

Norwegian Elkhound Notes July 15th 2024

These are very brief notes this week but I couldn't let the week go by without wishing a very Happy 90th Birthday to the lovely Maureen Horner who still barely looks any different from the first time I met her some 40 plus years ago. Sadly, Maureen who is extremely knowledgeable about the breed was turned down to award CCs by the Kennel Club who decided the cut off age was 70. If only they had known what a brilliant judge they lost.

I must apologise to Maggie and Sally in case anyone thought my comments on stacking dogs may have meant them when I was wondering where the practice had come from. They have always shown here the way we do with the dogs free standing. What I meant was that people may have seen videos of shows from the USA where the breed is often stacked.

There's very little news this week. Boston show has been reported in the paper with high praise for the organisation and layout. I reported the results last week. Barbara Barganska had success this week at Dorset County Canine Society show where 'Ziva' - Barbelka Dauntless Spirit (a.i.) won Best AVNSC Hound Puppy, Res Best AVNSC Hound, 1st AV Hound Puppy and Hound Puppy Group 3rd. Then 'Alys' - Cealdstan Ancestral Voices of Barbelka (a.i.) was 1st in AVNSC Hound Open,

At Newark and District Open, Ch Whittimere Alright Bab JW was BOB and Laakso Julaften was Best Puppy.

Today is St Swithins Day when folklore says if it rains today then it will rain for 40 days. I know some areas have had heavy rain. We had a very brief light shower despite having a yellow warning from the Met Office for heavy rain. I do hope it's wrong or there could be quite a few very soggy shows.

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