Norwegian Elkhound Notes July 6th 2025

Well, Boston was a bit of a damp squib with entries. There was a massive classification without CCs but only 8 dogs making 9 entries, out of which only 5 were present belonging to just 4 exhibitors. The judge was Jane Paradise (Shardlow) who is a Group judge for Utility and Toys and awards CCs in multiple breeds across Working, Pastoral, Toy and Utility groups.

Only 4 classes had entries so I may as well report all of them. Puppy Dog was won by Stephenson's Kamgaard Kyffin for Brawdor. First in Open Dog, Best Dog and BOB was Treena Maun's Ch Bowerhinton Bassanio with Jill Cowper's Ch Graythor Augustus at Rothenborg taking 2nd place in Open and Res Best Dog,

Puppy Bitch and Best Puppy and also Res Best Bitch went to the Threadgolds' Laakso Katja and Open Bitch and Best Bitch were also won by to the Threadgolds with Ch Norvin Joyeux Noel. I understand the weather was still quite hot in that area unlike here where it's cold and rainy.

Further North the Middletons had a good win with Thorin (Graythor Broadway) who was Hound group three at Goosnargh and Longridge Open Show; a super show with lots to do.

I have a few more details about the Elkhound Fun day on August 30th at Naseby Village Hall from approximately 9.30am to 4pm. Last year's event was a huge success and great fun. There will be a talk on the Good Citizen scheme by an experienced trainer and people can have a go at some of the exercises. I remember Helen Tress doing one of these talks at a Club Show quite some years ago now. It was really enjoyable but I could never find anywhere around here to do the training. There will also be a question answer session on breeding and showing. Only light refreshments are available so please take your own lunch. Items for the raffle will be very welcome. There will then be fun classes by an experienced judge. Time permitting at the end of the day there will be party games and races for dogs and people which were so popular last year. (especially the sausages). Do put the date in your diary. It's a great day out. You don't need to already have an Elkhound to attend. Just go and meet people and learn about the breed.

Don't forget Spitz in the Park on the weekend of July 19th. Details are on www.spitzinthepark.co.uk/

As you may notice I can see pretty well after my cataract operation although I'm seeing double with my old reading glasses so do ignore any typos. It's amazing what a difference it's made to colours and the sharpness of text. I honestly thought all my hair had gone white but it still has lots of colour and I can read a numberplate clearly – and see all the dog hair- so I can still drive. Just as well because at 9.45 last night I got a call from my husband who was on his way back from a meeting in Rochdale to say "I've broken down". Luckily he was only a couple of miles out of town, right outside Nutshaw Kennels which some people will remember from years ago when they sold Elkhounds from an Irish Puppy Farm, (until we managed to stop them). An easy place to find, so Green flag got to him within half an hour and had him and the clutchless car home by 11.30 pm. I had to do all the phone calls and give them directions and location because Peter doesn't use a smart phone and couldn't find Breakdown's phone number. So today, Otta went off for her Birthday Walk in my car. I'd completely forgotten she and her siblings turned 11 today. Where do the years go? I do hope they all have many more to come. Otta's still as playful as a puppy so I hope that bodes well.

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