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Irish Wolfhound Association of the Mid-South

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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

Well, it was a "Whirlwind" second quarter!! For Martha and I, it began with our first National at Grey Summit, MO. It was marvelous!! If you have not been, even if you do not show, you should attend. You will be filled love for the breed.

Around 300 dogs attended from all over North America. IWAMS was well represented and you should be proud. I doubt if any other club was as successful! (Show results on page 3) There were workshops, dinners, auctions, opportunities to network, and most of all HOUNDS. There were times when a small group of hounds started "singing" and soon all 300 were singing. The hair on the back of your neck would stand up.

We learned a lot about many breed-related issues. The auction to support the Irish Wolfhound Foundation was especially fun.

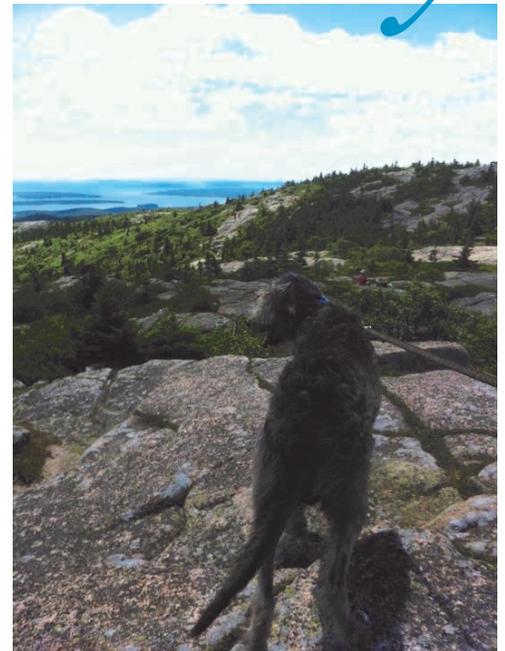
For those not aware, the Nationals in 2013 will be held in Asheville, NC. This is a great opportunity to attend and join in the fun. Our great club is the local host and it is also an opportunity for volunteers to assist to make it a success - please sign up! Let's make it a meet we can be proud of.

Following the Nationals this year, there was the IWAMS picnic on

Sunday, May 27th at Doug Henry and Diana Vreeken's beautiful new home in Suffolk, VA. Around 26 hounds were present along with their servants (owners). There were games, food, lure coursing tryouts (our lazy hounds flunked), and a very interesting program about legal issues, and related topics of interest to all dog owners. Everyone had a great time and many thanks are to Diana and Doug for their hospitality. Hopefully we did not wear out our welcome and they will someday have us back.

During the summer the show season slows down, and most of us are planning fun in the sun and other activities. Your Board of Directors will have their 2nd meeting of the year and we welcome your comments and concerns about the club and how we can improve. Please contact a Board member with your comments and/or concerns. We are looking for a volunteer to serve as membership chairman and if you are interested please contact a board member ASAP.

I have been conversing with board members and several presidents of other clubs to determine what we can do to improve the club. We owe it to our members to see if it can be done and how. Since its start 20 odd years



Guinness Gallier admires the view on Cadillac Mountain on Mount Desert Island within Acadia National Park at Bar Harbor, Maine.

ago the club has focused on rescue. While that remains a very important part of our mission, maybe we should become more active in other areas. Nationwide the quantity of rescues has declined even in this time of economic travail. If you have ideas please let us know. While the club exists for the benefit of the hounds, if we are not delivering programs that their servants want or need, we are missing our mission.

JEFF TRAYLOR

2013 IWCA National Specialty

Monday, April 29 - Thursday, May 2

Irish Wolfhound Club of America National Specialty in Asheville, North Carolina



We hope you are coming to Asheville, North Carolina for the IWCA National Specialty. Because of Asheville's location we are calling this the "Gateway to the South" specialty.

Volunteers Needed

Sound good? There is a catch. A specialty show of this magnitude needs a "cast of thousands". With four days of events, many hours to be filled, many people will make a lighter load for all. What are you willing to do? Are you willing to organize a committee to cover an entire area for the four days? Or can you offer time to fill in for a while?

Here are some areas where we need volunteers to support:

- **Pre-Show Order Fulfillment Chair and Assistants:** Receive orders for T-shirts, sweats, etc; collect the funds and have them ready for pick-up at the show.
- **Welcome Bags:** Collecting goodies and organizing 300 bags for distribution.
- **Catalogue Sales**
- **Armband Distributors:** This is in the ring and therefore these people may not exhibit.
- **The Company Store:** Needs a chair and support people to staff this fun place. People also needed to handle product arriving and setting up the boutique area and the constant vigilance of selling teams during operating hours.

- **International Visitor Chair**
- **Vendor Chair**
- **Grounds Chair:** We have Rocky Bowers. He will need lots of help to keep things running smoothly.
- **Catalogue Ad Production**
- **Public Address (PA) System**
- **AV Managers**
- **Website chairs**
- **Auction Chairs and Auction Items Coordinators:** A big job! Jamie Germaine has volunteered his auctioneering skills. We need solicitation and collection of items, cataloguing, and money takers. This event will be Tuesday evening, April 30.

Hopefully some of this appeals to you. Send me an email at: brabe32@gmail.com with questions, SUGGESTIONS, and your area of interest.

With all of us working, we can put on a show of which the South will be very proud. Thank you all and we are looking forward to hearing from you.

2013 IWCA National Specialty Show Co-Chairs,

Bambi Rabe: brabe32@gmail.com

and

Jackie Carswell: iwcar@accessatc.net

The Irish Wolfhound Club of America 2013 National Specialty Asheville, North Carolina

Host Hotel & Show Site

Crowne Plaza Resort Asheville
One Resort Drive, Asheville, NC 28806

Reservations

Call the Crowne Plaza directly at 800-733-3211
or 828-254-3211

Ask for the IWCA block of rooms

Room rate: \$99.99 a day available from 3 days before the
Specialty thru 3 days after

One-time \$50 dog fee

*If you prefer a ground floor room, mention it when you register.
The rooms allocated to the club form an "L" with the show held
in the center. Ground floor rooms have patios; second floor
rooms have balconies.*

Judges for 2013

Conformation: Jocelyne Gagne - Starkeeper

Sweepstakes: Lynne Rosebrock - Carroy

Obedience and Rally: Ted McCall

Your co-chairs: Bambi Rabe and Jackie Carswell

IWCA Board Meeting April 28

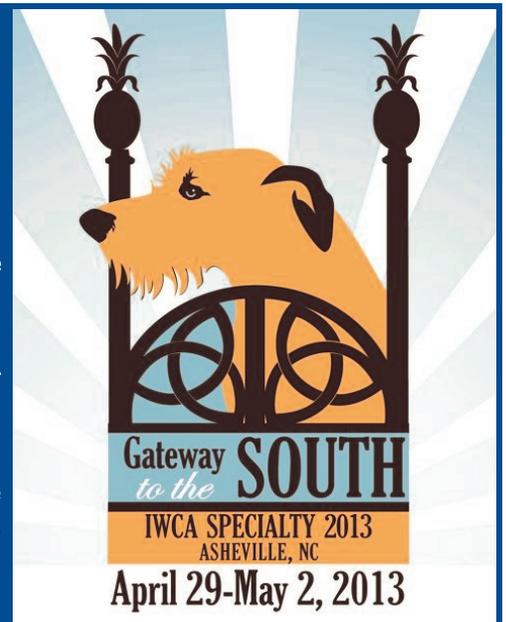
"The IWCA 2013 Asheville National Specialty Web site is up and running and will include additional information as it becomes available. There are many opportunities for us to pitch in and show the rest of the IW community real Southern Hospitality. Contacts are listed on the site as well as hotel reservation information.

Check it out at:
www.IWCA2013.com"

- Steve LeVan, IWAMS volunteer 2013 National Webmaster

You can also access it from the IWCA home page at:
www.iwclubofamerica.org

To explore Asheville go to: www.exploreasheville.com



Congratulations to our Winners!



From Donna Brown: "This was the first ever Veteran Team at an IWCA Specialty, and they won First! Joyfully handled by breeder-owner Frances Abrams. I co-own one of them, Ch. Karontara Timothy O'Tailstorm, and these are all littermates of our Ch. Hound Hill Tulip O'Tailstorm. Some of you have a strong connection to Tulip through your help when she went AWOL for 2 weeks, 4 years ago. Tulip is still going strong!

Timothy won 2nd Veteran Dogs (handled by Mike Hussey)
 2nd 153 CH Tailstorm Karontara Timothy. HP12127608.
 10/9/2004. Breeder: Frances Abrams & Karon Volk. Sire: CH Hound Hill Sebastian Dam: Karontara Bevin O'Tailstorm.
 Owner: Frances Abrams, Karon Volk and Donna Brown.



From Donna Brown: "Hound Hill Vale of Aerie, bred and owned by Donna Brown and Amy Benjamin and Doug Marx, by Ch. Riverlawn Exit of Aerie x Ch. Hound Hill Valley of Aerie.

First in Sweepstakes 6-9 Puppy Bitch under Judge Joe Roland.

First in Regular Classes, Puppy 6-9 months under Judge Jackie Carswell.

Best Puppy in Specialty."

From Steve LeVan: "We took three "girls" to the national and fortune smiled on us this time. We brought home a few rosettes from national. Lonnykyle Lismore Phoebe: 9-12 puppy bitch sweepstake winner. Lonnykyle Lismore Phoebe: 9-12 puppy bitch class 2nd place. Lismore Stoneybrook Elbereth (Ellie): bred-by exhibitor bitch class 3rd place. Ch. Stoneybrook Lismore Gypsy Rose: made the final cut in best of breed."

From Linda King "I didn't make it to National this year - another effect of the last months before retiring. But I did have some nice placements at the Potomac Valley Irish Wolfhound Club specialty. My Peter was BOS in sweeps from 6-9 months and in regular classes he was winners dog. My Anyka who was a special in Best of Breed competition was BOS. I bred both of these guys and they have been in my arms since day one so I'm very proud of that. I also placed with Peter's sisters and with my boy, Nolan. Thanks for asking. I'm looking forward to seeing more of the IWAMS gang soon."

SHOW INFORMATION NEEDED

We love seeing our winners!! To help educate our new members and appear properly in the newsletter please provide the following in your email.

- Pictures - preferably candid that you or friends take and are not copyrighted.
- Or pictures that the photographer has given you written permission to use in your club's newsletter. We only need to know if you have the permission. Copying off the IWCA website is prohibited. Show photographers have strict warnings about this.
- Name and registered name, bitch and sire
- The name of your kennel so it makes it easier to follow our winners
- Age of dog
- Class won
- Any other interesting information



From Martha Traylor: "This is 8 month old Kerry (top right photo) Quilmes de Sudestada (from Buenos Aires) winning Winners Bitch for 2 points and Duke

(bottom right photo) winning Best of Breed for a 4 point major. Obviously we are very proud of both of them These wins were at the Mid Atlantic Hound Association's May Hound Show in Raleigh on May 12 - 13."

"Kerry also won 3rd place in 6 - 9 month old bitches at the National Specialty in Gray Summit, MO out of 11 bitches on May 2."





2012 Raleigh Saint Patrick's Parade

By Marne Burke



The Raleigh St Patrick's Day Parade was held on Saturday, March 17 and we had a great turn out on a beautiful day. Again, many parade watchers commented that the Irish Wolfhounds were their favorite part of the parade.

As usual **Tamara Ritzenhaller-Dunn**, husband, **Randy**, son, **Sean**, friends **Graham and Dakota**, turned out to work and brought Ch. Aodhan and 4 month old puppies, **Beya & Berrin**. Littermate **Finn** came in from Greensboro with **Chris and Kathleen Brinkman** and bro' **Murphy**. Another two littermates, **Dragon and Luna**, now part of my pack, joined **Harper Lee and myself**. (Isaiah is fine, but at nine, I don't like to ask him to work full day events anymore.)

Jeff and Martha Ann Traylor answered endless questions and recruited new members for IWAMS along with **Duke, Teagan and Kerry**. **Brenda Neu** joined in handling all our visitors with **Declan and Judy Chantelois** took loads of pictures!

Marilyn Madden and friend, Donna, brought **Brianna and Finley**; **Debbie and Taylor Gaffney** introduced year old **Osgar** to his first parade. **Doc Hogan** marched again with **Sam** and helped with visitors. **Emily Turner** participated with **Farset and Liz Patel** was a wonderful help, as always.

Becky Lacombe backed me up with my puppies, allowing me to work without worry and **Mike Adams, DVM**, was a terrific help, including providing incredible moral support as I picked up not one but two soft puppy poos while the Parade Grand Marshall's car waited and the crowd watched. At least there was no pic of that in the paper!

Our location was not as central as last year's and the puppies kept some of us from "working the crowd", so our total collected for rescue was \$247, less than last year. The more IWAMS people who are willing to ask, the more money we raise, so plan to come next year, even without an IW.

Which leads me to planning for

next year: I've participated since 2001 and loved every minute, but decided this year that I'd really like to see the Parade, not just work the booth. So next year I plan to do the usual invitations and information distribution, but will no longer set up tables/canopies/premiums/etc. Ideally, someone else will choose to take over that part. Even without a booth, though, we can do education (and I hope fund raising) just by mingling with the crowds after marching. Naturally, I'll happily help anyone who chooses to give this a shot.

My thanks to everyone who participated. St Patrick's Day is my favorite holiday; no gift shopping, no big dinner to prepare, good people abound, and the only date I need is an Irish Wolfhound. Doesn't get any better.

If you want to know more about coordinating the parade, please call me at: (919) 872-3252.

- Marne Burke



Raleigh Parade photo at left courtesy of **Corey Lowenstein** of the **Raleigh News Observer**.



Raleigh Parade photo at left courtesy of IWAMS member **Judy Chantelois**. At right, **Rebecca Conti and Einstein** march with the **Hampton Roads Irish American Society Paddy Pack** in the **Norfolk, VA St. Patrick's Day Parade**. Joining them above right is **Brian Mason and Piper**, his **Scottish Deerhound**.



Over the Rainbow



Billie Lynda Lorenz Hubner

IWAMS member Billie Lynda Lorenz Hubner, 67, died Wednesday, April 4, 2012 in Raleigh, NC. She was born in Raleigh and grew up and attended school in Cary. She received her BA from State University of New York at New Paltz and MSW from Adelphi University School of Social Work in NY. She worked both in NY and NC as a Clinical Social Worker. We most remember her special life-long love and interest in the Irish Wolfhound. Billie was also a member of several Irish Wolfhound clubs and online forums. Below is a note from her son David:

"Thanks for inquiry and for the loving support that you and the Irish Wolfhound community provided to Billie. You really were her window on the world and a great joy to her. Regards, David Hubner"



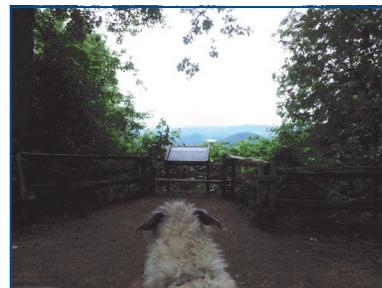
"My Calyddon Seaneen of Thor' was the longest living pup in his litter: August 28, 2003 - June 7, 2012. He was stubborn, sweet, and reserved to the last. He shall be missed sorely."
- Barbara Findlay

Robin Gibb

NOT an IWAMS member unfortunately, but loved his two Irish Wolfhounds, Ollie and Missy. He was 1/3 of the globally famous brothers the BeeGees, and died on May 20 at the age of 62.



"Maggie Rose O'Reck"
Passed away suddenly while playing with Cavan on the lawn on Sunday, June 17. She was born on June 12, 2005 and had just celebrated her 7th birthday. She was rescued on February 23, 2012 by Mark and Heather Burns. We love and miss you girl.



Broad Institute Osteosarcoma Study Gift Agreement



The Irish Wolfhound Foundation (IWF) and the Irish Wolfhound Club of America (IWCA) announced an agreement to provide the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard* a \$42,160 gift to support research on genetic risk factors for early onset osteosarcoma in Irish Wolfhounds.

This one-year project is part of an effort to identify primary risk factors in our breed. This knowledge will be the first step in identifying wolfhounds likely to develop osteosarcoma. It will also help in understanding the modes of transmission of risk factors and provide insights to help improve clinical treatment for this disease that affects so many Irish Wolfhounds.

DNA samples of affected and

control dogs are being provided from the Irish Wolfhound Foundation DNA bank to support this project. **Thanks to the IWCA and regional clubs**, a large portion of the funding necessary to begin has been obtained.

Individuals and organizations wishing to contribute to this effort will be acknowledged by both the IWF and the IWCA. Contributions can be sent to "Osteosarcoma Fund" c/o David Milne, IWF Treasurer, 150 Creek Rd, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865. The IWF is a 501-3(c) charitable organization. If the planned gift amount is exceeded, funds will be used for additional research on osteosarcoma in Irish Wolfhounds.

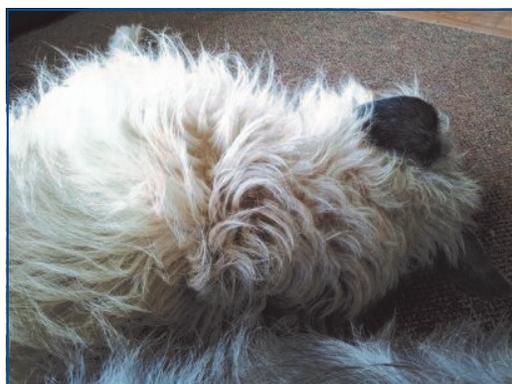
IF YOUR IRISH WOLFHOUND is diagnosed with osteosarcoma, please

consider participating in this study by sending in blood samples.

For further information on the study and where to send blood samples of affected dogs, contact Frances Abrams, PhD, Irish Wolfhound Foundation Research Coordinator at: frances.abrams@att.net

* A partnership between MIT, Harvard and the Whitehead Institute, the Broad Institute is a multidisciplinary research institute for genomic applications to biomedical science. It has one of the largest sequencing centers in the world and was the largest contributor to the Human Genome Project.

Irish Wolfhound Foundation:
www.iwfoundation.org



Samples Needed For Coat Color Study

Dear breeders and friends of Irish wolfhounds,

We invite you to participate in a molecular study, which is being initiated at the University of Rzeszów, Poland, Department of Biotechnology. **We are entirely dependent on your kindness to be able to conduct the study. Our study aims to determine if a particular polymorphism in a gene involved in inheritance of hair color is also functioning in Irish wolfhounds as was described for some other dog breeds. We also want to investigate how the polymorphism is inherited. To this end, we need to study the genetic material from as many dogs as possible. So we turn to you asking you for DNA samples from your dog. No invasive**

methods will be applied. Just provide us a several hair straws from each dog (with the root hair roots - you'll need to pull them out).

Please pack every hair sample separately, preferably in a plastic bag with a lock. For each sample, please include:

- Name of the dog including breeders prefix and names of dog's parents
- Information about hair color (color and pattern with as much details as possible for example grey brindle or solid black)
- If possible, a photo of your dog (you can also send photos to: ewa.t.slota@gmail.com)

We are particularly interested in solid wheaten, cream-white, red and black, but specimens from brindles will also be needed for these tests. Thus, please send a sample from a hound of any color. Hair samples should be sent to:

Professor Ewa Slota
Branch Campus of the Faculty of Biotechnology
Werynia 502
36-100 Kolbuszowa, Poland

We hope that our request will be met with your understanding. Taking part in these studies will not only aid scientific development but will also result in better understanding of your hounds. Perhaps the results of our work will help you in the future in better predicting of the color of the puppies. If you wish, we will provide you with the information about the result obtained for your hounds after the study is finished.

Sincerely,
Prof. Ewa Slota - tutor
Kamil Czerniawski - student



Happy Tale About Manuka Honey

By Diana Vreeken



Did you know that not all honey is alike? Each has similar contents, with a special unique ingredient that makes them different. It all depends on where the bees are gathering their nectar. Most varieties are great for consumption, while others have very powerful healing qualities. For example, Alfalfa Honey is produced from the nectar in purple blossoms and it is light in colour, with a mild flavor and aroma. Clover contributes more to the honey than any other flavor. Depending on the clover field -red, Alsike and white and yellow sweet clover - the color can vary from white to amber, with a pleasing mild taste. Orange Blossom is made from the nectar of the orange blossom and/or a combination of citrus sources. A honey that is light in colour with a citrus scent and taste. Avocado Honey is pollinated from California's avocado blossoms. It is dark with a rich butter taste. We also have Sage Honey, Fireweed Honey, Blueberry Honey and Eucalyptus Honey.

The one with the most healing quality is the UMF Manuka Honey (UMFMH). Manuka Honey is produced only in New Zealand from the manuka bush. The honey process is enriched by the pollution free environment. The bushes grow wild on undeveloped, unspoiled and regenerating land. Not all manuka bushes carry the UMF ingredient; it varies from place to place and year to year. Scientist are still trying to discover why.

So, there are two different kinds of Manuka Honey. The first is the ordinary kind with only the hydrogen peroxide antibacterial- common in all honeys. The second has the properties as the first, plus its own natural UMF antibacterial property. This gives the second type an increase in potency. UMF (Unique Manuka Factor) was discovered by Dr Peter Molan at the Research Unit at the University of Waikato.

In laboratory studies, UMFMH was discovered to be effective against a wide range of bacteria. It helps with *helicobacter pylori*-bacteria (bacteria that cause most stomach ulcers), *staphylococcus aureus* (the wound infecting bacteria) and *esherichia coli*, *stretococcuspyogenes* (sore throats). Studies have shown that UMFMH has helped in stomach ulcer symptoms, gastritis, in assisting the natural healing of skin ulcers, wounds, burns, boils, cracked skin, MRSA, relieving sore throats and oral hygiene. Levels of UMF vary from bush to bush. For this reason every batch is tested for its potency. The higher the number the more potent the honey is:

0-4- Not detectable

5-9- Maintenance levels only (table honey)

10-15- Useful levels endorsed the Honey research Unit at the University of Waikato

16 and over- superior levels with high activity

UMFMH is much more stable than regular honey. It is resistant to heat and more resistant from being broken down. It can penetrate flesh deeply. It does not need moisture to activate it, yet quite stable with body fluids. It is not reliant to oxygen, so it could remain active when smothered by wound dressing in wound cavities. BUT, be careful, there are a lot of fakes on the market. These imitators or copy cats will claim that their honey will do the same, yet it does not. The real UMFMH will have an UMF plus a number on the front label of the bottle. For example-- UMF 16+. It is a product of New Zealand. Yes, you can buy it here at www.manukahoneyusa.com and some health food stores carry the product, but do be careful.

So what does this have to do with our hounds? Well, what ever you can use it on yourself; you can use it on your hounds. I have personally used the UMFMH for several years. It is in my medicine cabinet and in my dog's first aid kit. I first discovered it for Ayla's "happy tail syndrome". She was always splitting her tail open. This one time she split it opened and I could not get it to heal. It was going on the third month and I tried everything I could think of plus what others have suggested. It was not healing and I'm getting worried that it might have to be removed. A friend suggested the UMFMH 16+. What did I have to lose? I tried everything else. I ordered it on line and it arrived within 2 days. I applied the honey on her tail and she really enjoyed the taste. OK, so that did not work while she was awake. I waited until night when she has settled down, and I applied the honey again and waited a while to make sure she did not wake up. The next day, I applied some more and wrapped it. On day three I noticed that it was not as raw looking as it has a few days before. Day 4 there was a thin scab growing on her tail. Within a few more days - no more wrap - the tail was healing. I was sold from that day on. Finnagin, my older boy, cut his foot. I shaved the area clean and applied the UMFMH directly on the wound. It healed very quickly with no infection. I use the lozenge drops when I have a sore throat- It works overnight.

It is easy to use. It comes in a tube form, so it is easy to apply to the effected area. It truly is a wonderful product. This is not to replace a veterinarian advice, but good to have for those odd cuts and wounds that need to stay clean from infection.

Note: This article has been condensed from MaukaHoney.com. If you would like to read the full article, you can find it at <http://manukahoney.com/resources/umf.html>

Lure Coursing in Our Region



Lure Coursing is another way to have fun with your hound. Listed below are organizations that hold regular practices and competitions in the IWAMS area of VA, NC, SC, and WV. For more information go to: www.akc.org/events/lure_coursing.

If your hound is not AKC registered

consider the AKC's Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privilege (PAL/ILP). This is a program that allows unregistered dogs of registrable breeds to compete in AKC Performance and Companion Events. If you want to see what your wolfhound can do, go to:

www.akc.org/reg to read how they can

be registered to compete. Consider attending a regular practice or two - members there are happy to help make it a good experience for both you and your hound.

A.S.F.A.	American Sighthound Field Association	www.asfa.org	
C.H.A.M.P.	Coursing Hounds of the Mid-Potomac	www.chamlurecoursing2.org	Leesburg, VA
C.L.C.S.	Carolina Lure Coursing Society	www.carolinacoursing.com	Camden, SC
D.A.S.H.	District Area Sighthound Association	Email: windcrest2@gmail.com	Martinsburg, WV
M.A.H.A.	Mid-Atlantic Hound Association	https://sites.google.com/site/midatlantichoundassociation	Durham, NC
S.H.O.T.	Sighthound Organization of Tidewater	www.shotlurecoursing.org	Hampton Roads, VA

Future Events

AKC LURE COURSING TEST / TRIALS

AUGUST:

18 - 19 CHAMP at The Plains, VA

SEPTEMBER:

22 - 23 SHOT at Williamsburg, VA

OCTOBER:

13 - 14 IWAGS at Somerset, NJ

NOVEMBER:

10 - 11 IWAGS at Bridgewater, NJ

DECEMBER

8 - 9 IWAGS at Somerset, NJ

22 - 23 LVCC at Frenchtown, NJ

ASFA LURE COURSING

AUGUST:

5 MDIHC at Littlestown, PA

SEPTEMBER:

15 - 16 THLC at Littlestown, PA

29 - 30 LVCC at E. Allen TWP, PA

OCTOBER:

6 - 7 TSSC at Saxonburg, PA

13 - 14 UCBSA at Littlestown, PA

20 - 21 SHOT at Williamsburg, VA

28 IWAGS at Metamore, PA

NOVEMBER:

10 - 11 CHAMP at Leesburg, VA

17 - 18 SHOT at Williamsburg, VA

23 - 25 UCBSA at Littlestown, PA

DECEMBER:

1 - 2 TSSC at Saxonburg, PA

29 - 31 UCBSA at Littlestown, PA

AKC CONFORMATION

AUGUST:

1 - 5 Salem, VA

10 - 12 Harrisburg, PA

15 - 19 Greensboro, NC

25 - 26 Middleburg, PA

31 - Raleigh, NC

SEPTEMBER:

1 - 3 Raleigh, NC

22 - 23 Chesapeake, VA

28 - 30 Millwood, VA

OCTOBER:

7 - 8 IWADV-Morgantown, PA

6 - 7 North Augusta, SC

13 - 15 Wilmington, NC

27 - 28 Leesburg, VA

NOVEMBER:

4 - 5 Virginia Beach, VA

10 - 11 Winston Salem, NC

DECEMBER:

8 - 9 Winston Salem, NC



IWAMS Picnic photo at left by Paul Plummer. Pictured is spring picnic host Diana Vreeken watching her girl Erith show everyone how it's done!

Record Breaking IWAMS Annual Spring Picnic

On Sunday, May 27, a record 27 hounds and 34 owners and friends attended the annual spring picnic at the home of Doug Henry and Diana Vreeken in Suffolk, VA. The hounds had the chance to try out lure coursing and their owners and friends heard an interesting talk about the legalities of dog ownership from the VA Federation of Dog Clubs. A great time was had by all and it was especially fun to see so many irish wolfhounds in one place. Special thanks to Doug Henry and Diana Vreeken for hosting this fun day, to Paul Plummer for the wonderful photos (you will be seeing also in the next newsletter), to Susan Smith for lending the lure coursing machine, to Alice Harrington, our thought-provoking speaker from the Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs, to Dr. Ruth Ann MacQueen for being our just-in-case Veterinarian, to Monica Minix Gallier and Diana Vreeken for the great gift bags, to Rebecca Conti for the doggie delicious organic dog biscuits, and to all who brought the smorgasbord of delicious food. We want another great turn out at our annual meeting in November! (See back cover.)



Rescue

By *Jacquie Stansfield*

We have one wolfhound in Rescue with an adoption pending if the home inspection checks out.

Membership

An updated membership list will be published shortly. Dues run from January 1 - December 31 and statements are sent out at the end of 2012.

If you are new, download our membership application at: www.iwams.org

Send in your application and dues to: Jay Levy, Secretary/Treasurer, 72 Beverly Dr, Durham, NC 27707. Donations for the general fund and the rescue fund are always welcome. If you know of someone that might like to join and would like to receive the newsletter, please let Diana Vreeken know at: dtchcdn@aol.com Please feel free to forward any questions regarding membership to our Treasurer, Jay Levy at: jayslevy@aol.com. Members can also join our IWAMS yahoo forum (see address at right.)

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*For further contact information, please see the membership list.		

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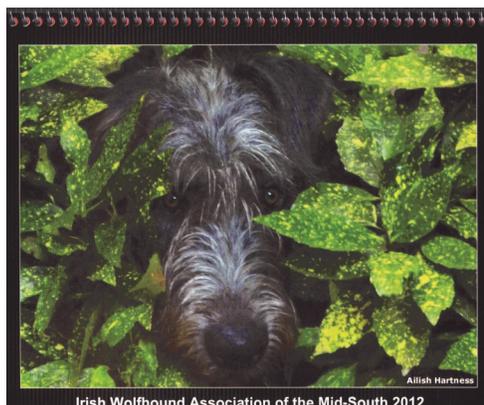
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HOLD THE DATE!
IWAMS ANNUAL MEETING
AT THE: DURHAM KENNEL CLUB
47318 GUESS ROAD, DURHAM, NC
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012*
THIS MEETING INCLUDES LUNCH. HOUNDS
WELCOME!
DETAILS TO FOLLOW CLOSER TO THE DATE.
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ALWAYS WELCOME

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* ALSO DATE OF FURNITURE CITY
KENNEL CLUB SHOW IN WINSTON SALEM
FOR THOSE THAT SHOW

2012 Calendars SOLD OUT



PHOTOS ARE DUE for our 2013 calendar!
If you have any photos you think might be great for the calendar, please send them in. Email them to Liz Patel at the highest resolution possible:
kennedea@hotmail.com
The deadline is August 15. The calendars tentatively will be available at the 2012 Annual Meeting on November 10th and by mail. They are \$18 each and make great gifts.
Thank you for supporting our hounds!
If you have any questions about pictures or for more information email or call Liz Patel at: 919-606-4833