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Irish Wolfhound Association of the Mid-South

Winter

EDUCATION AND RESCUE OF IRISH WOLFHOUNDS

"Each true descendant of those sires, that thing beneath the skin That stamps an Irish Wolfhound - be he champion or pet, The heritage, that down the years, these dogs do not forget." - Unknown

President's Message

Greetings and Happy New Year! We have completed a successful year and look forward to an exciting 2013.

During 2012 IWAMS members participated in the St. Patrick's Day festivities in Raleigh, NC, and Norfolk, VA, and in the AKC "Meet the Breeds" in Raleigh, NC. We had a Memorial Day picnic at Doug Henry and Diana Vreeken's home in Suffolk, VA with record attendance, met at the Durham Kennel Club for our Annual November Gathering, and walked in the Morrisville and Bahamia, NC, Christmas parades.

If you have participated in events that are left off this list - let us know.

This year will be busy! Thank you to all who attended the Annual meeting. It was especially gratifying to see so many charter and longtime members. Your attendance was helpful in bringing about some significant changes in club direction.

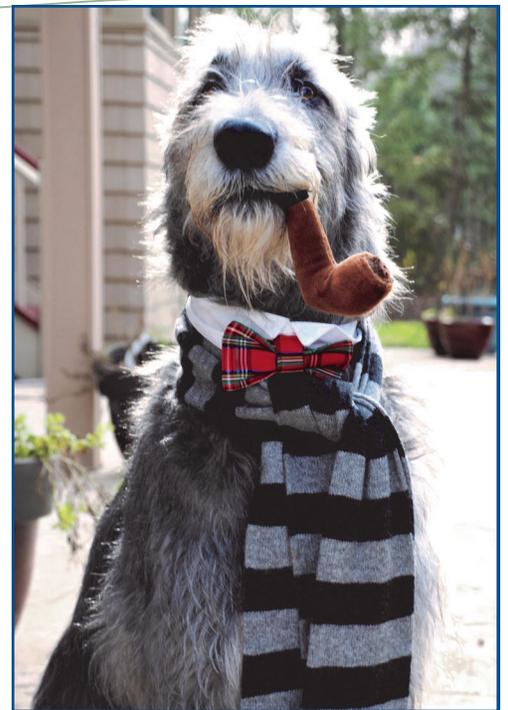
As a result of our November board meeting, we aim to do more to further the club's purpose. One of the key decisions made was to be more active! The number of rescues has declined and we will focus more on education. We want to provide that within our

membership and to all interested in the breed. Linda King and Donna Lawlor graciously volunteered to facilitate activity ideas that are fun, educational, and interesting. Please share your ideas with them, which can include; lure coursing, fun matches, health lectures, parties, etc.

We have an unusually great educational opportunity this year on our front doorstep with the 2013 Irish Wolfhound National Specialty in Asheville, NC (see page 2) at the end of April. Be sure to attend and volunteer if possible. There is so much to see and do involving the hounds. Please try to attend the event auction to raise funds for the Irish Wolfhound Foundation.

2013 promises opportunities for fellowship and fun with our hounds. Coordinating and participating in these opportunities can be work, but it is rewarding. If more of us help, the easier it is for all.

New members are welcome would help to accomplish our goals, and bring more fun and educational opportunities for all. If you know of someone interested in our breed, refer them to our website at www.iwams.org where they will also find a membership



Joncarra Coleraine "Sneakerfoot" Furgusen contemplates offering his scholarly opinion. Photograph courtesy of his owner Leslie Rothermal.

application. You don't have to own a hound to be a member.

I sincerely hope to see all of you in Asheville. Remember! Your hound will listen to your problems and cares. They comfort you in grief and love without reserve. All they ask is a small amount of your time and attention. (24/7/365 will usually be sufficient!)

JEFF TRAYLOR
President

2013 IWCA National Specialty

Monday, April 29 - Thursday, May 2

Irish Wolfhound Club of America National Specialty in Asheville, NC

To all our friends in IWAMS,

The committees for the 2013 Specialty, in Asheville, NC are working hard to get things in smoothly running condition. Judges have all been approved; plans for all the event locations, firmed up; meals planned; and Superintendent secured. The American Kennel Club is happy; we are happy, and very excited.

Asheville looked beautiful for the holiday season, and the famous Biltmore House was splendidly decorated for Christmas. Perhaps this should be a future winter destination for you, but right now we hope all your plans are geared for April 29 through May 2, 2013.

Accommodations

Our hotel has become a very popular destination for dog clubs, and we have become information sources for them. I remain ecstatic about the terms we negotiated, and the facilities we have at our finger/paw tips. Continuing in this vein, I want to warn anyone who is still debating attending, that it would be best if you made your plans to attend NOW as our allocated rooms are almost gone. You can always cancel, which we hope you won't do, but it is better to have a room at the preferred price than to chance not having a room at all.

We will have space at the hotel for RVs, but there will be no services provided there. Bear Creek RV Park is close and is a full service facility offering an option.

Tentative Schedule

The tentative schedule is:

Sunday, April 28

The Board meeting and opening reception sponsored by the IWCA Board of Directors.

Monday, April 29

ASFA (American Sighthound Field Assoc.) lure coursing followed by Obedience and Rally events. Puppy sweeps begin about 1p.m., then a guest speaker, followed by a barbeque and live music. This full day is being held at Taylor Ranch. Acres of property, loads of shade, dog walking, socializing and just down the road from the host hotel.

Tuesday, April 30

Regular conformation classes begin, possibly concluding all male classes and a couple of bitch classes.

Following these classes will be the Annual General Meeting.

Dinner on your own, downtown Asheville shuttles available with tasty dining opportunities. An additional scheduled health discussion with a buffet for participants is a possibility.

Wednesday, May 1

There will be the rest of the regular classes, followed by the LGRA (Large Gazehound Racing Assoc.) events on the hotel property. In the evening, a buffet dinner and the Auction.

Auction Donations

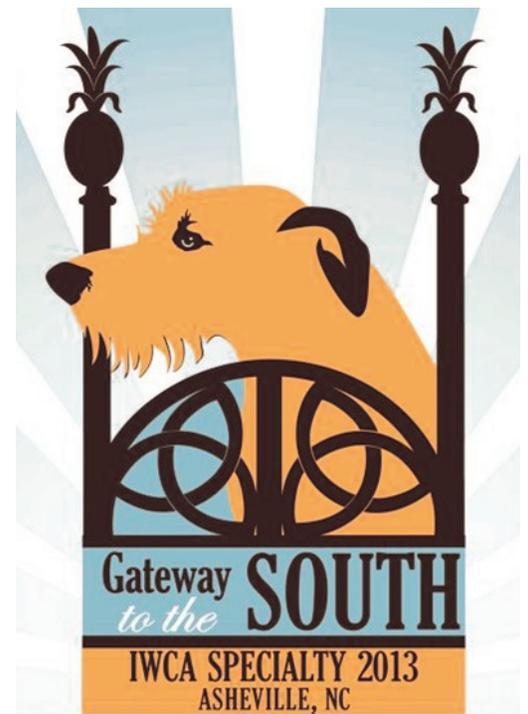
Our auction chairs and IWAMS members, **Joe and Donna Pitt**, are putting this all together. Please donate. A catalogue of auction items will be compiled. **Questions and information for the auction can be directed to Joe or Donna. Please email Joe at: jcpitt@vt.edu**

Thursday, May 2

BOB (Best of Breed) class, non-regular classes, and the Judges' dinner.

Extended Stay?

Planning on staying the weekend? We are working on dog sitters, Biltmore House vouchers, and the hiking opportunities are endless.



Contributions

How about a contribution to the IWCA National Specialty 2013?

Your specialty donation will help offset expenses for tents, trophies, ribbons, equipment rental, etc. Please send it to the IWCA treasurer, earmarked for the show. Thank you for your generous support.

Patty Newgard-Treasurer
P.O. Box 1615
Hilliard, FL 32046

Still Needed:

We are in need of someone to chair the advertising committee. This is for the catalog, submitted by the membership. These might need to be formatted, created for participants, and forwarded to me for inclusion in the catalog.

Also needed is a small committee of artsy people to execute the design for the tabletops for the Judges' dinner.

If you have questions or contributions to these plans don't hesitate to email me:

Bambi Madsen Rabe
brabe32@gmail.com

Visit us at: www.iwca2013.com

Santa's Hounds



Guinness and Brunswick Gallier share Santa with their humans!



Finn Fauser the Noble Christmas Hound strikes a pose by the hearth.



Min and Erith Henry Vreeken's first family Christmas portrait with Santa.



Caragh and Cavan Burns swarm Santa (their dad) to tell him what they want for Christmas at left.

Roxanne and Ozzie Straub get in close with Santa on the right.



New Rescue Coordinator and Katie the Rescue



Our Annual Meeting in November included the announcement of Robb Straub as new Rescue Coordinator and Gretchen Straub as club Secretary. Robb and Gretchen live in Cary, NC and have two Irish Wolfhounds, Roxanne and Ozzie. They became involved a few years ago, and are becoming a fixture on the show circuit. Gretchen takes over as Secretary this month and Robb has rescued and placed "Katie", from South Carolina. "We are delighted to be active members and look forward to many years of contribution to the breed and working with our IWAMS friends." Rob's rescue email address: iwamsrescue@nc.rr.com



Katie's new owner, Robin Stewart, sent us the picture of Katie and Paige the monkey (left) and says: "She is a wonderful addition to our family. She gets along great with our other pets, the kids, and is doing great!" Katie and Robin live in South Carolina and will receive the IWAMS newsletter.

Over the Rainbow



FINNAGIN February 25, 2004 - October 26, 2012

On February 25, 2004, a puppy was born and ten weeks later, he became our little baby boy. We named him Finnagin. A friend mentioned that we needed to register him. Knowing nothing about this, we decided on "In Again Out Again Finnagin." Our first Irish Wolfhound, a sweet bundle of joy. At 5 months old it was suggested that we show him. Another new avenue for us. On June 26, 2005, under Ms. Anne Clark, he became a champion. After that we adventured into coursing - not knowing or having heard of this canine sport until Finn came along. He won several BOB (Best of Breed) but never a BIF (Best in Field). Close, but not close enough. He did earn his SC (Senior Courser) title. Next we tried Obedience. I failed at this, so we tried Rally, where he earned his RA (Rally Advanced) title and went on to earn his TDI (Therapy Dogs International), CGC (Canine Good Citizen), VC (Versatility Certificate) and a UKC (United Kennel Club) champion title. With Finnagin we walked through so many open doors of excitement and adventures and met a lot of super people. On October 26, 2012 he was diagnosed with bone cancer (Osteosarcoma). It was so sudden and he was in so much pain - even with a morphine shot. We decided to stop the pain and at 4:26 p.m., Finnagin crossed the Rainbow Bridge. He was greeted by his little sister Ayla, and will not be alone. Good bye Junior - mommy and daddy love you. (Written by Diana Vreeken, Oct. 26, 2012.)

Dr. RUTH ANN MACQUEEN



IWAMS member Dr. Ruth Ann MacQueen, DVM, 59, passed away on November 15, 2012, in Chesapeake, Virginia. She was born in Clarksburg, West Virginia and received her DVM from LSU. After working at the Norfolk (VA) Zoo, she founded Midway Veterinary Hospital in Chesapeake over 25 years ago. She was the supervising Veterinarian for Chesapeake Animal Control and co-founded Wildlife Response, Inc. in 1992, serving as their Veterinarian for wildlife in the Hampton Roads area. In April, 2011, she and husband Roger Pope rescued their first Irish Wolfhound "Wesley", from

Myrtle Beach, SC, with the help of Mary Ryan. They since have adopted "Emma," a female Irish Wolfhound rescue after Wesley passed. Ruth Ann and Roger were at the IWAMS picnic in May in Suffolk, VA and she volunteered to be our emergency Vet for the day if needed. The impact she had on the welfare of pets and wildlife in the Hampton Roads area, and her kindness and generosity were phenomenal. You are greatly loved and missed Ruth Ann.



Dr. Ruth Ann MacQueen and Roger Pope relax with their rescue Wesley.

Low Cost Echocardiograms and EKGs

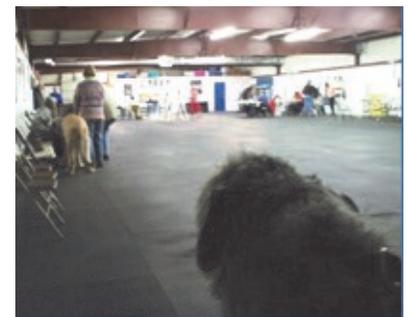
The Durham Kennel Club All Breed Health Clinic was held Saturday, January 5. Teagan, Duke, and Kerry Traylor, Luke and Sheeleigh Ryan, Brianna Lawlor, Cavan Burns, and Valley Brown took advantage of the testing. Among other vital health tests, low cost echocardiogram/EKGs were offered.

Heart disease is a leading cause of death in Irish Wolfhounds due to a small gene pool and specific cardiac abnormalities. Early detection and treatment can add time to your dog's life. Testing helps the Irish Wolfhound Foundation (IWF) and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) further

their studies of breed-specific issues.

The 2013 National Specialty in Asheville, NC (see page 2) will offer an echocardiogram (\$125) for a hound over 2 years of age, and an EKG (\$25) for a hound of any age, with the balance paid by the IWF. All data collected helps ongoing heart studies. Veterans over 8 are free! Additional donations to the IWF are welcome and helps fund their mission of health, education, and rescue. Pre-registration is required. Further details will be on the IWF website at: www.iwffoundation.org.

If those dates aren't good, the health clinic at the Speedway Classic



Luke Ryan looks on at the DKC Health Clinic.

of the Carolinas All Breed Dog Show in Concord, NC, on Friday, March 29, offers an echocardiogram for \$175 each. Pre-registration is required. **For more details, call Selina Skipper at (704) 402-4585 or email: selinaskipper@bellsouth.net**

Progress by the Broad Institute

Osteosarcoma Research in Irish Wolfhounds

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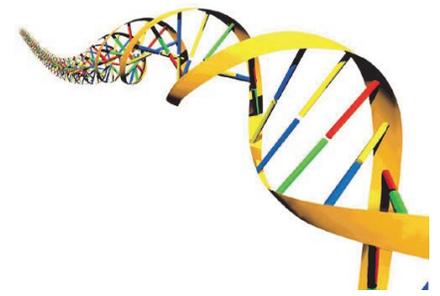
The "Identification of Genetic Risk Factors of Osteosarcoma in Irish Wolfhounds" study at the Broad Institute, which is supported by the Irish Wolfhound Foundation (IWF), the Irish Wolfhound Club of America (IWCA) and other generous donors, is making real progress.

The researchers wanted at least 80 samples for this study (40 affected and 40 controls), and exceeded this

goal by obtaining blood samples from 63 affected dogs and 79 control dogs, including samples collected in Europe. They are ready to run the samples and began their analysis at the end of November 2012.

The researchers had already identified two regions of association in the genome that are linked to early onset osteosarcoma (before six years) through analysis of other Irish Wolfhound blood samples. Genotyping the additional samples they've obtained for this study may provide a clearer view of which genes contribute significantly to the disease.

Finding the specific genetic disease mutations is an enormous



task, even after the regions of association narrow the search area. The researchers will be hard at work on this task for the next few months.

Once this project is complete, the next phase (not yet funded) will include the development of a clinical test(s) for risk factors and genetic counseling. The IWF will soon be raising money for additional work on this phase and on determining the mechanism(s) at work so as to improve therapies.

Funding Osteosarcoma Research

By Heather Burns



Osteosarcoma is a devastating bone cancer that kills over 25% of Irish Wolfhounds that otherwise would live longer. It devastates owners when their beloved happy hound's life is cut short.

As noted in the article above, The Broad Institute of M.I.T. and Harvard is researching genetic risk factors for Osteosarcoma in Irish Wolfhounds. The Irish Wolfhound Foundation (IWF), the Irish Wolfhound Club of America (IWCA), and the following IW Clubs devoted to the breed have generously and courageously contributed to raise the first \$42,160 for the study:

IW Assoc. of the Delaware Valley
IW Assoc. of the Garden State
IW Assoc. of the
Greater Smokey Mountains
IW Assoc. of the New England
IW Assoc. of the West Coast
IW Club of America
Rocky Mountain IW Assoc.

In addition, Pam Bowman and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Winters joined this first

funding effort with their donations.

On December 5, 2012, the IWF received a challenge grant from a generous long-time IW owner to match all Osteosarcoma research donations up to \$10,000. In less than a month, donations surpassed the challenge and totaled \$11,140.

An additional \$10,000 was then donated by another individual. **A total of \$31,140 was raised in less than a month.**

The need is great and funding the second phase of the study as mentioned in the above IWF article is critical. The impact this research will have on the lives of our hounds and their owners in the future, as well as people and other large dog breeds cannot be overestimated. Imagine the premature grief and tears a cure or better treatments will help and the time it will add to happy wolfhound lives.

IWAMS' first objective (see back page) is to promote the health and welfare of the Irish Wolfhound. Wouldn't it be great

to meet our top objective this year with a significant donation or a challenge grant to help fund this critical research? Our Treasurer's Report historically is included in the spring or 2nd quarter (next) edition of this newsletter. Perhaps after reviewing our finances a generous contribution may be seriously considered. **In addition, if you haven't donated already personally, please consider it. Send a check payable to The Irish Wolfhound Foundation to:**

IWF
150 Creek Road,
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Or donate from the IWF website at: www.iwfoundation.org

If you are financially blessed enough to donate a substantial amount personally, please consider making it a challenge grant to double your money.

IW owners love a challenge!

Guinness and Brunswick

Take November by storm!



Guinness Stout of Mountain Mist and his Team place first in Team Rally at the Greater Washington Bouvier des Flanders Club Rally and Obedience Trial on November 10, 2012



Quinlan's Brunswick Stew at The Tidewater Kennel Club Show winning Best of Breed in the 9 - 12 month puppy class and getting his first point on November 2, 2012.



At right, Brunswick at The Virginia Beach Kennel Club Show after winning Best of Breed on November 4, 2012.

At left, Brunswick takes Winners Dog at The Kennel Club of Philadelphia Show on November 17, 2012.



What is WORDLE?

By Diana Vreeken

Wordle is a toy for generating "word clouds" from text that you provide. The clouds give greater prominence to words that appear more frequently in the source text.

During a past meeting, our host showed a "cloud" of words derived from the Irish Wolfhound Standard. I thought it would be interesting to share with everybody. The following is the Irish Wolfhound Breed Standard. Read through it and see what "pops" out.



The Standard of Excellence for the Irish Wolfhound:

General Appearance: Of great size and commanding appearance, the Irish Wolfhound is remarkable in combining power and swiftness with keen sight. The largest and tallest of the galloping hounds, in general type he is a rough-coated, Greyhound-like breed; very muscular, strong though gracefully built; movements easy and active; head and neck carried high, the tail carried with an upward sweep with a slight curve towards the extremity. The minimum height and weight of dogs should be 32 inches and 120 pounds; of bitches, 30 inches and 105 pounds, these to apply only to hounds over 18 months. Anything below this should be de barred from competition. Great size, including height at shoulder and proportionate length of body, is the desideratum to be aimed at, and it is desired to firmly establish a race that shall average from 32 to 34 inches in dogs, showing the requisite power, activity, courage and symmetry.

Head: Long, the frontal bones of the forehead very slightly raised and very little indentation between the eyes. Skull, not too broad. Muzzle, long and moderately pointed. Ears, small and Greyhound-like in carriage. **Neck:** Rather long, very strong and muscular, well arched, without dewlap or loose skin about the throat. **Chest:** Very deep. Breast, wide. **Back:** Rather long than short. Loins arched. **Tail:** Long and slightly curved, of moderate thickness, and well covered with hair. **Belly:** Well drawn up. **Forequarters:** Shoulder, muscular, giving breadth of chest, set sloping. Elbows well under, neither turned inwards nor outwards. **Leg:** forearm muscular, and the whole leg strong and quite straight. (continued)

GDV: Gastric Dilatation Volvulus

Quick Reference Guide For GDV BLOAT			Vet's Emergency Telephone Number...	
	What Is Happening	What The Dog Does	What You Should Do	Treatment
Stress ▶▶▶▶ Excitement ▶▶▶▶ Vigorous Exercise ▶▶▶▶ Large Meals ▶▶▶▶ Long Drink ▶▶▶▶ Swallowed Air ▶▶▶▶ Familial Tendency ▶▶▶▶	Stomach function is normal. Gas accumulates in the stomach but the stomach does not empty as it should.	Dog behaves as usual. Seems slightly uncomfortable.	Keep the dog quiet; Do not leave the dog alone; Give Antacid if your vet agrees. Be aware of Phase I symptoms.	During this period the dog may recover without going on to develop Gastric Volvulus.
PHASE I GDV	Stomach starts to dilate. (Gastric Dilatation) Stomach twists. (Gastric Volvulus)	Anxious, restless, pacing; Trying to vomit-may bring up stiff white foam but no food; Salivating; Abdomen may be swollen.	Call your vet, tell him what you suspect and why. Take the dog to the vet without further delay.	During this period the dog may recover if your vet releases the pressure with a stomach tube.
PHASE II GDV	Blood supply to part of stomach is cut off. Stomach tissue is damaged. Portal vein, vena cava and splenic vein become compressed and twisted. Spleen becomes engorged. Shock begins to develop	Very restless; whining & panting; Salivating copiously; Tries to vomit every 2-3 min; Stands with legs apart & head hanging down; Abdomen swollen & sounds hollow if tapped; Gums dark red; Heart rate 80-100 beats/min; Temperature raised (104°F)	Get someone to tell your vet you are on your way and why. Take the dog to the vet as quickly as possible.	During this period the vet will need to relieve the stomach pressure, start an intravenous drip and perform surgery to untwist the stomach.
PHASE III GDV	Spleen and stomach tissue become Necrotic. Shock now very severe. Heart failure develops. Shock now irreversible. Death	Unable to stand or stands shakily with legs apart; Abdomen very swollen; Breathing shallow; Gums white or blue; Heart rate over 100 beats/minute; Pulse very weak; Temperature drops (98°F)	Death is imminent. Get someone to tell your vet you are on your way and why. Take the dog to the vet as quickly as possible.	As well as doing everything above, the vet will need to remove part of the stomach and the spleen. He will also need to use powerful drugs to counteract shock. It is no longer possible to save the dog's life.

British GDV (Bloat) Study Needs Our Help



The Animal Health Trust in the U.K. (www.aht.org.uk) is conducting a study on GDV or bloat to establish if there is an association between (GDV) gastric dilatation and volvulus, and splenectomy in high-risk dog breeds.

As an Irish Wolfhound owner, you may have heard of bloat or 'gastric dilatation and volvulus' or GDV, which is a deadly condition when the stomach becomes twisted and full of air. This causes bloating, attempts to vomit, and requires emergency surgery to correct the twist. Deep-chested, giant breeds are at high risk. It is a leading cause of death for giant breeds of dogs.

Factors that increase the risk of

developing a GDV are not fully known. One theory is that if a dog has had it's spleen removed ('splenectomy') the chances are greater. There is little evidence to support this and it has proven incorrect in small and large breed dogs. However, high-risk giant breed investigations are lacking. The study's purpose is to document owner information which may help prove or disprove a link between splenectomy and GDV.

The survey authors want you to take a few minutes to fill out the short questions. They hope the results will help veterinary surgeons globally. Even if your dog has not suffered a

GDV, the answers will provide useful comparison data. Please send the questionnaire link below to anyone with giant breed dogs. Go to:

https://www.survey.bris.ac.uk/awb/splenectomy_gdv_association/

We hope to collate and investigate the results by February 2013. Thank you for your help! If you have any questions, please email: taimur.alavi@gmail.com
 - Taimur Alavi BVSc BSc(Hons) MRCVS & Kelly Bowlit BVM&S MRCVS
 Animal Health Trust
 Newmarket, United Kingdom

Our Wolfhounds Have Us Trained

A fun list started by Nancy Fauser with contributions by IWAMS members



Belonging to an Irish Wolfhound means making sure:

- His bed is neat and tidy before leaving the house. Meanwhile, your bed looks like a hurricane slept in it but you don't care.
- He gets a kiss and a fuss-over before you walk out the door, even if it means you'll be late for work.
- All curtains are open so that he can properly guard the house from walkers-by, leaves blowing, the postal person, etc.



- Cutting short your chat with a friend at Starbucks because he's been stuck in the house for A WHOLE HOUR.
- Blowing off your hair appointment because he sneezed and you have to rush him to the vet.
- An unrepeatable reply to people who comment that "that dog is so spoiled!"
- Making sure they got a balanced meal while you run out the door with a PB sandwich or pop tart.
- Keeping the dogs in mind for all large purchases, ie; cars, houses, furniture...



- Giving up annual trips to Europe each year or any vacation away without them.
- Moving all of your furniture out of the way in the dining room to make room for puppy beds.
- Trading in a perfectly fine Lincoln Navigator for a minivan and having the dealer remove all of the seats except the front two so that they can ride in comfort. For over-nighting you have to buy a trailer for their stuff and if there is room left you put your stuff in there also.
- Removing all of the carpet in the house and installing ceramic tile and then spending an additional fortune to ensure that the grout is sealed to prevent "accidents" from soaking into the grout.



- Making sure your babies are walked fed and comfortable before you get your first mouthful of tea/coffee.
- Squeezed into the last inch of the sofa so they can stretch out and be comfortable.
- Buying a one-level, open-plan house so they don't climb stairs, with several acres and a walk-in shower.
- Taking your dog to the car dealer to make sure they can ride comfortably and the step-up is in their range.
- Not staying out too long so they don't get lonely. (Or young dogs - destructive!)
- Taking a vacation that: 1. they can come to, or 2. they have their favorite person pet sit them in your home.
- Never missing 3 walks a day and always finding friends for them to play with. While I have been meaning to 'find the time' to join an exercise class! Its been several years...
- Foregoing your vacation for the fourth year in a row because your IWs hate to be kenneled, your sister has moved to the West Coast, and you can't find a suitable live in "nanny."

- Insisting that your new home have a finished, walk-out basement, so they can have unfettered access to their fenced yard.
- Having to clear your IWs out of the guest (otherwise known as their) bedrooms when you have guests, and then warning your guests that they may awaken with unexpected bed buddies if they don't latch their bedroom door at night.



- Make sure Judge Judy is on the TV before going out, to entertain them.
- Show videos of the grandchildren so she can play with them on the TV.
- Spending more time preparing his dinner than you do with your own.
- Spend more \$ on their monthly meds than you do for health insurance.



- Building a house with a room specially for your dogs comfort to include : shower, special high velocity dryer, special padding on tile floor, specially made dog door to fit a wolfhound, wolfie -proof dog food bin, and raised dish holders.
- Buying a lovely leather sofa for her to sleep on (but she prefers our King-sized bed.)
- Going through 3 towels to dry him off when he comes in from the rain because **HE LOVES IT.**
- Having treats of string cheese, cheddar cheese, and stew beef with you on daily hikes just to ensure the kids keep in touch.
- Having a set of luggage just for her to travel with, and of course her own farm to run after critters (complete with fencing around the entire 160 acres - so she knows what is "hers" and no one is allowed without permission.)
- What do you mean "a room"? How about the whole house designed for them!

Oh may all creatures get the care ...!



*For newsletter space considerations, this is an abbreviated version of the official Annual Meeting Minutes as originally recorded by Liz Patel. Please go to our website at: www.iwams.org for the official Minutes.)

Call to Order at 11 a.m. (28 people signed the roster; more than 28 noted as present)

- ◆ **St. Patrick's Day Parade/Raleigh:** Marne Burke asked to discuss this out of meeting order as she had to leave early. She requested a 2013 Raleigh Parade volunteer to set up and chair the event. Rob Straub volunteered to do this for 2013.

Introductions of all Attendees of the Meeting

Approval of Minutes from last Board Meeting

Officer Reports: President, Jeff Traylor; Vice President, Liz Patel; Director at Large, Mike Shulman: All present, no report. Treasurer, Jay Levy: read status and spending of the club for the past fiscal year.



Committee Reports

Rescue Coordinator: Jacqie Stansfield reports two rescues this year, a positive sign, and a long list of good homes waiting. She resigned October 1. Ce Hoffman agreed to fill in as Rescue Coordinator until someone is voted in or offers to head rescue.

Newsletter: Steve LeVan wanted to note on the record "kudos" to the newsletter editors. They (Heather Burns and Diana Vreeken) have done a great job putting the newsletter together.

Website: (Anne Burnett was not present) Discussion that the yahoo IWAMS forum is for IWAMS members only.

Director at Large, Mike Shulman: Passed out letters from members discussing issues/recommendation for the club improvements. There was a moment for people to read the letters, and a discussion followed later.

Old Business: 2013 National Specialty April 29 – May 2, 2013 Update

- ◆ **Donna Brown read a letter from Bambi Rabe.** Please email Bambi at brabe32@gmail.com to volunteer for any of the days. They still need volunteers and would like to have a strong showing of IWAMS members in Asheville next year.
- ◆ **Donna and Joe Pitt are soliciting and collecting donations for the auction.** The auction raises money primarily for the IW Foundation. If anyone has IW memorabilia or items to be used as good fundraisers, please get in touch with the Pitts.
- ◆ **Steve LeVan noted the hotel is filling up quickly and there aren't a lot of rooms left blocked off for the specialty.** He encouraged all to make reservations now. Further information for the Specialty is at: www.iwca2013.com
- ◆ **Liz Patel asked about sweatshirts or polos for the National Specialty.** J. Pitt and S. LeVan noted windbreakers might be useful. An IWAMS logo was discussed. Liz Patel offered to get a logo designed and make an order form for windbreakers.

New Business

Membership Discussion:

- ◆ **Discussion about the purpose of IWAMS as a club.** The #1 purpose of IWAMS is the education of the breed. This can be done through multiple venues, such as breeders, rescue, and member gatherings.
- ◆ **Discussion about having more get-togethers.**
- ◆ **Steve LeVan discussed IWAMS and the potential of becoming an AKC recognized club.** He would like to see more activities, such as conformation, lure coursing, health lectures, etc.
- ◆ **Agreement on need to have activities that meet the needs of those who breed and show, and those who have pets.**
- ◆ **Program Chair: Linda King and Donna Lawlor volunteered to co-chair and brainstorm ideas for speakers and meetings.**

Secretary Position: President, Jeff Traylor, read a resignation letter from club Secretary, Tamara Ritzenhaler. Jeff asked for anyone interested in filling the position. Gretchen Straub volunteered. **A motion was passed for Gretchen Straub as Secretary.**

Rescue Coordinator: President, Jeff Traylor, asked for volunteers to fill the rescue coordinator position. Jacqie Stansfield noted the position coordinates rescue checks, transportation, and temporary housing of potential rescues. Rob Straub volunteered to do this, but is not able to house any at his home. **A motion was passed and seconded for Rob Straub as Rescue Coordinator.**

2013 Annual IWAMS Meeting Date: Discussion regarding having meetings on a weekend without a dog show scheduled. This is difficult. A potential date will be sought for October 2013. Holding a meeting at a show is a possibility.

Donation: The passing of member Dr. Ruth Ann McQueen was announced. **A motion was passed that the club would donate \$100 to the Dizzy Fund at Midway Veterinary Hospital in Chesapeake, VA, in memory of Dr. Ruth Ann MacQueen.**

Education Fund: Nancy Fauser asked if the group is interested in having an education fund to help support the education cost for members who are pursuing education in the veterinary field, etc. Nothing was decided at this meeting about this topic.

Greeting Cards/Membership Cards: Nancy Fauser offered to look into the pricing of Irish Wolfhound greeting cards. Also asked what the group thought about membership cards. Nothing was decided at this meeting about this topic.

1 p.m. Motion to Adjourn.

Calendars are for sale for \$18 each. Please contact Liz Patel by email at kennede@hotmai.com

Board Members present: Pres., J. Traylor; V.P., L. Patel; Treas., J. Levy; Dir. at Large, M. Shulman; and Past Pres., Brenda Neu.

Future Events

ASFA LURE COURSING

JANUARY

20 S.H.O.T. @ Williamsburg, VA
Testing Only

MARCH

10 C.L.C.S. @ Camden, SC

APRIL

20-21 S.H.O.T. @ Williamsburg, VA

20 SDCA National Specialty @
Lexington, VA

29 IWCA National Specialty @
Asheville, NC

JUNE

8-9 M.A.H.A. @ Rocky Mount, NC

AKC LURE COURSING TEST/ TRIALS

JANUARY

19 - 20 CAT TRIAL-QC/JC TESTING
S.H.O.T. @ Williamsburg, VA
Testing Only

FEBRUARY

23 - 24 M.A.H.A. @ Reidsville, NC

MARCH

9 - 10 M.A.H.A. CAT Coursing
Ability Tests Location TBA
(NC) See website for details

16 - 17 S.H.O.T. @ Williamsburg, VA

APRIL

21 SDCA National Specialty @
Lexington, VA

MAY

12 Lancaster, PA *Testing Only*

18 - 19 M.A.H.A. @ Reidsville, NC

AKC CONFORMATION

JANUARY

17-20 West Friendship, MD

25 Hound Special @
Richmond, VA

26-27 Richmond, VA

26-27 Ladson, SC

FEBRUARY

15-17 Greenville, SC

16-17 West Friendship, MD

MARCH

2-3 Hilton Head, SC

9-10 Harrisonburg, VA

20-24 Raleigh, NC

28-31 Concord, NC

APRIL

20-22 Timonium, MD

27-28 Florence, SC

MAY

18-19 Manassas, VA

25-26 Hampton, VA



IWAGSM (Irish Wolfhound Association of the Greater Smokey Mountains) Invites all to their Annual Fun Match in Baneberry, TN Saturday, March 2 (1.5 hours from Asheville, NC)

Robin Pline of Tomahawke Kennel in Michigan is the judge. Conformation classes will be in the morning, followed by a wonderful potluck lunch, and will finish with our fun classes in the afternoon. Conformation includes veterans, puppies and adult classes as well as best moving, best head and best type. Fun classes include costume (usually our biggest entry!), longest tail, tallest dog and let's not forget best singer and best kisser!

We have a wonderful inn not 5 minutes from the show site that allows dogs as well. Show site: 521 Harrison Ferry Rd, Baneberry, TN. Inn at Baneberry: 661 Harrison Ferry Rd, Baneberry, TN. **For a premium email Match Chairperson: Cindy Winters at iwpaws@gmail.com, or enter the day of match. They look forward to seeing you there and making this their best event ever!**

Other 2013 Regional and National Events



Potomac Valley IW Club Specialty	Sun., March 31- Mon., April 1 (Easter weekend)	Bel Air, MD	www.pviwc.org
Great Lakes IW Assoc. Spring Match	Sat., April 13 - Sun., April 14	Joliet, IL	www.gliwa.org
2013 National IW Specialty	Sun., April 28 - Thurs., May 2	Asheville, NC	www.iwca2013.com
IW Assoc. of New England Specialty	Sun., July 28 - Mon., July 29	Lancaster, MA	www.iwane.org
Rocky Mountain IW Assoc. Specialty	Friday, August 30	Cheyenne, WY	www.rmiwa.org
Potomac Valley IW Club Fun Match	TBD / 2nd or 3rd weekend in Sept.	Annapolis, MD	www.pviwc.org
IW Assoc. Delaware Valley Specialty	Sun., October 6 - Mon., Oct. 7	TBA	www.iwadv.org
IW Assoc. of the Garden State	TBA / Last weekend in October		www.iwags.org

What Kind of Club Activities Do You Want?

By Linda King and Donna Lawlor

At the November meeting, Donna Lawlor and Linda King agreed to set up some programs for future meetings. We need your help! What would you like?

Share your ideas with us and we will try our best to deliver. Here are some thoughts to get your ideas flowing: **Would you like a program that includes your dog(s)?** This could include: A fun match with a judge(s) who talks through the standard, a creative fun match i.e. single

elimination, best single element of the standard, lure coursing practice with explanations, lure coursing training ideas, grooming, CGC or Therapy testing with training ideas... **What are your ideas?**

Would you like a program where your dog(s) is welcome but not an active participant? This could include: A veterinarian speaking on a specific health topic, a book talk or book share, information about current research (could be on a specific

topic), a talk about the history of our breed, demonstrations (i.e. grooming, conformation training/handling, a demonstration of obedience, rally, agility)... What are your ideas?

Please share your feedback with Donna cordys.gammy@gmail.com and/or Linda ardrhis@aol.com by February 20 so that we have time to plan. Thank you for any and all input. We're looking forward to more great gatherings!

"For the Love of Wolfhounds" Project

By Diana Vreeken with permission to share by Briget Wandruff

There is a new project afoot on the internet! The creation of the first Irish Wolfhound coffee table book to celebrate the past, present and future of the breed we love.

A range of photos from every aspect in the life of the Irish Wolfhound are needed. People can be in the photo too.

"For The Love of Wolfhounds" is

an open group on Facebook. You may enter your photos on the group page or you can send your photos to: iwhctb@gmail.com

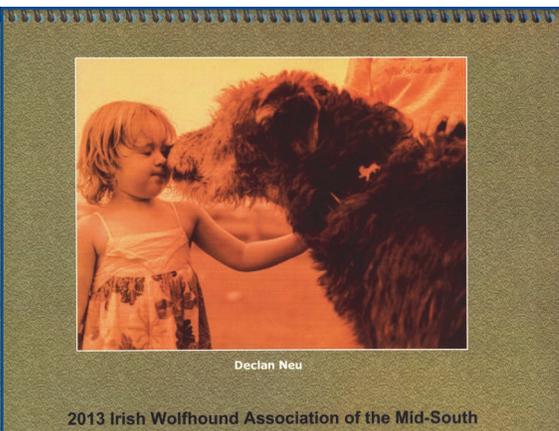
Only five photographs may be submitted per month. Photos chosen must be of high resolution and the very best quality. If your photo was taken by a professional, they are required to sign a release form. This

book is not supporting any charities and it will be available at cost.

Remember to give your full name, kennel (if you are a breeder), the full name of your hound and birthday. If your hound has passed you can say "Junior at 9 years 2009." They are excited and hope all will participate!



2013 IWAMS Calendar Available



Thank you for all the excellent photos! With the new year and snow in the forecast great photo opportunities are at hand. Our 2013 calendar will be mailed to you for \$18 each. Please let Liz Patel know how many you would like by emailing her at: kennedea@hotmail.com They make great gifts. Thank you for supporting our hounds!

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Join the IWAMS Yahoo group if you are an IWAMS member at:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/IWAMS/>
Discuss Irish Wolfhounds and club activities

*To read current Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, go to: www.iwams.org

Irish Wolfhound Association of the Mid-South



2013 Membership (Check one): New Renewal

Name: _____

Street: _____ P.O.Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #1: (____) _____ Phone #2: (____) _____

Email #1: _____ Email #2: _____

Occupation: _____

2013 MEMBERSHIP TYPE (Check One)

Fill in Amounts

Dues: \$20 Regular \$25 Household \$10 Associate \$5 Junior \$ _____

Rescue Donation: \$ _____

General Donation: \$ _____

TOTAL PAID: \$ _____

Are you a Breeder?: Yes No

Do you currently live with Irish Wolfhounds?: Yes How many?: _____ No

INTERESTED IN (check next to all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Rescue?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Foster Home	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adoption Home
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rescue Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (describe):		

Club Activities (check next to all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Fun Matches	<input type="checkbox"/>	St. Patrick's Day Parades	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Gatherings	<input type="checkbox"/>	Breed Issue Education/Seminars	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lure Coursing Match
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conformation Match	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (describe):		

If this is a NEW application for membership, please provide the names of current members that endorse your membership. For Regular and Household membership, please provide two member recommendations. For Associate and Junior membership, please provide one member recommendation. If you do not know anyone, please contact jeff@glencairnirishwolfhounds.com by email, or if you don't have email, call him at: (919) 309-1255.

Name: _____ Signature (if possible): _____

Name: _____ Signature (if possible): _____

I/we agree to abide by the current Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Irish Wolfhound Association of the Mid-South Corporation. (These can be found on the home page of the IWAMS website at www.iwams.org)

Signature: _____

Please return this completed membership application along with your dues to: Jay Levy, Treasurer
Membership dues cover January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013 72 Beverly Dr., Durham, NC 27707

To learn more about the Irish Wolfhound Association of the Mid-South, go to www.iwams.org

Irish Wolfhound Association of the Mid- South
Newsletter c/o Diana Vreeken
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Irish Wolfhound Association of the Mid South Objectives

Bylaws Article 1, Section 1.02

1. To promote the health and welfare of the Irish Wolfhound;
2. To encourage and sponsor education in all areas pertaining to the health and welfare of the Irish Wolfhound;
3. To encourage and promote responsible quality breeding of the Irish Wolfhound in accordance with the standards approved by the Irish Wolfhound Club of America and the American Kennel Club (AKC);
4. To promote and maintain an active rescue and placement service for Irish Wolfhounds that can no longer be maintained by their owners in Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.