



The Forest Hound

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Editor's Corner

We've been asked to do funny stories this time. There's nothing funnier, or more rewarding than doggy funny stories. I've been telling them since I was a child!

My first purebred was a Keeshond that I started competing with in Obedience in 1975. I got my first Ibizan Hound in 1994 and my forest hound in December 2014. So yes, I have lots of, tons of and more than you want to hear of funny stories. Also sad ones, touching ones and life changing ones. My life has been tied up with furry funny four foots for

many many years, and I am blessed to have had every day of them. There is nothing better than to live with a passel of pot hounds! Enjoy

Bonnie Fleming, editor

P.S. Be sure to check to see of any of your new plants are poisonous. Google poisonous plants and you will get lots of information. Be sure to check on bulbs - these guys are diggers and I have the potholes to prove it!

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President's Letter

As the weather improves heading into the summer season and we get out and about to have fun with our dogs, continue to be prudent, as you always are, for the safety of your canine family members. Remember, not all hazards can be easily identified, as is illustrated by the Canine Influenza outbreak that is ongoing in the Chicago area.

An excellent summary of what a dog owner needs to know about Canine Influenza can be found at:

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/04/150415102922.htm>

A fun-filled happy and healthy spring to you and yours!

Tomme Trikosko

White and red all over. Tomme's Ibizan Hound and Norrbottenspets puppies playing tug-a-war together.

Photo by Tomme Trikosko



Loki's Letter



Loki keeping a watchful eye on Fiona the Papillon. Photo by Susan Lundebjerg

The Joy of Intact Dogs in the House:

Susan: Loki, what are you doing?

Loki: I'm in love.

Susan: But Loki, Fiona is a Papillon.

Loki: I'm in love.

Susan: Loki, there will be no designer dogs "made" in this house!

Loki: But she sort of looks like me - pointy ears, bushy tail over her back

Susan: No - Loki!

Loki: Papbottens?

Susan: NO!

Loki: Norbillons?

Susan:NO!

Loki: So when does Winnie grow up?

Susan: LOL - it will be a while!

Loki: oh

Susan: go to bed

Loki: okay

Short Stuff's Story

Hi.

I am Thistledown VH Pahto, better known as Short Stuff. I have lots of stories to share and mom has her typing fingers unloaded, so here goes.

I was born October 26, came to live with Bonnie (also known as mom) on December 21 at just 7 weeks and I have been re-arranging her life ever since. It's been fun. She hasn't always been too sure about that, but I've loved it - well, most of the time. I used to get in all kinds of trouble. Now that I am a grown up 5 months old, I don't get squirted near as often.

Going to the vets was quite an experience. Everyone thought I was just the cutest ever. Getting stuck in between the car seats wasn't! I yelled bloody murder until mom could get pulled over, stop laughing, and get me unstuck! She got me a crate to ride in pretty quick after that first trip. She loves to watch me carry things around. She thinks I strut awfully cute. The only big dog she would let me out with, at first, was Cha Cha. She's white, but there the resemblance ends. She's a tall, long legged, long nosed hound with a very

long tail. At first I couldn't keep up with her - she trotted and I ran as fast as my short fat legs could go. We would go around and around and around the dining room table. Then, I figured out what her long tail was for - it was for me to hang on to! She dragged me all over the house, even played crack the whip with me. That was fun, sliding around the corner, until I smacked the wall! She has about half as much hair on her tail as she used to have, and she has learned to keep it tucked in. I learned how to play tug of war by myself. Stand on one corner of whatever I can find and pull on the other corner. Have to be careful not to pull it out from underneath me though. I finally got over being afraid of the dark, but I still can't figure out where ice cubes go so quick.

I love love love wastebaskets. There's the neatest stuff in there. I can carry it all over everywhere, so I do. I get stuff everywhere - all the rooms mom lets me into, plus the dog yard. She did get upset with me over the \$20 bill I chewed up (I had to get on the end table to get that - biiiiggg no no). She was just lucky I only chewed it up - not ate it. Otherwise she would have been washing it off

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Short Stuff serenading his family.

Photo by Tomme Trikosko

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before she took it to the bank to get replaced (it was beyond help!). I get to play with the big dogs now. She wouldn't let me out of my pen in the living room, for quite awhile. She was afraid I would get stepped on. And I do. By just about everybody! But I yell a lot, and they try to be careful (especially when I am using those long legs as an obstacle course) and we have worked it out. I don't go airborne much any more either. I have quit using mom's pants legs as a tow service, and I have also quit biting her ankles. I would bite, she would jerk, and I would go wheee across the room. Banking off furniture hurts! So I quit.

I really got her the other day though. She was concentrating on the computer (instead of playing with me); I whacked my knot in a rope toy against the closet door and made a loud boom. She actually jumped into the air and yelled! It was so funny! It was fun when I 'scaped the other evening, too. Mom didn't think so! First she double checked the gate. Then I 'scaped again. This

Bark Games 2014

The Bark Games for 2014 were held in Elkford, British Columbia, a small mining town at the junction of the Elk and the Ford Rivers. Those of you who did not attend missed a fabulous weekend. I had never been to a Norrbottenspets affair before but since I now have 2 Norbies, I thought it was time.

Saturday

We convened at a clearing several miles west of Elkford. Rebecca had a camper there for bathroom and sleeping when necessary. All the people had dog skills except me, and all the dogs were Norbies except Phoenix.

Those attending were Rebecca Boyle with Phoenix, a boxer who tracks, Ava an experienced hunter, and Juno a beginning hunter; Neda Joss with Bob an experienced tracker on blood trails, and Cinna who had just arrived from Finland; Josie Nolting with Flair an experienced Search and Rescue dog, and Limit a 6 month old eager to do everything; and me Karen Anderson-

time she blocked the gate. I 'SCAPED again. This time, she took the flash light and checked the fence, found my hole (I was very proud of that hole!) and filled it up with rocks. Drat it.

But this is my favorite story of all! The other morning, I had a wonderful, fabulous, delicious, dream come true breakfast. I had a real, live, warm mouse. I chased it all over the dining room (mom just kept her feet up and cheered me on - she wasn't any help at all) and I caught it! Ate it! Those big Ibizan hounds that are always bragging on facebook about catching rabbits got nothing on me. I also have an unassisted kill. I am the mighty hunter, and I was only 4 1/2 months old. My future is assured. Waaa - listen to me roar!

I am still young. I am sure I will create many more funny things for mom to share. I make her laugh every day. And kiss her nose. And hang off someone's tail (been using Dancin's lately) And get into wastebaskets. Some days I am even well behaved. Sort of. hehehehe

Gillis with Mush who is just learning Obedience, and Freyja who has done Rally and some Obedience.

After introductions, we were instructed in tracking by Neda Joss. We each had the opportunity to lay a trail, and then take each of our dogs over a fresh trail, giving them lots of praise for each step and hot dog pieces in the track. This encouraged the dogs to keep their heads down on the scent. Neda explained that as the dog learns, the trail should be adjusted by one component at a time, ie., distance between rewards, length of path, changes of direction. Neda showed us the difference with blood trails, and demonstrated with Bob. He was fantastic.

The blood tracking is to support hunters - often the game is wounded but runs off, and a blood tracking dog could find the game much better than a person could.

Josie did a demonstration of how to

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Short Stuff showing how flexible he can be after a long day of chasing the big dogs.

Photo by Bonnie Fleming

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Bark Games 2014 Cont.



Even "old" dogs, like Ragnar, can compete in events. Ragnar was eight when he earned his Senior Coursing title for Lure Coursing.

Photo by Jacqueline Vareberg

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ensure that a dog will recall when he is supposed to. She included lots of praise and lots of play. Then we each practiced but I kept my dogs on a long leash since Mush is a runner.

Rebecca was practicing with a hunting bow, to get the sights properly adjusted. Those who wanted could take a try. Hunting season in BC has September for bow hunters and October for gun hunters. After lunch, we practiced hunting skills. Rebecca had several farm raised pheasants and Josie had several farm raised chukkar (like grouse). When Rebecca fired the shotgun, Freyja hid under the truck, but the other dogs were not at all bothered. All the dogs were allowed to sniff a held bird. Mush tried to bite his and Freyja leaped away when the bird flapped its wings. She is timid.

Each dog was given an opportunity. The bird was in a launcher and when the dog scented it, the bird was released or propelled out of the launcher so the dog could give chase. Most of them flew up into the trees, but Mush's chukkar ran off. He searched, found and caught it - his first bird! For the others, if the bird flew off to a tree, the dog chased it and barked. Then Rebecca would shoot the bird, if she could find it, for the dog to retrieve.

Then we did more tracking practice. We skuffed a start place (to leave more scent), then dropped a hot dog piece every step for about 10 feet. Then skuffed and

dropped a bigger reward. Both my dogs did very well.

Sunday

We did more tracking practice, same as yesterday.

Then we had an introduction to trapping and the use of trap lines. We had a number of traps to look over and attempt to set. Some were very hard. The Alaska Fish and Game has release instructions in videos. This was really frightening to contemplate as if the dog is not immediately killed, it is very difficult to get out of a trap. After all, the traps are meant to kill and/or hold the prey.

After lunch we did more birds, but no guns. I got Freyja to chase and bite a dead bird. You should have seen the face she made at having feathers in her mouth - what a prissy! Once she got over being afraid, she did OK. She had one released while I held her and then she chased it and barked when it flew into a tree. Mush did much better. He searched and found the bird in the launcher, then chased it after it was released and flew to a tree.

We ate pheasant for dinner - it was excellent. First we learned how to clean birds but I think I'll skip that part.

This was a fabulous weekend, probably one of the most enjoyable I have ever had. Many thanks to Rebecca, Josie, and Neda for their support and sharing of knowledge.

Karen Anderson-Gillis

"If you haven't been to a performance or companion event, give it a try."

Dogs on the Move



Yaya, our second Norrbottenspets to earn her Certificate of Merit (CM)

Photo by Tomme Trikosko

We're always thrilled when we hear the stories of owners getting out there and having fun with their dogs. If you haven't been to a performance or companion event, give it a try. Feel free to ask any questions and we will be happy to give you advice on how to get started.

VikingHeaven Mush Erickson CGC (Canine Good Citizen), BN (Beginner Novice—Obedience), CD (Companion Dog—Obedience)

Freyja Pumpafron CGC (Canine Good Citizen), CGCA (Canine Good Citizen Advanced), RN (Rally Novice—Obedience), BN (Beginner Novice—

Obedience), PCD (Pre-companion Dog—Obedience)

Of course we can't forget the most recent new title, so new that it is still pending AKC processing.

Manjusha's Yalena Vikingheaven is the second Norrbottenspets to earn a Certificate of Merit (CM)

Don't forget to keep us updated on titles that you and your Norrbottenspets have earned. We'll be announcing them during the quarterly newsletter and sharing them on the ANA website.



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Summary of Minutes

December 16, 2014 Minutes

Reports of Committees:

Education Committee:

The American Norrbottenspets Association will participate in Meet the Breed booths on Saturday and Sunday at the Rose City Classic.

Unfinished Business:

American Sighthound Field Association:

Susan moved that the board table recognition with the American Sighthound Field Association until full recognition has been gained with the American Kennel Club. Sue Vareberg seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Annual Meeting:

The annual meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2015 at the Rose City Classic. Time of the meeting is to be determined after ring times and Meet the Breed times have been published.

January 20, 2015 Minutes

New Business:

Specialty/B Match:

Tomme has been in contact with the Mt. Baker Kennel Club about holding the American Norrbottenspets Specialty/B Match in conjunction with the Mt. Baker show in Lynden, WA. This would make the specialty more accessible for the Canadian owners. It was discussed about alternating the specialty between Lynden and Hillsboro.

February 17, 2015 Minutes

Unfinished Business:

Specialty/B Match:

The Mt. Baker Kennel Club has approved the request to hold the American Norrbottenspets Association Specialty/B Match. A new show secretary will have to be found since Bonnie Fleming now owns a Norrbottenspets. Susan Lundebjerg moved that the Specialty/B Match be held on Saturday in conjunction with the Mt. Baker Kennel Club show. Jacqueline seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

AKC FSS Health Survey:

Tomme forwarded the CHIC link to AKC FSS to complete the health survey for Norrbottenspets. The selected tests were determined through informal feedback from breeders in the United States, Canada, Sweden, and Finland.

March 17, 2015 Minutes

Reports of Committees:

Education Committee:

The 2015 Meet the Breed at the Seattle Kennel Club was successful. The American Norrbottenspets Association has been invited by Seattle Kennel Club to participate in the 2016 Meet the Breed ring.

Unfinished Business:

Specialty/B Match:

Sue Vareberg suggested that Mike Bardell be the show secretary for the Specialty/B Match. Sue and Jacqueline will contact him. Susan moved to contact Gary Dunlap and Barbara O'Neil to judge. Lynn seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Seattle Kennel Club Meet the Breed Ring:

Susan moved to accept the invitation to participate in the Seattle Kennel Club Meet the Breed ring in 2016. Sue seconded and the motion carried unanimously.