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Irish Wolfhound

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*"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

Hello to all. It was a wintery first quarter for the mid-south. Our hounds should be ready for spring.

Some thank you notes!

IWAMS traditional participation in the Raleigh St. Patrick's Day Parade was a success. Thank you to our members and parade chair **Marne Burke** for organizing the Raleigh event. There were 14 hounds present to guard the Piper including hounds from Fayetteville, NC and Charlottesville, VA to join in the tradition.

Thank you to member **Heather Burns** for organizing wolfhounds to walk in the Mooresville, NC St. Patrick's Day Parade and to the members and friends in the region who supported the event. They had 13 hounds and owners who walked in that parade.

A special Thank You to our Vice President **Tamara Dunn** for organizing and connecting our members to heart testing for our hounds on March 22 during the dog show in Raleigh. The results will be sent to the national database for IW heart research. Congratulations to the show winners!

Our newly elected Secretary Nancy Fauser is hard at work reaching out to all of our members and in the near future, all active IWAMS members will receive the first-ever IWAMS membership card, as well as an IWAMS sticker for your vehicle with the newly designed IWAMS logo.

Some exciting up and coming news for this year is a regional fun match we have in the works. We will keep



Above, IWAMS member **Linda King** of Ard Rhi Irish Wolfhounds in Earlysville, VA is kissed by the beautiful and exuberant 7 m.o. "Lynchs Teddy Spaghetti Rose" owned by Kris Wienk Lynch, at the 13th Annual Specialty Fun Match of the Irish Wolfhound Assoc. of the Greater Smokey Mountains, March 8 in Baneberry, TN.

Linda was their judge!

Photo courtesy of Kris Wienk Lynch.

you posted. We have a lot of miles between members so the board would like to encourage members to host local IWAMS gatherings in their communities.

For those members in the dog show circuit the IWCA national specialty show will be April 28 through May 1, 2014. Go to: www.iwca2014.com for more information.

We are looking forward to a successful 2014.

Gretchen Straub
IWAMS President

St. Patrick's Day Parades

By IWAMS Members



At the **Raleigh Parade** on Saturday, March 15, above left to right: **Doc Hogan and Sam, Randy and Tamara Dunn with Sean and Bear and Beya, Marne Burke with Luna and Dragon, Rob Straub with Ozzie and Roxie, Emily Turner and Farset, Ed and Londy Riley with Fiona, Nancy Fauser and Finn, Stewart Moneymaker with Branigan.** At upper right, "Berrin" CH *Irish Wolfhound* Saltimbanco is looking for the ladies! Bottom right, the hounds relax surrounded by the public.

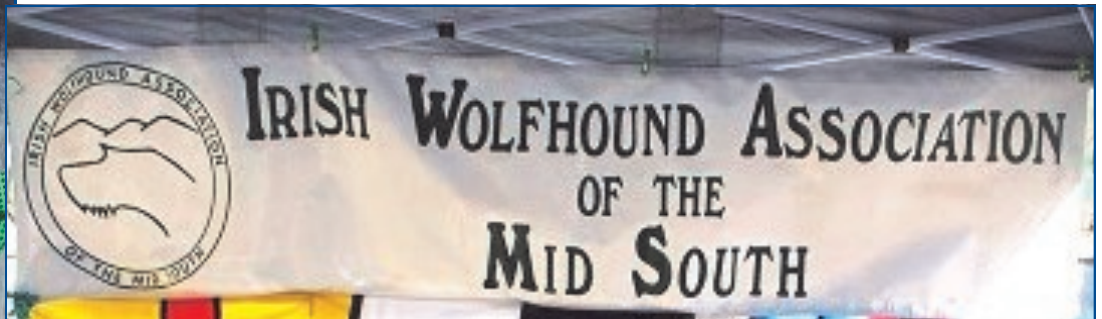


Doug Henry, Min, Erith, (at left) and Diana Vreeken walk in the Norfolk, VA St. Patrick's Day Parade every year for St. Patrick's Catholic School in Norfolk, VA.



The **Mooresville St. Patrick's Day Parade** was on Saturday, March 8, and among the hardy that did not lose power from the ice storm and made it were (below left to right): **Jacob and Autumn Ashley with Roosevelt, Amber Griffin with Isolde, Zack with Leela, Tia Williams with Porter, Cody Darnell with Abby, Nichole Darnell with Finn, Mark Burns with Caragh and Cavan, Ann Wiig with Paddy, Debbie Gaffney with Willa, Bradley Olheiser with Branwen, Lidia Pallo with Zeke, Marc Houser with Harley and Barley.** Missing from photo: **Shawn Williams, Heather Burns, Jens Svensson, Tamara Houser, and Debby and Tony Russ with Abby.** 13 hounds, 2 honorary hounds, and plenty of family and significant others to help! After the parade we retired to a local ballfield for off leash socializing and the weather was perfect. **Thank you all who shared your hound with the public!**





THANK YOU
Rob Glotzer, Tamara Houser,
Sarah Fauser, Diana Vreeken,
and all who contributed
pictures!



Congratulations!



**New CH Quinlan's Brunswick Stew 01-19-12
"Brunswick"**

By Ch Temair Let Freedom Ring Of Eagle -
Ch Ard Rhi's All About Me V Quinlan SC

Owner: Monica Gallier, Powhatan, VA

Breeder: Diana Vreeken & Douglas Henry, VA

Photo by Ashbey Photography



**New CH Quinlan's Piece of the Pattern 01-19-12
"Min"**

By Ch Temair Let Freedom Ring Of Eagle -
Ch Ard Rhi's All About Me V Quinlan SC

Owner/Breeder: Diana Vreeken & Douglas Henry, VA

Judge: Robert Marciszewski

Photo by Ashbey Photography



**Prairie Creek Summerhill Solo 02-23-11
"Solo"**

By Ch Hound Hill Taggerty - Ch Prairie Creek Cantata JC

Owner: Constance Smalley & Donna Brown, NC

Breeder: Bambi Madsen Rabe & Constance Smalley.

"This is Solo, winning a major and BW in Raleigh a couple of weeks ago. - Donna Brown"



**New CH Ierne's Saltimbanco 10-23-11
"Berrin"**

By Ch Carnasserie Chord - Ierne's La Folie

Owner: Tamara & Sean Ritzenthaler, NC

Breeder: Tamara Ritzenthaler & Rachel Robey

"Berrin's photo from Best of Breed at the Raleigh Dog Show - Tamara Dunn"

Heart Testing at NC State University

By Tamara Ritzenhaler Dunn



I want to thank everyone who came to the NC State Veterinary School in Raleigh on Saturday, March 22, for the Irish Wolfhound heart testing with Dr. Kate Meurs, Assoc. Dean & Director of Research.

Dr. Meurs has been instrumental in finding genetic markers for heart disease in the Boxer and the Doberman. She had the Veterinary Geneticist she works with on site that day to observe the echocardiograms being done on our hounds.



Above: Taylor Gaffney had her 3 y.o. male Osgar tested at NC State.
Photo by J.L. Thomas

We had 14 wolfhounds who participated in our first heart clinic and everyone seemed to have a good time even though what we were accomplishing was for serious reasons. The wolfhounds were all very good for the Cardiology team and the team was a pleasure to work with. We had six hounds present who were being tested for the first time and all acted like true ambassadors for our breed.

Dr. Meurs collected blood on hounds that tested positive for Irish Wolfhound related cardiac disease at no cost to the owners with the intent of opening a study on the genetics of cardiac disease in the Irish Wolfhound. This is very exciting news as some day it may give us information to make better breeding and management decisions.

Dr. Meurs would like to have blood, pedigrees and medical records on about 15 or 20 hounds positive for cardiac disease, so if anyone else would like their hound to participate let me know and I can assist in putting you in touch with her.

When I know more I'll let you know and maybe we can assist Dr. Meurs in any way possible as she is assisting us.

Thanks again to everyone who participated, we'd like to make this an annual event for all hounds in the

region and the NC State Cardiology team is more than happy to make that happen as well.

It was good to see so many of you there and being able to say hello in person. A big thank you to Frances Abrams from the Irish Wolfhound Foundation for sending the Cardiac Study parameters to Dr. Meurs so she could facilitate getting collected information to Dr. Bill Tyrell for the IWF's ongoing Cardiac Study.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about how your hound can participate in the study, please email Tamara at: ierneiw@aol.com



Above: Quidam (Ierne's Quidam), owned by Joe and Anne Johnson, poses after his heart test at NC State.

Information about the IWF Cardiac Study and heart health articles are at: www.iwfoundation.org

For information about Dr. Kate Meurs, DVM: www.cvm.ncsu.edu/research/research_dean.html

Potomac Valley IWC Specialty Heart Testing

Held March 30 - 31, 2014 in Bel Air, Maryland

Frances Abrams, Research Coordinator for the Irish Wolfhound Foundation, reports "We tested 27 dogs from 18 owners. Of those, 21 were listed as normal, two were classified as having some VPCs (Ventricular Premature Complexes - HB). One just had atrial fibrillation and three had some sign of DCM (Dilated Cardiomyopathy - HB). I don't have all the ages here but we had a large number of veterans over 8. Several of those were normal which is encouraging. Bill (Dr. Bill Tyrell, DVM) brought one of his partners, Dr. Steve Rosenthal (DVM), who is doing a study to look at two of the cardiac bio marker blood tests and trying to get some normals for Irish Wolfhounds. They brought three of the technicians from their practice so five people from CVCA (Chesapeake Veterinary Cardiology Associates) dedicated a day to our hounds. Unfortunately I don't have all the names. Bill and Steve are both coming to (the IWCA National Specialty in) St. Louis so we want to pack the schedule."



Above: Erith is held by Doug Henry for her echocardiogram at the PVIWC Specialty.

Do the Dew(claws)?

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I work exclusively with canine athletes, developing rehabilitation programs for injured dogs or dogs that required surgery as a result of performance-related injuries. I have seen many dogs now, especially field trial/hunt test and agility dogs, that have had chronic carpal arthritis, frequently so severe that they have to be retired or at least carefully managed for the rest of their careers. Of the over 30 dogs I have seen with carpal arthritis, only one has had dewclaws.

If you look at an anatomy book (Miller's Guide to the Anatomy of Dogs is excellent – see Figure 1 below) you'll see there are 2 major, functioning tendons attached to the dewclaw. Of course, at the other end of a tendon is a muscle, and that means that if you cut off the dew claws, there are major muscle bundles that will become atrophied from disuse.

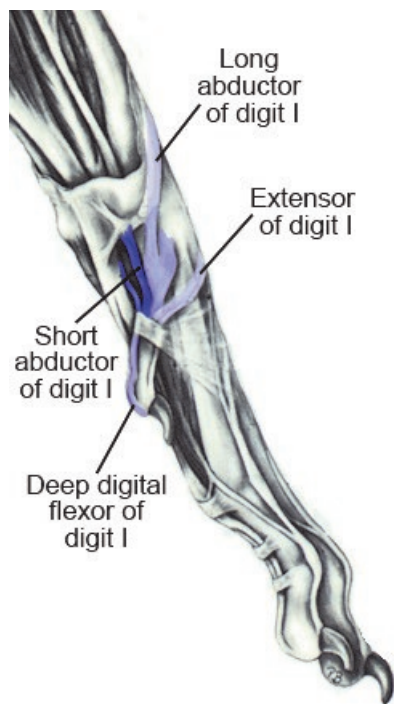


Figure 1. Anatomical diagram viewing the medial side of a dog's left front leg demonstrating the five tendons that attach to the dewclaw. - from Miller's Guide to the Dissection of the Dog

Those muscles indicate that the dewclaws have a function. That function is to prevent torque on the leg. Each time the foot lands on the ground, particularly when the dog is cantering or galloping (see Figure 2 at right), the dewclaw is in touch with the ground. If the dog then needs to turn, the dewclaw digs into the ground to support the lower leg and prevent torque. If the dog doesn't have a dewclaw, the leg twists. A lifetime of that and the result can be carpal arthritis, or perhaps injuries to other joints, such as the elbow, shoulder and toes. Remember: the dog is doing the activity regardless, and the pressures on the leg have to go somewhere.

Perhaps you are thinking, "None of my dogs have ever had carpal pain or arthritis." **Well, we need to remember that dogs, by their very nature, do not tell us about mild to moderate pain. If a dog was to be asked by an emergency room nurse to give the level of his pain on a scale from 0 to 10, with 10 being the worst, their scale would be 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Most of our dogs, especially if they deal with pain that is of gradual onset, just deal with it and don't complain unless it is excruciating.*** But when I palpate the carpal joints of older dogs without dewclaws, I frequently can elicit pain with relatively minimal manipulation.

As to the possibility of injuries to dew claws. Most veterinarians will say that such injuries actually are not very common at all. And if they do occur, then they are dealt with like any other injury. In my opinion, it is far better to deal with an injury than to cut the dew claws off of all dogs "just in case."



Figure 2. In this galloping dog, the dewclaw is in touch with the ground. If the dog then needs to turn to the right, the dewclaw digs into the ground to support the lower leg and prevent torque.

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More about her life can be found at: www.bestinshowdaily.com/blog/peak-performance-chris-zink-wrote-the-book-on-it/

*(*often true with stoic Irish Wolfhounds
- H.B.)*

Rainbow Bridge



Marshgrove Casey

August 12, 2005 - March 5, 2014

Sire: Millenium of Nutstown Dam: Marshgrove Queen Wharf

Owner: Martha Ann & Jeff Traylor

"Our Casey went to the Rainbow Bridge on March 5th. He was eight and a half years old. It was due to a heart condition. He had had a clean echocardiogram in January, 2013 and pneumonia in January of this year with no heart problems detected - but it was a very sudden onset and with a very sad and quick ending."



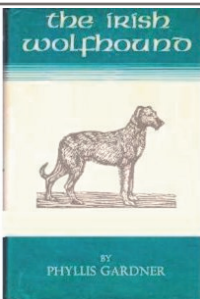
Ch. Hound Hill Tulip O'Tailstorm

October 9, 2004 - March 18, 2014

Sire: CH Hound Hill Sebastian Dam: Karontara Bevin O'Tailstorm

Owner: Donna Brown / Marvin Shultz / Frances Abrams

"Please raise a glass to celebrate the life of our beloved Tulip! We had many adventures together, most notably when she was lost for two weeks in December, five and a half years ago. Ultimately Tulip found me, jumped into my vehicle while I was sleeping, and we were reunited. Life with Tulip was always an adventure. She was a remarkable individual, the most intelligent, independent, and perceptive wolfhound I have ever had the privilege of knowing. We dealt with megaesophagus these past months, and she was coping with it, but her mobility became seriously compromised in the last week due to a fall, and we said goodbye to her a few days later. We will miss her greatly. Carl and I were so fortunate to have shared her life. Carl says Tulip was his favorite wolfhound ever, and I share that feeling."



Phyllis Gardner

An Appeal On Behalf of The Rupert Brooke Society in the United Kingdom

Phyllis Gardner is well known to students of the breed's history. The family's Coolafin kennel was active for nearly 30 years in England, and later in Ireland, before and after the Second World War. Celebrated for her outstanding contribution to the breed's literature, Phyllis's romantic attachment to the early 20th century literary figure, traveller and WW1 poet Rupert Brooke is less widely appreciated.

Today Phyllis Gardner lies forgotten and unrecognized in an unmarked grave in a churchyard in Maidenhead, to the west of London. Unwittingly the gardener, in accessing his tool shed, has worn a path across the plot.

As this year marks the 75th anniversary of Phyllis's death in 1939, The Rupert Brooke Society

invites the international Irish Wolfhound community to join in its efforts to fund and erect a fitting memorial over her grave. I urge you, in tribute to this doyenne of our noble breed, please support this very worthwhile cause. **More history, plans and pictures about the proposed memorial can be found at:**

www.rupertbrooke.com/phyllis

Donations (cheques payable to The Rupert Brooke Society) should be sent to:

Nicholas Wilkes
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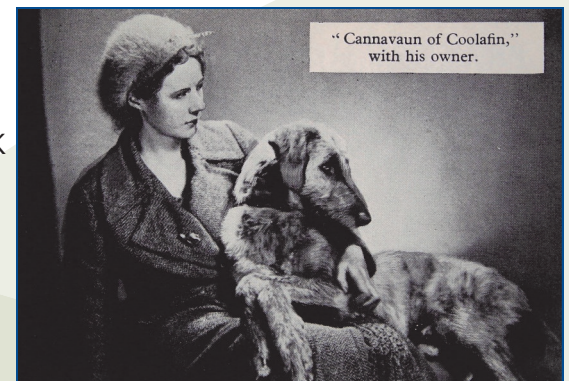
Lorna Beckett
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Online donations may be made using PayPal at:
payments@rupertbrooke.com

Thank you.

Dr. Nicholas Wilkes
Strickenoak Irish Wolfhounds
February 2014



Reading Pedigrees, A Lost Art?

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Pedigrees are much more than names on a piece of paper. To top breeders, pedigree analysis is more important than DNA because a top breeder can "read" genetic soundness.

Purebred dogs are much more than a pretty cover so it is the "family tree" that determines what is inside the eye-catching exterior.

Most kennel names on the pedigree should be familiar, and certainly some dogs should have the coveted Ch. or even GCh, and ideally, some dogs should be recognized top producers.

It's a fast paced world out there and increasingly, everyone is or wants to be in the express lane. As you may have noticed, that can lead to pileups. If you're too busy to study a stud dog's pedigree and learning basic genetics seems like a waste of time, well, your "breeding program" is headed towards a fatal crash.

According to AKC records, the average life span of a new breeder used to be 5 years but I'll wager it is now less than 3 years. So it only seems fair to take 3 minutes to learn things that can improve your time in dogs. Small rewards, like "bait" lead you onwards and help you succeed as a breeder.

First, accept the fact that names on the pedigree tell you nothing unless you've seen at least half of the first 14 dogs.

If a dog is "repeated", i.e., appears more than once, pay particular attention and research that dog. If you haven't observed the dog in person, try to get a video. Photos are better than nothing but be aware that digital retouching is common today and can erase the very fault you are trying to eliminate from your breeding program.

Parents and grandparents usually represent the most dominant genes in the pedigree but not necessarily. We'll get to the "doubled up on" factor shortly but for right now, you need to know the phenotype and genotype of the first 6 dogs; sire,

dam, and all four grandparents.

The importance of having a knowledgeable AND objective mentor in the breed can't be stressed enough. Depending on which bloodline the pedigree represents, your mentor may be a bit biased. It's human nature. The important thing when selecting a mentor to help you sort out a particular pedigree is: Has your potential mentor actually seen the first 6 dogs on the pedigree and hopefully, some of the siblings?

Look for genetic evidence of thoughtful line-breeding on a particular dog within the third or fourth generation of the pedigree you are literally buying into. If that dog produced consistently well, count him as being in the first or second generation because his genes are more concentrated and should therefore be more powerful.

A dominant, linebred great-grand sire repeated on the pedigree can contribute as much as one of the first 6 dogs.

Hang on though, before you run into that pedigree pileup, you need to know there's a little glitch in the above statement. More so today than ever before, most so-called line breedings occur as a matter of economy or convenience, not due to study of the genetics involved. A mediocre dog repeated in the pedigree can be bad news. It's up to you to ferret out the concentrated dog's quality before getting excited about a "line-bred" pedigree.

Top ranked BREED winners in the first two generations indicate someone was willing to spend time and money to prove their quality. Those dogs could be your super highway to breeding success. If the pedigree doesn't reflect one or more verifiable (1) top ranked Best Of Breed winners within the first three generations, it means one of two things; either there are no outstanding dogs despite any claims to the contrary OR you must accept that incompatible top winners bred to each other for the wrong reasons do



not guarantee success. Even if a dog and bitch are outstanding representatives, it matters not unless they are genetically compatible.

A compatible pedigree means that neither sire nor dam share the same fault either visibly (dominant) or hidden in their genes (recessive).

Ideally, both would be dominant for the most important features of breed type and/or soundness. Do not mistake compatibility as being "from the same bloodline" because frankly, very few real bloodlines exist today. Anyone can get lucky once or even twice. Before you buy into a pedigree, you need to slow down and take a good look at the road ahead. You must have a readable map (pedigree) because there's no shortcut.

Don't let the scenery distract you; see the dogs and apply what you've learned into structuring a pedigree that will last and hopefully, become a superhighway for someone else!

As a Master Breeder, I've presented dozens of seminars on breeding practices but as years went by, it became increasingly obvious that many breeders read names on a pedigree but have no idea if those dogs were prepotent and if so, for what? Today breeders put more emphasis on ring fame and not nearly enough on prepotency and actual quality. Breeding to a top dog means saleable puppies but it may not increase your reputation as a gifted breeder.

Ring success can be bought with a good handler and a fat wallet. What you do afterwards involves you! I trust you are willing to take the time (gasp) to learn the basics and apply yourself to doing it right.

Portions extracted from AKC Gazette Toy Fox Terrier column, June 2008 and ShowSign Magazine 2012.

Region 8 Regional Invitational 35th Anniversary

Hosted by S.H.O.T. and Written by Diana Vreeken



On October 19 and 20, 2013, S.H.O.T. hosted ASFA's 35th Anniversary for the Region 8 Invitational. The weather was perfect for our coursing hounds. The cool breeze from the James River kept the air crisp and the scenery was exceptional. Leaves were turning into fall colors, geese flying south, the field was green and not too wet or dry. A wet field can be dangerous with lots of slips and falls for the dogs and a field that is too dry can blow out their pads. There were three Irish Wolfhounds entered. **Rose, owned by Carole Silverthorne, Brunswick owned by Monica Gallier and my very own Min.** On Saturday, all three were ready to go. Unlike other breeds, IW owners go to the



line slowly. Watching our footing, not letting the dogs loose and trying to control them, takes full attention. The photos above - by Terri Kieffer - were taken within the first few yards of the starting line. Rose in blue, Min in Pink, Brunswick in Yellow. You can see Min starts out really well, full of gusto. What you do not see, is what happens at 100 yards out. She comes back to check out where I am and off she goes again. Brunswick follows extremely well and Rose takes the turns wide and watches from afar. All three looked like a pack surrounding their prey before the "kill". Saturday Min and Brunswick also crashed into each other. Follow the



photos below. Min turned around just in front of Brunswick, so he ran/jumped right over her. Ouch that has to hurt! Sunday was like Saturday, except for the crash. Brunswick won Best of Breed, Rose came in second and Min came in third. Min and Brunswick also won the Irish Wolfhound Breeder's Stake on Saturday and Sunday. **The crash! (Below) Min cut in front of Brunswick,**

so he decided to jump over her. Then he smashed her in the head with his back paw. The look he gave her says it all (bottom right photo.)



CONGRATULATIONS!

Above: IW Breeder's Stake Winners "Quinlan's Piece of the Pattern" (Min) with Diana Vreeken, and on the right "Quinlan's Brunswick Stew" with Monica Gallier.



Regional Events

AKC Obedience / Rally / Agility

There are too many regional Rally/Agility/Obedience events to list in this space! If these interest you, please go to: www.akc.org/events/search and click on the "Obedience/Agility/AKC Rally" tab.



LGRA Straight Race

APRIL

26 IWCA National Specialty @ Greys Summit, MO

Potomac Valley Irish Wolfhound Club (PVIWC) Fun Day

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, September 21, 2014

Highland House, Home of the Rebas at 5519 Old National Pike, Frederick, MD

Entries open 11 a.m. FUN for EVERY Hound!

Go to: www.pviwc.org

AKC Conformation

APRIL

24-27 Morgantown, WV

26-27 Florence, SC

MAY

10-11 Raleigh, NC

17-18 Manassas, VA

23-26 Fletcher, NC

24-26 Hampton, VA

31-6/1 Charlottesville, VA

JUNE

1 Charlottesville, VA

7-8 Fishersville, VA

7-8 Fletcher, VA

14-15 Waynesville,

14-15 Morgantown, WV

21-24 Richmond, VA

26-30 Richmond, VA

JULY

5-6 Huntington, WV

12-13 Woodstock, VA

19-20 Ridgeland, SC

AKC Lure Coursing Trial & C.A.T. (Coursing Ability Test)

APRIL

26-27 Langley Kennel Club @ Hayes, VA (C.A.T.)

MAY

17-18 M.A.H.A. @ Reidsville, NC

AUGUST

16-17 C.H.A.M.P. @ Leesburg, VA

OCTOBER

11-12 M.A.H.A. @ Rocky Mount, NC



Lure Coursing

APRIL

30 IWCA National Specialty @ Greys Summit, MO

MAY

3-4 C.H.A.M.P. @ Leesburg, VA

AUGUST

9-10 M.A.H.A. @ Reidsville, NC

SEPTEMBER

6-7 D.A.S.H. @ Martinsburg, WV

2014 Regional, National and International Event Calendar

Event	Date	Location	Website
IWCA National Specialty	Mon., April 28 - Thurs., May 1, 2014	Grey Summit, MO	www.iwca2014.com
IWCC Quebec Regional	Saturday, May 21, 2014	Quebec, Canada	www.iwcc.ca
Northstar IW Club Specialty	Friday, June 6, 2014	Jordan, MN	www.northstariw.com
IW Assoc. of New England Specialty	Sun., July 27 - Mon., July 28, 2014	Boxborough, MA	www.iwane.org
IW Club of Puget Sound Specialty	Friday, August 1, 2014	Auburn, WA	www.iwcps.org
Rocky Mountain IW Assoc. Specialty	Friday, August 29, 2014	Greely, CO	www.rmiwa.org
IW Club of Canada National Specialty	Sat., Sept. 20 - Sun., Sept. 21, 2014	Belleville, Ontario	www.iwcc.ca
Potomac Valley IW Club Fun Day	Sun., Sept. 21, 2014	Frederick, MD	www.pviwc.org
IW Assoc. Delaware Valley Specialty	Sun., Oct. 5 - Mon., Oct. 6, 2014	Mohnton, PA	www.iwadv.org
IW Assoc. of the Garden State	Sun., Oct. 26 - Mon., Oct. 27, 2014	TBA	www.iwags.org

Future North American National Specialties

2015 IWCA National Specialty	May 25 - 28, 2015	Greely, CO	
2015 IW Club of Canada National Specialty	September 18 - 20, 2015	Brackley, Prince Edward Island (PEI)	www.iwcc.ca
2016 IWCA National Specialty	May 2 - 5, 2016	Grey Summit, MO	
2017 IWCA National Specialty	TBA	East Coast, US	
2018 IWCA National Specialty	April 30 - May 3, 2018	Grey Summit, MO	

Club Update

By Nancy Fauser



Greetings, IWAMS members! I am the new Secretary for the Board, and wanted to take a moment to get in touch with you all. In the very near future, all active members will receive the first-ever membership card, as well as an IWAMS sticker for your vehicle (both featuring the newly designed club logo), in the mail. Your Board members are very excited about having these items available. Also, the website is being updated and you will get a notice announcing when it is ready. In the meantime, if you have any questions, thoughts, or suggestions, please feel free to contact any Board member.

IWAMS and AKC Events

By Donna Pitt

At the annual fall gathering of IWAMS in November, we approved an expansion of the club's interest and activity to include the pursuit of recognition by the American Kennel Club as a regional specialty club enabled to offer AKC events, including confirmation, obedience, rally and coursing events. To begin that process, I agreed to explore the steps with AKC and to prepare us to put on an approved conformation match, one of the requirements leading to recognition by AKC. In the next newsletter I will explain the process and the path that we will be taking toward that goal. If you would like to help, please send me an email at: cvmdsp@vt.edu



Gorgeous Painting

In early March, at an auction house in St. Louis, this beautiful 20th century British painting by Adrienne Lester was sold for \$2,750. It was described as **"BORIS, Irish Wolfhound, circa 1905, oil on canvas. Boris was no. 290 on Graham's Pedigrees, born 1896, breeder M. K. Angelo, painted when Boris was turning age-grey, signed lower left, and inscribed on the stretcher, framed. 20" x 26" bears label verso from Vixseboxse Galleries, Cleveland, OH."**



2014 IWAMS Calendars

There are a few 2014 IWAMS calendars still available for \$15 each! Each month features Irish Wolfhound(s) in a picture(s) submitted by members. To buy one, email Liz at: liz@loneriderbrewery.com with the subject line "2014 IWAMS calendar order". Thank you for making this calendar a success each year! Pictures for the 2015 Calendar will be due in September - all seasons are needed.

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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.