Norwegian Elkhound Notes 20th April 2026

I must start this week with big congratulations and well done to Sarah Middleton for doing such a wonderful job as Show manager for the NECGB Championship show.

The show ran really well, there was a stall from Simply Canine selling dog treats and good raffle prizes. Sadly, the entry was low with several classes only having one entrant. Sarah would like me to pass on a message saying "Thanks to all who were there for helping to pack up. It was outside as the weather was fresh but kind. Helen and Nigel did a great job as stewards and the judges' lunch by Britt was great".

The judge was Christine Gilbert (Balsemasi) who found for her Best in Show and BOB, the Dog CC winner, the Simms' well known Ch Aftonlee Aros at Elverdal. Bitch CC, BOS and Res BIS went to Sally Simmonds and Maggie Mott's Ch/Am Ch Kamgaard Klementina, her third successive identical win at the Club Show. This was her 16th CC since moving to the UK, 10 of those with BOB.
Reserve CC in Dogs was the Benner's Graythor Loves the Luxor and Res Bitch CC went to Wendy Threadgold's Laakso Katja.

There were two new puppies out, littermates with the female, McMahon's Seasara Kerfuffle winning Best Puppy and her brother, Hardy Wallace's Seasara Kaboom winning Puppy Dog. What fun names.

Best Veteran and Oldest Veteran was Hennesey's Bowerhinton Bombette VW. I'm not certain if she's the first Elkhound to win a Veteran Warrant. If there is another, my apologies. Do let me know.
Finally and always the sweetest result, Baby Puppy went to Middleton's 4 month old Bowerhinton Belvedere Gold at Graythor, very cheerful, friendly and loving her day out.
There were 3 mixed sex classes in the Robert Greaves Memorial Stakes which were judged by Mrs Allayna Morland (Zoraden)). Post Graduate was won by Threadgold's Laakso Katja; Open won by Hennesey's Laakso Esko at Elskerdeg and Veteran was won by Threadgold's Ch Norvin Joyeux Noel.

Now a bit of a fun question but with several possible causes. **Does your dog get the Zoomies?** Of course they do. I'm sure you have all watched your dog suddenly burst into a wild frenzy of energy, racing around the room like a *furry tornado?*

Those sudden sprints, spins, and tearing around are often called the zoomies. Zoomies are a type of Frenetic Random Activity Period (FRAP) and are especially common in puppies and younger dogs. Whilst they might look chaotic, zoomies are usually a perfectly normal way for dogs to let out pent-up energy and show how they're feeling.

But why? There could be several reasons. It could be simply excitement and a way of releasing pent up energy; it could release tension and anxiety maybe from having a bath or separation anxiety; they may even be cold. Haring around increases their heart rate and circulation, which in turn raises their body temperature. If they appear more tense, with wide eyes and a tightly tucked tail they may even be releasing pain. Puppies may include biting and nipping during their zoomies in which case you need to redirect the activity.

Zoomies are usually harmless but your dog can injure themselves by bumping into people, furniture or misplaced items in the room so re direct them to a carpeted safe place before they damage a joint. I had a puppy dislocate both patellas during a mad session outside when she hit an icy patch.

Don't just laugh at their antics though; think about the reason and if necessary cut down that pent up energy with extra walks or more stimulating activities.

Please do send any news, not just show wins.

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