

Norwegian Elkhound Notes 10/11/24

For those of you who either don't get the paper or missed the article last week, travel with your dogs to Northern Ireland will be much easier from next year.

Up to now people have been required to have a pet passport to take dogs into Northern Ireland, but after next April that will not be necessary. You can apply either online or by phone, for free for a Pet Travel Document which lasts for the life of the dog.

Up to now pets have needed a health certificate, rabies vaccination, proof of worming etc but this will no longer be necessary as part of the requirements of the Windsor Framework which also covers cats and ferrets. All pets must be microchipped.

Applications will open in April 2025 and the scheme will launch fully on June 4th 2025.

Onward travel into the rest of Ireland will still require the pet passport.

Those owners resident in Northern Ireland will not require the travel document to travel to Great Britain and back.

You can find full details of the scheme on

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/northern-ireland-pet-travel-scheme/northern-ireland-pet-travel-scheme-how-the-scheme-will-work>

You cannot use the scheme if you are moving 5 dogs or more for commercial reasons ie for sale but people travelling to a show or sporting event, may take more than 5 if they produce proof of entry to the event. Each animal must have its own pet travel document and must be over 6 months of age.

There will be webinars in November which will explain it in more detail. These will take place on MS Teams on November 22nd, 10.30 – 11.15 and November 28th, 15.00 - 15.45. You will need to contact Daeratradeimports@daera-ni.gov.uk to get an invitation to attend the webinars.

I couldn't include details about the BAD last week but thanks to Wendy Sharman who attended and sent me details of it.

She wrote :

Norwegian Elkhound Breed Council

Breed Appreciation Day & Multiple Choice Exam held by Zoom

31st October 2024 - 19:30 UK time

My screen noted that there were 48 participants Vanessa opened the meeting and asked for all microphones to be muted, except the speakers.

Vanessa handed over to Jill Cowper who introduced herself and then introduced Annelise Haugstad and Stuart Byrne (present to help with the presentation).

Annelise gave an introduction to the breed with the first of many slides. A slide with the NKK emblem was displayed and she explained that the NKK had chosen the Norwegian Elkhound for their emblem and the dog depicted is Varjdalens Gjendin. She also explained that the breed is a primitive and slow maturing breed and dogs for showing had to gain a first prize at hunting to become a hunting champion and vice versa for a show champion.

Jill described the next slide or two or three and then passed to Annelise for her to describe the next photos presented i.e. running through the standard.

Once the slides and descriptions were completed all through the standard. Vanessa said that there were a few minutes spare and invited a few questions.

At 20:30, those not proceeding to the exam were asked to leave the meeting and the continuing participants were given their log-in details and the meeting would resume after a 10 minute comfort break.”

Finally, Brian Middleton is home with visits pending from the District nurse and other nurses and is hopefully due to have his stitches out on on November 215th. Best of luck with your continued recovery Brian.

Any news is very welcome. I believe Barbara Barganska has had problems with Alys eating something she shouldn't have which didn't want to pass through. I hope evrything has now resolved. Some of our dogs can be really naughty eating non food items. I remember one ofhe old breeders dogs having surgery because of a stomach full of st ones.

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