

## Norwegian Elkhound Notes March 9<sup>th</sup> 2025

This week is of course for most people, THE show of the year – Crufts where this year, breeder Judge, Treena Maun (Bowerhinton) was in the centre of the ring. She had 44 dogs entered under her making 49 entries although there were a few absentees. Two of those dogs had come from their homeland, Norway. Although there have been shows for Elkhounds in Norway for many year and the emphasis there is still on hunting prowess, showing is becoming more popular especially now the NKK requires a good grading at a show before the dog can get its full hunting title.

The Dog CC went to Jill Cowper's Ch Graythor Augustus at Rothenborg with Miss L Brown's Graythor Captain Hook taking Res DCC.

In bitches the CC was won by Sally Simmonds & Maggie Mott's Ch/am Ch Kamgaard Klementina, beautifully handled by Sally. Res BCC was Barbara Barganska's Cealdstan Ancestral Voices of Barbelka .

Best Puppy was Ravenheim Kvikk Solv owned by Mrs C V & Mr M J Saint and Best Veteran was I believe, Simms' Ch Seasara Earl Grey. Please correct me if I'm wrong but Fosse Data had a huge glitch when the results website went down completely for a long time. It then came back saying that the puppy was Best veteran, then I was told the Bitch was Best Veteran. All very confusing!

Best of Breed then went to Kamgaard Klementina who really did the breed proud as she marched into the Group ring as if she owned it and never stopped showing for a second. People should pay attention to Sally's handling; no fiddling about or tweaking position or messing with the dog; just allowing her to stand naturally and show herself off then moving at the correct speed for an Elkhound without racing round the ring. Deservedly she made the cut for the final 9 in a very strong Group which was judged by the very highly qualified Mrs M Persson from Sweden.

Crufts has become a very sociable occasion among exhibitors with many people taking food for a Jacob's Join. Well done everyone and commiserations to Treena who unfortunately lost her keys and was still waiting on the NEC car park at 10 pm for breakdown to take her home where she arrived at 2am. What an awful way to end a lovely day. Two exhibitors also lost brooches so please check your bags to see if you accidentally picked one up.

I must now thank Jill Cowper for all her hard work in setting up and manning (with Britt's help) , the Discover Dogs stand yet again and for sending me the following report.

"Firstly, my grateful thanks to Britt for helping me to set up and take down our stand on Discover Dogs. As usual it was a massive success, so a huge thank you to everyone who came and helped, talking to the public and allowing them to enjoy our dogs. I think everyone went home knowing all about this beautiful breed. Thursday is nearly always rather quiet but Friday was busy and I must take this opportunity of thanking Steve, Katherine's partner, for jumping in to save the day, and allowing me to take the necessary breaks. I owe you one Steve.

Today whilst the stand was in very capable hands, Britt and I had the opportunity to watch judging in some of the other Nordic breeds. I must mention yet again how lucky we are in our breed, we have in most, correct conformation and type, with movement to match. Some of the breeds we watched I was quite shocked at the quality and structural faults, which was evident

in their movement. Well done our breeders and exhibitors, we should be really proud of what we have.

Jill”

I need to mention also that the website dog Focus where I posted the breed notes has now closed down so these notes will be just on the Club’s website and on Facebook.

A reminder again that you need to urgently get your adverts to Karen Gold for the Journal. Please don’t be last minute. We need the numbers so that I can get quotes for printing.

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