

NordicFuzzCon 2018 is Officially Open!

And we're off, now even officially! Yesterday the traditional opening ceremony took place. Gone however, is the usual dryness these events used to be covered in. Building on last years more lively ceremony we now got to follow Mausie and two companions search for the lost city of cheese/gold. The way there was full of dangerous cheese wheels, acts of magic, and a lot of Monty Python references.

After this fun journey we got to briefly meet Kazplay, this years guest

of honor who introduced herself and promoted her events.

Then it was time to get serious for a little while, while Pinky introduced this years charity, *Assistenthundden*, who train emotional support dogs for people of various needs.

The con was then ceremoniously opened by chairman Trax. The stage was then invaded by the conclud monster coming to spread it's germs. In a dramatic conclusion it was fought off the best way possible, the power of 6-2-1! (**Leophan**)

A Silly Beast's Creativity

Every now and then our strange planet dazzles us with examples of effortless purpose: The fish swim, the wolves hunt, the otters-.. ott. And Therese Larsson draws. Oh, brother does she draw, you can find her work at sillybeastillustration.com. There's lots of information about her on the NFC website, but due to very unfortunate circumstances, she couldn't make it to NFC this year.

Truly, our hearts go with her, and we wish her the very best in her recovery. (**Phase**)

Journey to the City of El Hielo

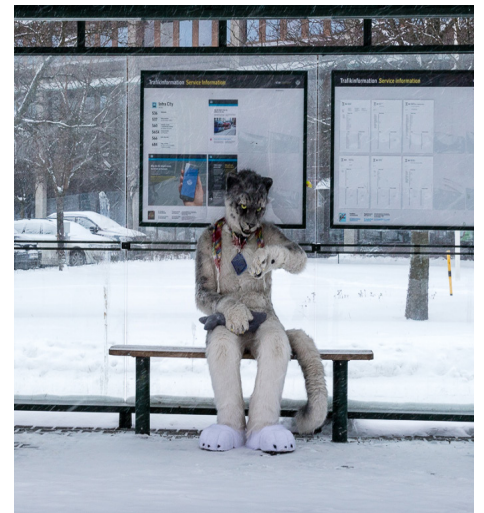
A great journey needs great planning; routes must be planned, means of transport acquired, tolls must be paid, and the only thing we know is things don't always go the way we planned.

Snow, cold winds, and ice have been causing disruption and havoc across Sweden. Going by car to the convention has for many been a slow journey over snowy roads in slow moving queues.

For the travelers from distant lands the problems were no less

severe. Multiple flight cancellations and delays lead people to miss connections, Fuzzbuses, and meetings. Pleasant train rides were turned to uncomfortable bus rides. The problems remained all the way through troubled commuter trains and buses in Stockholm.

It is almost like if Montezuma himself has descended upon us with a revenge served ice cold. One can only hope his rage thaws before the return journey. (**Leophan**)



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Helping Animals Help People

One of the proudest and most endearing aspects of convention culture around the globe is the principle of charity. Granted your mileage may vary from convention to convention, both in terms of scope and adherence to such tradition. Capturing the essence of this is nonetheless a tradition that NFC deems both important and worthwhile. Furthermore, what better group to symbolize the wondrous symbiosis between humans and animals, than furries.

Assistenthunden trains service dogs for people in need of a helping paw, they began as a volunteer organization in 2001. Over the years, this donation-driven gang grew into a sturdy and professional organization that now works closely with various Swedish hospitals and associations. The health benefit of having a dog companion in therapy, in post-traumatic stress situations, around children learning not to fear



canines—or even around other dogs learning the same!—is both widely acknowledged and scientifically proven. These fuzzy friends of ours have loyally stood by our side for thousands of years, and rightly so, seeing as we need them more than we might think.

Assistenthunden is dependent on donations to finance their operation

and training, and this year NFC will help them. We will help them.

Upon buying in the Art Show or Dealers' Den, you can add a charity percentage which will be given as a donation and there are also myriads of other related events through which you can contribute. Look for a pawprint symbol in the event schedule! **(Phase)**

Party Wing!

We here at *What the Fuzz?!* know you come to NordicFuzzCon to eat healthy, drink responsibly, and then go to bed early for a good night's sleep, right? If not, then you might be interested to know about the **Party Wing**. This is where you go for a fun night after the events are all over, the furries in this wing came here to party - and to open up their rooms for you to party in as well! Parties here can be as small as a handful of friends, or large affairs advertised in flyers! How do you find them? Watch the unofficial channels on **Telegram** or **Twitter**, or maybe get invited to one... or, if you feel adventurous, just go there and see if there are any open doors! Most likely you'll just need to follow the sound of fun! **(Mickel)**



Trading Cards

For the very first time we are offering NordicFuzzCon-themed collectible trading cards! Featuring original artwork from amazing artists and fun facts about the convention. You can look for these limited edition collectibles in the Dealers' Den convention store. A great souvenir to take home with you, and very affordable to boot! If they prove popular with the attendees, we hope to print more cards in the future, each print unique to that year's convention. **(Miles T.F. Baxxter)**



What the Fact?!

Did you know...

...that a stack of furries as tall as the NFC hotel would be shorter than a stack of furries as tall as the Burj Khalifa?

...that if you lay all the fish from the hotel fish pond on a row you will be thrown out by security?

...that you can get a license to awoo?
Contact ConOps now!

Tonight's Dance

By the order of Mausie, the DJs will play mainly cheese (and will sneak other songs when he's not listening).

VJ	Vilvi
Time	DJ
21:00 - 23:00	ZidWolf
23:00 - 01:00	LeTigre
01:00 - 03:00	StarFoxCoon