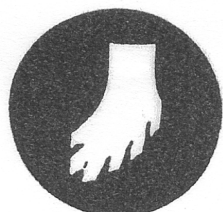


# The Lundehund Link

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## Northwest Lundiefest

On the last weekend of July, Susan Torgerson-Taylor hosted her annual Lundiefest, in Mukilteo, Washington. Twenty-one dogs, mostly from the Greater Seattle area, attended. As usual, every single dog won a ribbon—best ear folds, best tail, best coat, best feet, best teeth, tallest, skinniest and on and on. Next came agility competition, with some tight races in several events.

A record in attendance was set by Ray and Mary Waldmann who had 9 Medina dogs there! --- Cliffhanger Nikolina, Branstock Odin and Candogra Arlena, plus 3 puppies from Odie and Lena, and three other dogs that came from the Waldmanns. And it all started with a puppy from Sharon Pederson.

A wonderful little dog-friendly park right behind Susan's house was the setting, so all the dogs got a chance to run around and play together. With a beautiful day and great food, a good time was had by all, both human and canine.

## Report from Vaeroy

By Sharon Pederson

"In July I had the wonderful experience of vacationing in Norway for two and a half weeks, the highlight of which was attending the annual Norsk Lundehund Klubb breed show on Vaeroy. When I arrived in Bodo I met Kay Dahlinger and spent two nights visiting with Ellen Blakstad Christiansen, from whom we got our Kellen in 1998 on our first trip to Norway.

"The boat ride from Bodo to Vaeroy, which took 8 hours, was incredibly rough due to wind and rain. On the boat was nothing but Lundehunds and Lundehund owners. There were 106 entries in the show and 117 Lundies on the island at the time.

"The show was on July 9<sup>th</sup>, with festivities continuing until the 12<sup>th</sup>. In the Land of the Midnight Sun, we began the show at 1 p.m. and with the expert judging the show wasn't over until 1 a.m. and it was still broad daylight! My body clock was discombobulated the entire trip.

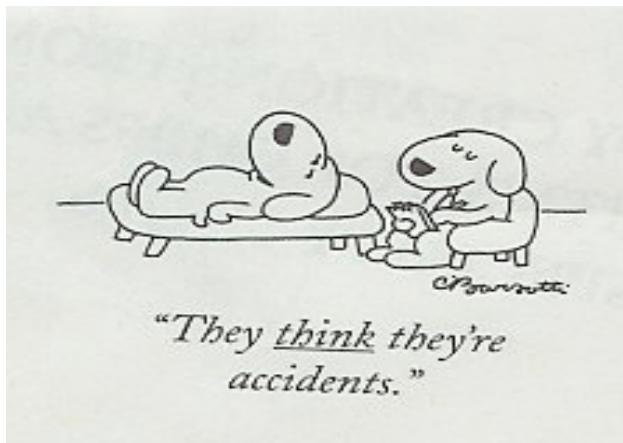
"Despite the lousy weather, weather the show was wonderful with incredibly high quality dogs. Best of Breed was Dykebos Miklegard. Best Opposite Sex was Mahornet's Lundi. Best Puppy was a daughter of Cliffhanger Daniel owned by Anneli Haggblom, Eriksro

Magiska Moxy. Best male pup was Eriksro Lunde-Fenris, brother of Lynn Higgins' Eriksro Lunde-Fenja. The bitch who won Best of Show was Dykebo's Miklegard.

"The number of Eriksro dogs that stood out is a testimony to Anneli's excellent program. She deserves a lot of credit.

"One of the show-related activities was a hike to the puffin nesting grounds. I skipped it since it was billed as being for 'the fittest of the fit' but did drive to the highest point on the island and took some great photos.

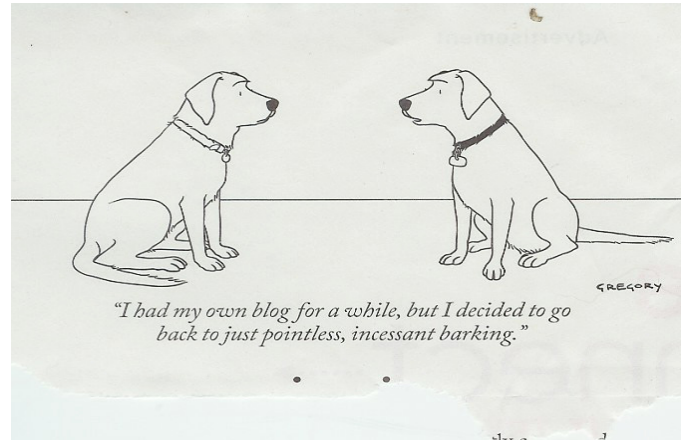
"After the weekend I went back to Bodo and spent a few more days with Ellen, husband Bjorner and their three beautiful children. Then I flew to Oslo and was met by club member and Norsk Lundehund Klubb vice-president Laila Myvold. After visiting her home and seeing her beautiful dogs, I went with her to the summer home of Svein and Sofie Schonaheyer where I had a fabulous remainder of my vacation. Then it was back to home, after two and a half weeks in Norway. Aside from the weather, it was a wonderful time."



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Specialty October 8<sup>th</sup> in Aurora

It's just days away—our second annual National Specialty! The show will be held Saturday,

October 8<sup>th</sup>, at Expo Park & Recreation Center in Aurora, Colorado. Judges include Harriett Campbell, AKC, Colorado, Lorraine Tayeb, UKC, Utah, and Paul Ross, AKC, Colorado. Paul brought the first breeding pair of Norwegian Lundehunds to the U.S. in the 1980s, something for which we are all very grateful.



## Playing It Safe at Shows

While we're sure all our members are trustworthy, there are always spectators and other folks wandering around dog shows. With our upcoming National Specialty, it's a good time to review some tips from the AKC (courtesy of their newsletter).

"Often, as grooming, bathing, handling and traveling pile on, rushing can become part of the excitement of a dog show. The show whirlwind has its challenges, especially when it comes to the question of what to do with personal items and belonging at a show...

"Common sense is important—take only what you need. Essential items include identification, a roadside emergency assistance cards, a credit card, and some cash. It's never necessary to take the entire contents of your wallet. When you make purchases, keep track of your credit card and always put it in the same place. It's

easy to misplace things when you are managing dogs, gear bags, crates and other equipment.

“Before you even enter the show area, valuable should be locked in the trunk or glove compartment of your car and car keys should remain with you at all times. A key ring is a helpful accessory, especially if it can be attached to the inside of a locked tack box. At your set-up be sure to place important items like identification, car keys, credit cards and cash inside a locked crate. If you typically store such items in your tack box, make sure to place the tack box inside the crate when you and your dog are in the ring. Never leave items on top of a crate or grooming table...Perhaps, most importantly, do not ask or rely on strangers near the grooming and crating areas, even other handlers. to guard your possessions. Not only is it not their responsibility...picking the wrong person can quickly turn any trip sour.

“The dog show world is exhilarating and fast-paced. Hopefully, with these tips it will also be safe. Awareness of your surroundings and preparedness help ensure a satisfying and enjoyable tip.

## Brag, Brags and More Brags...

Lynn Higgins and Kay Dahlinger went to an ARBA show—five shows in all-over Labor Day weekend. On Saturday, Thunderpaws Aaron won Best of Breed the first show and Thunderpaws Isaak won Best of Breed in the second show, On Sunday, Cliffhanger Cheer Me on won Best of Breed in all three shows. For the weekend, Eriksro-Lunde was Best of Opposite Sex twice and Eriksro Valerie Electra was Best of Opposite Sex three times..

Lynn also showed the puppy they kept from the Krissi/Tuffy litter, Thunderpaws Erik, who had a wonderful time leaping and pouncing on dandelions. He did manage a trop towards the

end and got a Group 1 placing in the Little Puppy category.

At Lynn Higgins suggestion, we're going to start recognizing the birthdays of our veteran (& and older) dogs in the brags columns. Given our breed, it's especially nice when we can celebrate longevity in our dogs.

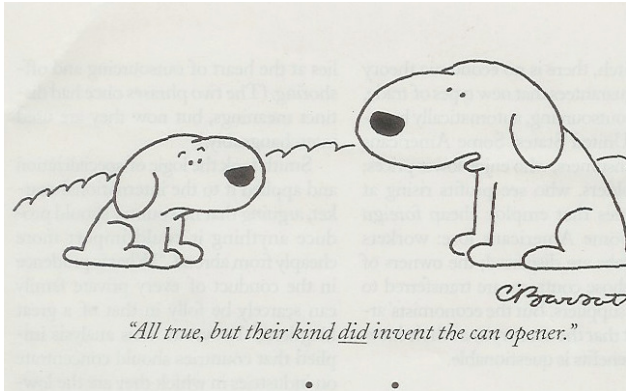
## Lundehund Magic

By Kay Dahlinger

We talk about our dogs being magic, here's and example:

Lynn Higgins, who's a member of a Sons of Norway Lodge here in Colorado, and I went to their celebration. We were greeted by a very attractive lady in traditional dress, Pauline Miller. Lynn introduced herself, then me. While they were talking, I kept looking at the woman's nametag. She seemed so familiar...but who was she? Simultaneously, we both realized we were Beta Sigma Phi sorority sisters who had not seen each other in 30 years! It was very emotional for both of us.

For years we enjoyed together many local and national events but, as is so often the case, we drifted apart when children came along. It turns out we live less than a mile apart! We were able to reconnect and catch up after all these years, and all thanks to my Lundehund connection with Lynn! Lundehunds really are magical.



## God's Creation

On the first day of creation, God created the dog. On the second day, God created man to serve the dog. On the third day, God created all the animals of the earth to serve as potential food for the dog, especially horses and lambs.

On the fourth day, God created honest toil so that man could labor for the good of the dog. On the fifth day, God created rain so that dog would have an excuse to stay in the house. On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the dog healthy and the man broke.

On the seventh day, God tried to rest but he had to walk the dog.

## A Question We All Get...

Can you count the number of times you've been asked if your Lundie is a fox? Nancy Parsons-Kantor can't...she reports:

"My daughter shows horses, so we were in Saugerties, NY, mid-September for a National Finals in show jumping. We took my Lundie-baby Elmo who celebrated his 1<sup>st</sup> birthday a few days ago. We had to fly from Tampa, FL, and we gave Elmo a sedative (Acepromazine) which didn't put him to sleep at all, but at least he wasn't bothered by the take-off/landing noise or being in the sherpa bag...We held him whenever we could on the plane and let him out on the

airport for layovers. At the show he was the perfect picture of a Horse-show companion, sometimes even off-leash.

"We got more comments than ever, especially 'Is that a fox?' and 'Is that a fox-mix?' We recommended him to tons of people who are known animal-lovers, and hope the websites get lots of hits.

"P.S. Have any of you had to go the sedative route and found other agents to be helpful? Drugging is never the preferred way, but sometimes it is necessary."

Editor's note: I once had a refrigerator repairman very concerned that I had foxes running loose in the house. He was very relieved to hear that they were a rare and unusual breed of DOG.)

## Come on, folks...

We have lots of NLAA 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](mailto:Rwaldmann1@mac.com).

