

Norwegian Elkhound notes 13/04/25

Hound Assoc of Scotland this weekend had just 7 entries in breed with 3 absentees for the judge Wendell Moore. He is not on our judging list but is a Hound judge who is also judging AVNSC Hound at Welks where we are not classified and Basset Griffon Vendeen at the National. It's such a pity there aren't more exhibitors North of the Border.

BOB was Karen and Alan Gold's Ch Graythor at The Venetian with Llassah

Best Bitch went to Linda Shield's Kamgaard Kast A Spell for Lochlannach who also won Best Special Beginner.

Res Best dog was Linda's Ravenheim Wulfgar Lothbrok for Lochlannach.

The next Ch Show for us is Birmingham National on May 8th under Hazel Fitzgibbon.

If you missed Vanessa's announcement in Our Dogs, the replacement judge at the NEAS Open show, is Elaine Bogart (Incitatus). A reminder that Entries close April 27th on Fosse Data.

Now that Spring has well and truly sprung (although it's suddenly turned very cold here) it's the busiest time for gardeners so I thought I should give my annual warning about dangers and possible poisons in the garden. Some of the more common poisons dogs ingest include insecticides, antifreeze, household cleaning solutions, and poisonous plants. Signs of poisoning include vomiting, tremors, excessive salivation, change in colour of gums, and increases or decreases in heart rate, breathing rate, and body temperature.

The obvious main culprits are slug killers and insecticides. I have never used anything at all in our back garden where the dogs go. There are usually natural deterrents that can be substituted. Coffee grounds spread on the ground under roses prevents black spot from splashing up onto the bushes and coffee grounds, smashed up eggshells or sharp gravel also deter slugs and snails. Soapy water sprayed on plants kills or deters aphids. Ants hate diatomaceous earth and vinegar which are quite safe for dogs. Diatomaceous Earth doesn't kill the ants but they will move away from it and they won't cross vinegar.

Many common bulbs like daffodils are toxic to dogs and should be well buried or simply not planted where dogs may chew on them.

A poison's overall effect on your canine is based on the amount of poison ingested and how long that poison was in the body prior to treatment. The effects of a poison aren't always immediate and can take days or weeks to materialize. Therefore, if you witness your pet ingesting a potentially toxic substance, don't be lured into a false sense of security simply because he doesn't immediately become ill.

While some poisons can be treated and result in full recovery for your canine, others are potentially fatal, including:

- Antifreeze: This is the most common deadly poison ingested by canines. As little as one teaspoon can kill a small dog. Antifreeze has a sweet taste and dogs like it.
- Mouse and Rat Baits: There are several ingredients in these products that are toxic. The most common one causes bleeding disorders that can be fatal. Eating a mouse or a rat that has been killed by bait, results in the dog also ingesting the poison.
- Slug Bait: In the summer months, slugs come out and bait is used to kill them. The active ingredient in slug bait is metaldehyde, which can cause uncontrollable seizures in dogs.

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