

## Norwegian Elkhound Notes 30/03/2025

### IMPORTANT.

**"Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will be a change of judge for the NEAS Open Show on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025. The new judge is Mrs Elaine Bogart (Incitatus)".**

I hope everyone got their entries in and is looking forward to the NECGB Club Show. It certainly looks like it as the entry is 40 dogs making 66 entries.

I hope too that you got your adverts for the Journal to Karen Gold before today's deadline.

This week Belfast Show requested a reminder for anyone travelling to Northern Ireland with dogs, either to a show or on holiday or with an assistance dog. It was announced last year but few people have done it. It will become compulsory in June this year.

In a statement, the government said, "From the 4 June if you live in Great Britain and are travelling to Northern Ireland with your pet or assistance dog, you will need to have a pet travel document.

"You will be able to apply to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) for your pet travel document once the registration opens in April 2025. It costs no money to apply.

"Once your pet travel document has been issued by APHA, you can travel with your pet or assistance dog from Great Britain to Northern Ireland as long as you:

- make sure that your pet's details (microchip number and owner) are up to date on the pet travel document before you travel and bring a digital or printed copy of your pet travel document. This includes a declaration that you will not travel onwards to Ireland or another EU country with your pet or assistance dog. "

Each pet or assistance dog will need its own pet travel document which lasts for the life of the dog. Dogs must be over 6 months and you may take more than 5 to a show providing you provide proof of entry. No extra vaccinations or documents are necessary. If you change name or address you need to apply for a new "passport". It is obviously expected to take a while to process your application when the scheme first starts so do apply well in advance.