



The Canadian Elkhounder

May 2009

Canadian Specialty 2009



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Welcome to the 15th NECC Specialty!

On behalf of the NECC Board, welcome everyone to the 15th NECC Specialty. Thank you to all who have joined the NECC, to all our Specialty Fund donors, and to everyone who plans to attend the show in Woodstock.

If you would like to join the NECC, please complete the membership form on our website at <http://elkhounds.net/necc/> and mail with your cheque to our Treasurer. Thank you!

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Norwegian Elkhound Club of Canada National Specialty

*Oxford County Kennel Club show
Woodstock, Ontario
Saturday, July 11, 2009*

The National Specialty will take place Saturday, July 11, 2009 with a booster on Sunday, July 12. The Specialty will be held in conjunction with the Oxford County Kennel Club shows, located at Woodstock, Ontario (between London and Toronto— the same site as the 2007 NECC National). All Breed Obedience is offered. Oxford County is one of Canada's largest outdoor shows and a very popular one.



The Norwegian Elkhound Club of Canada's 15th National Specialty is dedicated to Barbara Innes.

We lost Barb in June 2008, far too soon.

A perpetual trophy in honour of Barbara will be presented to the Best Bred By Exhibitor Elkhound (including Specials). This trophy was donated by Nicole Casavechia, Daggarwoods Reg'd.

Silver Rose Bowls mounted on oak bases, the perpetual awards donated by Barbara A. Innes, Karin Reg'd (perm) will be presented at the Banquet to the owner of the Best of Breed winner and to the breeder of the Best of Breed dog.

Norwegian Elkhound Club of Canada—Officers & Board of Directors

President - Nadine Shpikula

Vice-President - Donna Weeks

Secretary - Donna Surman

Treasurer - Liz Sykes

Board of Directors - Maude Bicknell, Nicole Casavechia, Gail Klinck

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NECC SPECIALTY WINNERS



- 1973 Can.Am.CH Crafdal Tryg N Thor's Rock (M)
March 25 - Toronto ON
- 1981 Can.Am.CH Vikinghund's Burre (M)
June 13 - Calgary AB
- 1983 Can.Am.CH. Houndhaven's Nordic Wrath (M)
November 5 - Toronto ON
- 1985 Can.Am.CH Houndhaven's Nordic Wrath (M)
April 18 - Edmonton AB
- 1987 CH. Mistygrey Angel's Benjamin (M)
May 9 - Winnipeg MB
- 1988 Am.CH. Asgaards' Rave Review (M)
August 30 - Toronto ON
- 1991 Am.CH. Norgren's The Pride's Inside (M)
August 3 - Calgary AB
- 1993 Am.Can.CH Fantasy's Eminent Thunder (M)
July 17 - Kars ON
- 1997 Am.Can.CH Windy Cove Norgren Wild Pride (M)
July 12 - Woodstock ON
- 1999 Am.Can.CH Windy Cove Norgren Wild Pride (M)
August 22 - Saint John NB
- 2001 Am.CH Von Conrad's Cloud Chaser (M)
July 7 - Vernon BC
- 2003 Am.Can. CH Kamgaard Kapri at Graafin (F)
July 12 - Woodstock ON
- 2005 Kamgaard Kameo Appearance (F)
June 19 - Dorchester ON
- 2007 Kestos Kriega
July 14 - Woodstock ON
- 2009 XXXXXXXXXX
July 11 - Woodstock ON



Premium lists for the NECC Specialty and the associated all-breed shows presented by the Oxford County Kennel Club are available online at www.oxfordcountykc.com



Entries close Wednesday, June 24 at 9 pm EST

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INTRODUCING OUR JUDGES

CONFORMATION

Mr. Nelson Huber, Plano TX

Nelson Huber purchased his first Elkhound in 1966, which turned out to be dysplastic. He bought his second Elkhound from Jack Hack – Ch. Valdemar’s Winter Storm, which did a lot of winning. He showed dogs professionally for a number of years and has finished in excess of 75 Elkhounds over the years for himself and others. He was lucky to be able to show three Elkhounds to all-breed Best in Show wins – Ch. Valdemar’s Winter Storm, Ch. Zackary of Staranne (owned by Connie Britt) and Ch. Valdemar’s Critic’s Choice (his own breeding). Choosy held the Specialty BIS record for a number of years. Nelson currently judges the Hound group, the Working group, Best in Show and Junior Showmanship. After 42 years of owning Norwegian Elkhounds, he still thinks they are the greatest of all the breeds.

PUPPY & VETERANS SWEEPSTAKES

Ms. Kathy Lake, Sault Ste. Marie ON

Born and raised into dogs, Kathy is a second generation dog fancier – her father, Richard Lake is a licensed judge. He had the privilege to handle some very well known Elkhounds including Am & Can Ch Houndhaven’s Nordic Raider, who was Canada’s top Elkhound for many years, and Am & Can Ch Karin’s Yogi Bear, American National Specialty winner. The Lake family showed these dogs, worked with their breeders and owners, and also trained and showed many of the offspring. Kathy is currently an all-breed professional handler who still loves the breed and showing Elkhounds for clients in Canada and the US.

ENTRY FEES

Entry Fee, of each dog, per show/day, additional entry of same dog	\$ 27.00
Exhibition Only	\$ 10.00
Listing Fee (per SHOW for entry with no CKC/ERN number)	\$ 8.40
Sweepstakes	\$ 10.00
Unofficial/Non-Regular Classes	\$ 12.00
Pre-Ordered & Prepaid Catalogue (All Breed & Specialties combined)	\$ 10.00

Fees are payable to: **OXFORD COUNTY KENNEL CLUB**

Mail to: Show/Trial Secretary, Mrs. Maureen Burrell, 9397 Pike Lake Rd, RR1, Harriston, Ont N0G 1Z0

Official Classes Offered at the NECC Specialty

Divided by sex:

Junior Puppy (6-9 months)	Senior Puppy (9-12 months)	12-18 month Puppy
Canadian Bred	Bred by Exhibitor (handler is also the owner/breeder)	Open
Veteran	Specials Only	Exhibition Only

Additional regular classes: **SEXUALLY ALTERED**

Non-regular classes: **STUD DOG, BROOD BITCH, BRACE**

An Award of Merit will be offered for every 10 dogs competing for the breed.

Trophies & Rosettes

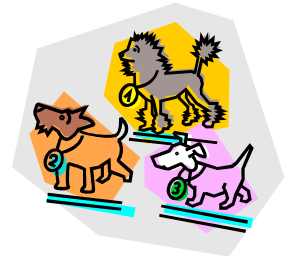
Rosettes and lovely trophies will be offered for:

- Best of Breed
- Best of Opposite Sex
- Best of Winners
- Best Puppy
- Winners Dog
- Winners Bitch
- Reserve Winners Dog & Bitch
- Best Altered in Breed
- Altered Dog
- Altered Bitch
- 1st in each class
- Stud Dog
- Brood Bitch
- Brace
- Highest Qualifying Obedience Norwegian Elkhound



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Dogs entering a SWEEPSTAKES **MUST BE ENTERED** in one of the official regular classes of the Specialty.
Spayed/Neutered dogs may compete in Veterans Sweepstakes provided they are also entered in Exhibition Only.



Puppy and Veterans Sweepstakes



Puppy Sweepstakes

Entries are open to Norwegian Elkhound puppies that are at least 6 months and not older than 18 months on the day of the show.

Classes offered, divided by sex:

- 6-9 months
- 9-12 months
- 12-18 months

Prizes:

- Best in Sweepstakes – Trophy & Rosette
- Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes – Trophy & Rosette

Cash prizes:

65% of entry fee in each class will be divided as follows:

- 1st – 50%
- 2nd – 25%
- 3rd – 15%
- 4th – 10%

Veterans Sweepstakes

Entries are open to Norwegian Elkhounds that are over 7 years old on the day of the show.

Classes offered, divided by sex:

- 7-10 years
- 10 years and over

Prizes:

- Best in Sweepstakes – Trophy & Rosette
- Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes – Trophy & Rosette

Cash prizes:

65% of entry fee in each class will be divided as follows:

- 1st – 50%
- 2nd – 25%
- 3rd – 15%
- 4th – 10%

Norwegian Elkhound Club of Canada 15th Specialty

Thank you to Paula Kennedy for her work on the wonderful logo for our Specialty.



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Merchandise

The NECC Specialty logo, shown on our cover and above, graces our souvenir notepads and post-it notes, which will be available at the Specialty.

Also available will be stainless steel water bottles with the Club logo (not exactly like illustration!)

Stainless steel water bottles with NECC logo **\$10**



You can pre-order water bottles for pickup at the show. If you will not be attending, please contact Liz Sykes by email (nynorsk@rogers.com) for shipping charges before you send your cheque.

Silent Auction

Paula Kennedy is organizing our Silent Auction. We have received some lovely items to date (thank you to all who have donated) and Paula would be happy to accept more! Please contact her by email (p_kennedy123@yahoo.com) if you would like to make a donation.

Donations to date include:

- Elkhound cookie/goodie jar
- Framed Elkhound cross-stitch embroidery
- Bronze Elkhound
- Elkhound piggy bank
- & more!

The Norwegian Elkhound Club of Canada thanks our Specialty fund contributors: Nadine Shpikula, Joe & Irene Orosz, Elizabeth Parr-Johnston, Maggie Mott & Sally Simonds, Dee Queen, Cotton Silverman, Liz Sykes

Donations are always welcome.

Please send your contributions to

NECC Treasurer Liz Sykes, 481 Avalon Place, Ottawa ON K1G 4C8 Canada

Thank you!



Accommodations

A block of rooms has been reserved at our Host Hotel, the Quality Inn & Suites in Woodstock ON.

Please contact the hotel directly to reserve:

www.choicehotels.ca/hotels/hotel?hotel=CN066

Phone: (519) 537-5586

Fax: (519) 421-1304

Hospitality



A Wine & Cheese party will be held in Nadine Shpikula's suite at the Quality Inn, on Friday, July 10 from 4:30-6 pm hosted by the NECC. We'll be getting together with old friends and welcoming new ones!

The Banquet will be held at the host hotel, the Quality Inn, on Saturday, July 11, and will include live entertainment and our Silent Auction. Banquet cost is \$40 per person.

Reserve your banquet ticket by sending your cheque (payable to NECC) to Liz Sykes, 481 Avalon Place, Ottawa ON K1G 4C8 Canada or contact Liz by email at nynorsk@rogers.com for further information.

Deadline for reservations is Friday, June 26.

Tickets will be available for pick-up at Friday's all breed show and all day Saturday at the show site.

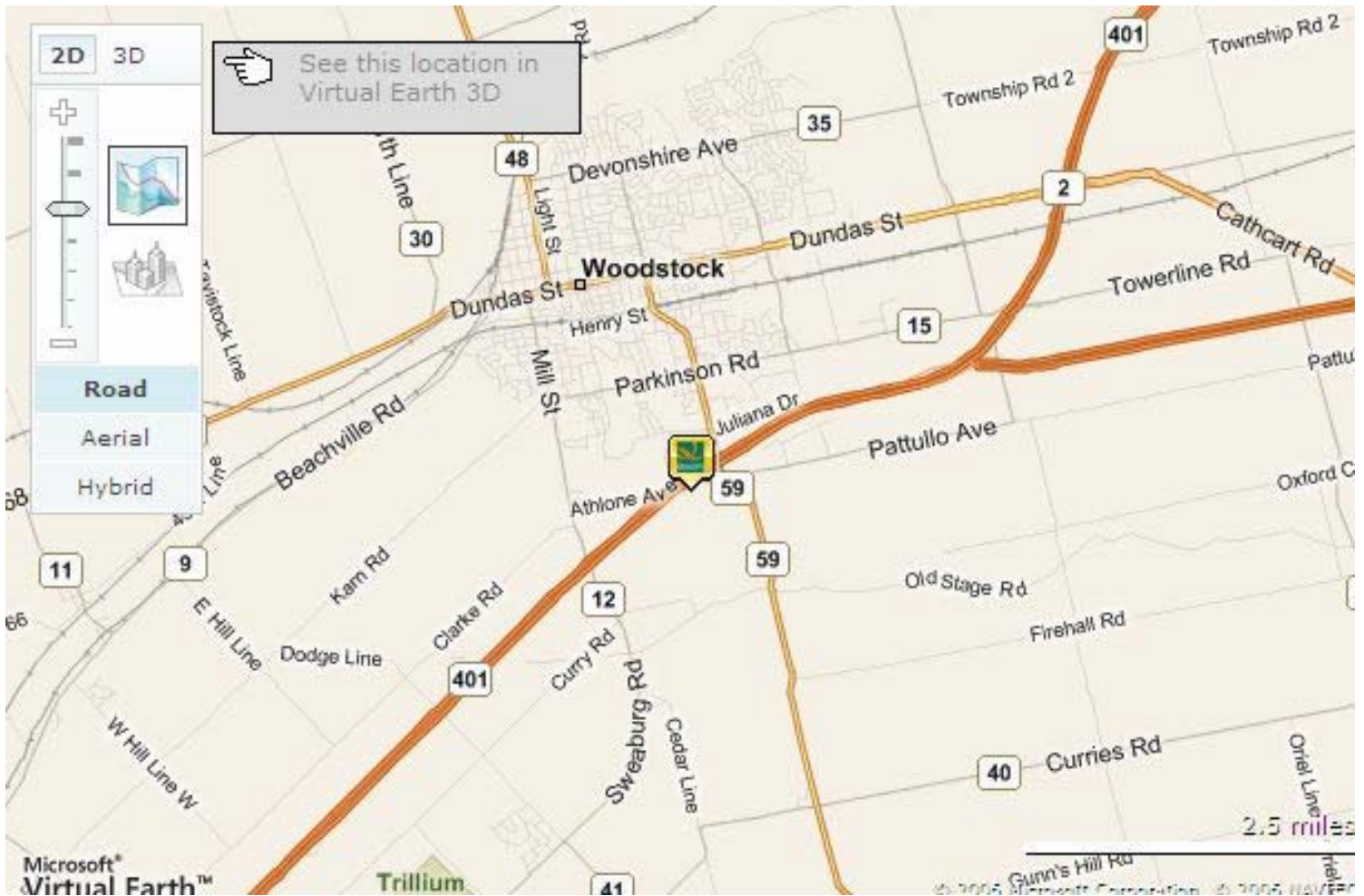


MENU	
A cold buffet	Hot section
Tossed greens with choice of Dressings	Roast Inside Round of Beef with gravy
Vegetable Tortellini Salad	Boneless Breast of chicken
Country Coleslaw	Potatoes & vegetable
Broccoli & Bacon Salad	Desserts
Creamy Potato Salad	Fresh Fruit Salad
Assorted Breads, Rolls & Butter	English Trifle
	Assorted Squares
	Seasonal Fruit Crisp
	Vanilla Mousse
	Warm Baked Chocolate Pudding
	Tea & Coffee

How to get there!

The map below shows you the location of the host hotel.

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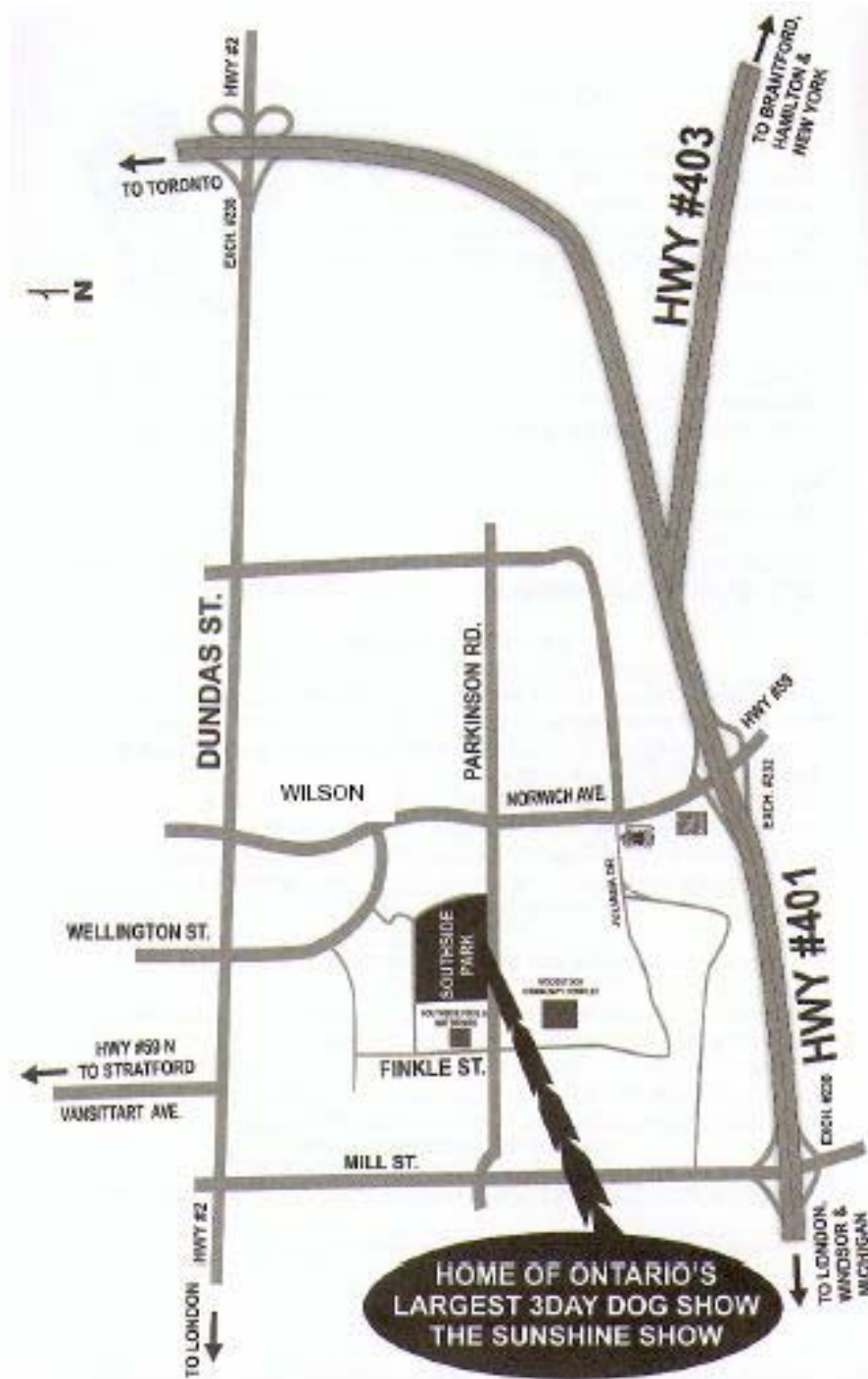


Quality Hotel & Suites
580 Bruin Blvd.
Woodstock, Ontario
Phone: (519) 537-5586

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The map below shows you the location of the show site.

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Dates To Remember

Closing date for entries

Wednesday, June 24 (9 pm EST)

Deadline for banquet reservations

Friday, June 26

Canadian Dog Show entry service **The Entry Line** is accepting entries for this show.

The Entry Line deadline is Wednesday, June 24, 2009 - 6 pm EST

Contact The Entry Line at **1-800-293-2935** or online at **www.entryline.com**

INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLERS

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Travelling to Canada

NEW REGULATIONS as of June 1, 2009

- US passport, US Passport Card or enhanced driver's license for adults is required to return to the USA
- not required for children 18 & under, but they do require proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate

DON'T BRING

- firearms (strongly discouraged in Canada)
- fruit, vegetables, meat (beef, chicken)

What THOR needs

- rabies certificate
- local water (always a good idea when you travel)
- food

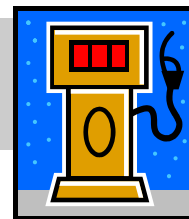
For information on what you can take back to the USA, refer to the booklet 'Know Before You Go', available online.

Canada is a metric country and speed limits are in kilometres, gasoline is sold by the litre and temperature is reported in Celsius.

SPEED LIMITS on major highways are 100 km/hour (62 mph)

GASOLINE PRICES should be under \$1 per litre.

(1 litre = 0.26 US gallon, or about a quart)



COMMON TEMPERATURE CONVERSIONS

25 Celsius = 77 Fahrenheit

Hotter? 30 C = 86 F 35 C = 95 F

Cooler? 15 C = 59 F 20 C = 68 F

CURRENCY — The Canadian dollar fluctuates but is lower than the US greenback. \$1.00 CAN = \$1.15 US (11 May 2009)

Businesses may offer no exchange and accept US dollars at par.

Get the best exchange rate by converting cash at a bank.

