



The Forest Hound

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Editor's Corner

Please accept our apologies for being so late with the December newsletter. It has been a very busy quarter and a chaotic December for us here at the Forest Hound.

The main reason? In a word -- PUPPIES. The Varebergs had a litter of 6 and Tomme had a litter of 4, just a week later. All were spoken for before they were born and some are in their new homes by now. One of Tomme's boys came here to live and he has turned the house upside down! I loved the breed before - Now I am a raving lunatic! I can safely say that my life will never be the same again. Long live Norbies!!

Tomme and I have been through the other side also. I lost 2 of my elderlies , in October and December and she lost the boy she bought from me, years ago, in December. So - it's been the whole gamut. We hope you will understand and join us in both our grief, of losing old friends, and beginning new lives with joy and delight (and emptied waste baskets).

And so - our newsletter is all about puppies. And more puppies. And the promise of new lives to share.

Bonnie Fleming



Brace yourself. Puppies are coming.

Photo by Sue Vareberg

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2015 Annual Meeting

- Located at: Portland, OR Expo Center
- On: January 17, 2015
- Time: To be announced

We hope to see you there!

President's Letter

"Responsible breeding is not producing puppies to meet a market demand but to produce healthy puppies that will carry on the legacy of the breed."

Puppies!! Who doesn't love babies, especially Norrbottenspets babies?? What darling little stuffed -toys-come-to -life with those big, heart-melting dark eyes and cute little fox-like faces ---- fuzzy red and white woolly-bear caterpillar puppies! These "Awww"-inducing puffs of joy are very rare in North America due to the low breed numbers and the resulting small gene pool placing frustrating limitations on breeding. Careful breeding with an eye on the future health of the breed is never as simple as producing puppies just because you have an intact dog that can reproduce. Responsible breeding is not producing puppies to meet a market demand but to produce healthy puppies that will carry on the legacy of the breed.

So every little mite born in 2014 has been the product of anguished analysis and debate over the right pairing to make. Every little mite's birth was celebrated with great joy and each was carefully nurtured and cherished, as all babies should be. And then when the time came for these babies to move on to their new forever homes, they left behind hearts filled with joy and sadness, worry and hope that their lives would be happy and healthy ones as they grew into the special beauty and character that is Norrbottenspets.

May the New Year bring blessings to you and your families, all you precious Norrbottenspets puppies, however old or young.

Tomme Trikosko



Koivunevan American Dream (Deja) X Vikingheaven Thorfinn (Finn)

Halloween themed litter born October 21, 2014

Photo by Jacqueline Vareberg



Manjusha's Yalena Vikingheaven (YaYa) X Koivunevan American Idol (Simon)

Washington Volcano themed litter born October 26, 2014

Photo by Tomme Trikosko

Who is that dog?

The name is the breeder's bragging tool. It's the most important name you will ever choose if you intend to be a breeder and build a reputation. As long as the animal is in any pedigree, that name is there in all its glory.

So--keep the kennel name fairly short. Woe betide the new owner who has to cope with a foot long kennel name when they name their new prospect. So, keep it simple and preferably in English. If you just have to have that foreign name, don't get upset when no one else can pronounce it! A combination of two names is popular, if over used. Remember that relationships often change. Locations can be a good choice. Be careful not to infringe on or use another kennel name. That is major tacky. Choose the name and let it roll around your brain for a while. Will you like it ten years from now as well as you do now?

Registered individual names can be anything that fits within AKC guidelines. "Naming Dogs" is on the AKC website, for details. His call name may be Dammit, but will violate AKC rules. Most breeders use a theme for name choices. Since AKC says that the buyer chooses the name, it pays to have a very long list of suggestions or be somewhat

flexible. Anything is fodder for a theme -- hit songs, favorite books, holidays or seasons of the year, TV shows, the alphabet, locations, hobbies, -- the possibilities are endless. I have one personal caveat: You are apt to get what name you use. Years ago, I named a bitch Bellona (the Roman goddess of war) and she spent most of her very long life living up to it! Be flexible with puppy buyers on name choices. Give them the criteria/theme and let them go. They can often be very inventive and you might like one of their rejects better than your own choices. Ask for help. I love to play word games and that is what registered names are.

Call names can be anything. Now is the time for Dammit or Bubble Butt or whatever, as long as it doesn't offend your neighbors or the judges. I find that with a little patience and insight, the puppy usually names itself. It won't take long to know whether you have a Fred, or a Princess or Rocky.

People often wonder where on earth we come up with these long, ridiculous names. Hey, we spend a lot of time and energy choosing a humdinger of a name. It's important!

Bonnie Fleming

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Thistledown VH Talol being cleaned off by Tomme minutes after being born.

Photo by Tomme Trikosko



Anyone who has ever raised animals, or children, know how hard it is to get a “successful” group picture.

Photo by Jacqueline Vareberg

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A Letter From Loki

Well Susan's off in Connecticut visiting family and the rest of us are home alone (not really, but it reminds me of a movie and). I went with Susan to drop Winnie off with Mavis, Ryan, and Kyler. That poor family had no idea what they were getting. I saw the following pictures posted on Facebook and I

was glad it was Wilson and not me! Any idea how long it will take her to grow up? Enough said - I'm looking forward to the New Year - Yippee, there will be dog shows Meet the Breed and lure coursing! Hope to see some of you at these events. HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Vikingheaven Hocus Pocus at Sjelle (Winnie) loves her new friend, Winston... and his tail!

Photos by Mavis Miner

A Puppy Is -

A puppy is the past. He is the culmination of all his ancestors. Ours is an old breed: originally bred for purpose. A change in economics and 2 world wars nearly brought the breed to extinction. Dedicated people brought the breed back and we have to honor that. We must do our best to live up to it. This puppy is our promise and our continuation.

A puppy is the present. It is definitely the present when he is yelling bloody murder to go out. House manners and socialization just won't wait: not when he is growing and learning so fast. You may see some replication of a past ancestor, but he is uniquely himself. He is daydreams - of ribbons - of crispy mornings looking for whatever - of mischief and soft lovings. Enjoy him now - this time will never be again.

A puppy is the future. He is the future of our breed. Hopefully, he will be breeding stock, but he will always be a PR man.

Plan well for him. Train him well. See himself as HE is, not as you want him to be. Work with the actuality of him by putting a sound foundation under the dreams that he may reach his full potential. See in him both the dream and the reality.

He is the pride of the past, the joy of the present, and the dream of the future

He is a puppy.

Bonnie Fleming

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Dogs on the Move

We wanted to extend another congratulations to all of the dogs and owners who have gotten out in 2014 and showed their dogs off to the world. We have enjoyed all of the updates on new titles and accomplishments. If your dog(s) have earned titles and we haven't featured them, you know what to do! Lets hope for another wonderful year with our wonderful breed.



Loki Sol & Lola Luna reminding us that our puppies grow up, but our love for them grows stronger.

Photo provided by Gala Collins



Photo by Tomme Trikosko



Photo by Jacqueline Vareberg



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Summary of Minutes

September 16, 2014 Minutes

Election of New Members:

Keven and Susan Lombardo's application was approved unanimously.

New Business:

Nominating Committee:

The deadline for the nominating committee was missed. The current board members all wish to serve again and will be the slate for 2015 as nominated by the board. A notice for additional nominations will be sent to the membership. Susan moved that the additional nominations must be submitted with acceptance from the nominee. Sue seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

American Sighthound Field Association:

Susan will contact the American Sighthound Field Association for information on how to proceed with recognition for the Norrbottenspets.

October 21, 2014 Minutes

Due to a quorum not being held, the October 21, 2014 meeting was adjourned with no business discussed.

November 18, 2014 Minutes

Reports of Committees:

Nominating Committee:

No additional nominations were sent to the Secretary. A notice will be sent to the membership to inform members that the 2014 board will continue to serve for 2015 as nominated by the nominating committee.

New Business:

AKC Top Dog Medallions:

Susan moved that the American Norrbottenspets Association will support the AKC Top Dogs in companion and performance events by sponsoring the medallions available at Eukanuba. Jacqueline seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Rose City Meet the Breeds:

Susan moved that the American Norrbottenspets Association participate in the 2015 Meet the Breeds at the Rose City Classic. Sue seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Membership Dues:

Jacqueline moved that the 2015 dues remain the same as they were for 2014. Regular - \$25, Household - \$30, Foreign - \$20, Associate - \$20, Junior - \$10. Sue seconded and the motion carried unanimously.