any other club that is recognised by the Kennel Club is **NOT** eligible for this competition.

Veterans

Qualifications for “Norwegian Elkhound Veteran of the year” are as follows:

Any Norwegian Elkhound over the age of 7 years on 21st February 2026 registered with the Kennel Club or any other club that is recognised by the Kennel Club. No further “In Year” qualification is necessary.

Notes:

- i) The Veteran entrants will be divided into heats based on sex and age on 21st February 2026
- ii) Any Norwegian Elkhound Veteran with KC Champion Status (subject to approval) will also be eligible to enter the Champions competition.

Champions

Qualifications for “Contest of Norwegian Elkhound Champion of Champions” are as follows:

Any Norwegian Elkhound awarded the title of Champion by the Kennel Club or any other club that is recognised by the Kennel Club. No further “In Year” qualification is necessary.

Notes:

- i) The Champion entrants will be divided into heats based on sex and age on 21st February 2026.
- ii) Any Norwegian Elkhound Champion that has also qualified as a Special Yearling or Veteran will be eligible to enter in this competition.