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Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: World Educational Event for the Norwegian Elkhound Grey

I am writing to you in order to seek your help and co-operation in publicising the Norwegian Elkhound World Congress that will be taking place in the Netherlands on 18th & 19th September 2015. I believe it to be the first of its kind since the International Convention hosted by the Norwegian Elkhound Association of Minnesota held in 1959.

My name is Wendy Sharman and I have owned, shown, bred and Judge Norwegian Elkhounds, Grey having had my first in the early 70's. I am English and since 2003 have lived in Norway and Sweden before coming to Holland. I understand the hunting attributes of the breed having hunted in Norway and taken my own dogs for tracking tests whilst in Sweden. I have bred a number of litters over the years under the kennel name Naraena (www.naraena.com) that is registered with both the UK Kennel Club and under the FCI. I hold a licence issued by the UK and USA Kennel Clubs to award certificates.

Why am I arranging this event? I am passionate about the Norwegian Elkhound, Grey and have been so for the last 43 years. I am concerned for the breed's continued health and welfare and, quite simply, I believe that no-one else has organised such an event since 1959.

For a number of years I have wanted to arrange a World Congress for the breed as it is long overdue. The purpose of this event is for people from all disciplines including breeding, showing, hunting and judging to learn more about the Norwegian Elkhound. Indeed, I hope that potential owners and aspirant judges will number amongst the delegates.

I am honoured to have engaged Ralf Campbell (Tallo) from Norway as my main speaker. Like his father before him, Ralf is highly respected and very knowledgeable about the breed and will be talking about the history of the breed in Norway, it's working ability (Hunting) and how to judge the breed. From England, David Cavill (Touveri) will be lecturing on Conformation and Movement, a pre-requisite for all disciplines. From Germany, Prof. Dr. Jörg Epplen will be guiding us through the use of genetic tests in the modern era. I think you will have got the gist of the programme and the complete programme can be viewed on the website.

The venue is a wonderful country retreat with an excellent lecture hall, restaurant, etc. Morning and afternoon refreshments and a light lunch are included on both days of the Congress. On the Friday evening a hot and cold buffet dinner followed by a disco are offered separately for those wishing to relax and enjoy each other's company. Delegates wishing to stay overnight can hire a cabin or pitch for their caravan or camper, all at very reasonable prices.

Full details are given on our dedicated website <https://www.norwegian-elkhound-congress.eu/> The Congress will be conducted in English although Ralf and others are multi-lingual and can assist in translation when required. Coupled with the Congress will be the ability to visit/exhibit at the Scandia KCM (championship club show) on the Sunday, 20th September when Ralf Campbell will be judging the breed. Scandia, the National club for Spitz Breeds in the Netherlands, is celebrating its 65th anniversary and it promises to be a special show. Overseas visitors wishing to stay for some sightseeing may like the opportunity of going to the Maastricht 2-day/2-certificate show that will be held the following weekend.

I hope you will agree that this is a valuable opportunity to learn about the Norwegian Elkhound and be willing to promote this educational event on your website and in your publications. Furthermore, I would appreciate knowledge of this event being passed to judges and aspirant judges of the breed that are hopefully listed in your records and to National Breed Specific or Spitz Clubs that come under your umbrella.

Many thanks,

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