Norwegian Elkhound Notes 6th June 2026

Saturday was Three Counties show where we sadly no longer have CCs. The judge was Laura Stephenson who found her Best Bitch and BOB in Mr MJ & Mrs JG Williams' Laakso Kaunis at Akritiko. Best Dog was Jill Cowper's Ch Graythor Augustus at Rothenborg.
Reserve dog went to Mrs T & Mr P Jolley's Seasara Iceman and Res bitch to Tanja Mortimer with Laakso Julaften.
Seasara did well again with Sarah Mcmahon's Seasara Kerfuffle taking Best Puppy and shortlisted in the Group and Sarah's Seasara Fire Cracker winning Best Veteran. There were 14 entries with one absentee.

Karen Gold also wrote "Dundee Canine Club Open Show. Hound Judge Stella Blackmore. Marco Polo was Best of Breed. Nothing in the Group."

I gave a very timely warning two weeks ago when I mentioned fleas… I had my car serviced a few days ago and the mechanic returned it to my house bringing with him his little dog so he could walk it home. Only when I queried a raw, chewed patch on its back as he was leaving did he think to mention that he'd just discovered that his dog had fleas. So now my car will remain empty for several days for any possible adult fleas to die then it's booked for a thorough valet and steam clean of upholstery and carpets plus a spray.

This week was also the World Show in Bologna where Theresa McKittrick's Cnocanoir an Goban Saor won BOB GIO, JCACIB and JCAC. The abbreviations mean Best Junior in Breed, Junior CACIB and Junior CAC. The prestigious award of JCACIB is given to the best junior dog competing at an international-level FCI show. It is a stepping stone towards achieving the relatively new Junior International Champion title.
JCAC (Junior CAC): JCAC stands for 'Junior Certificate of Aptitude for the Beauty Championship'. It is awarded to the best junior dog (usually aged 9-18 months) in its class. Winning a certain number of JCACs allows a young dog to earn a Junior National Champion title, depending on the rules of the specific country's kennel club.

Doggie Breath: It Could Be a Sign of Trouble for Your Dog

Dog breath can be pretty unpleasant for you, but did you know that it can also be a sign of trouble in dogs? Dog bad breath could be a signal of a significant health danger in dogs. It is caused by a buildup of plaque and tartar along the gum line, which can lead to painful tooth loss and gum issues.
Dog dental health is a real problem. Vets estimate that about 80 percent of dogs already have signs of dental problems as young as two years old– and those dental problems can spark system wide health problems if they are not remedied.
Much like the human mouth, bacteria colonize to form the film on teeth that we know as plaque. When plaque comes into contact with the minerals that naturally exist in saliva, tartar forms – and tartar is too hard and firmly attached to the teeth to be brushed away. Dogs' mouths are even more alkaline than ours, and that promotes more plaque and tartar formation. This leads to the proliferation of bacteria since most dogs don't have their teeth brushed every day.

Plaque and tartar build up is the number one cause of periodontal problems, and periodontal problems can lead to diseases affecting organs like the heart, liver and kidneys.

There are numerous ways to prevent or treat dental problems from drops that you put in their drinking water, to toothbrushes, ultra sonic cleaners, enzymatic toothpaste and safe things to chew on. Take note, rawhide chews are not safe if swallowed in chunks and can cause intestinal blockages. There are several kinds of dog tooth brushes from those similar to human ones to those with 3 sections that wrap right round the tooth. Never use human toothpaste though. Human toothpastes contain foaming agents, xylitol, and fluoride that are highly toxic to dogs if swallowed. It must be a canine toothpaste. I find that beef flavoured enzymatic toothpaste is well accepted and works well to loosen any tartar. If your dog objects to a brush you can get a rubber thimble with prickly bits that fits over your finger so you can rub the teeth.

Don't take chances with your dog's dental health. It's important to take your dog to the vet if tartar starts to build up. Some dogs can be prone to repeated infections and may need professional cleaning.

Wishing quick and problem free healing to Barbara Stokes and Maggie Mott both of whom have had nasty accidents. Barbara is now out of hospital and being helped by neighbours and friends until her new hip heals. Maggie almost fell, straining muscles and tendons in the process but very luckily her new knee implant wasn't damaged.

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