

Norwegian Elkhound Notes Dec 1st 2024

My apologies, I forgot to include a message from Georgina White last week. They sadly lost their lovely Roxy. 5/11/2009-23/11/2024, also known as Ch Bowerhinton By Proxy to Fullani who I know is remembered by many. Georgie wrote, "Our hearts are broken and the tears won't stop. Sleep peacefully and run free, rolling in meadows full of wonderful smells and squirrels our beautiful Roxy (Rocky Roo or Poxy Foxy, and our beautiful girl).

The gentlest girl with a huge heart and wonderful quirks, the Roxy roll being the best, she was rolling just yesterday in the snow. We've been so blessed to have her for so long".

It's been a very sad year for them but I'm certain Colin will be looking after her.

Thanks to Wendy Sharman for news from Sweden about the health prospects of our lovely breed. It's a pity the scheme is only voluntary but good to know that Scandinavia is now taking testing more seriously.

"SKK Hundsport Special number 4 2024

HEALTH PROGRAMME FOR FINISH STOVARE

AND NORWEGIAN ELKHOUND, GREY

For the Finnish Stovare, a health programme is being introduced for cerebellar ataxia, a defect in the nervous system that makes it difficult for the dog to coordinate its movements. The examination is carried out with a DNA test. The health programme will be introduced at level 1.

Norwegian Elkhound Grey gets access to the health programme for the eye disease glaucoma and dwarfism, at level 1. Glaucoma is glaucoma which causes increased pressure inside the eye and eventually leads to the dog becoming blind. Both are examined with DNA tests.

Level 1 means that the results are registered in the SKK's studbook, but that it is voluntary to have the dogs examined before mating. In order for results to be registered, however, it is required that SKK's DNA referral was used for the sampling and the laboratory conditions are met. Registration for the new health programmes will begin as soon as the technical conditions are in place."

I now have a message from Treena Maun about the **Breed Appreciation Day** at the Kennel Club.

"For the breed appreciation day at the Kennel Club we had two possible dates 24th February and 26th February. I would suggest the 26 February as there won't be so much traffic on the roads and on the trains. The day is for anyone interested in Norwegian Elkhounds not just Club members."

If you are interested in this event, please contact Treena on treenamaun@icloud.com with your details and for further information. Those who attended last year all praised the day highly.

IMPORTANT

Finally an important reminder from the Club to change your Direct Debits for Membership.

Membership fees have unfortunately increased for 2025. So would people please remember to update their direct debits. Sole membership £15, £20 for joint,. Junior members- no change.

For overseas subscriptions, it was agreed on £25 which will also come into effect in 2025. Please check that you have the correct bank details. The Club's bank changed a long time ago but payments to the old account were being forwarded to the new one up to 6 months ago. That has now stopped so you will need to change the bank as well as the amounts. Details are on the standing order form on necgb.net

And now ; **ESSENTIAL**. Everyone who has an email address must please inform the Club of that address. Because of the increased cost of postage the majority of Club

information is now being sent out by email. Please confirm your address and email and any change of phone number to Linda Middleton graythor1@gmail.com.

Dates for your diary.

Contest of Champions and AGM will be Feb 15th 2025 Weston Hall Weston Lane, Bulkington, Near Coventry, Warwickshire, CV12 9RU

Club Championship Show: 6th April 2025 - Judge: Mike Caple Corley Village Hall, Church Lane, Corley Coventry, Warwickshire, CV7 8AY

Club Open Show: 21st September 2025 - Judge: Helen Mansfield Corley Village Hall, Church Lane, Corley Coventry, Warwickshire, CV7 8AY

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