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Hello Lundie Lovers,

I hope everyone has had a good beginning to 2025. We, on the board, are grateful you are all here as fans of the Lundehund.

As a club we are excited and looking forward to having a fun filled National Specialty this May. We have a great show committee that has been working hard to get everything in line. Having done this before I know it is a lot of work and we all thank Kristina Maze, Kim Bond, and Cindy Stansell for really driving this show.

Our annual member meeting will occur during the show weekend. We will be taking care of business that requires member in person votes. The agenda will be released for the meeting as we get closer to the date. Other than the one meeting we will be having a lot of fun and getting some face time with many we have only known in the cyber world.

For those who are wondering who I am and what my involvement with the breed has been:

I have been with at least one Lundehund in my life since 2002 when our Tuffy (Cliffhanger Cortie) came home. My spouse, Jason, along with Sharon Pederson, Frank Bays, and many others worked hard with the community in the USA and overseas, primarily the Norwegian club, to get the Lundehund to AKC recognition. I guess I was “The First Lady” of the club for something like 6 years.

We have had a few different rescues and brought our Frank (Eriksro’s Dashing Dandy) over from Finland for the 2008 “Puppy Olympics” on the Discovery Channel. There have been some ups and downs with the fur babies but they are always warming my feet.

I am very glad to be able to help out now and I am hoping that this show and the year will bring some new energy and people into the fold. Please drop anyone on the Board a note for any activities you would like to see in the future.

All the best and love a Lundehund,

Kristina Leach Knubel

Interim President NLAA, Inc.





NLAA National Specialty 2025

Everything you need to know about the event

The Norwegian Lundehund Association of America, Inc.'s (NLAA) National Specialty is May 26 at the Interstate Center in Bloomington, Illinois.

The club's Board and event chair encourage everyone to attend the specialty as well as the planned events leading up to the big day.

There's something for everyone, whether it be showing dogs, enjoying the company of Lundehund owners and enthusiasts, and/or participating in a judge's education seminar.

The Specialty is part of an American Kennel Club (AKC) Memorial Day weekend conformation show May 23–26. The "Heart of Illinois Cluster Dog Shows" event is co-hosted by the Illinois Valley Kennel Club of Peoria, Inc. and the Corn Belt Kennel Club. NLAA has secured reserved kennel space for all four days.

With enough dogs and bitches entered, there is a high likelihood majors for AKC Champion and Grand Champion titles may be earned. Lundie veterans over 6 years old as well as puppies under 1 year of age also have the chance to win Specialty trophies.

Enter 1, 2, 3, or all 4 days of the conformation show at onofrio.com before the closing date of noon CDT Wednesday, May 7.

Don't have a show dog but want to join in on the all-things-Lundie fun? Check out the following itinerary as well as local things to see and do.

Eastland Suites Hotel and Conference Center

The [Eastland Suites Hotel and Conference Center](#) is NLAA's headquarters during its 2025 Specialty. Located in Bloomington, Illinois, this Wyndham hotel is 6 miles from the Interstate Center and a few minutes away from the Central Illinois Regional Airport.

A limited number of the hotel's dog-friendly king studio suites are offered at a discounted rate for NLAA Specialty participants. Suites have a king-sized bed, living room with pull out sofa, bathroom, full kitchen, and patio. The cost is \$145 + tax a night plus a one-time, nonrefundable \$75 pet fee. Guests enjoy complimentary morning breakfast, Wi-Fi, and airport shuttle service.

Book a suite for your pack or share it with a friend but don't forget to mention the NLAA discount when calling 309-662-0000 to make a reservation. Book by April 23 to receive the Specialty price.

NLAA's happy hour icebreaker and its member meeting are both conveniently held at the Eastland.



Courtesy Wyndham Hotels & Resorts.

Eastland Suites Hotel and Conference Center is located at 1801 Eastland Drive, Bloomington, IL 61704. Hotel amenities include landscaped gardens, an outdoor fire pit, gas grill, indoor pool, and drinks and food at The Deep End Tap. There's also plenty of green space for dog walks.



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Friday, May 23: Show + NLAA Happy Hour Icebreaker

Mix and mingle at the NLAA Icebreaker, starting at 6 p.m. after Best in Show. The event is held outdoors at the Eastland Suites Hotel and Conference Center. As an homage to the rare breed, the hotel's bar, The Deep End Tap, is offering a Puffin Collins signature cocktail.

Norwegian Lundehund Specialty guests can try their luck playing games such as Puffin BINGO, Lundehund trivia, and *Who Knows The Toes?*, where players try matching which feet belong to which Lundies.

There will be fun prizes, a pocket-sized schedule to track daily doings, and welcome swag bags filled with curated gifts and goodies for people and their Lundies.

In the event of inclement or hot weather, an NLAA Board member has offered her climate-controlled RV to crate dogs.



Saturday, May 24: Show + Member Meeting & Dinner

Following the conformation show, NLAA hosts its annual member meeting and dinner. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. and is held at a reserved room at the Eastland Suites.

NLAA's Board will discuss the state of the club while providing an overview of recent accomplishments and upcoming projects. Only members who are present may vote on important club issues, so please make every effort to attend.

The meeting provides an opportunity to ask questions, share ideas with club leadership, and network with fellow members.

Dinner is served in the same reserved room immediately following the adjournment of club business.



Lundie Link'n Log

Giant statues made from telephone poles. Colorful murals. Bronzes of famous resident Abraham Lincoln. Route 66 signs. There's a multitude of fun photo ops for you and your Lundie in and around Springfield, Illinois. Email your favorite Specialty pics to lundielinek@gmail.com for inclusion in the next LUNDIE LINK edition.

Abe Lincoln Rail Splitter statue and mural photos courtesy visitspringfieldillinois.com.





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Sunday, May 25: Show + Judge's Education Seminar

After breed judging, NLAA's Secretary and AKC Judge Cindy Stansell hosts a judge's education seminar on Norwegian Lundehunds. The seminar is held in a conference room reserved at the Interstate Center.



NLAA Secretary and AKC Judge Cindy Stansell teaching a 2024 judge's education seminar on Norwegian Lundehunds.

Photo by Kristina Maze.

Judges are educated on the breed standard to better understand and evaluate the Lundehund's unique features, such as assessing rotary gate and counting extra toes. A lecture and slide deck are followed by judges examining and rating the Lundehunds who are present.

A minimum of four Lundehunds over age 6 months are needed to fulfill AKC judges education requirements. Email Stansell.cs@gmail.com by May 1 if you plan to attend. Also notify Cindy if you need handlers to assist with multiple dogs.

Lundehund owners and handlers participating in the judge's education seminar are offered complimentary snacks, sandwiches, and soft drinks courtesy of NLAA. A show lead is required for each dog.

Show Judges

At press time, the following AKC judges were assigned Norwegian Lundehund Best of Breed, Non-Sporting Group, and NOHS Non-Sporting Group:

Friday, May 23

BoB	Dr. Azalea A. Alvarez
NSG	Mr. Richard V. Miller
NOHS NSG	Ms. Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine

Saturday, May 24

BoB	Mr. Richard V. Miller
NSG	Dr. Azalea A. Alvarez
NOHS NSG	Mrs. Cindy Meyer

Sunday, May 25

BoB	Mrs. Debra Thornton
NSG	Mrs. Debra Thornton
NOHS NSG	Mr. Brian Meyer

Monday, May 26

BoB	Mrs. Sandy Bingham-Porter
NSG	Mr. Brian Meyer
NOHS NSG	Mrs. Sandy Bingham-Porter



AKC Judges in alphabetical order, left to right: top row—Dr. Azalea A. Alvarez, Mrs. Sandy Bingham-Porter, and Ms. Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine; center row—Mr. Brian Meyer and Mrs. Cindy Meyer; and bottom row—Mr. Richard V. Miller and Mrs. Debra Thornton.

Photos from InfoDog.com, Facebook.com, mirabelldobermans.com, and thejudgesplace.com.



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Monday, May 26: Show Specialty

What's so special about the Specialty? If you've attended a show with more than 2 or 3 Lundehunds entered, you've experienced the buzz the rare breed generates among judges, exhibitors, handlers, and spectators.

NLAA's Specialty is certain to garner extra excitement with what is expected to be 2025's largest showing of Lundehunds in North America.

Sandy Bingham-Porter is the Specialty's breed judge. Rosettes and personalized trophies are presented for Best of Breed; Best of Opposite Sex; the dog and the bitch in each Select, Winners, and Reserve Winners categories; Veteran (6 years or older); and Puppy (under 1 year).

The ring concludes with the judge presenting the "Best Feet" trophy to the Lundehund with the most impressive polydactyly.

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While You're There



Illinois's Bloomington-Normal area offers Memorial Day weekend events such as 2025 MVC Baseball Championship games, a music-wine-craft beer festival, Miss Illinois USA pageantry, a farmer's market, and a local author's book signing. For more information, go to <https://www.visitbn.org/events/>.

Premium

The Premium List for the 4-day AKC event is at <https://www.onofrio.com/plist/xilv1pl.pdf>.

Premium details include:

- RV reservations, costs, and parking
- General parking and maps
- Golf cart reservations
- On-site and local veterinarian contacts
- Each day's Groups order
- Norwegian Lundehund Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex prizes, Friday–Sunday
- Monday's NLAA Specialty trophies and prizes (pg. 51)
- Fast CAT schedule
- Mail-in entry form (pg. 53). Avoid the snail mail by entering online at [onofrio.com](https://www.onofrio.com).

***** Reminder *****

**Entries must be received by Noon CDT
Wednesday, May 7, 2025.**



Fast CAT Invitionals

Tally Ho!

Two Norwegian Lundehunds ran in the 2024 AKC Fast CAT Invitionals October 8–12 in Wilmington, Ohio.

CH Seacliff's Dagny Deep and CH Huffin' Anja Puffin were invited to the annual event based on their Fast CAT rankings from the year prior. (AKC invites the top 5 Fast CAT dogs from each of its recognized breeds, plus 15 All-American dogs—5 each from the sport's 3 height categories.

While there were no PRs set, the Lundies had a blast, each earning their FCAT3 titles at the Invitionals.



Action photos by Mark L. Baer Photography

Kim Kesselring releases Anja at the AKC 2024 Fast CAT Invitionals. Sisters Dagny and Anja ranked as AKC Fast CAT's #1 and #3 Norwegian Lundehunds, respectively, in 2023.

The facts about Fast CAT

Fast Coursing Ability Test (CAT)

is a timed lure coursing sport. A "releaser" lets go of a dog on one end of a 100-yard fenced outdoor track while the "catcher" (usually the owner) waits for them on the other end. In between is the lure (a.k.a. the "bunny") the dog chases: a white plastic bag tied to a string zipping across the ground. Electric eyes clock the dog's speed as it runs the 100 yards.

Scores are calculated by a time-to-height formula and the accumulated points go toward Fast CAT titles: 150 points, BCAT; 500 points, DCAT; and 1,000 points, FCAT (the highest title). Every 500 points earned after the 1,000 is another FCAT title.

Unlike the formality of conformation and the intense precision of agility, Fast CAT is a relaxed and casual dog sport requiring little to no training. Watch, volunteer as a releaser, or run your own Lundies at the Fast CAT trial held at the Heart of Illinois Cluster Dog Shows in tandem with the conformation event.

—Kristina Maze



Happy feet: Dagny (left) and Anja (right) at the AKC 2024 Fast CAT Invitionals. *Center*, the author and her Lundies amid their Invitionals qualifying ribbons and FCAT3 rosettes.



Wags & Brags

Volt of Personality

High Voltage of Vorkosmia FCAT2 FITG (Volt) took a Non-Sporting Group 4 January 11, earning his first four-point major.

Volt was also recorded for AKC.TV in the Non-Sporting Group at the Madison, WI Renaissance Cluster on February 22.



I ♥ NY

CH Huffin' Anja Puffin (Anja) won Best of Breed under Judge Jussi Liimatainen from Finland at the 2025 Westminster Kennel Club dog show, and went on to Madison Square Garden to show in Non-Sporting Group.

Photo by Ashbey Photography.

Queen on the Green

Bolsoey's Queen Frigg of Asgaard (Frigg) took Best of Breed (BOB) and Group 2 at her first show, an AKC sanctioned BOB Match.



The Rat Stuff

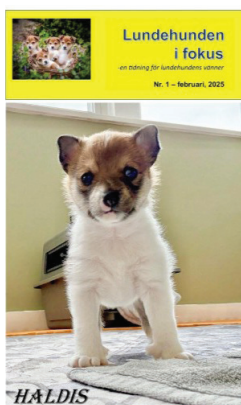
Sakari's Moaning Myrtle FCAT RATN FITG (Minnie) was the top (and only) lundehund to title in barn hunt in 2024.

Photos of Volt, Frigg, & Minnie courtesy of Jennifer Hankee.



UKC Top 10

Above: High Voltage of Vorkosmia FCAT2 FITG (Volt) and Sakari's Moaning Myrtle FCAT RATN FITG (Minnie) each qualified for the UKC Top Ten for 2024.



Cover Girl

Hiddenite Skye Haldis of Threshing Oar (Haldis) graced the cover of *Lundehunden i fokus*, the international quarterly magazine about Lundehunds. Request a free online subscription: lundehundsfokus@gmail.com.

Photo of Haldis, 4 weeks old, by Erika Kirch.

The Nose Knows

Right: CH Sakari's Mad-Eye Moody (Muggles) celebrated his fifth birthday with a Nose Work trial, placing Third in his class and finishing his Advance Vehicle and Overall Advance titles. He now advances to Superior level.



Photo by Kim Dringman-Bond

Send photos of your Norwegian Lundehunds at work, at play, and everything in between to lundielink@gmail.com.



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Editor's Note

The Norwegian Lundehund community lost a longtime friend and advocate, Harvey Sanderson, earlier this year. LUNDIE LINK will publish a celebration of his life in the next issue.

MORRIS & ESSEX

Keep your peepers peeled for the Morris & Essex Kennel Club's show premium. The club's AKC conformation event is where groomed dogs meet handlers in glad rags.

Held every five years, the club celebrates its historic heyday with classic cars, period costumes, and glamorous fun.

The outdoor show is held October 1, 2025, at Somerset, NJ's Colonial Park. Dog enthusiasts will mingle under huge tents and be dazzled by dogs showing in 30 rings.

Each Best of Breed winner receives a trophy. At noon, a boxed lunch is served (it's included in the entry fee) and there's time to snap photos or dance the Lundy Hop. (*See what we did there?*)

Learn more about the dog show's storied past and the upcoming show at morrisandessexkennelclub.org.

Photo courtesy dogsoutsidethering.com.

