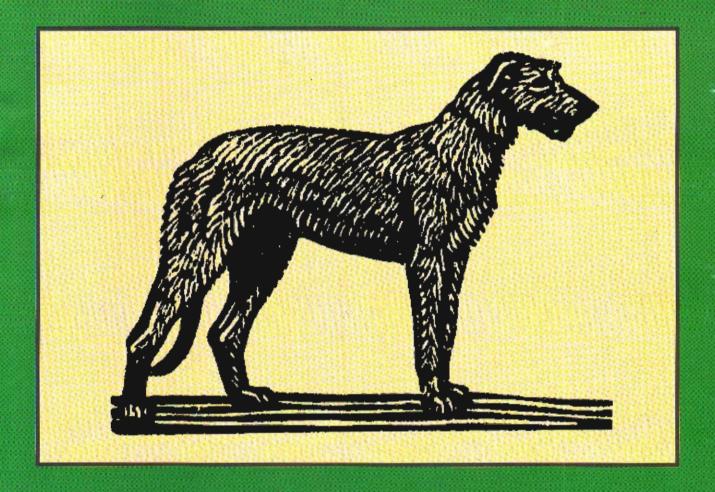
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- 1. The standard of excellence and list of points in order of merit.
 - General appearance: The Irish Wolfhound should not be quite so heavy or massive as the Great Dane, but more so than the Deerhound, which in general type he should otherwise resemble. Of great size and commanding appearance, very muscular, strongly 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 31 inches and 120 pounds; of bitches, 28 inches and 90 pounds. Anything below this should be debarred 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 inches to 34 inches in dogs, showing the requisite power, activity, courage and symmetry.
- 2. 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. Bite, scissors ideal, level acceptable.
- 3. Neck: Rather long, very strong and muscular, well arched, without dewlap or loose skin about the throat.
- 4. Chest: Very deep. Breast wide.
- 5. Back: Rather long than short. Loins arched.
- 6. Tail: Long and slightly curved, of moderate thickness, and well covered with hair.7. Belly: Well drawn up.
- 8. Forequarters: Shoulders 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.
- 9. Hindquarters: Muscular thighs and second thigh long and strong as in the Greyhound, and hocks well let down and turning neither in nor out.
- 10. Feet: Moderately large and round, neither turned inwards nor outwards. Toes, well arched and closed. Nails, very strong and curved.
- 11. Hair: Rough and hard on body, legs and head; especially wiry and long over eyes and under jaw.
- 12. Colour and markings: The recognized colours are grey, brindle, red, black, pure white, fawn, or any colour that appears in the Deerhound.
- 13. Faults: Too light or too heavy a head, too highly arched frontal bone; large ears and hanging flat to the face; short neck; full dewlap; too narrow or too broad chest; sunken or hollow or quite straight back; bent forelegs; overbent fetlocks; twisted feet; spreading toes; too curly a tail; weak hindquarters and general want of muscle; too short in body; pink or liver-coloured eyelids; lips and nose any colour other than black; very light eyes.

List of Points in order of Merit

- 1. Typical: The Irish Wolfhound should not be quite so heavy or massive as the Great Dane, but more so than the Deerhound, which in general type he should otherwise resemble.
- 2. Great Size and commanding appearance.
- 3. Movements easy and active.
- 4. Head, long and level, carried high.
- 5. Forelegs, heavily boned, quite straight; elbows well set under.
- 6. Thighs long and muscular; second thighs, well muscled, stifles nicely bent.
- 7. Coat, rough and hard, especially wiry and long over the eyes and under jaw.
- 8. Body, long, well ribbed up, with ribs well sprung, and great breadth across hips.
- 9. Loins arched, belly well drawn up.
- 10. Ears, small, with greyhound-like carriage.
- 11. Feet, moderately large and round; toes close, well arched.
- 12. Neck, long, well arched and very strong.
- 13. Chest, very deep, moderately broad.
- 14. Shoulders, muscular, set sloping.
- 15. Tail, long and slightly curved.
- 16. Eyes, dark.

Note: The above in no way alters the 'Standard of Excellence' which must in all cases be rigidly adhered to; they simply give the various points in order of merit. If in any case they appear at variance with Standard of Excellence it is the latter which is correct.

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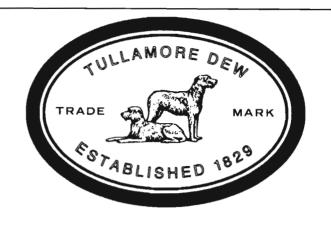
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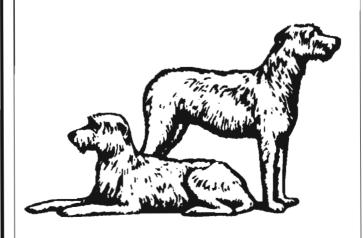


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Apologies for errors from last magazine as reported by Ika Peiler Pg 19 should have read Ch Mallanigh Dawn Chase of Knocknarea for Best Movement

pg 21 should have read Mallanigh for group win at the Hound Association and for the Annual Champion

For Group Wins at the Hound Association and Irish Breeds, these should have been Best in Show Wins

pg 27 New Champion should have read Mallanigh Dawn Chase of Knocknarea

Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland Championship show, June 2nd, 2002 - Judges critique



L-R Mick Drennan, steward, Espen Engh, judge, Susan Kealey, stewart, Anthony Killykeen Doyle, president

I had a most memorable day judging the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland championship show. The ring was of more than ample size and the weather was well nigh perfect for Irish Wolfhounds. The hospitality and the sportsmanship of the exhibitors were second to none. Thanks to the organizers and above all to the exhibitors for a lovely day.

Quality was overall quite good, with hardly any bad representatives of the breed, a lot of dogs in the middle range from pleasing to very good, but only a handful that I would classify as of truly outstanding quality. I was looking for a clog of commanding appearance. combining strength and power with sighthound quality and suppleness. I was happy to find this in the winners, if not in the majority.

In general angulation could be improved both ends, i.e. some had good angulation of shoulder and lay-back of upper arm and others were quite well angulated behind, but very few excelled at both ends.

On the plus side. ears were considerably better than what I have usually encountered when judging the breed in many other countries. Coats were also overall pleasing, some of the darkest dogs impressed especially with truly amazing, harsh, wiry coat, gleaming with condition and perfectly clean. Legs and feet were overall also from good to excellent as were temperaments with only very few exceptions.

Movement overall needed much attention, both coining and going as well as from the side.

Then to the individual critiques. I have chosen to critique the dogs exactly as I saw then, what else could possibly be the purpose of a critique anyway? According to Scandinavian tradition (and as opposed to recent British traditions) I have pointed out both the major virtues and the major imperfections of each dog. I feel confident that the sturdy and sporting Irish exhibitors are able to take these comments, including the criticism, in the same spirit that they were intended.

Espen Engh* (Norway), judge

MINOR PUPPY DOG:

Two nice puppies, both eight months old.

1. Dympner Flint

A fawn dog with a well chiselled head, eyes could be darker, correct bite, well shaped ears that are not too big, a capacious chest, medium length of neck, moderate angulation in front, very good legs and feet. Still needs to develop in body shape, but is quite nicely proportioned and typical of his age, strong and wide thighs. Moved actively and easily around, reasonably sound coming and going. Very pleasing legs and feet. Sparse coat of good texture.

2. Saol Tirna Fergal

Another attractive puppy, dark grey. has more scope and shape of body and a better coat, but needs a lot of ring training and does not coordinate and is hard to assess in movement. Moves narrow behind, too straight in pasterns. Fair head, correct bite. Acceptable ears. Neck off medium length. Needs to strengthen a lot in hindquarters and go to training classes.

PUPPY DOG:



1. Knocknarea Sonic

Very typey, stylish dark fawn dog. Typically racey and sighthound-like idea, he impressed for type, proportions and his proud bearing and carriage. Long, well-chiseled head, moderate eye colour, well-shaped rose ears. Long, elegant neck with enough strength for age, balanced angulation in front. Very well set neck, very shapely in top- and underline. Needs to develop further in body and to gain more strength of hindquarters, but he is very handsome and impressive. Moderate bone. Moved well from the side, a bit narrow behind. Reserve Green Star.

2. Cooladerra Moonshadow

11 months old brindle male. All over moderate and nice enough, but not up to the competition of the winner because he lacks the same intensity of quality. Masculine, fair head, good ears, strong neck, moderate angulation in front and behind, but could be a bit more generous both ends. Well developed in body with good depth and especially good volume, could be shown somewhat leaner. His main problem is that he does not coordinate very well in movement, raises his tail and thus cannot compete with the winner in suppleness, carriage and style.

JUNIOR DOG



1. Cashel of Nutstown

Deep wheaten male, 12 months, very well developed for his age. he is powerful, masculine, has a lot of substance, acceptable head that could be somewhat longer, pincer bite. eyes could be darker, good ears, neck could be longer and his front assembly is set too far forward which is also reflected in his movement where he lifts his front legs too much. He is very deep, has a lot of substance, very pleasing topline with excellent arch of loin. Hindquarters of moderate length, strong and wide thighs. Needs some more elegance and finesse all through. He has a good coat quality, especially for his colour. Moved OK from the side, except for lifting his front legs, somewhat narrow behind. Nice, long tail.

NOVICE DOG:



1. Rossa of Nutstown

Light brindle male, almost two years old. He has a well shaped head, if not very long. His eye colour blends with the coat, ears could have better rose shape even if they are small, acceptable neck, good shoulders, but his upper arms are too straight which results in his entire front assembly standing in front of the dog. Deep and capacious chest, very well developed for his age. I liked his length, his very pleasing topline with arch of loin, strong and wide thighs. Moderately angulated behind. He moved with style and pride from the side, but could be a little more supple and may perfect his movement coning and going, but not at all bad.

2. Gulliagh Niadh

An upstanding dark brindle dog who looks much younger than his 20 months. There is a lot to like about him. especially his overall type, and he may amount to something much better with maturity. He is very straight in his upper arms. needs depth and needs to drop a lot. Very pleasing head, neat ears, long neck. Pleasing hindquarters standing still and he uses them well coming and going, but tends to crouch and looks rather uncomfortable and needs to carry himself better. Needs to stay home and grow both physically and mentally and develop in his front and forechest. I would be interested in seeing him again in a couple of years or so.

GRADUATE DOG:



1. Millenium of Nutstown

Brindle male, well made, sound and pleasing in many ways. but a bit compact and could do with a little more raciness. He has a masculine head. pleasing expression, neat ears, strong neck of acceptable length, moderately angulated in front. Good depth of chest, pleasing length, good topline, nice coat quality, stands well on his feet. Needs some more length of hock and knee and could do with some more drive in his hindquarters, but is easy and active and well syncronized in movement, acceptable, but not impressive coming and going. All over a nice dog, but needs that something extra.

LIMIT DOG:



1. Knocknarea Phelix

Well developed, long-cast brindle dog with a very pleasing body silhouette, he covers a lot of ground, he is deep and he is well angulated both ends. Mediocre head, acceptable ears, neck strong rather than long, very good legs and feet. Tends to hock in, more so standing than moving. Moves with a nice balance, sound enough. but needs some more carriage and neck to complete the picture.

2. Gulliagh Zest

Sighthound-like, upstanding. elegant male who has probably not quite reached his potential yet. -vice head. Needs more front-fill, forechest and more depth and substance in his body. Moderate. but balanced angulation in front and behind, very pleasing outline. Another I would like to see when he has matured and developed more strength and power.

3. Nutstown Adare

Masculine dog who covers good ground, but fails in balance. His bite is not correct. looks like a worndown undershot, otherwise pleasing in head, excellent ears. Moderately angulated in front. Good depth, nice underline, but tends to be high behind both standing and moving, probably connected to his lack of angulation in the stifle. Good legs and feet. Acceptable mover, but not more. Good coat quality.

OPEN DOG:



1. Ch. Fernhead Apollo at Baronglen

Impressive, typey. strong and masculine, wheaten dog with a particularly attractive silhouette. covering a lot of ground and above all a particularly

commanding appearance. He has depth, length and a very impressive outline. To be picky, I would have preferred a better layback of upper arm and. a somewhat stronger and more massive head for optimal balance with the rest of him. Acceptable ears, eye colour blending with coat. Barely acceptable pincer bite. Strong neck which he uses to his great advantage. Good shoulders, shapely body, strong and powerful thighs. quite well angulated behind. He moved well coming and going. acceptable from the side. He won the Green Star and Best In Show on his type and overall appearance more than anything else.

2. Ch. Uella Adventurer

Another type-wise very pleasing dog with a beautiful head, good ears. his eyes could be darker for his colour - a rather dark brindle. Moderately angulated in front and behind, but balances well. Needs some more spring of pastern. He has good depth and a very pleasing body shape. Overall a very nice dog indeed, but he could be more parallel coming and going and he does not carry himself as much as he needs to instantly fill the eye.

3. The Black Knight of Nutstown

Powerful, masculine dark brindle dog. would have preferred him somewhat more upstanding for balance. He has a fabulous coat quality, excellent depth and width, good length of body, but I prefer a more sighthound-like overall appearance. Strong, masculine head which could be better chiseled and more noble, ears are flat and hanging close to head. Moderate angulation both ends. Could be more parallel coming and going, sound from the side.

VETERAN DOG:

Two very nice veterans.

1. Ch.Juxtalia Macmathuna of Knocknarea

Avery well balanced male, seven years old, but looking younger than his age. very pleasing type and quality, not very big, but certainly big enough, similar to some of the best Scandinavian dogs. He has a well chiseled ear, his teeth are worn down and I wonder what his bite used to be like, neat, small ears, powerful neck, well angulated in front, deep and capacious chest. very pleasing body proportions. Still keeps his arch of loin. Moderate. but balanced hind quarter angulation. Good coat quality. Moved well from all angles, especially for his age. Seriously considered for the major awards.

2. Fingal of Nutstown

Majestic, all-male dog with lots of power and substance. Lots to like about him. He has great depth. excellent width all through, good length of body, needs more angulation in stifle and hock and tended to be high behind in movement. Stands very firmly

MINOR PUPPY BITCH:



1. Golden Lady of Nutstown

Eight months old fawn bitch, especially pleasing in topline. not so big and could be a little more upstanding for optimal balance. Her front assembly is somewhat forward set, but she was the one that moved and carried herself the best, also a lot better than her competition coming and going. I particularly appreciated her smooth topline with a gentle arch of loin and her deep and capacious body for her age. She still needs to develop in forechest and her upper arm could have a better layback. Quite small ears, not perfectly rose shaped. eyes could be darker but blends well with the coat. Pleasing feminine head, very good legs and feet.

2. Knocknarea Unique

A very different bitch, bigger and much longer. She covers a lot of ground and is more sighthound-like. Very pleasing outline,

3. Tae A Do of Nutstown

Also eight months old, very distinctly striped brindle who has not grown any coat yet. Very puppyish in body shape and very well covered with puppy fat. Moderately angulated in front and behind, very good legs and feet. She will need quite some time to develop further and to be taught how to present herself in the ring.

PUPPY BITCH:

1. Sceoling Cunaardri

Brindle bitch with very pleasing shape and type. Unfortunately she is not at all accustomed to dog shows and is a bit reluctant to be handled by the judge, which is something which I could barely accept as she is still just a puppy. She has a well chiseled, feminine head, good ears, normal neck, well-proportioned body. Moderate, but balanced angulation both ends, covers good ground, good depth. Very good legs and feet, moved well from the side, somewhat unstable coming and going. Indeed a bitch with very good potential, but she needs to be out more to make her more accessible in temperament.

IUNIOR BITCH:



1. Sally of Nutstown

Substantial, well developed dark brindle bitch. Very balanced. very well constructed. needs to develop some more elegance and could be a little more houndy for my preference, but a very handsome bitch with much to offer. Easily the best in this class, especially standing. Her bite is bordering of what can be accepted, the teeth are already worn down. Well shaped ears even if they are not the smallest. Strong and long neck, especially deep chest for her age, very pleasing topline, well angulated both in front and behind, stands very well on her feet. Moved OK.

2. Dympner 0 My Darling

Twelve months old, looking young for her class, but uses her legs well when viewed from the side. At this time rather tube shaped and needs to develop in outline. Feminine head, long neck, moderate front angulation, needs to gain body mass and shape, stands well on her feet. supple mover. but still rather proud of her tail, not as pleasing coming and going.

3. Uella Orchid of Tibrioarn

Well developed 18 months old bitch, a little low on legs. Long head, but would prefer some more parallelity of planes. Moderate neck, which could have contributed to more elegance if longer, well angulated in front with a good layback of tipper arm. very deep chest, long body covering plenty of ground, strong and wide thighs, very good legs and feet, moved acceptably, but not more.

NOVICE BITCH:

1. Gulliagh Nedine

Typey, excellent bitch, but unfortunately she needs a lot more ring experience and social training and does not make the best of herself. Very beautiful head. long, well chiseled, flat cheeks, neat, small rose-shaped ears — she ended up with the trophy for best head and expression. Long neck. moderate, but balanced angulation in front. Sufficient depth; pleasing body length, all of this creating a beautiful balance. In glimpses she showed that she can move well from

the side, but most of the time she did not, preferring to lower herself and not get off the ground. Movement as seen from behind could be improved. She was not really afraid, but neither was she comfortable. please bring her out more.

2. Hodsons Gal of Nutstown

Darker brindle bitch, feminine and elegant, quite pleasing in head. but not as classical as the winner. She has moderate, but balanced angulation both ends. pleasing silhouette and moved with energy, but could be improved significantly coming and going. Coat could be a little harsher.

3. Dympner Love Sweet Melody

Very light wheaten bitch, quite well developed for her 12 months, but has grown rapidly and is still rather babyish in body shape and lacks coat. A lovely, sweet character. she moved with a lot of energy from the side. I would have preferred some more angulation of stifle and she could put some more weight on her front legs. Needs to develop in body silhouette with maturity.

GRADUATE BITCH:

A good class.

1. Gulliagh Narnia

Typically sighthound-like. elegant, feminine bitch with a beautiful head, very good ears, long neck, stands very well on her legs, moderately angulated both ends, sufficient depth, she has nice curves to her body, but I would prefer her to cover some more ground. She can move well from the side when she wants to, acceptable coming and going.

2. Mallnigh Lailli of Knocknarea

Very strong and powerful, big bitch, long, deep, very well developed, but this is a bit too much for a bitch in my opinion. Very well angulated in front, excellent depth. very pleasing underline. She covers plenty of ground, moved well and a real showdog. I would definitely have preferred her more feminine.

3. Nutstown Aine

Another nice bitch with very good depth. length and construction, but I would prefer her more up on legs and she tends to give away in topline. Not very happy today and seems rather uncomfortable with her handler. She refuses to walk a straight line. Her underline is somewhat out of shape, possibly due to a real or false pregnancy. A bit wide in front both standing and moving. Still there is lots to like about this bitch, her type and quality in particular, it was unfortunate that she did not want to show off her virtues.

LIMIT BITCH:



1. Knocknarea Orlando

Very attractive bitch with an unusual colour; brindle on body. but almost solid grey in head. At first glance one might assume that she is an old bitch. but she is in her prime. Very sound and well constructed. Nice enough in head, dark eves. reasonably good ears. Her neck is strong and powerful, but not particularly elegant - and this is the main point I would change about her. Stands very well on her well angulated front. deep and capacious body with good length, strong, powerful thighs, very good legs and feet. Moved well from all angles. Bitch Green Star.

2. Gulliagh Zamora

A sighthound-like, racey brindle bitch of very pleasing type. Her ears are not good, hanging and lacking rose-shape, otherwise reasonable head. Moderate neck and front angulation, just enough depth and volume. She is an overall nice bitch, but lacks that little extra. Very good hindquarters, which she uses very well in side movement, but not sound going away.

3. Tarlog Avoca

Upstanding, big, stylish and very elegant bitch, she looks young and immature, for the class. Feminine head with a tendency to a roman nose. Would prefer more angulation in front and needs to develop more depth and volume of chest. Attractive silhouette. Moved very light on her feet, but a little high-stepping in front and needs to develop some more power to her movement.

OPEN BITCH:



1. My Bernie of Nutstown

Substantial. dark-coloured bitch, very sound, especially in side movement, but again could be a little more up on leg. Strong body, deep, very good width in the front. Ears could have a more perfect rose-shape, but they are quite small and do not distort the overall picture. Strong neck, long-bodied, pleasing topline, moved well from the side. not too careful coming or going. Reserve Green Star.

2. Ch.Knocknarea Panache

A type-wise impressive wheaten bitch, more upstanding than the winner and more graceful, very big. She has a well chiseled head, pleasing eves and neat ears. Uses her legs very well when moving around, but unfortunately she did not carry herself too, and was not too pleasing corning or going either. Toes out a bit in front, otherwise stands well on her legs and feet. Deep, capacious body, very attractive underline and topline.

3. Owenrmore Chalcedony of Calcara

A bitch who moves indeed very well from the side, but she needs more length of body and does not cover enough ground on the stack. Feminine and with quality, she has a lot to like about her, but is just too short-coupled and moved very narrow behind.

VETERAN BITCH:

1. Owenmore Daisy

Seven years old, elegant. feminine bitch with a typical sighthound-shape and especially appealing underline, strong, muscular thighs, she is richly coated, has neat, small ears and elegant neck and stands very well on her feet for her age.

2. Mystic Maiden of Nutstown

Nine year old wheaten bitch, well preserved and you does not show her age much. but she sure does show that she is a very good eater. Good coat quality. deep and capacious body, plenty of forechest. Strong character, but did not find the dog show at all entertaining and was determined that moving equals getting out of the ring.



Finneys Guilliagh team manfully handled by Tim

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We welcome letters from our readers and would be interested to hear your views, opinions and experiences. All letters are printed at the Committee's discretion

Letter to the Editor

I have been a member of the Irish Wolfhound Club for over thirty years during that time I have served for a large part on the club committee. It was for the greatest part a great pleasure to work for and participate in the club activities. We were looked on in the Dog World as a model Dog club, with the behaviour and demeanour within the club as placid and dignified as the Hounds we represent.

I seriously doubt that anyone attending the AGMs of the last few years can say that this state of affairs still exists. The rancour and division within the club has been plain for everybody who attended to see. Therefore the purpose of this letter is twofold.

- 1. To raise a number of questions which go to the heart of the matter and by doing so see if open and fair discussion can get rid of the divisions within the club and return us to the previous respect that we had externally and internally as a club.
- 2. To bring these issues to all of the membership through this magazine as many people are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting and therefore may not be aware of recent events. As this is our club magazine what better place to do it?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, cont'd

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At the 2000 Irish Wolfhound Club AGM the Irish Kennel Club was asked to preside. They did. At that meeting the outgoing President, Chairman and Secretary in their addresses to the AGM stated why they would not put their names forward for re-election. With the length and quality of service that these three people had given to the club, their loss should be considered a major blow. Despite the fact that their departure brings a change of personnel within committee in the last four years to at least thirteen, including one President, three Chairmen, three Secretaries and two Treasurers neither the minutes of the AGM nor any of these Officers reports were published in the 1999/2000 Club Magazine. Surely as a club, all members should be aware why such long standing members and Trojan workers for the Club no longer wish to put their names forward for committee or office. It has been standard practise for many years to print the AGM minutes in the Magazine so the following questions need to be asked.

- 1. Why was it necessary for the Irish Kennel Club to Chair the 2000 AGM?
- 2. Why will people who have given long service to the club no longer stand for election?
- 3. Why were their reasons as stated at the 2000 AGM not published?
- Why have election results at AGM's become so lopsided.

In the twenty odd years I have served on the IWC committee, I have seen four or five personnel changes, mostly due to death, relocation or other commitments. I believe change should be positive and enriching for the club. Surely this cannot be so with the loss of so many fine long standing officers and committee members who have given unselfishly to the club for many years and whose passing from office has hardly even been noted in the 1999/ 2000 magazine.

I myself have not been elected in the last three years, which is not why I write this letter. The Club was founded for the betterment of the Breed. That is why I participated. I would ask the ordinary members of the club to be aware of the politics within the club and to question these issues I have raised. I believe that only when we have open and informed discussion can we restore the club to the dignity and respect with which it was held in the Dog World,

I put the above forward as a concerned member and I sincerely hope that you will allow my viewpoint to be printed in what I regard as our magazine

Tony Redmond. (Life Member).

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Dear Editor,

Your 1999-2000 issue of The Irish Hound was sensational! I so enjoyed the many features and ads.

Seeing my old Ballykellys was a bittersweet experience. (Sheelagh I hope you enjoyed them too!).

Speaking of Sheelagh and especially after reading this recent issue, it has occurred to me that I am not alone in designating Sheelagh as my mentor – it's now apparent that many of us want to claim that honour!

Two notes re: my ads:

- 1) Credit must be given to John English in translating Toagourimou (pg 43). I believe it was through John's sister that he gathered such information.
- 2) Ballykelly Ballymou (pg 42) unfortunately never completed her U.S. title though she certainly was championship material.

Finally, changing to the subject of health matters, IW fanciers might be interested in a forthcoming study related to osteosarcoma in the leg. This research will be conducted by Stuart Helfland, DVM, oncologist at the University of Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. As I understand, the drug Interluken 12, will be injected into the tumour site in the hope that it (the drug) will track down and kill cancer cells in the blood stream. After this process (if it is successful), the affected leg will be amputated followed up with chemotherapy. There is the potential I was told by one US IW health specialist of not only a longer survival time, but also possibly even a complete cure.

Mary Ann Russell USA.

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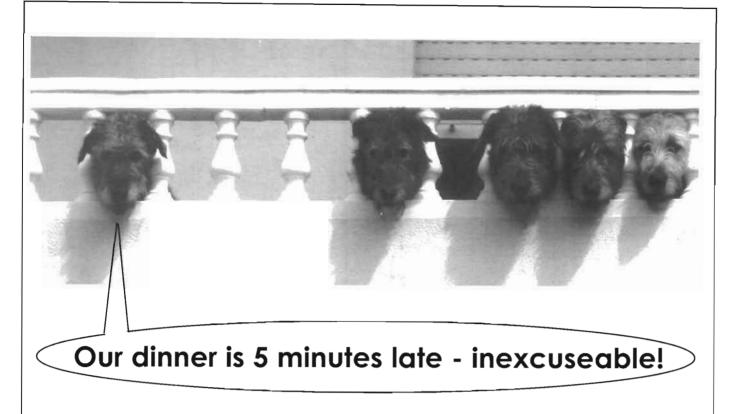
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IRISH BREEDS SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

14TH SEPTEMBER 2002

Thank you for inviting me to judge your Irish Wolfhounds. Coming home to Ireland is always such a treat for me.

The overall quality of the breed was good with strong boned, well-conformed dogs. A couple of rather overweight hounds tended to spoil the required hound lines; they are after all, the king of the Greyhound. Mouths on the whole were good, with the exception of a few misplaced teeth and one or two with light eyes. Majority of dogs had excellent coat texture and I was impressed with size.

Maggie Brooks, Judge

PUPPY DOG. (2) LAB

1st Donnelly's DYMPNER FLINT

This 11 month old wheaten stood alone. Rather fine all through. Lovely long neck into well placed shoulder. Tended to be short in upper arm. Reasonable top line with good arch over loin. Nice sweep of stifle and low set hocks. Good set of tail, which he carried well. A little unsettled on the move, would have liked more reach in front, but his hind action was honest.

NOVICE DOG. (2) ALL AB

GRADUATE DOG. (4)

lst Finney's GULLIAGH NIADH.

A tall 2 year old with large frame. Beautiful head held on strong neck, into a good shoulder. Sufficient depth of brisket and well drawn up belly. A little narrow in front, but should fill with maturity. Lovely movement in profile, hind quarters broad and strong, angulated stifles with well let down hocks. He extended with great reach and drive, producing nice easy ground coverage. Impressive dog with all the right curves.

2nd Harvey's GULLIAGH ZOLTAN.

On another day these two dogs could have changed places. Such an impressive hound standing. Loved his head and expression with soft dark eyes and an abundance of furnishing. Small well placed rose ears held tight to the skull. Correct arch and length of neck all set into a good front assembly. Nice flowing lines with pleasing top line and arch over loin. Correct length of first and second thigh and broad low hocks. Excellent movement with lightness of foot. Should have a bright future.

LIMIT DOG. (2)

1st Kelly's NUTSTOWN ADARE.

This five-year-old brindle dog is an enormous impressive hound of sturdy shape and size. Typical head, correct length of muzzle and balanced skull with neat ears and dark eye. Correct front with

muscular sloping shoulders and reasonable upper arm. Tremendous bone and excellent round deep podded feet. He rises too early over the loin, which rather spoilt his top line. Well set tail into croup, which was thick and long and well carried. He has a deep chest, well-ribbed back giving nice curve of underline. He lacked enthusiasm on the move, carrying too much weight. I would have liked more bend to stifle and width to second thigh. A lower knee would help angulation. One of the best coat textures.

2nd Donnelly's BALLAGHMORE LAD

This boy is younger than 1, lighter in bone and a smaller size. Reasonable head proportions, but rather plain and lacking in furnishings. Nice long neck, adequately angled shoulder, good length of upper arm, with good forechest. Long in loin spoiling overall balance. Has not got the desired width across the hindquarters. Movement was free, but a little erratic. Looked better in profile.

VETERAN DOG. (2) LAB

1st Kelly's FINGAL OF NUTSTOWN

Another large impressive dog from this kennel. At eight years of age this elderly gentleman was enjoying his day out. An influential stud dog that looked every part the patriarch. Excellent breadth of body, good spring of rib and large strong bone. He has the correct front assembly, slope of upper arm and muscular forechest. Hind quarters broad and strong. Long thick tail, looks fit for his age.

OPEN DOG. (3)

1st-Finney's GULLIAGH ZEST

On entering the ring this dog announced his presence. A true Irish hound of commanding size and appearance, a beautiful example of the breed. Graceful but strong, powerful but gentle and noble. An excellent male head of correct proportions, carried proudly on a strong arched neck, going into a good shoulder. Kind dark eye, good ear placement, correct bite and furnishings. Heavy robust bone, straight front legs, elbows set under correctly and good depth of brisket. He

moved with log easy strides covering plenty of ground. Scored with his tremendous quarters, long sweeping stifles with excellent bend and width. He drove firmly from powerful broad hocks, which were perfectly parallel standing. One built for endurance. An overall balanced illustration. Green Star Dog and Best of Opposite Sex. Should soon gain his well-deserved crown.

2nd Kelly's IR.CH. THE BLACK KNIGHT OF NUTSTOWN.

Another pleasing dog. Strong black brindle who moved with purpose. Not as tall as 1 but still a well-built hound. Beautiful head with gentle eye. Correct shoulder and length of upper arm. Would have liked a shorter loin with longer lateral rib. Nicely arched croup, well set tail. Excellent quarters with sturdy hocks giving good driving action. Shorter on leg but a typical hound who held his shape on the move. Reserve Green Star Dog.

PUPPY BITCH. (5) TAB

1st Kelly's GOLDEN LADY OF NUTSTOWN

Youngest of her class at just 10 months. A very balanced wheaten lady with well proportioned head, soft eye and the smallest rose ears. She is quite long in body, but has a good shoulder, depth of chest and spring of rib. Nice underline and good angle of croup. She pins in slightly, needs time to tighten. Still rather loose at elbow, time should rectify. Hind movement was pleasing, with good driving action, a very sound youngster. Best Puppy.

2nd Peller's KNOCKNAREA UNIQUE.

11-month-old silver grey brindle with sweet feminine head, good eye, mouth and ears. Long arched neck well set into good shoulder. Long upper arm with reasonable slope. Excellent top line and strong broad quarters well angulated with free moving gait. Ran 1st close.

JUNIOR BITCH (1) LAB

NOVICE BITCH (5) 2AB

1st Kelly's SALLY OF NUTSTOWN

What a star! This 18-month-old black lady was sheer quality. She had superb confirmation with harmonious curves of outline. Beautiful feminine head set on a strong arched neck, going into an accurate shoulder. Precise forechest, not overdone, with good length and lay back of upper arm. This excellently constructed front was one of the best assemblies there on the day. Correct depth and length of rib cage contributed towards a fluent regular flow, going into a good tuck-up. Great breadth across the hips with good bend and width of stifle, strong well let down hocks. Movement was true and exact. She gave a beautifully balanced picture of symmetry and grace that epitomised the breed. Could not be denied her G.S. and B.O.B. One to watch out for, should have a glowing future.

2nd Finney's GULLIAGH NEDINE

Smaller than 1, but full of quality, flowing curves and excellent ring presence. The handler brought out the best in her. Feminine head, good eye, ears with lovely long, strong neck well set into a nice shoulder, another with excellent front assembly. Deep rib cage, good tuck-up, excellent top line. Broad strong hindquarters well angulated stifles, strong driving hocks. Beautiful easy side gait, also true coming and going.

GRADUATE BITCH. (3) LAB

1st Messenger's UELLA ORCHID OF TIBRIDARN

Her breed type shone out in this class. This wheaten brindle has an excellent head into a reasonable length of neck. A thick coat, it would have helped the lines if stripped out around the head and neck. Her shoulders are good and upper arm is excellent. She has great breadth and width of body. Lovely hind quarters with strong bone. Moved with long easy action. Such a lovely long, thick tail. Another one with a bright future.

2nd Donnelly's DYMPNER LOVES SWEET MELODY

Finer in bone than 1, with elegant lines. A nice houndy bitch. Lovely head into a long, strong neck. Rather flat topline and not the depth of chest as 1. Superb harsh coat. Good width in rear and nicely angulated, though rather long in hock. Moved a little close behind, but nice fluent action in profile.

LIMIT BITCH. (2) LAB

1st Finney's GULLIAGH NARNIA

Loved this gorgeous girl. Stood alone in the class. Beautiful feminine head, dark eye, good ear placement, all set off on a strong arched neck, well placed into nicely laid shoulder, good upper arm and sufficient forechest. Deep well sprung rib cage; good tuck up, nice arch over loin and broad sloping croup. Excellent topline and strong purposeful quarters, well angulated, gave true movement, viewed from all directions. Trophy for best movement.

VETERAN BITCH (3) 2AB

1st Kelly's ATHCARNE FEENA

Only entry but none the less this almost eight years old bitch presented a picture of true type. Sweet head with good length, strong straight bone and excellent rounded feet. Great length of stride, moving strongly from wide quarters. Solid front with correct shoulder placement and length of neck. Harsh crisp coat looked well and enthusiastic for her age. Best veteran.

OPEN BITCH (8) 2AB

This was a lovely class of quality ladies

1st O'Keeffe's OWENMORE CHALCEDONY OF CALCARA

This girl fitted well into the standard, being of excellent type and commanding appearance. A very poised bitch with good head and dark eyes that are well set and shaped and a smart set of whiskers that sets off a beautiful picture. Balanced shape with good curved topline and underline. Nice depth of chest with ribs set well back, correct length of loin. In strong muscular condition with pleasing width across the upper thigh and breadth through second thigh and excellent broad hocks. Substantial movement coming but, tended to be rather over diligent behind. Well presented Reserve Green Star.

2nd Clark's TARLOG AVOCA

This silver grey brindle bitch was similar in type to 1st, but slightly finer all through. Again, a beautiful

head correctly correlated. Sweet expression and perfect small rose ears. Good length of neck well placed shoulder and strong, correct topline. Tended to straighten herself behind while standing, needs more width across the upper thigh and lower knee. She moved fluently and gave a true picture of stability.

BEST BRACE

Finney's GULLIAGH NARNIA / GULLIAGH NEDINE

A perfect match. Two beautiful girls of excellent type.

BEST MOVEMENT.

Finney's GULLIAGH NARNIA

Dog and handler were an excellent partnership, moving together in unison. Presented to perfection, this bitch was a joy to watch, covering ground and moving out as a true hunting hound.

IN MEMORY OF MARY MORRISON

Mary was born the only child of General Foot CB, MC & BAR (Military Cross for bravery - WW 1), MD, and Katherine Foot, nee Curling, both of Ireland. She was born in Poona, India whilst her father was serving with the Royal Army Medical Corp. She received her education in England and majored in music and later in Interior Design. She married William Morrison of the Canadian Army in 1945 and proceeded to Canada in 1946. She had sent her Australian Terrier ahead to await her arrival. It was not long before she and her husband imported several from Australia and one from England. She enjoyed showing them and attending the shows. A few years later she became interested in English Springer Spaniels and bred both Canadian and American champions. On one memorable day in the early 50's she won the Springer Spaniel Specialty show winning Best of Breed and Best Opposite and the same day Best in Show all breeds with the bitch. At the same time she bought her first and second wolfhounds from a Mr. Fox in Saskatchewan who had some of the first hounds in the country.

Her interest for many years remained with breeding and showing IW's though she did have two Bassett Hounds having shown one with success. Mary had been fortunate enough to have had the best teachers in Wolfhounds namely Mrs. Nagle in England and Mrs. Ellis and her daughter Mary Jane in the United States. What a superb combination of tutors! She also had a most wonderful association with Irmgard and Pim DeHaan of the Netherlands. She was proud to have been the first Canadian to win the US National Specialty.

During the last decade and a half she also was intensely engaged with Miniature Wirehaired Dachshunds having bred to and received her guidance from Christine Cole. She bred and owned several Canadian and American Champions.

Mary was honored to have judged many specialties particularly in her own two breeds:

The Irish Wolfhound Club of America The Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada Irish Wolfhound Society of England Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland Sight Hound Club of Belgium ECDC Dachshund Club

GREEN STAR WINNERS 2001

SHOW	JUDGE	GREEN STAR WINNERS	POI	NTS
Dundalk	Mr D Dowdall	Uella Adventurer My Bernie of Nutstown	ВОВ	4 3
Drogheda	Mrs K Creamer	The Black Knight of Nutstown Knocknarea Panache	ВОВ	3 5
Carlow	Mr D MacMillan	Ch Uella Adventurer My Bernie of Nutstown	ВОВ	4 4
Irish Breeds	Mr F Desmond	Nutstown Adare Tarlog Avoca	ВОВ	4 7
Combined Canine	Mrs P Wolfish	Nutstown Adare My Bernie of Nutstown	ВОВ	4 4
Sligo	Mrs M Saunders	The Black Knight of Nutstown My Bernie of Nutstown	ВОВ	5 5
Bull Breeds	Mrs A White	The Black Knight of Nutstown My Bernie of Nutstown	ВОВ	5 3
Cloghran	Mrs I Barry	The Black Knight of Nutstown Ebony Dear of Nutstown	ВОВ	10 5
Dublin Dog Show	Mr R McDowell	Gulliagh Zest My Bernie of Nutstown	вов	5 5

ANNUAL CHAMPION 2001

ANNUAL CHAMPION .. THE BLACK KNIGHT OF NUTSTOWN .. 34 POINTS

HOUND GROUP WINS

DUNDALKUELLA ADVENTURER

CLOGHRAN THE BLACK KNIGHT OF NUTSTOWN

SWORDSTARLOG AVOCA

GREEN STAR WINNERS 2002

SHOW	JUDGE	GREEN STAR WINNERS	POI	NTS
Irish Kennel Club	Mr R Korisl	Knocknarea Phelix Torgarven Kilshandra	ВОВ	9 9
Cork & District	Miss Una Rigby	Knocknarea Phelix Mallanigh Lailli of Knocknarea	ВОВ	2 2
Combined Canine Club	Mr Malo Alcrudo	Gulliagh Zest Ebony Dear of Nutstown	ВОВ	6 6
Fermoy	Mrs J Goldstein	The Black Knight of Nutstown Mallanigh Lailli of Knocknarea	ВОВ	3
South Tipperary	Mrs Davis	The Black Knight of Nutstown Ebony Dear of Nutstown	вов	8 4
Hound Association	Mr Patterson	The Black Knight of Nutstown My Bernie of Nutstown	вов	3
Hibernian	Mr F De Ridder	The Black Knight of Nutstown Knocknarea Panache	вов	5 5
Irish Wolfhound Club	Mr Espen Engh	GB Ch Fearnhead Apollo of Baronglen Knocknarea Orlando	ВОВ	10 10
Munster Agricultural	Mr R Good	Nutstown Adare Knocknarea Panache	ВОВ	3
Munster Canine	Mr P Sheehy	Nutstown Adare My Bernie of Nutstown	ВОВ	2
Swords	Mrs E Jenkins	Ch Uella Adventurer Tarlog Avoca	вов	3 10
Kilkenny	Mr H Johansson	Cashel of Nutstown My Bernie of Nutstown	ВОВ	3
Bray	Mrs E Russell	Knocknarea Phelix Gulliagh Zamora	вов	5 5
Ladies Kennel	Mrs M Mulvaney	Knocknarea Phelix Gulliagh Narnia	ВОВ	3 4
Dundalk	Mr T Agnew	Gulliagh Zest Gulliagh Narnia	ВОВ	4
Monkstown	Mrs S Mitclen Seringer	Nutstown Adare My Bernie of Nutstown	ВОВ	5 5
Hound Association	Mr N Molin	Knocknarea Phelix Owenmore Chalcedony of Calcara	ВОВ	10 10
Clonmel	Mrs W Misteria –Kluska	Knocknarea Phelix My Bernie of Nutstown	ВОВ	9
Killarney	Mr T Barry	The Black Knight of Nutstown My Bernie of Nutstown	ВОВ	10 8

Limerick	Mr H Lehtenin	Knocknarea Phelix Owenmore Chalcedony of Calcara	ВОВ	9 10
Tralee	Mrs H O'Brien	The Black Knight of Nutstown Gulliagh Zamora	ВОВ	6 6
Drogheda	Mr E White	Gulliagh Zest Gulliagh Zamora	ВОВ	3
Carlow	Mr D Drum	The Black Knight of Nutstown My Bernie of Nutstown	ВОВ	3
Irish Breeds	Mrs M Brooks	Gulliagh Zest Sally of Nutstown	ВОВ	9 9
Bull Breeds	Mrs J Walsh	The Black Knight of Nutstown My Bernie of Nutstown	ВОВ	4 3
Cloghran	Mrs L Appleby	The Black Knight of Nutstown My Bernie of Nutstown	ВОВ	8 2
Dublin Dog Show	Mrs M Martin	Gulliagh Zest Owenmore Chalcedony of Calcara	ВОВ	4 4

ANNUAL CHAMPION 2002

RUNNER UP Ch The Black Knight of Nutstown 39 points

HOUND GROUP WINS

KILLARNEY CH THE BLACK KNIGHT OF NUTSTOWN

LIMERICK OWENMORE CHALCEDONY OF CALCARA

CLOGHRAN CH THE BLACK KNIGHT OF NUTSTOWN

SWORDS TARLOG AVOCA

BEST IN SHOW (ALL BREED) WINS

KILLARNEY CH THE BLACK KNIGHT OF NUTSTOWN

LONGEVITY 2002

		Born	Died*
Nutstown, Anka of	(Walnut Tree of St Douglaghs x Lady Patricia of Nutstown)	14/1/92	
Nutstown, Yvonne of	(Ch Cillian Ruane x Lady Patricia of Nutstown)	31/7/91	
Nutstown, Beth of	(Ch Cillian Ruane x Duchess of Nutstown)	21/1/92	
Nutstown, Mystic Maiden of	(Int Ch Capitan of Shantamon x Lady Patricia of Nutstown)	15/8/94	
Nutstown, Ch Cashla of	(Int Ch Capitan of Shantamon x Lady Patricia of Nutstown)	20/7/95	
Nutstown, Emily of Nutstown	(Int Ch Capitan of Shantamon x Ballykelly Dhu)	1/2/95	
Nutstown, Emperor of	(Int Ch Capitan of Shantamon x Holly of Nutstown)	7/1/93	
Nutstown, Shauna of	(Walnut Tree of St Doulaghs x Holly of Nutstown)	18/1/89	20/9/00
Nutstown, Joseph of	(Ch Cillian Ruane x Davla)	6/10/89	18/10/00
Nutstown, Cormac of	(Ch Cillian Ruane x Duchess of Nutstown)	4/12/89	14/12/00
Nutstown, Atha Cliath of	(Ch Chieftain of Nutstown x Ballykelly Dhu)	17/9/89	12/1/02
Nutstown, Orla of	(Chapelleigh Duke of Nutstown x Marshgrove Gail)	25/6/89	12/6/00
Nutstown, Denise of	(Chapelleigh Duke of Nutstown x Morna)	19/2/89	16/4/01
Nutstown, Ch Blossom of	(Ch Cillian Ruane x Duchess of Nutstown)	25/2/92	12/2/02
Nutstown, Fingal of	(Int Ch Capitan of Shantamon x Callaighstown Lady)	16/6/94	8/3/03
Shantamon, Int Ch Capitan of	(Ch Cillian Ruane x Coolbreagh Gweevagh)	10/5/91	12/5/01
Callaighstown Lady	(Ch Chieftain of Nutstown x Reemaid of Callaighstown)	31/2/89	10/4/01
Nutstown, Ch McGilligan of	(Int Ch Capitan of Shantamon x Holly of Nutstown)	7/11/93	22/2/02
Nutstown, Rosemary of	(Int Ch Capitan of Shantamon x Holly of Nutstown)	7/11/93	18/1/02
Nutstown, Sullivan of	(Int Ch Capitan of Shantamon x Holly of Nutstown)	7/11/93	8/11/02
Nutstown, Merlin of	(Int Ch Capitan of Shantamon x Sorcha of Nutstown)	10/8/92	16/11/02

^{*}If no date of death given, then presumed still alive at time of printing.

LONGEVITY 2003

		Born	Died*
ATHCARNE, BREGA	KILLYKEEN-MCGILLIGAN x ATHCARNE-O'CONNELL	31-10-91	DEC-02
ATHCARNE, EMMA	CH. CAPTAIN OF SHANTAMON x CARROKEEL-O'FLYNN	02-06-94	ALIVE
ATHCARNE, EMMET	CH. CAPTAIN OF SHANTAMON x CARROKEEL-O'FLYNN	02-06-94	ALIVE
ATHCARNE, DONNACHA	ATHCARNE-MURPHY x CARROKEEL-O'FLYNN	25-10-92	FEB-03
NUTSTOWN, ANKA OF	WALNUT TREE OF ST DOULAGHS x LADY PATRICIA OF NUTSTOWN	14-01-92	ALIVE
NUTSTOWN, YVONNE OF	CH. GILLIAN RUANE x LADY PATRICIA OF NUTSTOWN	31-07-91	ALIVE
NUTSTOWN, BETH OF	CH. GILLIAN RUANE x DALVA	21-01-90	ALIVE
NUTSTOWN, SHAUNA OF	WALNUT TREE OF ST DOULAGHS x HOLLY OF NUTSTOWN	18-01-89	20-09-00
NUTSTOWN, JOSEPH OF	CH. GILLIAN RUANE x DALVA	06-10-89	18-10-00
NUTSTOWN, CORMACK OF	CH. GILLIAN RUANE x DUCHESS OF NUTSTOWN	04-12-89	14-12-00
NUTSTOWN, ATHA CLIATH OF	CH. CHIEFTAIN OF NUTSTOWN x BALLYKELLY DHU	17-09-89	12-01-02
NUTSTOWN, ORLA OF	CH. CHAPPELLEIGH DUKE OF NUTSTOWNxMARSHGROVE GAIL	25-06-89	12-06-00
NUTSTOWN, DENISE OF	CH. CHAPPELLEIGH DUKE OF NUTSTOWN x MORAG	19-02-89	16-04-01
NUTSTOWN, CH. BLOSSOM OF	CH. CHAPPELLEIGH DUKE OF NUTSTOWNXDUCHESS OF NUTSTOWN	25-02-92	12-02-02
SHANTAMON, INT'L CH. CAPTAI	N OF CH. GILLIAN RUANE x COOLBREAGH GWEEVAGH	10-05-91	12-05-01
NUTSTOWN, FINGAL OF	INT'L CH. N CAPTAIN OF SHANTAMON x CALLAIGHSTOWN LADY	10-06-94	ALIVE
CALLAIGHSTOWN, LADY	CH. CHIEFTAIN OF NUTSTOWN x REMAID OF CALLAIGHSTOWN	31-02-89	10-04-01
NUTSTOWN,MYSTIC MAIDEN OF	INT'L CH. CAPTAIN OF SHANTAMON x LADY PATRICIA OF NUTSTOWN	15-08-94	ALIVE
NUTSTOWN, CH. CASHEL OF	INT'L CH. CAPTAIN OF SHANTAMON x LADY PATRICIA OF NUTSTOWN	20-07-95	ALIVE
NUTSTOWN, EMILY OF	INT'L CH. CAPTAIN OF SHANTAMONXCOUNTESS OF BALLYKELLY	01-02-95	ALIVE
TOLKAVALLEY, SHAWN	TOLKAVALLEY ATHCARNE CRAIGE x TOLKAVALLEY ARVA	06-02-95	11-04-03
TOLKAVALLEY, SIONNA	TOLKAVALLEY ATHCARNE CRAIGE x TOLKAVALLEY ARVA	06-02-95	ALIVE

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IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB OF IRELAND RALLY 2001

I was privileged to judge the match at the rally in April. It was held at the High Cross Moon in Carlow which proved to be a very pleasant venue, which is more than could be said for the weather, so thank you to everyone who braved it. Also a huge thank you to Red Mills, for their more than generous sponsorship.

My main winners were as follows;

BABY PUPPY – Sinclairs' NICKY, 6 months, feminine head, ears a bit large at the moment, good shape, well angulated behind.

PUPPY - Jenkins' CASHEL, 11 month old very raw baby with a nice head and ears, good length of neck,

coped with the ring reasonably well given his great size and long legs.

L-R Best Puppy, Jenkins Cashel, Alison Messenger, Judge, Best Baby Puppy Sinclairs Nikki

GRADUATE – Fitzpatrick-Odaheimers SEAN, 18 month old black, nice male head, good ears and length of neck front feet at pointing outwards, good length of body, but a bit straight behind.

OPEN – Peilers' ORLA 5 year old bitch. Head correct if a little plain, neck strong, but would like a little more length, best shoulder of the day, good deep chest, well angulated behind. This is a lovely shapely bitch, all flowing curves which she used to make her easily the best mover of the day. BEST IN MATCH.

After the judging, Jim Behan gave a very useful handling demonstration. Jim is one of the best handlers I have seen and seems to get the best out of any dog

whilst appearing to do nothing. This is something, in my opinion, that cannot always be taught, although most of us could certainly learn something to improve our skills. Jim did a sterling job as by this time the rain had set in, although the handlers didn't seem to mind too much. After his demonstration, Jim then judged a handling class which was won by a very pleased Elizabeth Hanley.

Most of us then adjourned into the warmth of the pub for a very pleasant meal and chat. A most enjoyable day.

Overall, I think that everyone enjoyed themselves. I think that these rallies are a useful and fun day out and I hope that it becomes a regular thing. It was very nice to see some new facesboth dogs and their devoted owners and we look forward to seeing them again.

Alison Messenger



Best in Match, Peilers Orla

BREEDERS OF IRISH WOLFHOUND PUPPIES

Would Breeders of Irish Wolfhound Puppies consider informing the Secretary of IWCI of any puppies that they might have for sale? She frequently receives enquiries and referrals from the Irish Kennel Club.

Secretary, Mrs. E. Hanley Tullohea, South Lodge Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary Fax/Tel 051 647 313

IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB OF IRELAND RALLY 2002

The 2002 Rally was held at Kilmoone. Below are some pictures of Jim Behan giving the



benefit of his considerable experience to some of the participants. It is hoped that these rallies will become an annual event as they can be of great value to exhibitors new and old. It is also a great opportunity for the non showing Wolfhound owners to get together with like minded people hopefully some of these may make their way into the show ring themselves!



WOLFHOUNDS IN STRANGE PLACES

Alison Messenger

The following photos were very kindly sent in by Eddie Bourke. They are of Cashmans Pub in Ringsend, the Bank of Ireland on Pearse Street and O'Connell Street in Dublin. If any readers know of any Wolfhound monuments, etc. in their area, or have seen any on their travels, we would love to have a photo and a brief history (if known)









THE IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB OF IRELAND MINUTES OF THE AGM 2001

Held in the Ambassador Hotel, Kill, Naas 21st October 2001

The President, Tony Doyle, opened the meeting by recommending Paddy Judge as Chairman due to the previous resignation of Tim Finney. There were no objections and Paddy,s nomination was accepted.

The Chair advised that the meeting be conducted to the Roberts Rules of Order. This was accepted by the majority of those present.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Velda Clarke.

Minutes and Matters Arising

The previous years minutes written by the IKC were read. A debate ensued as to their accuracy. Eventually it was decided that the IKC be written to with regard to the suggested corrections. Being;

- 1 Motion number one was not put to a vote. The action on this point was that it should be voluntary.
 - 2. Explanation to the correction of officers 2000/2001.
 - 3. The unfinished sentence in paragraph starting "Mrs A O'Keefe".

It was then proposed by Ulli Peiler and seconded by David Harris that the amended minutes be dealt with at the proposed EGM and that the committee invite IKC Secretary to attend. Should the amended minutes be accepted at the EGM both these and the 1999 minutes be sent out in note form to all the members. This motion was put to the floor and accepted.

We then discussed the historical decision made regarding publication of minutes. It was agreed that the committee would check archived minutes in order to establish what decision was made and documented. It was noted that this may require rule change to incorporate publication of minutes solely in the Club magazine.

Scrutineers

The meeting then proceeded to elected scrutineers in order to advance business. Mel Wilcox nominated by Linda Gover and seconded by Tony Redmond. David Harris nominated by Linda Gover and seconded by Mervyn Jenkins.

Presidents Address

The President Tony Doyle welcomed and thanked all for coming. He then requested as a mark of respect for the September 11th atrocity, a minutes silence. On completion of this

Tony went on to say that there was no club show and that we were one of 24 breed clubs who did not hold a breed club show, this was due to the Foot and Mouth outbreak in the UK and Ireland. He went on to thank Betty Murphy for her cooperation and use of her album in producing the Gardener Albums. Belle Walton our Vice President was then thanked for the reprints of the Grahams book. Tony expressed sympathy and passed on the Club's condolences to Mrs Ruth Jenkins for the death of her husband.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Finney, Ms Anne O'Keefe, Mr and Mrs Messenger, Mr and Mrs Peiler, Mr and Mrs Kelly for their hounds achievements in the past year.

That was the conclusion of the Presidents Address.

A debate followed with reference to the lack of a Club show. Mr Peiler proposed that attempts be made to hold a Breed Championship show before the end of the year. The proposal was seconded by Mr Tim Finney and was accepted by a majority vote.

Treasurers Report

Eddie Bourke presented the Clubs accounts to those present. In response to some of the queries, Mr Barry Quinn suggested that the accounts were accepted and notes would be taken of Tim Finney's concerns and then supplied to the auditors. This was agreed.

IKC Representatives Report

Tim Finney and Kathleen Kelly informed those present that there had only been one issue on their agenda – the FCI standard. A standard had been agreed and supplied to the IKC. When this was supplied to the

FCI, various points had been removed without the permission of the IKC or the Irish Wolfhound Committee. A letter has been sent to the FCI and our representatives await a reply.

Rescue Report

Tony Redmond informed everyone that thankfully it has been a quiet year. There were no cases to report. Tony asked if the committee could take on responsibility of the rescue work as work commitments could no longer allow him to continue in this role. Tony was sincerely thanked for all his work over the years by all.

Election of Officers and Committee

Various concerns were raised regarding the validity of the election due to a small number of members not receiving correspondence from the Club. Different view points were discussed and finally Mr Barry Quinn proposed that we continue with the common practice of past AGMs. This meant that all payments had to be received before the AGM commenced. This went to a vote and was agreed by a majority.

Those nominated are as follows

Mr Anthony Killykeen Doyle	President
Mr John Kelly	
Ms Belle Walton	Vice President
Mr Paddy Judge	Chairman
Mr Eddie Bourke	Hon. Treasurer
Mrs Tarah Jenkins Jago	Hon Secretary
Mrs Gina Bourke	
Ms Velda Clarke	Committee
Ms Elizabeth Hanley	Committee
Mrs Esther Jenkins	Committee
Mrs Kathleen Kelly	Committee
Mr Ian McCullough	Committee

Any Other Business

Mr Jonathan Harvey was not advised of the date of the AGM.

This concluded the meeting at 815pm. The chairman thanked all for coming and wished for a safe journey home for all.



A wonderful old picture sent in by Isabelle Walton which shows her Father Martin Walton presenting an Irish Wolfhound to the Irish Army.

If you have any similar historical pictures of general Club interest, please consider submitting them to the next magazine.

THE IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB OF IRELAND MINUTES OF THE AGM 2002

Held at Fingallions GAA on 15th December 2002 2pm

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE 2003 AGM

Approval for scruntineers was given, Mrs T McKettrick and Mrs H Kerrigan. However, another scrutineer, Mr M Wilcox was proposed. Mr Tony Doyle proposed Mrs Esther Jenkins. All were approved.

Proposal by committee to order of business was that whilst ballot papers were being counted, the Special Rules Meeting should commence. There was some objection to this procedure by some members from the floor. A show of hands confirmed that the rules meeting would be carried on during counting.

Mrs Peiler wants names updated on members list to include Mr and Mrs Gover, Phillip Daniels and Mrs Petrisso. Mrs Gover wants names on envelopes of ballot papers checked. Although this is not the usual procedure when papers are being checked, it was allowed to carry on by the Chair. There was strong objection from Mrs K Kelly and other members at this very highly irregular procedure. Checking was done by Mrs I Peiler. Ms A O'Keeffe and Mrs K O'Keeffe's voting papers were not present as they had not been received. A vote was put to the floor and carried that they should be allowed to vote. Ballot papers were supplied to Mrs K and Ms A O'Keeffe.

There was lengthy discussion as to the corrections of the show catalogue. Mr J Behan stated that he had been asked at the 27th October AGM to follow this up and report back. His findings were; the Kennel Club received the correct catalogue. The catalogue on the day of the show was incorrect and that the catalogue that was posted to all full members was different again. He was asked by the Chairman to post a copy of the correct catalogue which he said he would do. Mr Behan also queried why Mr S Buggle was not put forward for treasurer, which he had been nominated for. It was explained to him by the Chairman that Mr Buggle had been nominated for two posts, one as secretary and one as a committee member. When the acting secretary contacted Mr Buggle on how he wished to proceed, he opted for secretary, the choice was entirely his own.

American overseas members have sent letters to the President which were read out to the floor and debated on. Mrs P Jannessen and other members wanted to know where their information came from regarding their voting rights being stopped. Mrs Jannessen requested the names and addresses of the letter writers.

The Special Rules minutes were taken by the Chairman.

The elected are as follows;

President Mr AK Doyle

Vice Presidents Miss I Walton & Mr J Kelly

ChairmanMr N WaltonTreasurerMr E BourkeHon SecretaryMrs E Hanley

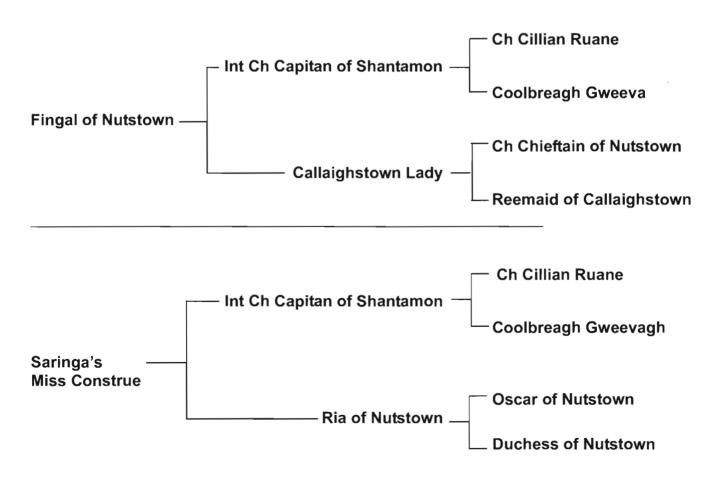
Mrs K Kelly Miss V Clarke Miss T McCory Mr I McCulloch Mrs A Messenger Mrs G Bourke

Committee



CH MY BERNIE OF NUTSTOWN

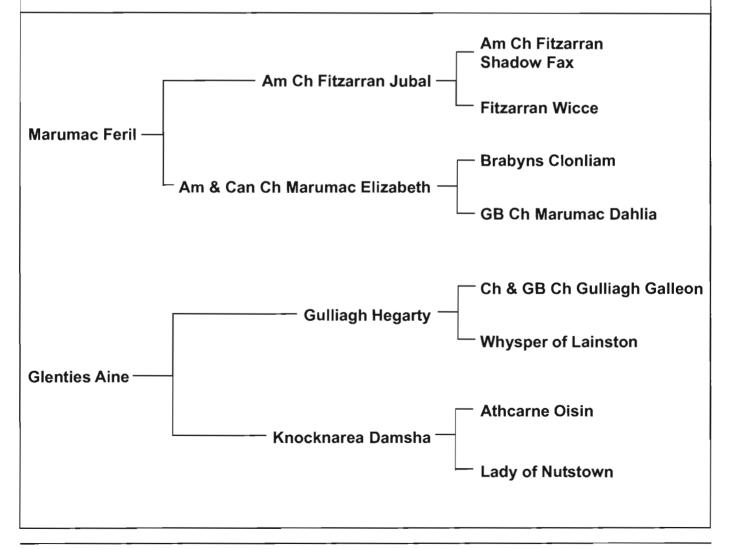
Owners: Mr J & Mrs Kelly Breeders: Owners





CH KNOCKNAREA PHELIX,

Owners & Breeders: U & I Peiler

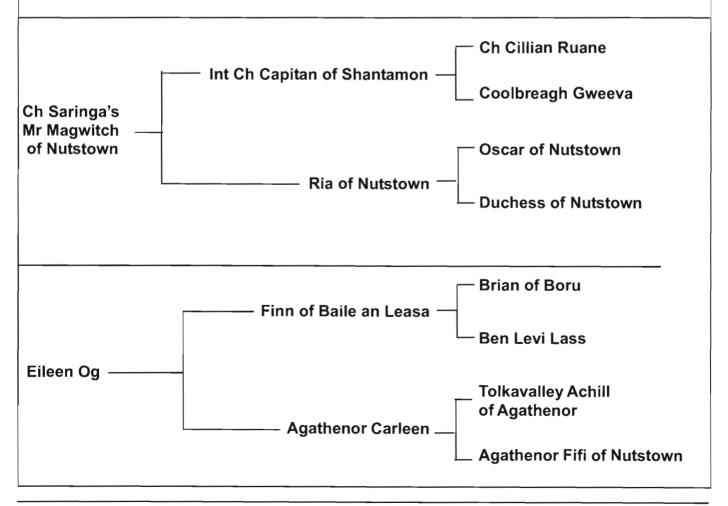




CH THE BLACK KNIGHT OF NUTSTOWN

Owners: Mr J & Mrs K Kelly

Breeders: Mr G McHugh

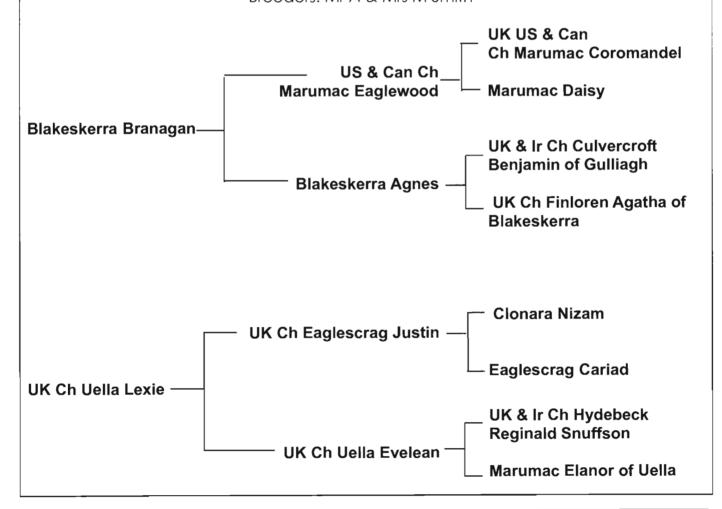




CH UELLA ADVENTURER

Owners: Mr G & Mrs A Messenger

Breeders: Mr A & Mrs M Smith



LAMENT OF A STUD DOG



My job is making puppies
And I get two tries at that,
They pat me and say "Good boy"
And that's the end of that.
It's half my job to give 'em teeth
And toplines, front and other,
Remember, it's only half my job
They also have a mother.
It's not my job to carry pups
And make 'em grow or nurse 'em,
And feed and clean and make 'em
strong,

That's for 'Mother' and a person.

It's not my job to wean

And feed calcium and food,

And stack and gait and housebreak

And make 'em a showing brood.

It's not my job to plan the breeding

And learn what produces well,

To study pedigrees, learn what's

there

And pick out those to sell.

It's not my job to guarantee champs,

The breeder picks the pair,

To mate and whelp and feed and

show

And hope the champ is there.

It's not my job to be on hand
When points are given out,
The breeder, owner, dam and friends
Take credit with a shout.

It's not my job to deliver a winner,
It's only genes I sell,
But let those puppies turn out bad
And guess who catches hell!!!!!

This unsigned poem was taken from The Irish Wolfhound Society Magazine 1989, thought everyone would find it amusing, Tracy McCrory

CONNOR



I'VE GOT AN IRISH WOLFHOUND CONNOR IS HIS NAME SINCE HE CAME TO LIVE WITH ME LIFE HASN'T BEEN THE SAME

HE BIT THE HEADS OFF FLOWERS AND DUG HOLES IN THE GROUND THEN WALKED IN TAIL WAGGING AND BROUGHT ME WHAT HE'D FOUND

I BOUGHT HIM AS A SHOW DOG AND HOPED HE WOULD BE GOOD STAND STILL IN THE RING THEN MOVE AS A WOLFHOUND SHOULD

I TOOK HIM TO HIS FIRST SHOW
HE SAT AND WOULD NOT BUDGE
THEN HE DECIDED TO GO
AND JUMPED AND KISSED THE JUDGE

THEN SOMETHING JUST WENT PING AND OFF HE WENT OUT OF THE RING HE DIDN'T GET A PRIZE BUT HE'S THE BEST IN MY EYES

NOW HE'S LEARNED WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT AND DOES HIS BEST THERE IS NO DOUBT WE'LL HAVE SOME FUN TOGETHER MYSELF AND THE BIG FELLA

Written by Velda Clark in 1987

Irish Wolfhound Club of Norway



Anticipated look of the cover of the book

I have been asked to give a brief presentation of irish wolf-hounds and the irish woulfhound club in Norway. As I am presently working on a book fore Irsk Ulvehundklubb Norge (IUKN), i.e. the Irish Wolfhound Club of Norway, I hereby take the opportunity to give you a short introduction of the book as well.

The book is in Norwegian with English transelation, and I hope it will be of interest for many of you. It is mainly a photo and pedigree book. We have been collecting photos and pedigrees of dogs that are bred or owned by people in Norway. Accordingly you will find dogs originating from many different countries. The book contains over 500 pictures and over 2500 pedigrees. We have also included a chapter of the irish wolfhound in Norway, a little of the club history, diseases, IW registrations, winners of our yearly club show and so on.

Since the IW history is not quite finished, I have taken the liberty to take bits of the club history from the book to use here. If you are interested to buy the book when it is finished, please contact the IUKN. The book will hopefully be finished this year!

The Norwegian Wolfhound Club was formed as an interests group and an unofficial irish wolfhound club 27. November 1976, at that point the irish wolfhound were officially affiliated with the NRWA Hound Club. At the very first meeting 29 irish wolfhound owners attended, from Kristiansand in the south to Harstad in the north. The members' fees were set to 50 Nkr. One of the main goals was to publish a member's magazine 4 times a year, named "Ulvehunden" (the wolfhound). The first issue of "Ulvehunden" were published in February 1977. And the first ordinary annual meeting were held in Gjøvik 21. May 1977. The number of members was 75 this year, and 26 of them participated at the annual meeting.

Important decisions were made, to apply for an official status through the Norwegian Kennel Club (NKK). The application form was dated 1. July 1977. And it was decided that if the club gained official status, the name should be Norsk Ulvehund Klubb (The Norwegian Wolfhound Club), NUK for short. In 2000 the annual meeting voted fore a suggestion to change the club name to Irsk Ulvehundklubb Norge (The Irish Wolfhoundklubb of Norway). People felt that it was wrong not to use the breeds full name; irish wolfhound. I have had people asking me "What's a Norwegian Wolfhound?"

NUK had the first unofficial show on 20. August 1977, 45 hounds, including 2 puppies were entered. The judge was Rosemary Follett from England. And her best in show winner was Int Nord Ch. Dalmans Minour of Brabyns, owned by Gunn Marit & Odd Myhre, Norway.

The same year (Rovaleco) Flannon Connel won **Bamsestatuetten** ("The Bear statue") It is NKK's award this to the most winning dog throughout the year, regardless breed, and this year it was an irish wolfhound! As a little digression, this is the only irish wolfhound given this title in Norway.

14. December 1978 NUK is given the status of an official club at a meeting in NKK.

And this was the start, and every year since 1976, the club have had an IW-Specialty, better known as "Spesialen", we have our annual meeting the same weekend. This weekend is very special to our members. Norway is not a very big country, but it is very narrow and long! This weekend we meet friends we have not seen since the club show last year! Here we get the chanse to see what kind of hounds different people have, and how they have developed since last year. Have they grown into what you would have expected?

The entry to our "Spesialen" is always very good, around 70 to over 90 hounds. At our 20th anniversary in 1997, we had a club record of entries in the official classes, 99 hounds (and 7 puppies); the judge was Anthony Killykeen-Doyle, Ireland.

The numbers of members has also increased since the club started. We now have nearly 300 members.

The first major breeder in Norway was Ulf Rossfjord, with his prefix "Kroodden". He was the one to make the irish wolfhounds known in Norway. He started in 1965 with Irish and English hounds; Int Ch Sanctuary

Boroughbury Bawnshe, Ballykelly Ma Bouchal in 1966, Mavourneen of Boroughbury and Boroughbury Bessie Bee in 1967. English Ch Brackenford Murphy in 68 and then Irish Ch Ballykelly Reamonn. He did this fore one reason only, to get the best possible breeding material for the future. Unfortunately Ulf does not breed IW

anymore, but his loves for the breed, and his tremendous knowledge is still the same.

Int. Nord Ch NV-78/79 Flannon Connel Owned and breed by Vigdis (Hansen)

In the last 20 years (1980-2001) an average of 53 puppies are born every year. We do not have as many big breeders in Norway, as in Ireland. I would say the average breeder has no more than 4-8 dogs, and most of them have the irish wolfhounds living inside the house.

In Norway we do a lot of testing fore various diseases in our hounds.

In 1986 we started a cooperation project with the Norwegian Veterinary College to establish the in-heritage of liver shunt. This disease had been found in numerous wolfhounds over the past years. Ellen Skancke from the Norwegian Veterinary College wanted to collaborate in elucidating the hereditary of PSS. We have frozen sperm from a male with PSS, and an

attempt to operate on a couple of bitches has been done, but until lately they all died from different causes (car accident and unsuccessfull operations). Recently a bitch has been operated and she is still alive and at good health. Hopefully she will be successfully bred and we will be given an answer to the question; – Is the PSS gene dominant ore recessive?

From 1986-1990 the club encouraged the breeders to test for PSS. In 1990, at the club's annual meeting it was decided that all hounds in Norwegian ownership should be checked for hip displacia (HD) before breeding could take place. At the same time a lot of breeders signed a statement to agree upon Shunt testing of all puppies before being sold. From 1997 the club required all members of the NUK to HD test all hounds used in breeding, and PSS test all puppies before they are sold.

In the last 20 years (1980-2000) over 33% of the irish wolfhounds have been x-rayed every year. The last couple of years the percentages have increased to about 50%. And for the last 20 years the numbers shows us that an average of 96% of the hounds that are x-rayed are free. We have also recently started x-raying of the elbows, but it is only for the past 5 years (1995-2000) people have been testing fore elbow displacia. About 20% x-ray their hounds, from 1989 to 2000 only 13% did so. Out of the tested dogs (1989-2000) 88% was free, and if we take the last couple of years 1995-2000, 81% are free. In 1998 the Norwegian Veterinary College invites the irish wolfhounds breeders (and owners) to participate in a project to study "Feeding, growing-rates and bone diseases" for a period of 2 years.

We have not yet been given the results of this study, but are very much looking forward to to so.

I do hope this presentation will give you an idea of what we are working at and aiming for in Norway. If you wish to know more about the club, please check out our Website: http://home.no.net/iukn or buy the book when its finished.

Best Regards

Anne Mette Mikkelsen, with good help form Marianne McCabe.



My first Champion, N UCh McKenzie's Ballygran. N UCh McKenzie's Cahir – Rovaleco's Vital-Virgin Here at 9 years old.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

by Miranda Brace

Question: Why are dogs today so much less healthy than those of just twenty years ago? Why is their life expectancy so much shorter? Why do they suffer so many skin problems? Why are they sometimes nervier than we would like?

Answer: Because they are being systematically and relentlessly poisoned by those who profess to love them.

When Bernard and I came into the breed thirty-five years ago, Wolfhounds were expected to live to at least ten and mostly did so. Nowadays, you hear people saying that the most you can expect is to get a dog to six. This is not true and there are plenty of oldies about to disprove it BUT the fact that it is being said at all means that there are a lot of dogs dying before their time. Despite all the gloom and doom that one hears within the breed, Wolfhounds are still the healthiest giant breed, bar none. Admittedly this doesn't say much for the rest of them and we must still support all the various research schemes set up to help us breed happy, healthy, long-lived stock but we must capitalise on the health we still have in the breed and start to accentuate the positive.

How do we do this? We (and all concerned dog owners, whatever the breed) do this by "going back to basics" and trying to understand a dog's needs, both physiological and psychological and understanding the link between the two. Mens sana in corpore sano holds as good for a dog as anyone else. Man's alleged superiority to other forms of animal life lies in that two-edged sword, his overdeveloped brain. This has led him into a dangerous state of arrogance where he feels that he not only rules Nature but can do better than Nature. He cannot - and should not try.

Nature provides an answer for every need it creates. Understanding and accepting that should be the first step for us all on the road back to health, for ourselves and our dogs. We must learn to accept an holistic approach to life. (Yes, I know the word conjures up a mental picture of New Age weirdos, wandering about in white socks and Jesus sandals but bear with me). "Holistic" means approaching a problem as a "whole" and not separating the component parts into this symptom or that syndrome. For instance, if a dog has a skin problem, it is no good treating the skin only, as it is very likely a problem from within, as I hope to demonstrate shortly.

Let us begin by looking at the evolution of the dog, how it has successfully developed and survived, without man's interference, until comparatively very recently. Leaving aside the good old primordial soup, the dog's first known ancestor was a little arboreal chap called Miacis, who was about the size of a polecat, with short legs and a tail as long as its body. It flourished forty million years ago in the Eocene period and was the direct ancestor of cats, hyaenas, civets, the weasel family, raccoons and bears as well as the dog. The one common aspect it passed to all these descendants was that it ate flesh. The branch of the family tree which led to the cat became established in its present form as long ago as the Oligocene period, twenty million years ago and differs very little today from its distant forebears. The cat is therefore a very much more primitive animal than the dog, which would go a long way to explaining why cats today are suffering even greater nutritional damage at the hands of man than are dogs, which is great enough in all conscience. The dog evolved from Miacis in the Eocene through Cynodictus in the Oligocene to Cynodesmus at the beginning of the Miocene, ten million years ago. From Cynodesmus to Tomarctus towards the end of the Miocene, where it more or less remained, through the Pliocene until the development from Tomarctus to Canis in the Pleistocene, a mere million years ago. Then, it further branched out into the various canids we know today. It is now generally agreed that the dog, Canis Familiaris, evolved from the wolf of the Northern Hemisphere, Canis Lupus. For the last forty million years, even longer as Miacis' own ancestors were carnivores, through all the massive evolutionary changes, from a short legged, retractile clawed tree dweller to the longer legged, longer jawed, nonretractile clawed, free running, pack living plains dweller, two things have remained constant: the flesh tearing teeth and the short intestine of the true carnivore. Why then do we now expect them to live on garbage?

The dog's entire being is geared for meat eating. From its tearing teeth, its powerful jaws, through its

comparatively small, powerfully muscled single stomach to the short intestine (a longer intestine would mean that meat would remain too long in the body and thus putrefy) and its extremely strong digestive juices, designed to extract the maximum nourishment from food in the short passage through the body. It must be remembered that meat should be raw for a dog to digest it properly. The human has to cook his meat as his herbivore's teeth are not designed to tear flesh from bone. Our evolution as meat eaters has therefore had to compensate for the extra digestive process needed to break down the changes in the meat brought about by cooking, before we can hope to digest the meat at all. We chew. Our saliva has evolved to start the digestive breakdown before the food ever reaches our stomachs. Our digestive juices, in mouth or stomach, do not contain the same antiseptic properties as those of the dog and a dog can eat very neffy meat without harm whereas we would be reaching for the kaolin in no time, if we tried to eat "high" meat. A dog, however, cannot tolerate cooked meat which has started to putrefy, which is something I would like you to bear in mind for what comes later. It is a complete fallacy to suggest that a dog becomes overly ferocious if fed raw meat. Quite the opposite, in fact. If you are eating what your whole being is designed to eat, your body will be happier and therefore you will be happier and calmer.

A dog does not chew - it literally "wolfs" its food in the manner of all its related species and ancestors. If you feed cooked or processed food, its digestive juices, powerful though they are, will not be able to extract the essential nutrients it needs before the food passes on its way. Many of those nutrients will have been altered beyond recognition or lost altogether by the cooking process anyway. A dog's digestive process starts in the stomach, not the mouth, as ours does. If I have failed to convince you so far, ask yourself how many wolf packs you see trotting along carrying a camping stove and frying pan?

So, the dog needs raw meat but what else? In the wild, canids select and eat many herbs and grasses to supplement the meat they eat. In some cases but not invariably, the stomach will be the first part of a kill that they eat. It would largely depend on what they instinctively needed at the time. They would therefore take in some semidigested vegetable matter with the flesh.

To digest protein properly, one must have a certain amount of carbohydrate. So, together with the raw meat, we must add some vegetable matter. The best way for most of us to do this is to use a wholegrain dog biscuit with no additives at all. Terrier meal is better for a Wolfhound than Hound meal, as the smaller pieces lessen the danger of torsion (but that would be a whole new article!) and it should be lightly soaked for a while before feeding, just to soften it slightly. The cooking hardens it beyond what a dog would find in the wild, either semidigested in the gut of its prey or the fresh, tender shoots it would select for itself. The proportion should be no more than 25% carbohydrate to 75% meat. Do not use any proprietary gravy mix or stock cube to soften the biscuit as these contain an astonishing array of colourings and preservatives, just warm water (taken from the cold main and heated, NOT water from the hot tap, which has come through a copper pipe) if you have no home made stock to hand.

This should be the basis for your dog's diet but we need to add to it. Why? Because nowadays, as we grow further and further away from nature and modem farming practices kill the nutrients in the soil, whilst adding toxins in the form of synthetic pesticides and fertilizers, the grain for the biscuit and the meat from animals grazing such land (or being fed man made cattle feed), are no longer quite what they seem. They lack a lot of goodness and can carry traces of things one would not feed to ones worst enemy. To redress the balance, we need to supplement the diet with <u>natural</u> additives. Vegetables and herbs are your best friends here, together with a really good source of trace minerals, such as a top quality seaweed powder. Grated raw carrots provide a rich source of vitamins and minerals; they are blood-cleansing, an eye tonic and help in the formation of healthy tooth enamel. They also help expel worms. Garlic is an absolute essential ingredient of a healthy diet, canine or human. Not only does it help expel and then prevent, internal parasites but provides a natural protection against all manner of gastrointestinal infections. It is a powerful heart tonic and prevents the formation of "bad" cholesterol. It repels biting insects and promotes good digestion. I use freshly chopped garlic every day for all my hounds. If that seems like too much trouble, use garlic powder. Fresh, finely chopped parsley should be used with the garlic as, apart from being a tonic in its own right, mainly for the urinary system, it does prevent the kennels of garlic fed dogs smelling like the back streets of Marseilles! (Incidentally, did you know that one only smells of garlic if one hasn't eaten enough of it?).

Brassicas, cabbage, spinach etc., are a rich source of minerals and vitamins A, B1, B2, and C, amino acids, fats and iron. However, these should be shredded and lightly boiled before feeding, to break down the cellulose which a dog would have trouble with. These are the sort of things which a wild carnivore would

find already broken down in the stomach of its prey. Fresh fruit is also a good idea, not just because of the vitamin content but because dogs love fruit and it makes a more sensible training treat than the chemical packed "treats" bought in a store.

It would, of course, be ideal to use only organically grown vegetables, free from horrible man made poisons but these are expensive to buy and not everyone has the space to grow their own. Even ordinary, shop bought vegetables will still contain a lot of their nutritional value

and would therefore be better than none at all. I cannot answer for the pesticide content though.

Honey is another daily "must". Please use only natural honey from a health food shop or direct from a beekeeper. The honey one finds on supermarket shelves has been heat treated, which destroys about 50% of its properties and could have come from areas which have been sprayed with pesticides. Honey is a natural energy source, a nerve tonic and a great heart tonic. All mine have honey every night in their goats' milk.

So, I hear you say, why not feed a complete, convenience food which lists all these essential ingredients? Where do I begin to answer that? We could start with a quote from James Corbin, a professor of animal science at the University of Illinois, when talking about canned dog food he listed some of the ingredients as "gristle, hair, lungs, pig feet, pig snouts, tails, cheeks, udders and condemned hog livers". Tasty. In the States, condemned parts and animals unfit for human consumption are routed to the pet food industry. Couldn't happen over here? A farmer not too far from us was taken on a guided tour of an abattoir and asked about a huge heap of bits of carcass and a couple of whole, dead animals, lying in a corner. The reply was that they were mostly cancerous tumours and parts too diseased to go into the human food system and a couple of casualties, cause of death unknown. They were destined for an extremely well known pet food company. Money talks - and loudly. Nothing is ever allowed to go to waste and what cannot be fed to humans and is even too bad to go into face cream, goes into animal feed. Richard Pitcairn, in his excellent book, "Natural Health for Dogs and Cats", quotes a Dr. P.F. McGargle as saying that feeding such slaughterhouse waste to pets "increases their chances of getting cancer and other degenerative diseases". McGargle was both a vet and a federal meat inspector and could state from experience that these products can include "mouldy, rancid or spoiled processed meats, as well as tissues too severely riddled with cancer to be eaten by people".

Ever wondered what "byproducts" means on a can or pack? "Chicken byproducts" include feathers, beaks, feet and sometimes even faeces. "Beef byproducts" include hooves, horns, skin with hair, oesophagus, sundry organs and glands. Byproducts are very often listed high on the table of ingredients - the higher on the list, the higher the proportion in the feed - which means that a lot of the "protein" content is completely indigestible and useless to the dog, even if it does it no actual harm. It would, of course, cause it very great harm if fed on this sort of diet for any length of time. The chemical preservatives and colourings added to this devil's brew complete the damage. Severe kidney damage is the inevitable outcome if the food is of this calibre, leading to complete kidney shut down and uraemic poisoning. The chemical additives can build up in the skin, especially if the kidneys are not functioning properly, and can lead to dry, lifeless coats and itchy, scaly skin and the dog's diet should be the first thing to be investigated when a skin problem presents.

Semi moist food and treats can contain as much as 25% of the total content as sugar. This gives it taste and prevents bacterial contamination. There is also an astonishingly high salt content in these foods. Too much of either can irritate the stomach and intestines and can give rise to an abnormal thirst. This in turn leads to the dog drinking so much that it vomits, only to gorge on water again, vomit again and so on. This depletes the body of essential minerals and can lead to electrolyte imbalance. Semi moist food has been found to be the cause of heart failure in older dogs with a heart problem. Semi moist foods are almost totally chemical in origin.

Dried foods contain all the enchanting ingredients listed above plus all sorts of other things. The so called meat content is pressure cooked, flavoured, coloured and dehydrated. Sometimes it is pumped full of air to give those "large, meaty chunks". With the elimination of water, the harmful impact of the ingredients is greatly increased. (I suppose this could be an argument for using canned food - the content is <u>75%</u> water, so at least the toxins are diluted!). In processing the meat and grains used in dry food, the vitamin and mineral content is so depleted that the more responsible manufacturers put in "added vitamins and minerals" to

try to overcome the problem. These are not from natural sources, however but laboratory produced chemical syntheses. This is not a good idea. Nature, as it abhors a vacuum, abhors imbalance. Every naturally occurring nutrient is available with others which are necessary for its utilization or to counteract a possible side effect. The best way I can describe this is to cite aspirin and digitalis. A qualified herbalist will make a tincture of willow bark which has all the qualities of aspirin but which will not inflame the stomach. He will also be able to make a heart stimulant from foxglove which need not be supplemented with extra potassium (but don't try this one at home, children) as nature always supplies its own checks and balances. Man, being the clever animal that he is, isolated the chemicals needed for aspirin and digitalis from the plant extracts and proceeded to synthesize just those chemicals in the laboratory and then had to find more drugs to sort out the problems he had caused. The same applies to chemically synthesized vitamins and minerals. Everything must be from as natural source as possible. Never, ever use a proprietary, chemical additive of any sort, especially when rearing pups. Particularly calcium, which should only ever be obtained from natural sources. Most bony problems would be totally eradicated if people would stop either pushing their pups or suffering the delusion that a pup actually needs extra calcium, beyond what it gets from a good, balanced, natural diet. A pup will reach the size it is genetically programmed to reach and it is better that it should do so at the correct pace, ending up with dense, strong bone like ivory and not dry, brittle, gappy bone like chalk.

There are complete foods on the market which do contain good ingredients, not all should be tarred with the same brush. However, those good ingredients have suffered so much alteration in the processing that, while they may not cause the same damage as cheaper brands, will not fully nourish the dog. I just cannot grasp the concept that what is right for one dog is right for all. Dogs' metabolisms vary as much as ours do. One dog might not be able to extract all it needs of one particular nutrient from what would be an adequate ration for its brother. It might need more of one particular element of its diet. One cannot really get over this by adding to an all-in-one food as one could so easily upset the whole balance. Similarly, puppies of different breeds grow at different rates and need different rearing methods. How can one puppy formula possibly give all pups all that they need all the time? The simple answer is that they cannot and I have heard enough horror stories of giant breeds "going wrong" on well known brands of complete puppy food to last me a lifetime, thank you. I also believe quite strongly, cranky though it may seem, that a dog's digestion needs different textures to work efficiently, without everything being presented in one amorphous blob.

Vets sell dog food. They do this as it is a "nice little earner" and certain food firms have hit on the clever marketing idea that if a vet sells their product, the public will think it has to be the best and that he is actually recommending it as a healthy diet. Not so. Vets get very little training in animal nutrition and know no more about the contents of any given pet food than is told them by the manufacturers. This means in effect that they are no more than pushers.

Even water can be a problem. Our rivers are full of infertile fish due to the huge amount of hormones passed by women on "the pill", which are apparently impossible to eradicate at the treatment works. This has also been suggested recently as the possible cause of the drop in human male fertility. I think we just have to take water on trust, unless we have our own spring or only give the dogs strained rain water, as some people do. Nothing is safe nowadays, though. Rain is no longer the clean, pure thing it once was and one has to draw the line somewhere if paranoia is not to set in!

We really must try to feed our dogs as pure and natural diet as possible, especially as the entire environment is now so polluted. The water we drink, the air we breathe and the ground in which we grow our crops can no longer be trusted and without a healthy immune system, no animal, whatever the species, can be expected to cope for long. The immune system will not be healthy if not nourished correctly and food allergies can be the first sign of something far worse to come.

How often have you heard it said that show dogs seem to suffer a far higher incidence of carcinomas than their stay-at-home counterparts? This is usually put down solely to stress, which is, of course, a major component in any cancer but I feel there may be another, environmental factor at work as well. Benzene is known to be a very powerful carcinogen. In the States, all petrol pumps have to have a special filter on the nozzle to prevent benzene escaping when the pump is used. Not in the good old U.K. Some tests were done recently on various vehicles to monitor the benzene inside the vehicle when filling up. In the front of the car, the benzene in the air was negligible but in the back, where the dogs and children are, the benzene

surge was so massive that the needle nearly shot off the dial, in all vehicles tested. If you take a dog to a show week after week through the season, how many times do you put petrol in when the dog is in the car? Ideally, one fills up the day before a show but if you are going from the South to the SKC, do you think twice before filling up on the return journey? Probably not. Add a high weekly dose of benzene to the stress of showing PLUS an incorrect diet and BINGO, cancer.

Another good guide to whether your dog is well nourished or not is fertility. Many people with bitches who were missing or having very small litters, with bitches who were having odd seasons or stud dogs who were not very keen, have gone back to traditional feeding methods with good results surprisingly quickly. Nature does not permit reproduction from wholly unfit parents. If you do have pups from an incorrectly fed bitch, they will probably not be easy to rear, especially if you put the poor little things onto a "complete", wholly unnatural diet. They deserve a better start than that.

We are also poisoning our dogs by injection. The very vaccine which we use to try to protect our precious pups is itself thought to be responsible for horrific long term damage leading to many problems, mainly carcinomas. As more vaccines against more diseases become available, it is obviously thought to be a good thing to use them all. A young pup is vaccinated against a plethora of diseases at an extremely early age over a relatively short period of time. The challenge to its immune system is immense and probably does more harm than can readily be imagined. A damaged immune system leads to an early death. If you cannot make the leap of faith necessary to change to homeopathic nosodes to protect your stock, at least get your vet to spread the injections out more, protecting against one disease at a time. This could be difficult as vaccines are usually combined and to obtain them singly might even be impossible nowadays. This also has the disadvantage of not being able to get the pup out and socialized at the optimum age. If you do use conventional vaccine, forget the annual boosters. Or you could boost with homeopathic nosodes following conventional initial vaccination, although that is probably unnecessary. Remember that every time a dog comes in contact with any of the diseases for which it has been inoculated, its immunity is boosted anyway. If you must use conventional boosters, don't do it so frequently. Every five years should be quite often enough. A word of warning - although many people share my view of the vaccination situation, any change in your own preferred regime must be undertaken after careful consideration and reading as much as you can on the subject. I would also consult a homeopathic vet before taking the plunge. I do not wish to be sued by anyone!

Wrong feeding and vaccine damage are <u>both</u> responsible for problems with the immune system. If the immune system is not functioning properly, the animal will suffer. This could manifest itself as a skin problem, diarrhoea, urinary trouble or any one of a host of problems, many of them leading to an early death. Carcinomas are a very likely outcome as are other extreme diseases and it is time we woke up to the fact that "convenience" for us might mean the end of a much loved friend. If you genuinely love your dogs, you should not begrudge the time spent in food preparation for them. The almost intuitive knowledge that this one needs a little more of this; that one needs a little less of that should be part of and proof of, the close bond between you and your dogs. The awareness of the different needs of each individual, which will vary with the seasons and circumstances (and which simply cannot be catered for by one "complete" feed) should be as much a part of good kennel management as grooming. If your dog seems to be ticking over all right on a convenience food, ask yourself how much better he might be on a natural diet. Also ask yourself whether he will still be all right on that food several years hence, with gradual malnourishment and a toxic cocktail thrown in.

Food for thought indeed. There is so much more that I could and probably should, have said but I expect I have lost most of my readers by now, I have gone on so long.

Miranda Brace

Suggested further reading:

The Complete Herbal Handbook for the Dog and Cat by Juliette de Bairacli Levy. Faber and Faber.

This is a fictionalised account of our first Irish Wolfhound, Easy Runner Tully, and the adventures we (my wife Claudine, Tully and I) all had when she came to live with us at the age of three months on the outskirts of Brussels, next to the extensive Forêt des Soignes.

TULLY COMES TO BOITSFORT

by Christopher Ballantine, Belgium

TULLY ARRIVES

Once upon a time there was a little Wolfhound called Tully. When I say little, what I really mean is young, because Wolfhounds are after all, the biggest dogs in the whole world, so even young Wolfhounds are quite big. Tully was three months old when she left her brothers and sisters to go and live with Claud and Chris.

Tully was about the same size as a full-grown Alsatian when she left home. It was a strange day, saying good-bye to her brothers and sisters and walking out in her brand new collar and lead. The collar was a couple of sizes too big, because even three month old Wolfhounds aren't quite as big as Claud and Chris had remembered. They walked out to something Claud and Chris called a "car" and got in. Tully and Claud sat on one seat, and Chris sat in another one, in front of them. Suddenly this "car" thing growled and started to move! Tully was a bit startled, but Claud told her everything would be alright, and sure enough after ten minutes or so, she went to sleep, lulled by the "car's" steady sound.

When she woke up, Claud and Chris told her that they had all arrived at a place called "home". "Ridiculous," thought Tully looking up from Claud's lap, where she had been sleeping. "I know what home looks like and this is definitely not it. This is somewhere else."

"It's where we live," said Claud. "And it will be your home too." They got out of the "car", and Tully was astonished to see lots of other "cars" all standing in a line, one behind the other. Strange. Suddenly there was a growling sound and Tully turned quickly to see what it was. Another of those "car" things was making its way down the road. "I think "car" is the wrong name for these things," thought Tully. "I'm going to call them "growlers", much more suitable."

"Would you like to do a wee-wee?" asked Chris, looking down at Tully who was standing next to their growler. "Well now you come to mention it, I wouldn't mind," thought Tully. "I've just woken up, and there's no finer time to do one." "Come on then," said Claud, and they walked up the "road". Tully was learning lots of new words today, and she wasn't sure if she could remember all of them. They took her to the end of something called an "alley". It was very strange. There was green stuff on the ground, sort of tickly and prickly at the same time. She'd never seen anything like it before, because although she'd grown up more or less outside, she was used to stones under her soft little feet. Nevertheless, she crouched down as her Auntie Bowie had taught her and did the very best and biggest wee she could. Claud and Chris seemed very pleased.

They took her back down the ... what was it again? Ah yes, the "road" and went into their house. Inside there were lovely cool tiled floors with sort of a square pattern. There was a room called the "office" and another one called the "kitchen". In the "kitchen" was her bed. Her very own one! It was just like the one she had shared with her brothers and sisters, but it was all her very own. Claud put Barbar, her toy elephant, down and Tully curled up on her bed. It was very nice, but a little strange not to have to fight for space with six other Wolfhounds.

A little later, Claud gave Tully her supper, exactly the same supper as she was used to. "At least that's one thing that hasn't changed today," she thought to herself. "Its been rather a busy and confusing day. When I woke up this morning, I knew exactly where I was, but now I'm not at all sure. They do seem kind and they have made me my favourite supper, but it is all a bit strange."

Claud and Chris looked down at the little Wolfhound, lying in the middle of her huge bed and they just wanted to hug her. "Alright, little girl," said Claud. "It's been a long and exciting day for everyone. Now it's time to go to sleep. Try and sleep well. You've got your Barbar and we won't be far away if you feel lonely, so sleep well." "Yes, sleep well," said Chris. "We'll be down early tomorrow when you wake up, to give you your breakfast and take you for a little walk. We might even go to the Forest later on."

"I am quite sleepy," thought Tully. "I might just shut my eyes for a while. I wonder what this "forest" thing is. I wonder if I could eat it." And with that thought, she closed her eyes and went to sleep.

TULLY DISCOVERS THE FOREST

The next day, an hour or so after breakfast, Claud and Chris got Tully's new lead and a different collar that a neighbour had lent them. "We're all going to go for a walk in the forest, little dog" they said. "I wonder what this forest thing is," thought Tully. "They mentioned it yesterday. It might be quite interesting. I might meet some friends."

They all walked slowly up the "road" and turned left into the "alley". Tully felt the tickly prickly green stuff, called "grass" apparently, under her feet again. When they came to the end of the alley, Tully couldn't believe her three-month old eyes. She'd never see anything like it in all her life! She'd already seen trees, there were quite a few where she'd grown up, but this was amazing. There were, 1,2, lots! In fact there were lots and lots and lots and lots. Far beyond a young dog's ability to count. What were they all doing here? Were they talking to one another? And they were so tall they almost touched the sky! It was nice and cool in the "forest". Tully approved of that, for as everyone knows, Wolfhounds do not really like the heat.

As they walked further into the forest, Tully noticed that there were lots of different smells. Not just smells of different Wolfhounds, as she was used to, but different smells from different things! It was fascinating. Some she could understand, because they had left messages in dog, but others were, well, strange. She walked slowly behind Claud and Chris, her little black nose twitching at each new smell she came across. "Come on little dog," said Chris. "There's lots more forest to discover yet." She wanted to tell them to wait, that there was no hurry and that she was quite happy with the two million or so new smells she could already smell. But she didn't want to be rude on her first day, and you never know, they might leave her behind! So she scampered off as fast as her long, rather wobbly legs could carry her. "Don't worry little one, we're not going to leave you behind," said Claud reassuringly. "Take no notice of him. You just get on with exploring this forest at your own pace, don't rush. This is just a tiny part of it, we'll show you some more tomorrow."

On the way back, Tully decided that she really rather liked the green floppy things that seemed to be stuck to the trees, called "leaves" apparently. She noticed that some of them had left the trees and floated gracefully down to the ground, where a small, well young, Wolfhound could pick them up. "What have you got in your beard?" asked Claud. "Well, a leaf actually, as anyone can see," thought Tully. "And I'm taking it home with me. I like these leaf things, and you never know, the forest might run out."

Over the next few weeks they gradually went further and further exploring the forest, several times a day, just as Claud had promised. They went out at breakfast time, then in the middle of the day and finally late at night, just before they all went to bed.

IRISH MUSIC BY ALASTAIR DONALD

Shortly after Cain and I moved into our nineteenth century laundry in Timaru, the organisations that used the house to which the laundry was attached closed down for the Christmas holidays. This allowed me to use a couple of the rooms in the house during the day.

The house was in a street just off the state highway leading through Timaru's central business district. The main road, at the point where the street joined to it, passed by Caroline Bay. Originally Timaru's main landing area last century, when the port proper was established it

became one of the South Island's main holiday beaches. It had developed, over the years, to the point where it resembled a small version of those English holiday resorts. It had semipermanent arcades, dance halls, bumper boats, mini golf and a sound shell in a small amphitheatre. During the summer Christmas holidays thousands of visitors came to Caroline Bay for their vacations. Not much on a world scale, but pretty impressive for the South Island.

One sunny Saturday afternoon, Cain and I had been sitting in the 'lounge' watching my TV. I got up to make a sandwich in the kitchen, leaving Cain lounging on the couch.

When I returned to the lounge, Cain had disappeared. Thinking he'd gone off exploring in the house, I gave a quick search. I didn't want another episode of the chewed shoes to mar my holidays and my bank account. Worryingly, there was no sign of him anywhere inside. Making

my way back to the hallway, I noticed the front door slightly ajar. I'd been out there earlier to check the mail for the organisations that used the house for their offices. Realising I couldn't have shut it properly, I opened it and looked outside. There was no sign of a large, cream wolfhound in the small front yard.

Realising he'd escaped, I rushed out to the front gate and glanced up and down the street. To the left the street took a sharp dip down to the state highway that ran parallel to Caroline Bay. Still no sign of him. I waited a couple of minutes to see if he popped out from one of

the adjacent sections. Cain was renowned for being distracted by shrubs, cats and other residential garden occupants. Time ticked by and there were no screams of surprised householders or rapidly feeing domestic pets. Damn. Every minute I waited meant he was putting distance between himself and me.

I closed the door and rushed to the back yard where I had my racing cycle. Mounting it, I pedaled around the surrounding residential blocks, pausing every so often to see if Cain appeared from some unsuspecting householders' section. Again, there was nothing. I stopped and asked a few pedestrians if they had seen a huge, cream coloured dog. At least Irish wolfhounds provide an easy description when you're trying to find one. However, no one had seen him.

Getting very worried, I cycled down to the state highway and cycled up and down that. Again, no sign of Cain. I got even more worried as the road was very busy. There was a carnival on at Caroline Bay and a large number of people were either heading there or returning. I cycled up to

the guard rail that separated the state highway from the 20 metre drop down onto Caroline Bay. There were hundreds of people down there, milling around the attractions. The area was so large, that even with my elevated position on the cliffs overlooking the Bay I couldn't make out anything that looked like Cain.

I decided this was no good, I was not going to find him quickly like this. I remembered that the local radio station had a "lost and found" pets' service, so I pedaled back home and rang the station.

'Hello, Radio Caroline here,' the announcer answered when I phoned. Being a small provincial town, Timaru's radio station obviously didn't run many staff on the weekend.

'Gidday. Look, I've lost my dog and I was wondering if you would broadcast a lost and found message,' I requested.

'Sure, no problem, wait a moment while I introduce the next record and I'll take the details,' the announcer said.

I waited at the phone, craning my head out of the front window on the hope that I'd see Cain trot back into the section. No such luck.

'Right,' the announcer said as he came back on the line, 'what sort of pet is lost?'

'He's a male, cream Irish wolfhound. He escaped about half an hour ago,' I replied

'He's a dog, then?' asked the announcer.

It didn't take too much intelligence that his guy didn't know what an Irish wolfhound was.

'Yes. His distinguishing feature is that he's a metre tall at the shoulder,' I emphasised. Not quite true but I felt a good description was needed.

'Bloody hell, that's as big as a horse,' exclaimed the announcer.

'Pretty much, but don't say that as I'll wind up with half the equine community delivered to my home,' I responded quickly.

'OK, give us your phone number and I'll announce it shortly.'

After ringing off, I turned on a portable radio to listen for the announcement while going out to the front gate to see if Cain had returned. The street remained empty.

After the next song on the radio, the disc jockey announced:

'We've just had a call that the largest dog in South Canterbury has gone missing in the vicinity of Caroline Bay. He's a white coloured Irish wolfhound and stands over a metre tall. If anyone has seen him, call this number.'

Cain was getting larger any minute. Still, if it got a response, I wasn't going to be sorry for a bit of misleading advertising. Almost immediately, the phone began ringing in the house.

I rushed inside and picked up the phone.

'Gidday, are you the guy who's lost the huge dog?' queried the voice on the other end of the line.

'Yep, that's me. Have you seen him?' I asked quickly.

'Sure have. He's down in Caroline Bay in the sound shell. We've just come from there.'

'Thanks mate, I'll head down there now. What was he doing?' I asked.

'You won't have any trouble finding him, I can assure you,' replied the voice enigmatically.

I'd no sooner put the phone down, pondering on this last comment when it rang again.

'Hi, we've seen your dog on Caroline Bay,' came another voice.

After putting the phone down and picking it up half a dozen times, I certainly knew where Cain was. Grabbing his collar and lead, I ran out of the house and trotted down the steeply graded street to the state highway. Dodging cars, I crossed it quickly and ran up the pavement till I came to the stairs that lead down to the seating of the sound shell that abutted into the cliff. Pausing at the top, I scanned the crowd that were

sitting listening to an Irish band playing in the sound shell.

Approximately in the middle of the crowd, surrounded by small children patting him, sat Cain. Perched regally on the seating, his paws on the ledge, he was intently watching the band. I should have guessed.

Knowing that if he saw me he'd be off, I crept down the stairs between the seating blocks. Coming level with Cain, I pondered my next move. There were a lot of legs and bottoms between me and where Cain sat. Then there was the small crowd of children. The thought of diving over them all briefly passed across my mind, but the ensuring carnage may have been hard to explain. Anyway, there was no guarantee I'd grab Cain. I decided on something less heroic.

'Cain, here boy,' I called encouragingly.

His bewiskered head swung around in my direction, those deep dark eyes peering between cream coloured eyebrows. I could see those hairy eyebrows arch up in surprise then knot in determination. Suddenly, Cain stood up, shrugging off the myriad of small children, and plunged down the seating towards the sound stage. Clearly, in Cains view, his allocated time for his unplanned freedom wasn't up yet.

Unfortunately for the audience, Cain's path to the base of the sound shell wasn't exactly clear. While he seemed to choose the least obstructed path, I observed several patrons lurch sideways or get knocked forwards as 75 kilogrammes of accelerating wolfhound thumped into them.

All I could think of was to shout 'Gangway!' and run down the stairs, keeping pace with Cain's progress on a parallel course.

All this activity didn't escape the Irish band's lead singer who broke off his lyrics to shout, 'Keep running boy, the Black and Tans are after you!' Why is it that the Irish have a love for hopeless causes? Anyway, I didn't care to be associated with 1920's British paramilitary units with dubious reputations.

Cain and I reached the stage's base at the same time. Still tangled up in slow audience members and distracted by a picnic lunch he's run over, I was able to tackle him. As I held Cain down and put his collar on, I received a few good-natured catcalls and boos. Feeling like the policeman who's had to tackle a woman streaker at a rugby match, I marched Cain back up the stars and home.

I had to phone the radio station to say I'd found Cain. Judging by the size of the crowd, I'd be fielding phone calls for hours anyway.

It looked like I was going to have to purchase some Irish folk music to keep Cain at home.

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FEVER - IS IT SERIOUS?

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Often when you put a hand on your dog it feels warm, particularly on a patch of bare skin. This is because the normal body temperature of a dog is higher than that in people. Body temperature is maintained within a fairly narrow range (between 37.8°C and 39.3°C) although, it varies slightly during the day, with lowest temperatures recorded, in the morning and the highest in the evening. Fever is simply an increase in body temperature and can be seen with many disorders inn dogs.

Body temperature is kept constant even when the dog is exposed to wide changes in environmental temperature. Any change in body temperature is detected by specialised receptors (thermoreceptors) which send signals to the body organs that are able to lose or generate heat. If the body temperature goes up, blood flow through the skin increases so that heat is lost from blood flowing near the surface of the dog. In hot conditions the dog will pant and seek out a cool place to lie. When the environment is cold shivering occurs (because muscle activity increases heat production), dogs curl up in a ball and their haircoat becomes erect to trap warm air against the skin.

Since body temperature is so closely controlled in the normal. dog a fever is an indicator that something is wrong. In some diseases short **fever 'spikes'** occur (where the temperature is suddenly raised for a short period of time only to drop to normal and then rise again later). In other diseases **persistent fever** occurs and the temperature is always above normal. A dog with a fever is usually depressed and may not want to eat but shortterm moderate fever does not do any permanent damage to the body. If the fever gets very high (above 41°C) body *tissues can be* damaged and it is important to try to bring the body temperature down. Soaking the coat with cool water and using fans may help but veterinary advice must be sought immediately. Fortunately it is very rare for body temperature to rise this high and such high temperatures are more often the result of heat stroke or serious seizures (fits) than infections.

Why do fevers occur?

Fever is caused by the action of 'pyrogens' — substances which change the level at which the body temperature is maintained. The body's regulatory mechanisms act in the normal way but now try to maintain body temperature at a higher level. Pyrogens include bacteria, viruses, toxins, some drugs and natural substances released by the body in response to inflammation. In many cases a moderate fever can be beneficial; for example in a bacterial infection increased temperature affects the growth of bacteria and gives the dog a better chance of dealing with the infection, it is not always wise to suppress a fever without trying to find out what has caused it, and it is always better to try to treat the underlying cause if possible.

Fever of unknown origin (FUO)

The vast majority of fevers in dogs are caused by infections of some kind. In most cases body temperature returns to normal spontaneously or with the help of antibiotics to control the infection. In. some cases fever persists and despite simple tests no obvious cause of the raised temperature is found - in *this case the* condition is given, the name 'Fever of unknown origin,' or FUO. There are many different diseases in which the only abnormal findings on examination is a fever (see Table 1). A survey of dogs with FUO investigated at the Cambridge Veterinary School showed that one-third of these dogs had tumours or leukaemias, nearly one-quarter had immune-mediated disease (in most cases autoimmune arthritis), and in only 1 in 6 of these dogs was an infection causing fever. In nearly 1 in 5 dogs a diagnosis was never reached despite prolonged and extensive hospitalisation and testing. However, remember that these cases had been referred to the Veterinary School because they were particularly unusual and the vast majority of dogs with fever will be successfully diagnosed and treated by their own vet

Monitoring your dog's temperature

If you suspect that your dog has a fever you can check their temperature to be sure. Digital thermometers are easy to use and fairly reliable (see table 2). If your dog's temperature is high check it again a few hours later (if the temperature rises above 40°C or is persistently higher than normal contact your vet). Occasionally a falsely low temperature reading in. recorded if the thermometer is accidentally inserted into faeces in the

rectum. -if you think this might have happened check the temperature again after, your dog has just passed a motion.

As mentioned earlier most cases of fever will either resolve without treatment or respond well to antibiotics. If this is not the *case after a few days your vet may want to undertake* further tests to try to identify the cause of the problem. Investigation of an unexplained fever will usually entail blood samples, X-rays, ultrasound, but there may be many more tests that need to be run and some samples will have to *be* repeated a number of times in order to confirm or rule out particular diagnosis. Unfortunately investigation often continues for several weeks, may cost many hundreds of pounds and there is no guarantee that a specific diagnosis will be found. However once certain conditions have been eliminated from the checklist it may be possible to try medications to reduce the fever even if the diagnosis is not known. Never give medications to your dog without veterinary advice because you may mask the signs of a more serious disease and make it harder for your vet to find out what is going on, and many human drugs *can be toxic to* pets unless used correctly. In some dogs with unexplained fever the fever may resolve without treatment but may then recur months or years later, again with no apparent cause.

TABLE 1

Some of the causes of unexplained fever in dogs.

Infections

Bacterial infection (chest, heart valves, stump pyometra, uninary system, vertebrae, bone)

Lyme disease

Protozoal disease (Leishmania, Babesia, Neospora, Toxoplasmosis) Leptospirosis

Fungal infections

Psittacosis

Rickettsial disease (Ehrlichiosis, Haemobartonella)

Tumours

Malignant tumours Leukaemia

Immune-mediated disease

Immune-mediated arthritis

Autoimmune haemolytic anaemia Immune-mediated thrombocytopenia

Sterile meningitis

Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)

Other conditions

Drug reactions

Panosteitis

Metaphyseal Osteopathy

Inflammatory bowel disease

TABLE 2

How to take a dog's temperature

- I. Turn on the thermometer (usually by pressing the button on the side)
- 2. Dip the end of the thermometer into vasoline or similar lubricant
- 3. Lift your dog's tail gently and slowly insert the thermometer into the rectum
- 4. Keep the *thermometer* in place until a steady temperature reading is recorded (most digital thermometers will automatically 'bleep' when temperature has been recorded
- 5. Remove the thermometer and read the temperature displayed in the small window
- 6. Turn off the thermometer and wipe clean before storage
- 7. Record the time and date that the temperature was recorded

NUTSTOWN IRISH WOLFHOUNDS



CH THE BLACK KNIGHT OF NUTSTOWN

2001 and 2002 were very special years for "Blackie", winning many Groups and BIS. He followed in his fathers footsteps, who was Top Hound in 1999. He got 2 CCs and Res CC at Crufts 2002. Handled by Roberta Curran, he gained his Irish title in July as did his sister My Bernie of Nutstown. She finished Top Bitch in 2002.

Nutstown Adare shared the Green Star wins and is very proud of his son, Harvey, top Wolfhound in USA. Harvey's three sisters also gained their American titles, Nutstown Faileen, Nutstown Caithlin and Nutstown Ceile. Congratulations to all. We hope to show their mother Ch Cashla of Nutstown in veteran this year. Ebony Dear of Nutstown, Blackie's sister, also got Green Stars when shown lightly.

MILLENIUM OF NUTSTOWN

"Miley", another Fingal son and Bernie's brother will be shown this year.

ROSSA OF NUTSTOWN

"Donovan", another Adare son x Rosemary of Nutstown will also be shown this year. He made his debut at the Kennel Club Show on St Patrick's Day with BOB and Group 2.

SALLY OF NUTSTOWN

"Sheelagh", Ch The Blacknight of Nutstown x Emily of Nutstown, the last of the Ballykelly lines started her winning career at the Irish Breeds with BOB under specialist Maggie Brookes and continued with wins at Cork & District and Combined Canine shows. Although lightly shown, she is halfway to her championship.

GOLDEN LADY OF NUTSTOWN

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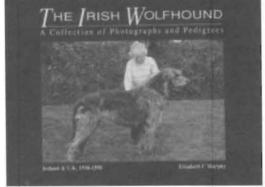
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In just one show season Phelix followed in the footsteps of his sister, **Ch Knocknarea Panache** (right) Top Hound 2000, and his half-brother **Ch&GB Ch Juxtalia Macmathuna of Knocknarea** (left) #1 IW 1998, who also won the English IW Club Show, in 1998. Phelix's young son **Knocknarea Solamh** (centre) out of Knocknarea Night Shadow (Reserve BIS IWCI 1998) left a huge impression on the judge at our IWCI show 2002. He took **Best Puppy in Show** and was awarded the Reserve Green Star from Puppy class at his first ever outing.

Knocknarea





.....True to type, a chip of the old block......

The latest addition to our kennels is "Jade" Juxtalia Ita of Knocknarea, daughter of Miko (Ch Mallanigh Dawn Chase of Knocknarea Annual Ch 2000, #1 IW 2000 - right) and Marumac Gretchen of Juxtalia. She had her show debut at the IWC England Ch show in April 2003 (judge Bill Deemer, Fitzarran IW's), where she went Best Puppy in Show after winning a strong Puppy class, with her sisters Ishbel and Isle going 2nd and 3rd. She also won the English Club's Type Cup (Bitch) for Best under two years old IW. Her sire Miko had won the Type Cup (Dog) at his first appearance there in 1999.

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Knocknarea



Knocknarea Orlando on her sixth birthday (Ch & GB Ch Juxtalia Macmathuna of Knocknarea X Glenties Aine)

As the dam of our U-litter in 2001 (by Ch Knocknarea Phelix) Orla took an extended 'sabbatical' and only came out again in 2002 for our Club Show. There she took the Bitch Green Star and Reserve Best in Show, also winning the Movement Cup. The Movement Cup bears the name of Knocknarea hounds for five consecutive years now. Her daughter "Nikki" Knocknarea Unique was only shown four times as a puppy but came home with two Reserve Green Stars and won Best Puppy in Show at the Hound Association Group Championship Show in August 2002.

While we prefer to place our puppies in companion homes, we are happy to see that more and more Knocknarea hounds leave a good impression in the show ring too. Special congratulations go to Emma Ross in Canada on her success with Can & US Ch Knocknarea Phelan of Cnoccarne and his equally successful young offspring. In the U.S.A., Phelix's young daughter Knocknarea Tamsin out of Knocknarea Railtin, owned by Pam Murphy, is doing her dad and us proud. Knocknarea Sligeagh (by Phelix out of Knocknarea Night Shadow) is Luxembourg Youth Champion.

Wishing all our friends in the Wonderful World of Wolfhounds Peace, Happiness and Success with their hounds.

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IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB OF IRELAND (THE CLUB)

ESTABLISHED 1925

These rules will be effective after the 2003 AGM

1 Powers of the Club

The Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland, a Specialist Breed Club, established for the promotion and encouragement of the keeping, breeding and exhibiting of the Irish Wolfhound shall:

- i). Promote the health and well being of Irish Wolfhounds.
- ii). Define the Breed Standard.
- iii). Keep and publish such records and information concerning the breed as may be available and desirable.
- iv). Advertise and donate prizes as appropriate.
- v). Act in accordance with these Rules.
- vi). Promote, participate and hold shows or other competitions.

2 Management of the Club

The powers of the Club and the administration of its affairs shall be vested in and exercised by a committee consisting of a President, two Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer, together with six other members of the Club. The duties of the President include Presidency of the European Federation of Irish Wolfhound Clubs as per Federation Rules. The Chairman is entitled to chair any meeting of the club, Committee or Sub-Committee.

3 Affiliation with Irish Kennel Club

The Club shall affiliate with the Irish Kennel Club Limited (IKC) and renew its affiliation as often as it may be required under the regulations of the IKC.

4 Alteration of the Rules

The constitution and rules of the Club shall not be amended or rescinded, nor shall any addition thereto be made except at a general meeting of the Club and by motion of which notice shall have been given to the members, and such alteration must be carried by a majority of two-thirds of those members present and voting.

5 Membership

The club shall consist of Associate, Full, Life and Honorary members who shall be deemed to be aware of the provisions of these rules and shall be bound as a condition of membership to conform to and observe the said rules. The list of such members, name and address or Email, shall be available to members on request from the Hon Secretary. As is customary the word "he" refers to all members both male and female.

6 Associate Members

- i). Initial application to the Club shall be for Associate Membership. Associate Members can avail of Club facilities.
- ii). Application for associate membership shall be made in writing on the Club's official form, which shall include a signed agreement to abide by the Rules and Code of Ethics of the Club and of the IKC and shall be accompanied by the appropriate subscription. Every candidate for admission to the associate membership of the Club shall be proposed and seconded by two members of the club. The Committee at its next meeting shall consider such applications. The Committee shall have the power to accept or reject applications by a simple majority. In the case of rejections monies shall be refunded.
- iii). There is no minimum age for Associate Members
- iv). Associate Members are not entitled to vote.

7 Full Members

- i). Associate Members may apply in writing for Full Membership after two years from date of application for Associate Membership. The Committee shall have the power to accept or reject applications by a simple majority.
- ii). Full Members are entitled to vote.
- iii). The minimum age for Full Members is eighteen years.

8 Life members

From time to time the club may offer life membership to full members at a specified fee. Life members are entitled to all club facilities and have the right to vote.

9 Honorary Members

The Club may at any general meeting, by a majority of two thirds of the members present and voting, elect as Honorary Members persons duly proposed and seconded by members of the club. Honorary members are entitled to all club facilities and have the right to vote.

10 Subscriptions

- i). Subscription levels shall be set at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Club
- ii). Every new member shall upon his election pay the annual subscription published on membership application forms.
- iii). The annual subscription shall become due on 1st October. Any member whose subscription is not paid for the current year by the beginning of the AGM shall not be entitled to voting rights.
- iv). Any member leaving his subscription unpaid for 24 months after the date on which it became due shall cease to be a member. All arrears shall be paid prior to reinstatement, which shall be subject to the discretion of the Committee.

v). All outstanding debts to the club must be paid before membership can be renewed.

11 Meetings

- i). All meetings will be conducted in Ireland as per Standing Orders of the Club.
- ii). The Committee may summon a General Meeting of the Club at any time upon due notice being given as per 12, stating concisely the nature of the business.
- iii). Fifteen Full Members actually present shall constitute a quorum at a General Meeting.
- iv). A General Meeting shall also be called on requisition in writing to the Secretary signed by not less than twenty members. This meeting will be called after the next meeting of the Committee, as per 12 (iii), with twenty-one days notice in writing provided and the agenda shall be given or sent by post by Secretary to all members of the Club.
- v). Votes at a general meeting shall be recorded by show of hands or secret ballot of those present and voting. In the case of a secret ballot proxy voting shall be excluded.
- vi). It shall be competent for members who do not attend at general meetings to nominate in writing a full member to vote by proxy for and on his behalf at a general meeting. This shall be limited to one proxy vote per full member attending the meeting. Such written nomination must be provided to the Secretary a minimum of seven days prior to the date of the meeting.
- vii). The Committee shall have power to summon an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club provided a concise statement of the nature of the business shall be sent to each member at least twenty-one days prior to the meeting.

12 Administration of meetings:

- i). Eight weeks clear notice of all general meetings, other than meetings called under 11 (iv), shall be posted to the members. Such notification shall include date, time and location.
- ii). The Hon Secretary shall receive any motions for consideration at that meeting, including nominations, within two weeks from the day notice is posted or at least six weeks from the meeting.
- iii). The Hon Secretary shall post an agenda, including voting papers, if so required, at least twenty-one days before the meeting stating where and when the meeting is to be held. In the case of an AGM the minutes of the previous AGM and the relevant accounts shall be included.
- iv). Where nomination and voting papers are being dispatched at least two members of the committee shall be present.
- v). The list of names and addresses of all current members will be available for inspection at every general meeting.

13 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Club shall be held each year before the end of October at a suitable place and on a date agreed by the Committee for the following purpose inter alia:

- i). To consider the report of the retiring Committee together with the audited statement of accounts ended in the current year.
- ii). To appoint scrutineers and declare the election of Officers and Committee for the ensuing year in accordance with the provisions of Rule 15.
- iii). To appoint Auditors to express their opinion as to whether the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Clubs affairs at the financial year end and of its profit or loss for the year then ended
- iv). To consider motions, in accordance with 12 ii), received for consideration at the AGM.

14 The Committee

- i). The Committee shall be constituted as set out in Rule 2.
- ii). The Committee shall on election appoint a Trophy Secretary, a Merchandiser a Rescue Officer and two IKC representatives at least one of which shall be a member of the Committee.
- iii). The Committee shall have power to appoint such officers, sub-committees and paid officials as may be deemed necessary for the carrying on of its business. The Committee may co-opt a full member to fill a casual vacancy on the Committee who shall have voting rights. The Committee may co-opt additional members who shall not have voting rights on the Committee. The Committee shall recommend auditors at each AGM and has the power to co-opt auditors to fill casual vacancy.
- iv). The members of the Committee shall retire annually and be eligible for re-election. v). Five members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.
- vi). Ten clear days notice in writing of a Committee meeting shall be given to all members of the Committee.

15 Election of Committee

- i). Election to the Committee shall be at the AGM by ballot, counted at the AGM by agreed scrutineers.
- ii). Any Full member of the Club may nominate a candidate for the Committee, including President, two VicePresidents, Chairman, Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer, in writing at least six weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- iii). No member may nominate more than one candidate for each position. The member must confirm that the candidate wishes to stand for election. The candidate must write to the Hon. Secretary at least 28 days before the AGM indicating his acceptance of the nomination before he will be included on the voting paper. Any nomination not received by the Secretary within that time shall be void.
- iv). The Hon. Secretary shall provide each member of the Club with a true and alphabetical list of nominations on an embossed voting paper at least twenty-one days prior to the meeting. He shall include the total number of Committee Meetings held since the previous AGM and the number attended by each officer and Committee Member. Only those officers and Committee Members who have attended at least one half of the meetings in the previous year are eligible for re-election. Retiring members of the committee, who meet the above criteria, shall be deemed nominated for re-election unless prior notice to the contrary has been given to the secretary. Members shall return the embossed voting paper in an envelope, supplied by the Hon. Secretary marked "Ballot". They shall mark the names of those they wish

- to vote for and include their own name printed on the outside and signed on the inside of the flap of the envelope. The envelope shall be returned to the Hon. Secretary before the commencement of the AGM without exception.
- v). No member may vote for more than one candidate for each vacancy. Those who have received most votes shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie it shall be decided by lot which candidate shall be an official or a member of the committee as the case may be except where an existing Committee member is involved where the status quo shall prevail. Elected candidates must be present and confirm acceptance of their election.

16 Management of Finances

- i). Any expense in excess of €100.00 incurred in connection with the Club shall be submitted for approval for payment to the Committee and when passed shall be defrayed by the Treasurer out of the funds.
- ii). The Committee shall incur no financial liability in excess of the funds available without authority conferred by a general meeting.
- iii). No member is empowered to pledge the credit of the Club without obtaining the authority of the Committee; and all items shall come before the Committee for approval.
- iv). All cheques must be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by a designated Committee member.
- v). The Committee shall approve the accounts of the club prior to recommending them to the AGM.

17 Honorary Secretary

The Secretary shall be the custodian of the administrative records of the Club. The Secretary shall:

- i). Provide a list of names and addresses of members, except of those members requesting in writing that their address should not be included, to a member on request
- ii). Notify each newly elected member of his election and furnish a copy of these rules therewith.
- iii). The Secretary shall record all proceedings and attendances of members in the minute book.
- iv). Ensure that at all meetings a copy of these rules shall be available.
- v). The Treasurer may also be the Secretary of the Club.

18 Honorary Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- i). Receive the revenue of the Club.
- ii). Be responsible for all expenditure and may approve expenditure amounts up to €100.00.
- iii). Make application for subscription and other monies due to the Club.
- iv). Present a detailed account of the revenue and expenditure and financial position of the club to the committee for approval at least one month prior to the AGM.
- v). Keep a properly detailed account of the revenue and expenditure and produce such account for inspection at the AGM duly audited by an accountant appointed at the AGM to the standard required by the IKC.
- vi). Hand over to his successor any balance of cash together with the books of account duly audited by the currently appointed auditor.

19 Trophy Secretary

A Trophy Secretary shall be appointed annually from the Committee by vote of the Committee, the appointment to take place at the committee meeting next following the AGM. The Trophy Secretary shall:

- i). Ensure that all Trophies are insured.
- ii). Maintain a record of the award of trophies.
- iii). Ensure, as far as possible, that trophies are appropriately engraved.
- iv). Follow appropriate procedures regarding the issue and receipt of trophies, which will include:
 - a. Issuing notice to trophy winners regarding the timely return of trophies.
 - b. The inspection of the trophy before awarding and the description on an issue docket of any defect, the completed issue docket to be signed by the trophy winner and the trophy secretary.
 - c. The inspection of the trophy on its return, in order to identify and record any damage that may have been caused while in the possession of the trophy winner, and the issue of a signed receipt to the trophy winner. Reporting to the Committee any material damage to or loss of any trophy to enable the Committee to take the appropriate measures.

20 The Merchandiser

The Merchandiser shall be appointed annually from the Committee by vote of the Committee, the appointment to take place at the committee meeting next following the AGM:

- i). The merchandiser is responsible for the trading activities of the club and shall transfer any funds received to the treasurer and notify the treasurer of any outstanding bill in a timely manner.
- ii). Any proposed purchases or design of goods carrying the Club logo must be approved by the Committee.
- iii). The merchandiser is appointed from and by the Committee.
- iv). Keep a record of all Merchandise and lodge all sales to the club bank account.

21 Rescue Officer

The Rescue Officer shall be appointed annually from the Committee by vote of the Committee, the appointment to take place at the committee meeting next following the AGM.

- i). The Rescue officer shall ultimately be responsible for taking care of any wolfhound urgently in need of a home.
- ii). The Treasurer, in accordance with 18 ii), shall approve any expense so incurred.

22 Trustees

- i). The Club shall, at a general meeting, appoint three trustees in whom all the property of the Club shall be vested and the said Trustees shall have power to take or defend on behalf of the Club any legal proceedings in reference to the property. Trustee vacancy will be filled at a General Meeting which must be called within three months of such vacancy arising,
- ii). Trustees shall be nominated by either the Committee or proposed and seconded by members. A majority of two thirds of those present and voting is required for approval of trustee.
- iii). A trustee may resign at any time provided there are two remaining trustees or be removed by resolution at a general meeting. A majority of two thirds of those present and voting is required to remove a trustee.

23 Complaints against members

A member against whom a complaint has been lodged shall be so informed and provided with a copy of the letter of complaint, the nature of the complaint and the name of the person making it. The member will be requested to respond to such allegations in writing. Should the committee so judge such further investigations as is necessary will take place and the person making the complaint may be required to attend a committee meeting in person and consent to be cross examined by the member. In addition any member witnesses called by the committee shall be available for cross-examining by the member. In all cases the member will be afforded an opportunity of reply before a duly summoned meeting of the Committee. In the event that a member of the Committee makes the complaint he shall have no part in any voting by the Committee on the matter.

The Club shall have power to formally warn, suspend or expel any member, such having been recommended by the Committee to an extraordinary general meeting of the Club expressly convened for that purpose and of which twenty one clear days notice shall have been given to the members giving the grounds of the proposed expulsion.

24 Suspension

Any member who may be suspended by the IKC shall automatically be suspended from membership of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland. Resumption of membership shall be at the discretion of the Committee.

25 Disputes

Any matter in dispute may be referred to the IKC for final decision.

26 Dissolution

In the event of the Club being dissolved all trophies shall be handed to the IKC, who will act as custodians. All properties and assets of the Club shall be realised and after all liabilities are met, the remainder shall be handed to the IKC to be devoted to any purpose which has for its object the promotion of the interests of the Irish Wolfhound Breed.

27 Duties of Members

It shall be the duty of every member of the Club to forward the interest of the breed and Club and strive to promote honourable dealing in canine matters and it shall be the duty of every member, to report to the Club, any irregularities affecting the Club or it's members.

STANDING ORDERS FOR MEETINGS OF THE IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB OF IRELAND (IWCI)

The following Standing Orders are proposed for consideration at a future meeting of the IWCI.

- 1 Meetings shall be convened and conducted in accordance with the relevant Articles of the IWCI Rules.
- 2 All members are entitled to attend a general meeting. Those entitled to vote are in accordance with Rules 6 and 7 of the IWCI.
- 3 Notice of a motion, to be considered at a meeting, shall be sent to the Hon Secretary in writing by recorded delivery and signed by the proposer in accordance with Rule 11 of the IWCI. Notices received too late for inclusion in the Agenda may be submitted to the Meeting for discussion only at the discretion of the Chairman and by leave of the majority of those present and voting.
- 4 A resolution shall not be considered until it is proposed and seconded at the Meeting and shall not be brought before any subsequent meeting within one year and without fresh notice with the exception of Standing Order 23.
- 5 A resolution or amendment moved from the Chair does not require a seconder.
- 6 An amendment is to insert, add or delete one or more words or any combination thereof.
- 7 An amendment may not be a direct negative or introduce a new proposal.
- 8 Only one amendment shall be considered at a time.
- 9 Members shall confine all remarks to the matter under discussion.

- 10 Should the Chairman be of the opinion that pressure of business makes it desirable speeches may be limited to five minutes at any time during a meeting. At the end of this period the speaker will be informed and he may continue only with the permission of the Chairman.
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- 11 Except with the consent of the Chair, a member shall not speak more than once on any resolution or amendment
- 12 Once a resolution or amendment has been proposed and seconded, it cannot be withdrawn except with the consent of the majority of those present and voting.
- 13 The proposer or seconder of a resolution or amendment shall then have a right to speak later in the discussion.
- 14 With the consent of the majority of those present and voting, the proposer and seconder of a resolution may accept an amendment, which thereupon becomes part of the resolution.
- 15 Only two amendments to a motion are allowed (i.e. an amendment to an amendment).
- 16 No discussion whatever shall be permissible until a formal resolution has been put to the meeting.
- 17 No member shall interrupt another except with the leave of the Chairman, and to raise a point of order or to make a personal explanation.
- 18 In the conclusion of a speech a member may move the adjournment of the meeting, the postponement of the resolution under discussion, that the resolution is put, or that the meeting proceed to the next business. A member who has moved the closure shall not do so again for at least half an hour.
- 19 The Chairman, with the consent of the majority of the members present and voting, may invite the attendance, during the whole or part of a meeting, of any individual who, in his opinion, can give useful information or advice.
- 20 Nothing in these orders shall be taken to over-ride any provision of the Rules of the IWCI. In any case of difference the provisions of the Rules shall prevail.
- 21 Any issues not specifically provided for in the IWCl Rules or Standing Orders shall be decided in general accordance with principles laid down in Robert's Rules of Order. The ruling of the Chair shall be final and binding on all.
- 22 These orders may be altered, added to, amended, rescinded, or suspended only by a twothirds majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting. Notice of motion for any alteration, addition, amendment, or revision shall be given in accordance with Rule 4.
- 23 The suspension of Standing Orders may be moved at any stage of a meeting. If approved by a two third majority of those present and voting, Standing Orders shall be suspended. Standing Orders shall be reinstated by a simple majority vote, or earlier if so provided by the resolution to suspend.

IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB OF IRELAND

Est. 1925

· CODE OF ETHICS

1. IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL IRISH WOLFHOUND OWNERS TO KEEP THEIR HOUNDS UNDER CONTROL AT ALL TIMES.

To keep them well exercised and in good health and endeavour to further promote the image of the breed and it's equable temperament.

- 2. Officers and Committee members of the Club should always be ready to do their best to help members with any queries or problems.
- Advertising by members must be factual. Members should refrain from making unfair or untrue statements about the dogs or practice of others.
- It should be impressed upon buyers that they should contact the breeder in the event of any problems with the puppy. Breeders should make every effort to be of assistance in these circumstances.
- 5. Each purchaser of an Irish Wolfhound puppy should be provided at the time of sale, with a pedigree, diet sheet and information about training, worming and inoculations.
- Before breeding a litter consideration should be given to type, temperament, health and soundness. Aggressive dogs are not satisfactory as pets or breeding stock.
- All breeding should be aimed at the improvement of the breed. Members should do all in their power to discourage breeding from clearly inferior specimens.
- 8. No member should breed a litter unless he has time and facilities to devote proper care and attention to the rearing of the puppies and the well being of the dam. No member should provide stud services unless satisfied that the owner of the bitch has such time and facilities available. Members should allow their males to be used only if certain that both dog and bitch have something to offer towards the improvement of the breed, not just for stud fees. They should be prepared to assist in finding suitable homes for the puppies.

- 9. No member should breed a litter unless he is reasonably sure of finding homes for the puppies. No puppies should leave the breeder before the age of eight weeks at least. No bitch should be bred until physically mature.
- 10. No puppies should be sold to dealers, pet shops, laboratories, security firms or as security guard dogs or to persons known to sell puppies to any of the above. Nor should stud services be provided to such persons. Knowledge of such sales should be reported to the committee. It is recommended that no puppies should be sold to areas overseas that do not have similar standards of animal welfare to our own. If in doubt, check with the Club.
- 11. Prospective buyers of puppies should be screened for suitability and should be advised of the characteristics of the Irish Wolfhound as a breed. The breeder should encourage the prospective owner to feed the puppy correctly and endeavour to monitor its progress and encourage the owner to keep in touch with the breeder, who should be prepared to take back any hound whose home may no longer be able to cope or to contact the Club's Rescue Service.
- 12. Members should only sell animals, which to the best of their knowledge are in good health at the time of the sale.
- 13. Breeders should only sell directly to permanent homes. Members should not buy puppies from other breeders for re-sale or assist in sales in any other way for financial gain. This exempts stud fee puppies.
- 14. All members are encouraged to test for liver shunt before sale.

