Norwegian Elkhound Notes 7th September 2025

There were only two Elkhounds entered in AVNSC at Richmond this weekend by the same owners but they were extremely successful.
The Stephensons were placed Res in AVNSC Hound Puppy Dog with Kamgaard Kyffin For Brawdor. They then won AVNSC Open dog with Bowerhinton Bangalore At Brawdor VW. He then won Best AVNSC Veteran and Overall Best AVNSC hound. The judge was Mrs Pam Blay. Well done.

Reserve Best AVNSC dog was a name you may recognise:- WOLSTENHOLME, Miss C & MOUGHTON, D & FARLEIGH, Mr, Kinabula Rouge Diamond At Dekris. Not an Elkhound but a Cirneco dell' Etna.
Schedules are now out on Fosse Data for the Nordic show The Judge for Elkhounds is Mark Ord.
The Show is on 22nd November at the Sports Connexion, Ryton on Dunsmore.
Entries close 27 Oct postal. Online 3rd November.

As we move into Autumn, people will start tidying up gardens, getting cars and property ready for winter etc. This is a period when items may be used that can be dangerous for dogs so we need to be aware of the signs and symptoms of poisoning.
As careful as we may be, our dogs are scavengers and will eat anything they fancy. Sadly much of what they may ingest can be poisonous to them. They may even lick their feet after walking through poisonous substances like antifreeze.
Signs of poisoning include vomiting, tremors, excessive salivation, change in colour of gums, and increases or decreases in heart rate, breathing rate, and body temperature.
Some of the more common poisons dogs ingest include insecticides, antifreeze, household cleaning solutions, and poisonous plants. Human foods – such as chocolate and xylitol sweetener – can also be harmful. A poison's overall effect on your pet is based on the amount of poison ingested and how long that poison was in the body prior to treatment.
The effects of a poison aren't always immediate and can take days or weeks to materialize. Therefore, if you witness your pet eating a potentially toxic substance, don't be lured into a false sense of security simply because he doesn't immediately become ill. Every toxic ingestion is cause for concern and should prompt an immediate call to your veterinarian or local animal emergency facility.
I had to ring my vet one Christmas day when someone who shall remain nameless stole a pan of fried onions. Even the vet didn't know how much was dangerous and had to call the poison line. Luckily the effect of onions is cumulative so we escaped harm. But the one time she'd possibly eaten one piece of chewing gum with xylitol was an immediate emergency with the vet waiting for us with a syringe of emetic as we broke almost every speed limit to get there.

Signs of Poisoning.

While some poisons are inhaled or absorbed, the majority are ingested. Signs of poisoning in dogs include Lethargy or sluggishness, Vomiting, Lack of appetite, Stumbling or staggering, Breathing difficulty or Seizures. For most poisonings, there's not much you can do at home. Consult your vet's emergency line and take the product's packaging with you.
While some poisons can be treated and result in full recovery for your dog, others are potentially fatal, including:

- Antifreeze: This is the most common deadly poison ingested by canines. As little as one teaspoon can kill a small dog. Antifreeze has a sweet taste and dogs like it.
- Mouse and Rat Baits: There are several ingredients in these products that are toxic. The most common one causes bleeding disorders that can be fatal.
- Slug Bait: In the summer months, slugs come out and bait is used to kill them. The active ingredient in slug bait is metaldehyde, which can cause uncontrollable seizures in dogs.

- Xylitol, sometimes listed as Birch sugar
- Dog Medications: If your dog accidentally gets anything he shouldn't, call your vet immediately.
- Human Medications: Dogs commonly gain access to human medications. Or, they are given these medications by a well-intentioned (but misinformed) owner. Never give any medication to your dog without consulting your vet first.

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