

Norwegian Elkhound Notes 19th January 2026

The year started with a massive achievement for Jill Cowper when, at Manchester, she managed to show her young dog Bronni herself for the first time since Leeds last year; an achievement I'm sure she as well as many others thought she'd never manage. A huge well done Jill.

She wrote, "Happy Birthday to Tass, Thorin, Odin and all their siblings, and what a birthday celebration.

Tass won the DCC, his 19th I think, and Best of breed, and Thorin won reserve best dog.

Well done to puppy Bronni on her Best Puppy and first in Junior, followed in that class by her sisters.

First time back in the ring for me since Leeds and I'm feeling great about getting back in the saddle."

Obviously you can see from that comment that Tass, Ch Graythor Augustus At Rothenborg, won the DCC and Best of Breed. He was handled by Sarah Middleton.

Res DCC went to Linda and Brian Middleton's Graythor Broadway.

BCC was Tysons' Bowerhinton Bright Flame At Starceylon JW; her 4th having gained her title at LKA and Res BCC was Barganska's Cealdstan Ancestral Voices Of Barbelka.

Best Puppy was as mentioned, Jill's Bowerhinton Bonny Beth At Rothenborg who is in partnership with Barbara Stokes .

Best Veteran was Tom Croxford's Whittimere No Matter What.

The Kennel Club recently published the Population Analysis for the breed. Key findings of note were, as we already know, a big decline in population of the breed and a low percentage of males being used which poses a risk to genetic diversity and at critical risk of inbreeding depression as the effective population size is only estimated at 38. I think our breeders are too careful to let that happen but the difficulty of getting new dogs into the country makes it a problem.

Wishing a very Happy 90th Birthday to Brian Lake for next week and get well soon to Wendy Sharman.

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