

The Lundehund Link

January 2009

Message From the President

By Pete Rousseau, NLAA President

NLAA continues to excel at introducing our wonderful breed to broader sections of the public! We had the opportunity to present the Norwegian Lundehund to exhibitors, judges, handlers, and visitors at the 8th Annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Long Beach California on the 13-14th December. The dogs that represented our breed were Cosmo and Max (owner Beth McCooey) and Mitch and Shelton (owner Kelley Mueller). dogs were fantastic Ambassadors. presenting themselves with dignity, enjoying the attention and WOW'ing the audiences.

The booth was decorated to resemble the cliffs of Værøy. We created the "rocks" out of a tarp, spray paint and PVC pipe with puffins resting on it, which looks better in person than in the



Our breed booth was packed with people through the entire show. One of the most common comments was "I thought they were bigger!" The dogs met hundreds of people AKC Public Relations, AKC including: Government Relations, 2 representatives from Tie Publishing (publishers of the magazines Dog World & Dog Fancy), a team taking video background footage & the President of the American Dog Show Judges We also talked to numerous organization. Judges from the US & Canada, many of whom were requesting breed standards & educational materials. Handlers from all over the world were present and many recognized the breed from overseas showing assignments.

The event wrapped up with Mr. Mike Liosis, AKC Director of Club Relations, presenting our breed booth 2nd place for Miscellaneous Group booth presentations and NLAA being presented a large rosette for the honor. There will also be pictures posted on the AKC website of the booths, so you can see the competition for this honor was truly outstanding.

The following link has a picture of Pete & Cosmo demonstrating the Lundehund shoulder flexibility:

http://www.akc.org/nationalchampionship/index .cfm?section=gallery_category&cde_category= 20081312044115629&text_event_number=200 8277101

Now is the time to start our planning for the 2009 event. The dates will be December 12-13, 2009 and it will be held in Long Beach,

California again. What we need from the membership is:

- An inexpensive, yet eye-catching theme & decorations
- Photos display a few professionally printed photos of Lundehunds in action
 - Conformation shows
 - o Agility
 - o General playing & just being Lundehunds
- Manning to "work" the booth & present your dogs
 - You will receive free entry to the show & tickets to the Group & Best in Show venue

I'd like to close with a special thanks to Beth & Kelley, who volunteered to assist, even though they're not members of NLAA. They will both be receiving a 1-year membership for their assistance and dedication to the breed. THANK YOU!



A bumper crop of puppies—"grandchildren" of Ray and Mary Waldmann (from Arlena of Medina.) A few are still available by contacting Renata Kosinova at RKosinova@sezman.cz. She is in the Czech Republic but will deliver just about anywhere.

"My dog is worried about the economy because dog food is up to 99 cents a can. That's almost \$10 in dog dollars."

Joe Weinstein

Changes in One's Life By Sharon Pederson

The year 2008 was one that brought some rather significant changes for me. April brought the passing of my best friend and the co-founder of Cliffhanger Kennel, Frank Bays. The following month heralded the arrival of my granddaughter, the beautiful Stella May Handlin. With June came my birthday and July followed with the National Specialty in Eagle, CO and the Norwegian Lundehunds' entrance into AKC's Miscellaneous Class. I consider that to be one of the greatest hurdles to have gotten over and do not take it lightly, given all of the effort and preparation it took in order to achieve that accomplishment.

September marked the month when I got to personally invite Christen Lang of Norway to come to San Rafael next year to judge for Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club's All-Breed Show which makes him available to us for our 2009 National. Much to my surprise I was nominated to take over the Presidency at Sir Francis Drake in October and was elected unanimously to that position in November.

Here we are in December and I can report that while things are ever changing, it is for the better. Pete Rousseau flew in from Germany to help man the "Meet the Breed" booth at the AKC - Eukanuba All Breed Championship Show with me. I have to say the response we got from the public as well as the AKC representatives was overwhelmingly positive. Our booth won second prize (within the Miscellaneous Class breed booths) for its decoration – something to be proud of given that Pete and I put the overall idea together and constructed it on Friday with it needing to be ready at 9:00 AM Saturday! We owe a tremendous thank you to two fellow Lundehund owners, Beth McCooey and Kelley Mueller, who assisted us with manning the booth and bringing their dogs even though they weren't club members (note the past tense... for their outstanding participation Pete and I agreed to sponsor them as new members).

We all have opportunities put before us. I like to think that, with an optimistic frame of mind, anything can be accomplished given enough time so I choose to keep my chin up.

Happy New Year!

Rescue Success Story

By Loretta Krisher

We'd like to announce the arrival of "Oslo" who was recently had-delivered to us by the gracious Lundehund rescue angels Karon and Mike Plasha of Arlington, Virginia. Oslo is five, smart, fast and playful—and probably the cutest male in the whole world!

We heard of the need for a home through the luvlundies.com website administered by Tracy and Pete Rousseau (a big shout out to them!) and contacted Mike and Karon. These rescuers drive all over the country to save Lundehunds. Oslo's mom was adopted first and his sister went to a new home in November.

Oslo is the perfect fit in our home. Of course, our 13-year-old female is having is having a few queen issues, but we couldn't be happier.

I strongly suggest that all Lundehund owners take a minute at send a huge thank-you to Karon and Mike (loki sif@yahoo.com) for all that they do to make sure our breed doesn't end up in shelters or worse.

Oslo's brother Loki is still available for adoption. Contact Karon and Mike if you can help.



"I think animal testing is a terrible idea; the animals get nervous and give the wrong answers."

2009 Dues are Due

It's January again and time to pay your annual \$25 NLAA dues. For your convenience, the renewal form is attached to this e-mail. Know someone who wants to join NLAA? New member dues are \$35 (includes NLAA lapel pin).

Logo Wear...

Want to wear "the right stuff"---NLAA logo wear, that is? For t-shirts, mugs and more, go to www.cafepress.com/nlaainc. A percentage of sales goes to NLAA, Inc.

Send Me Stuff!

Many thanks to those of you who have sent pictures and items for the newsletter. And EVERYONE remember that your contributions are welcomed. We'll be happy to run litter announcements if you send us the information. Please send them to Mary Waldmann at rwaldmann1@mac.com. And be sure to let me know if you change your e-mail address.