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Letter from our NBCA President – Faye Adcox

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Summer is almost at an end - time to start looking to fall and our specialty. I hope we see many of you in Hamburg, New York the weekend of the 10th. Hotel info and other important information about the specialty is in this newsletter. Please start working on your Versatile award forms - getting your raffle items in as well, remember the raffle supports our Junior Scholarship Fund, also your luncheon tickets - there will be no tickets sold at the specialty. All tickets are sold in advance. We need someone to take charge of our fun day picnic where we play games with the Buhunds and just visit.

There has been some confusion about the standard and the changes that are being proposed. There is a process - and nothing can be changed without the membership's approval - and once the AKC says we are good, ballots will be sent out to all members for a vote. There was also some concern about the dewclaws and concern that the judges may not understand the way it was phrased so we sent a request to the AKC to add the following change, per the suggestion of several members, "dewclaws are optional. They may be single or double" That should be clear and meet the concerns of all. Thank you to those who reached out in a positive way and presented your concerns.

Now to some exciting news. NBCA will be receiving an amazing "gift". A gentleman has bequeathed the club \$14,000.00 We are still trying to find out his connection to the club as he was not a member of the club. We have contacted the long time breeders and those 1st involved with the club at it's inception and no one knows him or the name sounds familiar but they do not know why. So we will keep searching. In the meantime, what to do with some of the money. A few ideas have been suggested - We already have a perpetual trophy for BOB - why not now have one for BOS in the name of "Bruce Yenney", our benefactor. It is also suggested that for our specialty in 2020 that will be out west and is our 10th specialty, that we 1. have a concurrent specialty - means 2 shows in one day, 2. hire a Norwegian judge to come over to judge our specialty and 3. all the trophies for that specialty will be in honor of Mr. Bruce Yenney. The rest of the money we should invest some way. If you have some other ideas please send them to a board member. Thank you Ellen Yacknin for your assistance in this matter.

Not much else to report at this time so I will keep it short. Enjoy the rest of the summer and again I hope we see you at the specialty.

Faye Adcox

CONGRATS ON YOUR NEW TITLES!

Title	Dog's Name	Owner/s
Champion	CH Cloudpointe Grand Theft Auto At Eviggronne	Marlena Ann Mathews, Amelia McLaughlin, Jack Westley Dearth, Sherri Lynn Bates
Beginner Novice	GCH CH Rose Shadow's Magic Moonlight Rocker BN RN CGC TKN	Ms. Mona Aasmul Ph.D.
Novice Agility Jumper	Trollheimen Fiona Onyx Skadi NA NAJ NF ACT2	Mrs. Melissa M Johnston & Mr. Mark J Johnston
BCAT	Kyon's Norse Brynhildr The Bold	Kelly Hayes & Kendra Hayes
Scent Work Handler Discrimination Advanced	Trollheimen Cara Finna OA OAJ CA ACT2 SWA SHDA CGCA TKP	Jasmine Tata & Sameer Prasad
Scent Work Exterior Advanced and Scent Work Advanced	Trollheimen Cara Finna OA OAJ CA ACT2 SWA SHDA CGCA TKP	Jasmine Tata & Sameer Prasad
Canine Good Citizen	Gabby CGC TKN	Kelli Hughes & Kristin Vielbig
Advanced Canine Good Citizen and Canine Good Citizen Urban	GCH CH Fabraj's Protector Of The Realm By Trollheimen THDN CGCA CGCU	Patricia Faye Adcox
Champion	CH Kyon's Legendary Girl On Fire	Tameesha VanEtten & Karin Klouman
Grand Champion	GCH CH Cloudpointe Drive It Like You Stole It	Ms. Amelia Eileen McLaughlin
Grand Champion Bronze	GCHB CH Fabraj's Protector Of The Realm By Trollheimen THDN CGCA CGCU	Patricia Faye Adcox
Rally Novice	Kyon's Norse God Of The Stars RN CGC TKN	Mary Ellen Georoff & Alexander Georoff
Agility FAST Open	Trollheimen Fiona Onyx Skadi NA NAJ OF ACT2	Mrs. Melissa M Johnston & Mr. Mark J Johnston
Agility FAST Open	Trollheimen Raven Ridge Nott OA NAJ OF ACT2	Mrs. Melissa M Johnston & Mr. Mark J Johnston
Distinguished Therapy Dog	CH Rose Shadow's Lena of Hundehaven THDD CGC	Bob Liebscher
Champion	CH Cloudpointe Stolen Dreams At Nv	Whitney Stacey & Erika David & Amelia McLaughlin & Kenadi Stacey
Champion	CH Kyon's Bold Nordic Prince	Pat Vanden Heuvel
Champion	Norskedalen Nimrod's Descant	Joyce Carlson-Rioux & Dennis Carlson-Rioux
Champion	Zodiac's Over The Moon Luna	Linda Lundstrom
Crazy 8s Bronze	MACH2 PACH Jorund Kinzi CD RAE2 MXS MJC MXP3 MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX MXF TQXP CA SHDN THD RATCHX CZ8B TKP	Jasmine Tata & Sameer Peasad

A SILENT BREED KILLER

written by cynolog and judge Mr. Hans Hilverda.

Did you ever notice how easily judges, exhibitors and breeders get used to changes within a breed? In many cases it even goes so far that these changes are gradually lifted to the level of required characteristics. It is mostly dogs of well-known breeders / exhibitors that start a certain change (read: set a trend) within a breed. There is for instance the somewhat bigger Miniature Schnauzer with the terrier "look"; the somewhat leveller, elegant looking Shih Tzu with its long neck; the Weimaraner who becomes bigger and bigger and more impressive; the "American" English Springer Spaniel, to name a few breeds.

As soon as a dog with of a slightly "deviating" –type starts winning, the ball start rolling. The dog goes to the ring of honour, the one judge bends over to his neighbour and says; "have you seen that beautiful dog?" Breeders and exhibitors notice that judges like that particular dog and start trying to breed or to buy that type of dog. At such a moment the original Breed Standard does not seem to be of importance to some exhibitors, winning in the show ring is all that matters to them.

When after some time you are sitting at the show ring looking at that breed again, it could happen that you see in a class e.g. 5 dogs of which 4 are "deviating" (deviations) from the standard next to a correct "standard" type of dog. At most shows the (correct) (complying to the) "standard" dog will be considered to be the "odd one" and the true "deviating ones" will be placed behind the boards 1 through 4. For those breeders that adhere to the Standard this is a very frustrating experience.

The temptation is of course very big. Many of the deviating dogs are often very flashy looking ones, and often show a gait, exterior and motion that looks more spectacular than the movement of the "standard" dog. One has to be very strong and come from a good breed conscience background to resist the temptations and keep on preaching the true belief and keep breeding in compliance with the standard.

Often the appearance of difference in type in a breed leads to polarization between judges and breeders alike. One of the hallmarks of this polarization is that certain characteristics of the dogs are even more exaggerated to make it stand out and be recognizable.

So one can observe that and conclude that the non-adherence to the standard of many breeders / exhibitors and judges poses a direct danger to the existence of our breed population.

Except for getting used to trends within a breed, the getting used and the acceptance of inherited faults is a problem of the same kind or even worse.

When judges repeatedly reward dogs with these faults with an "excellent" and also give them their championship tickets, breeders will not be challenged to improve the breed: they are already winning! In such cases only the die-hards and true idealists remain faithful to the breed and try to improve on it, but how many of those people do we have within one breed?

Accepting without any objection of changes that please the eye but are against the standard is an open invitation to the "silent breed killer" to do his job and carry out his devastating work within the breed.

Seen from the perspective that breeding is nothing more then passing on genetic material to the next generation, allowing this to happen means that one willfully accepts and helps spreading of genetically deviating material in an irresponsible way that will pollute the gene pool (hereditary material).

Would it not be good if breeders and judges would, at least once a month take the standard at hand of the breeds they are entrusted, and what would it be valuable to organize regular meetings with breeders and judges to discuss certain trends and "faults" that creep up in a breed. Never forget that the only guideline during judging and breeding should be the FCI-approved breed standard.

So, behave and act as true disciples and spread the gospel according to the original breed standard.

Author: Mr. Hans Hilverda

As a breeder and an exhibitor I find this to be so true - I have been saying for years, and had this conversation many times with another corgi breeder - it is function not fashion - and I will breed to the standard before I will breed to what is incorrect and is still winning. Has frustrated me for years. And those of you breeding to incorrect stuff just because it is winning should really think about what you are doing to the breed you claim to love. If you truly love the breed before you love winning then think about what you are doing to the breed when you breed other than the standard just because it is winning. Take a long look at your heart and what you are really doing. -Faye

2019 Norwegian Buhund National Specialty

Hamburg, NY

Book your hotel room soon!

Red Roof Inn
5370 Camp Rd
Hamburg, NY
716-648-7222
Oct 10-13, 2019
Deluxe - 2 beds \$83.49+ tax
Ref # BO55NBC019

Our National is rapidly approaching and here's a reminder that we need your raffle items. Items do not need to be Buhund related! I will be helping with this year's raffle so please contact me with any questions, input, or suggestions; remember I'm a new member!!

Feel free to email me at midoglv4@comcast.net or call my cell: 269/830-7129; no calls after 9:00 pm, EST.

Thank you and I look forward to meeting everyone in October!

Specialty is Fri, Oct 11
Meeting and Luncheon is Sat, Oct 12
NBCA will have use of our own building for Specialty, grooming, fellowship
Nickel City Cluster offers Conformation including NOHS, plus Obedience and Rally
Also, Herding Tests/Trials same weekend
Fri-Trials only, no tests
Sat & Sun- Trials and tests (HT, PT, HIC, FDC)
Location: Spiritwind Farms
12919 Schult Road Route 39
Chaffee, NY

Seeking sponsors for the following trophies:

1st in ea. Class \$40 (there are 14)
High in Trial for Obedience \$100

The trophies this year are one of a kind – designed just for us. I am very excited to see them in person – have only seen drawings so far. Sponsorships are what help us offer these amazing trophies. -Faye - Email corgpinmom@aol.com

Versatile Buhunds

Does your Buhund have titles in 2 or more venues?
Check out the point requirements for various levels of Versatile Norwegian Buhunds on the NBCA website member page!
Send in your Versatilty forms to Diana before Specialty!

Fun Night

We are looking for someone to take charge of our fun night picnic - with Buhund games - we can give you a list of the games we have used in the the past and we will print up the certificates. Please contact corgpinmom@aol.com if you are interested in taking charge.

LUNCHEON

Luncheon and club meeting will be October 12.
Luncheon is \$20 per person.

Menu:

Chef salads
-Pasta Verde (vegetarian)
-Bruchetta Chicken
-Grilled Pork with mango chutney
-Red roasted potatoes with tomatoes, garlic, olives. etc.
-Fresh vegetables
For dessert: Brownie

All food is gluten free except for brownies.

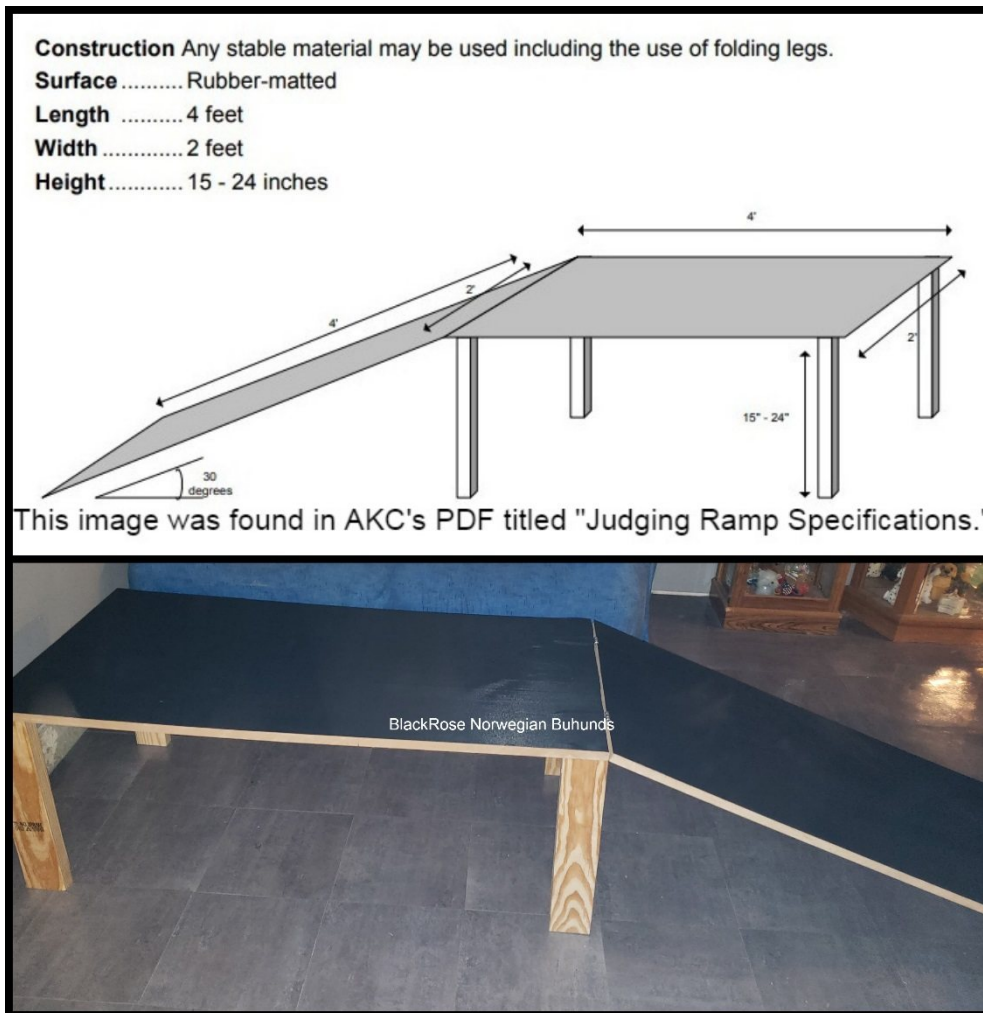
For reservation with payments due by September 26, 2019.

Make checks payable to NBCA

Mail to: Mona Aasmul, 2540 Bridlewood Court, Obetz OH 43207

Questions, send email to: monaaasmul@aol.com

Building An AKC-spec Folding Practice Ramp – Written By Meesha VanEtten



Time: Under 3 Hours

Cost: \$70.00

Materials Used:

- 2 Count – 3/4 Inch or 1 Inch MDF Sheet 2 Feet x 4 Feet
- 2 Count – 4 Inch Strap Hinge
- 4 Count – Precut 24 Inch 2x4 Lumber
- 8 Count – 2 Inch Screws
- Optional: 4 Count – L Brackets with screws
- 8.5 Linear Feet of Ribbed Vinyl Runner (I Purchased A Runner 27" Wide)
- 1 Count of HOMEeasy Clear Double-Sided Seam Tape

Tools Needed:

- Utility Blade
- Drill
- Saw
- Optional: Square

Directions:

1. Decide how tall you would like your ramp to be. Using the pre-cut lumber as-is will provide you with a ramp 24 ¾ - 25 inches tall with a 30 degree incline. This is the maximum height a ramp can be. We built the "table" portion of the ramp this way and then decided that was much taller than the ramps used at our local shows so we used a saw to trim the legs down to 17.5 inches. AKC specs say that the ramp needs to be 15-24 inches high with no more than a 30 degree incline.
2. Line up where you would like the legs to go and drill two pilot holes per leg and fasten both 2 inch screws per leg.
3. Examine the height of your "table", if you would like the overall height to be shorter, cut the legs now.
4. If desired, add L brackets to the legs for extra stability.
5. Fasten the two strap hinges onto the "table" so that the ramp will fold onto the top of the "table". We fastened them 5 inches into each side.
6. Fasten the strap hinges onto the "ramp" portion.
7. Lay out the HOMEeasy double-sided tape on each side of the "table" then place additional tape in strips across the "table" and "ramp". Make sure the hinges are adequately covered.
8. Prepare your vinyl by cutting your 8.5 foot piece into two 4.25 foot pieces.
9. Starting from the hinge side of the "ramp", pull the paper off two or three strips of the double-sided tape and line up your vinyl runner and press the runner firmly onto the tape, smoothing out any bubbles. There will be "extra" hanging off the other 3 sides.
10. Progress by removing two or three strips of tape and repeating the process of smoothing the vinyl runner onto the surface.
11. Once this is complete, repeat with the "table" side.
12. Use the utility blade to cut away the extra runner off the sides of your practice ramp.

In-Ring Ramp Etiquette:

It is up to the judge to decide if they will use the ramp, not the exhibitor.

Do not stand behind the ramp (or table) and stack your dog. Leave a good amount of space when you stack while judges are doing first impressions, while you are waiting your turn on the ramp for exam and as you stack your dog for placement decisions.

Stacking your dog on the ramp: Stack your dog as close to the front and to the judge's side as possible to make it easy for the judge to examine your dog.

Some exhibitors choose to turn the dog around and back them down the ramp, while others allow the dog to jump off the end of the ramp. Some exhibitors lift their dog onto and off the ramp as they would a table breed. There is no hard and fast rule about how an exhibitor should do this so whatever you choose, make sure the dog is familiar with the routine and your transitions are quick, smooth and non-distracting.

Group-Ring Ramp Etiquette:

Everything above plus -

Before the group goes in, make sure the ramp is in the ring and down – even if you aren't going to be using it, other breeds in the herding group do use it and it shows you are looking out for others.

If the judge is not a judge you had previously shown to:

It would be wise to ask the steward if the judge would like the Buhund shown on the ramp or on the ground.

You may default to using the ramp in groups for ease of judging.

If it is a judge you had previously shown to, tend toward whatever the judge had you do for breed (ground/ramp) or ask the steward kindly.

MEMBER PHOTOS



Kinzi with Scentwork Advanced title
Submitted by Jasmine Tata



Finna and friends on a hike
Submitted by Jasmine Tata



Kinzi with all her ribbons
Submitted by Jasmine Tata



Destiny
Submitted by Faye Adcox



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Submitted by Faye Adcox

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Submissions Policy

We welcome ideas, suggestions and critiques concerning the newsletter. Our submission policy is open, with submissions subject to approval by the NBCA Board of Directors.. Submissions may also be edited for length, clarity, appropriateness and style.

2019 NBCA Supported Entry Shows

Wilmington Kennel Club-Wilmington, DE 4/26-4/27

Friday: Best of Breed/Winners Bitch/Best of Breed Owner Handled – Trollheimen Twist Of Faith, Else Turner
Opposite Sex – GCH Fabraj's Protector Of The Realm By Trollheimen THDN CGCA CGCU , Patricia Adcox
Saturday: Best of Breed/Best of Breed Owner Handled – GCH Fabraj's Protector Of The Realm By Trollheimen THDN CGCA CGCU , Patricia Adcox
Opposite Sex/Winners Bitch - Trollheimen Twist Of Faith, Else Turner
Winners Dog/Best of Winners – Fabraj's I Am Not Throwing Away My Shot Hamilton, Patricia Faye Adcox

Klamath Dog Fanciers, Inc-Klamath Falls, ID 5/9-5/12

Thursday: Best of Breed/Best Veteran – GCHP Jotunn Bella Binna CA CGC, Amelia McLaughlin
Opposite Sex/Winners Dog/Best of Breed Owner Handled – Gullhjerte Back In Black At Bocopa, Carol Walsh & Erika David
Select Bitch – GCH Jotunn Femma Fatale Fiona CGC, Octavia Stensen & Vali Eberhardt
Winners Bitch/Best of Winners – Cloudpointe Stolen Dreams At NV, Whitney Stacey & Kenadi Stacey & Amie McLaughlin & Erika David
Friday: Best of Breed – CH Trollheimen Black Pearl Of Gullhjerte, Carol Walsh & Doug Walsh & Kayellen Maden
Best of Breed Owner Handled - GCH Jotunn Femma Fatale Fiona CGC, Octavia Stensen & Vali Eberhardt
Opposite Sex/Winners Dog – Gullhjerte Back In Black At Bocopa, Carol Walsh & Erika David
Select Bitch - GCHP Jotunn Bella Binna CA CGC, Amelia McLaughlin
Winners Bitch/Best of Winners/Best Puppy/Puppy Group4 – Cloudpointe Stolen Dreams At NV, Whitney Stacey & Kenadi Stacey & Amie McLaughlin & Erika David
Best Brace/Brace Group1 - Gullhjerte Back In Black At Bocopa, Carol Walsh & Erika David & CH Trollheimen Black Pearl Of Gullhjerte, Carol Walsh & Doug Walsh & Kayellen Maden
Saturday: Best of Breed/G4 - CH Trollheimen Black Pearl Of Gullhjerte, Carol Walsh & Doug Walsh & Kayellen Maden
Best of Breed Owner Handled - GCH Jotunn Femma Fatale Fiona CGC, Octavia Stensen & Vali Eberhardt
Opposite Sex/Winners Dog - Gullhjerte Back In Black At Bocopa, Carol Walsh & Erika David
Select Bitch - GCHP Jotunn Bella Binna CA CGC, Amelia McLaughlin
Winners Bitch/Best of Winners/Best Bred By Exhibitor/Bred By G1 - Cloudpointe Stolen Dreams At NV, Whitney Stacey & Kenadi Stacey & Amie McLaughlin & Erika David
Best Brace/Brace Group1 - Gullhjerte Back In Black At Bocopa, Carol Walsh & Erika David & CH Trollheimen Black Pearl Of Gullhjerte, Carol Walsh & Doug Walsh & Kayellen Maden
Sunday: Best of Breed/G3 - GCHP Jotunn Bella Binna CA CGC, Amelia McLaughlin
Opposite Sex/Winners Dog – Gullhjerte Back In Black At Bocopa, Carol Walsh & Erika David
Select Bitch – CH Cloudpointe Drive It Like You Stole It, Amelia McLaughlin (Tony Carter, Agent)
Winners Bitch/Best of Winners - Cloudpointe Stolen Dreams At NV, Whitney Stacey & Kenadi Stacey & Amie McLaughlin & Erika David

Dan Emmett Kennel Club, Marion, OH 7/26-7/27

Friday: Best of Breed/Best of Breed Owner Handled/OHG4 – GCHB Fabraj's Protector Of The Realm By Trollheimen THDN CGCA CGCU, Patricia Faye Adcox
Opposite Sex – GCH Arnscoft Di Sing An Aire CGC BN RI TKP BCAT, Joy A & Richard T. Fowler
Select Bitch – Zodiac's Over The Moon Luna, Linda Lundstrom
Select Dog – CH Windsong Partyman At Valhasar, Richard Valentini & Joy A Fowler
Winners Dog/Best of Winners – Zodiac's Miles To Go, Linda Lundstrom
Winners Bitch – Fabraj's Independent Woman, Patricia Faye Adcox
Saturday: Best of Breed – GCH Arnscoft Di Sing An Aire CGC BN RI TKP BCAT, Joy A & Richard T Fowler
Opposite Sex/Best of Breed Owner Handled/OHG1 - GCHB Fabraj's Protector Of The Realm By Trollheimen THDN CGCA CGCU, Patricia Faye Adcox
Select Bitch – CH Windsong When Doves Cry At Valhasar, Richard Valentini & Joy A Fowler
Select Dog - CH Windsong Partyman At Valhasar, Richard Valentini & Joy A Fowler
Winners Dog/Best of Winners – Zodiac's Miles To Go, Linda Lundstrom
Winners Bitch – Norskedalen's Ruby Isabella, Joann Cocoros

Meet The Board Submitted by Carol Walsh

Hello!

We are getting closer to our National Specialty, and its accompanying general meeting and luncheon. We thought it would be a good idea to introduce you to the Officers and the Board, (as we have many new members) and tell you a little of what they do, both professionally and for our club.

*2019 Slate, asked to continue in office.

**2019 Slate, new

***President: Faye Adcox;** Faye has been in the breed since 2009 and shows conformation, agility, and therapy dog. She first was treasurer for NBCA and then president.

Some of her duties and accomplishments include: every year organizing the National specialty, run board meetings, run the annual meeting, is in charge of the buhund rescue (Faye was in charge of the Michigan Buhund rescue), selects trophies for the specialty, liasons with membership and membership secretary. She has established working relationships and friendships with the officers of various buhund clubs around the world, Norway, Sweden and Ireland to mention a few. She is the liason between the host club and the club for specialties - does all paperwork for specialty, deals with breeder referrals, answers breed questions from the public, mentors and is in charge of judges ed. She puts together judges ed seminars and performs ringside mentoring while trying to show her dogs. She has worked with and continues to work with juniors. Not only was her daughter a junior, so was her sister and now her grandchildren are in Pee Wees. She has helped other local juniors work on their handling skills by going to their homes as well as attending shows and supporting them and encouraging them. She has had juniors help her show her dogs as well. While Faye has been president, NBCA has started a Junior Scholarship Program, the Versatile awards program. Our ROM and ROMX programs as well as the Life time membership.

Faye has attended every National Specialty since the 1st one in 2010. and has been a member of the club since 2009.

In addition, she runs a business, runs a foundation, also teaches cardio kick boxing and karate

Faye had corgis before buhunds and showed corgis for 15 years – she has bred both buhunds and corgis and has produced champions in both breeds.

Vice President: Mona Aasmul: Mona has been involved in dog sports and dog clubs for a long time. She got my first Buhund in 2012 and joined the NBCA in 2012. She has been actively involved in the club since she joined the club, as well as the other 2 dog clubs she is a member of, a local training club and field club.

She started getting actively involved in NBCA a short time after joining the club. Doing simple tasks like selling raffle tickets, helping with setup for our specialty and teardown after the show. Taking on more responsibilities as she got more familiar with the club. she served as a board member and currently holds the position of vice-president. She assists the president with tasks that needs done. She organizes supported entry shows, having the large trophy engraved, taking care of club materials that needs printed, organizing the luncheon and finding

caterer, attend yearly specialties, which often means traveling cross-country, and any other jobs that may come up.

Mona currently serves as an assistant director of training (ADOT) at one of the largest dog training clubs. As an ADOT, she puts together training schedules, finds instructors to teach the classes, orientations for those that are new to the club, mentor newly educated instructors, and teach part of the instructor class. In addition, she teaches all levels of obedience and rally, and also teaches conformation.

In addition, she has served as trial secretary, match chair, OC match judge, steward various dog trials. She's held the following board positions as recording secretary and trustee at her local training club.

Mona is also actively involved in the field club. She is currently serving as assistant secretary and treasurer. During field trials, she performs as field marshal. For scent work trials, she's been chief staging master, organizing running orders, scent steward, and any other job associated with these trials. She is currently shadowing the chair and will be chairperson for the next trial.

In addition, Mona trains and competes with her dogs in obedience, rally, working pack dog, tracking, and she shows dogs in conformation.

In addition, she works a fulltime job as an information scientist. Her job requires her to be very detailed oriented, mentor new hires, teach people how to utilize all the specialty computer tools, do public speaking, do quality control and be very customer focused along with a lot of other tasks.

***Secretary: Diana Gilgenbach** – “Being the youngest member of the board, it’s an honor to be in the position I am. My husband, Cory, and our daughter, Reiley, are so happy to be a part of the buhund community, and are very active in club activities. We own a 15-acre hobby farm in Oshkosh, Wisconsin where we raise our buhunds, chickens, ducks, and horses. I am store manager at Nashville Pet Products, a pet product specialty store; and Cory works for a telecommunications provider as a billing advisor. I was initially introduced to Norwegian Bu-hunds at 15 years old while working at a dog-boarding facility. Several years later, Cory and I finally got hooked up with an amazing breeder in Michigan and brought home Zodiac’s Little Kimura Loki (Loki). Since him we have brought home 3 other bu’s from this breeder and now own an amazing young black boy out of one of our breedings. This is my 4th year on the board; and mine and my husband’s 3rd year putting on the rescue raffle. I look forward to many more years to come being active on the board and watching my daughter grow up with such an amazing community supporting her.”

Treasurer: Tina Hamblin – Tina Hamblin (Fifer) has been a member of the NBCA since 2001 after getting her hearing dog; a Wheaton colored Buhund named Echo. Today, she has two loveable Wheaton colored Buhunds, Kaitu and Kenzie.

She has been a volunteer with a non-profit organization that trains and provides assistance dogs and therapy dogs to communities in Maryland called Fidos for Freedom for over 20 years. Tina currently is a Chapter Leader and Mentor for the Greater DC Metro Area BEA for Advanced Bionics which provides valuable information, education and awareness on cochlear implants for the past 10 years.

Tina has been serving as the NBCA Treasurer for the club for the past 5 years. Her job is to make sure the club books are intact, and our fundraising goals are met, including our scholarship goals. She also takes care of any rescue fundraising and makes sure the vet bills are met from any rescue we do.

Tina is also a graphic designer; she will create custom baseball cards for member's Buhunds who are involved in therapy dog work or for us to hand out at large dog shows or meet the breed. She also donates a custom made Buhund basket as raffle prizes every year for the specialty!

Tina loves to be a part of the NBCA board and be able to enrich the club. She has seen the club grow since 2001 when she went to her first specialty in Wisconsin before Norwegian Buhunds were accepted by the AKC. She has developed great friendships with board members and members in the club and they are practically family to her. If it weren't for those wonderful friendships that have been built since 2001, Kaitu and Kenzie would not be with her today and she's forever grateful for her fur kids.

Board Members:

***Valina Dawson** – Valina and family got their first Norwegian Buhund girls, Rita and Gerty, from the Barringer's in 1995 and she has been a club member ever since for the last 21 years. Valina has served on the Board several times, and before the breed was accepted into the AKC she presided over 2 of our National Specialties. She is the Health Committee representative to the AKC and has attended the AKC Health Conference. Valina's current Buhunds have titles in Conformation, Obedience, Rally Obedience, Barn Hunt and Trick Dog. They are working towards trialing in Herding and Agility.

Sarah Close – Stepping down this year

****Gayle Garbush** – Gayle has lived in Washington State her whole life. Growing up she had mixed breeds and one Sheltie. As an adult she has owned four northern breeds. She previously owned a Samoyed then a Keeshond. Gayle and family currently own a Norwegian Buhund, who they got as a one-year-old in 2008 from Else Turner, and a Finnish Lapphund. She has been a board member, secretary, and president of the local Keeshond club. She prefers to have a spayed or neutered pet and do various dog sports. She has put titles on all four of her northern breeds. She has earned certificates and titles with Darby, her Buhund, in obedience, Rally, agility, canine good citizen, trick dog, farm dog certificate, pre-trial sheep herding test, nose work, and his favorite – Barn Hunt. She attended the NBCA specialty in Rapid City, South Dakota where they received a Versatile Norwegian Buhund - Gold certificate and showed Darby in the veteran conformation class and barn hunt. Darby recently turned 12 years old, but is showing no signs of slowing down. He's still trying to dig up critters in the backyard, barking at neighborhood deer, hoping for another barn hunt opportunity, and staring at Gayle with those big dark Buhund eyes.

Gayle has done clerical and database work for various state agencies for 30 years while living in King County (Seattle area.) Her husband and she are currently living in Bellingham, about a half-hour drive from Canadian border, where it is less crowded and more affordable. She says "I am working part-time at the local community college which is a welcome change."

Brenda Lund – Stepping down this year

**** Autumn Stensen** – Autumn is taking over Brenda Lund's unfinished Term (1 year). Autumn lives in Washington state and has 1 Buhund, Fiona, and an awesome Junior Handler, Octavia, who shows her. Autumn and her family has had Fiona for 4 years, and she has been very helpful at the National Specialty we had in

Boise, when she transported the trophies Faye had shipped to Carol (as Carol was bringing 3 people, 4 dogs and luggage, and didn't have room). She has also helped with other tasks when asked to. Plus promoting one of our top Juniors (who, by the way, recently qualified for Westminster!).

Autumn works in her husband's law firm, and is very busy with that, and her daughters.

Carol Walsh – Carol lives in Washington state, and got her first Buhund in 2013, after admiring them in the AKC Gazette and then at her local show. It was love at first sight! Carol has served on the Board of NBKA for a year, and is very active in her local AKC club, serving currently as Secretary and Chief Ring Steward, and has served in the past as Treasurer, Board member and also previously as Secretary. Carol currently has 2 Buhunds, Darja and Sparrow, and loves to give them new challenges. Darja has titles in Conformation venues UKC, IABCA and is an AKC GCH Bronze, has obedience, rally, fast cat and barn hunt titles as well as her CGC. Carol and Darja are currently expecting a litter in June. She works full time as a Medical Secretary, but is retiring in July. She has previously shown Collies, and has an elderly, sable headed white Rough Coated Collie who is almost 12, who she has done herding, obedience and canine good citizen with. Her granddaughter, Kayellen Maden, showed Sparrow very successfully for 2 years before moving back in with her mom in New Mexico



Fast Cat Top 20 Fastest Dogs By Breeds Submitted by Jasmine Tata

Lifetime: This list reflects an average of each dog's three fastest runs across their lifetime. Dogs will not appear on this list unless they have completed 3 Fast CAT runs in their lifetime. Today's Date: July 20, 2019

Rank	Dog Name	Sex	MPH
1	Trollheimen Cara Finna OA OAJ CA ACT2 SWA SHDA CGCA TKP	Bitch	25.53
2	Kyon's Norse God Of The Stars RN CGC TKN	Dog	24.83
3	Kyons Norse Brynhildr The Bold BCAT	Bitch	23.92
4	GCHB CH Jotunn Darja Dyveke BN RN BCAT CGC	Bitch	23.79
5	GCHP CH Jotunn Bella Binna CA CGC	Bitch	21.73
6	GCH CH Arnscroft Di Sing An Aire BN RI BCAT CGC TKE	Bitch	19.06
7	Trollheimen's Norse Ari CD BN GN RE FDC CA BCAT SWN SCA SIA SEA FDCH RATCHX CGCA TKN	Dog	18.70
8	CH Hundehaven's Odin	Dog	18.27

https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/fastcat_ranking/index.cfm?display

Agility Invitational Breed Rankings Submitted by Jasmine Tata

AKC Agility Invitational held December 2019 in Orlando, FL

Qualifying period runs from July 01, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

The dogs listed in the report below are the top five (5) dogs for the selected breed at this time. At the end of the qualification period shown above, the top five (5) dogs listed will receive an invitation to the AKC Agility Invitational. If any of these top five (5) dogs decline the invitation, an invitation will be extended to the next top dog(s) of that breed.

Tied scores within a breed will be broken by identifying the dog with the most speed points earned during the qualification period. In the event of a complete tie score between speed points and double qualifying scores, each dog with a tied score will be invited.

This free AKC Agility Invitational report will list the top five (5) dogs for the breed selected. If the Top 5 of a breed are all from the Regular class, then an additional SIXTH invite will be sent to the Top Preferred Dog during round 1 invites. Dogs are listed in alphabetical order.

Dog Name	Class
CH Drumlin's Winter Torry Of Trollheimen BN FDC AX AXJ NF TKN	REG
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GCH CH MACH Randalyn Spring Jada CD BN RN MXS MJB2 MXF	REG
MACH PACH Trollheimen Mocha Cappuccino CDX RE FDC MXC MJS MXP5 MXPS MJP6 MJPS PAX XF TKN	REG

The AKC Agility Invitational report lists the top dogs ranked in Agility events and is based on the Top MACH Dog formula (Double Q's x 10) + MACH (Master Agility Championship) points that dogs have earned during the qualifying period. Dogs must have competed and qualified in Regular Master Standard & Jumpers With Weaves classes and the top five (5) ranked dogs of each breed will be included on these reports. If there are not five (5) dogs ranked from the Regular Master classes, dogs will be ranked based on the Preferred Master Standard & Jumpers With Weaves classes using the Top PACH Dog formula (Double Q's x 10) + PACH (Preferred Agility Championship) points that dogs have earned during the qualifying period. If the Top 5 of a breed are all from the Regular class, then an additional SIXTH invite will be sent to the Top Preferred Dog during round 1 invites. The reports will automatically sort the dogs alphabetically.

Living with a Norwegian Buhund, our first year

Submitted by Christine VanVleet

Hello club members, I am a new member to the Norwegian Buhund Club of America and wanted to take a minute to introduce myself and my dog U-Ch. PTN, RoseShadow's Runn'in Down a Dream, Hondo. Hondo was born 7/13/18 to breeders Ted & Christa Kenyon and I thought the eight week wait until he came home would never end.

Home he came in September 2018 and my life has forever changed. My background in dogs is Bullmastiffs and Akitas, and I honestly wasn't prepared for the bundle of energy that came with a Buhund puppy. I had read about the breed, did my research before making this commitment, and spoke at length with his breeder, but nothing really prepares you, you must experience it. I must say, what an experience we've had so far!

Our journey began the day this little guy came home and took off fast when he was old enough to safely be around other dogs. We started our show career with a bang going Best Puppy in Show at his 2nd UKC Show and we obtained our UKC Championship when he was eight months old. While taking time off from the breed ring to gain some maturity, he's been busy with nose work, agility, coursing, swimming, dock diving and obedience.

When I did my research on this breed, one of the things that caught my attention was the breed's versatility and that's important to me as we are active in so many venues. However, what I value the most is Hondo's love of life, his love for his humans, and the look he gives me when I pick up his leash and collar and tell him, "We're riding!" I think he knows we're in for some sort of adventure.

I am blessed to have developed amazing bonds with all my dogs. We've done this through training, the time we've shared together and our endless pursuit of fun in some sort of show ring. My bond with Hondo is somewhat different as it was instantaneous beginning when I met him at seven weeks of age. I often wonder if he can read my thoughts as I sometimes think I hear him in my mind. The "Force" is strong with this young one!

Now at 13 months of age we are setting our sights on his AKC championship and with time and maturity agility and whatever else appears to be fun. So long as Hondo is happy going and doing, we will be going and doing a lot!

I look forward to what our future holds but my rules are, live one day at a time and build a strong relationship. Cherish each and every day and make sure you are having fun.

I have found a wonderful breed, thank you to his breeders for making all of this possible!

