

The Lundehund Link

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National Specialty a Great Success

By Kay Dahlinger

Thanks to an awesome Show Committee, the 2005 National Specialty in October was a great success. There were 29 entries and 28 showed. The Norwegian weather gods provided a glorious day for the event—up to 79 degrees by mid-afternoon—before turning nasty on Sunday with cold and rain.

The ring looked beautiful with six huge floral displays which did double duty as banquet decorations later on. Around the out-of-ring area were sixteen vendors signed up by Angela Sapio in our first real effort to have vendors on site. Angela also did the outstanding job on this year's Premium List, the first of its kind for the NLAA, Inc..

Paul Ross began the day judging the baby-babies, the 4-6 month old puppies. He was followed by Lorraine Tayeb who judged Puppy Sweepstakes and Junior Handlers. Harriet Campbell then took center ring to judge the remaining regular and non-regular classes. A complete list of the winners can be found on the NLAA, Inc. website.

Following the show a representative of the Aurora Police K-9 Unit discussed aspects of the working police dog. Two New Guinea Singing Dogs were on hand and their owner gave a brief seminar on the breed, Suddenly appearing up on the hill in his full Arabian costume was Black Beauty, a/k/a MK Onyx, the central character in the famous book by Ann Sewell and illustrated by James Needham. His handler led a discussion about preventing animal abuse then Black Beauty signed autographs (one of his horseshoes was dipped in ink).

The Aurora Police Department estimated that over 400 people attended the Specialty Show on Saturday. This was a significant number of people for a small organization such as ours. Local television did a short piece on the event which was broadcast five times during the following week.

On Saturday evening the annual banquet and presentation of the perpetual awards was held at the Meadow Hills Club House. Members enjoyed an extremely good buffet with a dessert extravaganza of white tipped chocolate cake representing the Rocky Mountains along with a small picket fence with gold and purple

streamers representing the show ring and Best of Breed colors.

Tracy Rousseau did a fantastic job setting up the silent auction and Pete Rousseau was a superb master of ceremonies for the evening's events. The Aurora Singers provided a 45-minute show and raffle items were given away frequently during the evening. Partners, sponsors, judges and ring stewards were given small gifts of appreciation for their contributions to our National Specialty.

The evening concluded with the presentation of the 2005 perpetual trophies. Recipients of this year's awards included Darwin, Best Junior Puppy, owned by Jason Leach. The Cliffhunters Award, which goes to a male person or dog for special contributions to the club and the breed, went to Peter Rousseau, who got our website up and running in its new format and who put in a huge number of hours to the National Specialty while still keeping his job and family! The Bliss Award goes to a female person or dog who has made special contributions to the club and the breed. The 2005 recipient was Mary Waldmann, who publishes the quarterly *Lundehund Link*. The Cheers Award, which goes to a person or organization that has made extraordinary contributions to promote the breed and club, went to Kay Dahlinger for giving many, many educational seminars about Lundehunds, being show chair for three years, and for her constant efforts to promote the breed.

The Show Committee is returning to the NLAA, Inc. treasury the \$1,100 seed money, as well as an earned profit of nearly \$2,000.

While there are always things we can improve upon in the future, this year's show committee did an awesome job. They gave many hours of planning time and, on the day of the event, their labors lasted from 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Breed clubs will tell you one of the most

difficult things you can do is a stand-alone specialty. Some clubs never even attempt it and others do it only after many years. Lynn Higgins, Angela Sapio, Pete and Tracy Rousseau, Jason and Kristina Leach, and Evelyn Koch, our Judge Advisor, along with the Recreation and Parks divisions of the City of Aurora are to be commended on the fantastic event they hosted on behalf of the Norwegian Lundehund Association of America, Inc. (Editor's note: And huge thanks to Kay for serving as Show Chairman for the 3rd time!)



Now on to 2006!

Buy Sharon Pederson

Late last year the NLAA, Inc. reached an agreement with one of the largest and most prestigious AKC clubs to host our 200 National Specialty. The San Francisco Bay area's Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club will host the NLAA, Inc.'s National Specialty on September 15 2006, prior to their own two-day events, with a typical entry of 3,500 dogs, taking place September 16-17, 2006. With our club working hard to gain entry for the Norwegian Lundehund into AKC's Miscellaneous Class, it has been exciting to see the reaction to our beloved breed.

The Norwegian Lundehund will be showcased as one of two breeds presented by the Sir

Francis Drake Kennel Club General Education program where we will have an unprecedented opportunity to reach the AKC judges destined to judge our breed in the future. This one is not to be missed!

The 2006 Show Committee wishes to thank the 2005 Committee for all their extreme efforts and successes. With such large shoes to fill, we can only hope to follow in their footsteps.

Something to Brag About...

Lynn Higgins reports: "At the October 4th Frontier Belgian UKC show in Golden, CO, Eriksro Lunde-Fenja went Reserve Best in Show under judge Alan Krenek. On November 19th at the High Plains UKC show in Falcon, CO, Thunderpaws Isaak became a UKC Grand Champion under judge Diana Allen. He also was Best of Breed. In the second show, Suomalainen's Sissi was Best of Breed under judge Diane McConnell."

Kay Dahlinger reports: "On November 28th GrCh Eriksro Valerie Electra (Elle) returned from Claremont, CA, with a huge crystal chiller which makes a bathtub for Elle to take long soaks in as she remembers how she went Best in Multi-Breed Show, winning over 5 of the top UKC dogs. In addition GrCh Cliffhanger Cheer Me On has earned his ARBA Championship."



Sons (and Dogs) of Norway

On November 11th, Angela Sapio, Kay Dahlinger and prospective NLAA, Inc. member Karen Lund had a Thanksgiving dinner with members of the Sons of Norway Lodge in Boulder, CO. The Norwegian Lunde was the educational program for the evening. Angela did a Power Point presentation while Kay gave additional information to the 50-plus members in attendance.

Bliss, Elle and Balder had a great time visiting with the members, which included a vet and a dog trainer, and vacuuming up crumbs. Many of the members make regular trips to Norway and the Lofoten Islands. They asked for another presentation in the spring.

Inner Strength

If you can start the day without caffeine,
If you are always cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can enjoy life and not worry about a thing,
If you can conquer tension without medical help and relax without liquor....

Then you are probably the family dog.



Foods Your Dog Shouldn't Eat

(From *Pedigree Newsletter*)

Dogs chew almost anything. If it's on the floor it's fair game, right? Unfortunately, certain foods and everyday substances which are perfectly fine for people can be toxic for dogs. Even a small quantity of the following substances can put your dog's health at risk.

Alcoholic Beverages can be fatal to dogs and no amount is safe, not even lapping a little beer.

Chocolate is toxic to canines. The darker the chocolate, the more toxic it is. The methylxanthines (caffeine and theobromine) in chocolate can cause vomiting, diarrhea, rapid and irregular heart beat, increased urination, muscle tremors and seizures. Death from chocolate toxicity can occur within 24 hours.

Coffee, tea and cola are people food. They contain caffeine, a methylxanthine also found in chocolate. The signs of toxicity include rapid

heart beat, hyperexcitability, tremors and seizures.

Macadamia nuts can temporarily cause muscle weakness, often in the hind legs. Other signs include vomiting, fever and abdominal pain. The mechanism of the toxicity is unknown. Affected dogs recover with no treatment and no long-term effects.

Onion and Garlic have a chemical that damages red blood cells in dogs and can cause anemia. Even one small whole onion can cause death. So be particularly careful when disposing of left-overs that contain a significant amount of onions, such as pizza or Chinese take-out. The small amounts of onion and garlic powder used in pet foods is safe and well below the toxic level.

Raisins and grapes can cause vomiting, diarrhea, and kidney failure. The maximum safe amount is unknown, so keep them out of reach of curious muzzles.

Sugarless gums and candies are certainly sweet, but the sugar substitute xylitol can cause a rapid drop in your dog's blood sugar.

Yeast dough, like the kind used to make bread or desserts, is designed to expand. If swallowed by an unsuspecting canine, it can expand and produce gas in the digestive system, causing pain and possible rupture of the stomach or intestines.

Medications such as Ibuprofen, Tylenol and Naproxen may give you pain relief, but painkillers and other common medications can be deadly to your dog. Keep all prescription and over-the-counter medications, including vitamins, in closed cabinets out of your pet's reach. NEVER give your dog medication unless directed by a veterinarian.

According to the ASPCA, thousands of dogs needlessly suffer (and many die) each year by ingesting these common household foods and medicines. If you suspect that your pet has eaten any of them, seek emergency help right away.



Come on, folks...

We have lots of NLAA, Inc. members, but only a handful of you are contributing to the newsletter. I know you must have something to share. Please send your articles, news items, brags, tips, memoriams, jokes, photos to Rwaldmann1@mac.com.