



Wolfhounds at Powerscourt House, Co Wicklow photographed by Stephen Wall Morris

Dear Members

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2011 edition of "The Irish Hound".

In keeping with previous editions we have tried to tailor our articles to suit the interests of all our members.

As always, we are interested in hearing from the membership on ideas and material for future publications, please contact any committee member with these.

Many of you will know that the publication of a yearly club magazine is not something that happens overnight and with that said I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their time and effort in making this years edition a reality.

As Chairman of our club I would like to personally thank you for your continued support and wish you and your hounds happiness and health for 2011.

Le gach dea-mhéin

Tony Dunne

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Another year passes; it was notable for the good summer weather which lifted the spirits of dogs and competitors alike after a cold winter. Reports for the two Open shows and the Championship show are included, together with show results and four new champions made up.

On the human side we lost valued members to the grim reaper. One of these was Tony Doyle [Killykeen] who was such a bedrock for wolfhounds and began our relationship with Tullamore Dew through Mr Pearson, who lived in Swords North Co Dublin, with whose Wheaten terriers he was involved.

A sincere thank you to all those who contributed articles, photographs and information for this issue. We could not make it without you. The 2012 issue will have its foundations laid shortly so if you have a contribution you would like to make it will be welcome.

Charles Webb, Editor

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# The Irish Wolfhound

## A Form and Function Perspective

By Jocelyne Gagné,

Starkeeper Irish Wolfhounds

I am pleased to share my thoughts with you on how the original function of a wolfhound is directly related to today's breed standard, and explain to you why I believe that a great wolfhound is a functional hound. The focus for this dissertation will be on form and function. While some of this presentation will look at parts of the dog, in order to really understand one part of the dog, we need to look at how this relates to the whole. My focal point is on the functional aspects of structure.

### HISTORY & FUNCTION

The Irish Wolfhound is a hunter, a coursing hound that sights its prey, chases it down, and dispatches it. Given that its primary quarry was the wolf and Irish Elk, it stands to reason that this hunter must have the size and strength to take on these large creatures. As the wolfhound was expected to catch its prey, it also had to be built along the lines of a good courser, hence the requirement that it be "greyhoundlike".

I am convinced that form follows function. Having researched the history of our breed in order to relate purpose to structure and how it influences the form of our current breed specimens, I would like to share some of my findings with you. I hope today to be able to relay to you how I think this impacts on what constitutes a properly structured Irish Wolfhound, and why.

As the standard illustrates in the very first line, the Irish Wolfhound's General Appearance is described as:

"Of great size and commanding appearance, the Irish Wolfhound is remarkable in combining power and swiftness with keen sight. The largest and tallest of the galloping Hounds, in general type he is a rough-coated, Greyhound-like breed; very muscular, strong though gracefully built; movements easy and active....."

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that in just the opening statement to the standard, size and strength are mentioned 4 times, and movement is described 3 times.... indicating the high priority of these attributes in the Irish Wolfhound.

*This would imply that in order to be a large and tall dog, the Irish Wolfhound has to have long legs, and have sufficient bone to sustain a giant frame.*



### FUNCTION – COURSING HOUND

The original function of this breed was to hunt; in order to do so effectively it must be able to run well and to sustain the chase until the prey is caught. It then has to have the strength and power to take down and kill its quarry.

Obviously this requires an athletic build, the capacity to chase and the stamina to maintain the chase over a distance. Irish Wolfhounds had to be able to both catch and dispatch their quarry. A large dog, built to run and with the strength to take down and kill a creature as large as a wolf, was required in the ancestors of our



modern day wolfhounds. If we breed true to type, then we must strive to produce structurally a dog that can function in accordance to its original purpose - a powerful courser able to catch and dispatch large game.

A wolfhound should always reflect length with the requisite strength to use its size effectively. Symmetry is desired in a sighthound so that the body is truly functional ... “strong though gracefully built”.

Our standard refers to greyhound-like numerous times. While a wolfhound has to be large and powerful, it still has to be a sighthound with the classic shape. The smooth, flowing lines of the gazehound outline presents a long, strong neck that flows into well placed shoulders; a deep chested dog, well drawn up at the flanks, with a rise over the loin. Good running gear is a necessity.

A good Irish Wolfhound will cover plenty of ground both standing and on the move, with plenty of daylight under the dog, referring to leg length and tuck up. The coursing hound has to have good legs in order to function properly; this is part of the trademark of the sighthound group - that they are built to run.



*On the left is a young bitch and on the right a veteran male. They have classic sighthound shape; long, strong flowing curves, deep chests, with well drawn up flanks. Both are excellent examples of athletic, powerful wolfhounds displaying the right size and shape, large and strong, with well angulated shoulders that are balanced with their powerful rear quarters. Each has commanding appearance.*

## TEMPERAMENT

My reference to temperament will be brief. In order to be successful as a hunter and companion, the Irish Wolfhound has to have a solid temperament. “Gentle when stroked, Fierce when provoked” is an apt description of the discerning personality of an Irish Wolfhound. A dog that is shy or unsound in mind, cannot project commanding appearance or courage, which are required attributes according to the breed standard.

## HEAD

The wolfhound head should be pleasing to look at, yet strong and functional. There should be enough power in the jaw to catch and hold a wolf. Parallel planes of the skull to muzzle, and balance between the back skull and the foreface are desired, with each being approximately equal in length. The head should also be balanced with respect to the rest of the hound (not too light or too heavy relative to the overall size of the body).

When viewed from the front, the head should get evenly wider from the nose to the occiput. The muzzle should widen out to blend without bulges into the skull. In profile, the jaw should



*A courageous  
hunter yet trustworthy  
companion to small  
children.*

appear strong and powerful, capable of a punishing grip. The muzzle should not be square, but should slope back from nose to chin. The lips should fit close to the mouth like a Greyhound.

A noticeable stop is not desired and viewed from the side there should only be a slight rise in the frontal bones of the forehead, and there should be little or no indentation between the eyes. The furnishings may create an illusion of “squareness” but the bone structure should be such that there is very little stop.

The eye should not be round, but of good size and oval shaped. Dark eyes are preferred, but in the lighter coloured dogs a flame coloured eye is acceptable. The soft expression of this breed is exemplified in the eyes. A round, light and staring eye will completely spoil the expression.

Large, flat ears are not attractive. Nor would they have been very functional. A hostile prey could much more easily catch hold of a large flapping ear in its adversary, than a small, rosette one. Of course, small ears held close to the head also create less wind resistance. Pigmentation on the nose and lips should be complete and dark.



*This bitch displays a typical, beautiful expression. She has a lovely head; strong jaws, good proportions, dark pigment and wiry furnishings.*

## NECK

The proper neck on an Irish Wolfhound is long enough to allow the hound to be able to sight its prey (that is when standing at attention the dog's head can be raised high enough to survey the surrounding area), but strong enough to enable the hound to grasp and kill its quarry. A short neck can give a stiff look to the dog, and is most likely the result of an upright shoulder. A neck that is too long may appear weak and out of proportion to the rest of the hound. A “ewe” neck is long and thin, with the front of the neck bulging forward and outward from the breast. In a proper neck, length is desired but it must be commensurate with strength, and balance with the rest of the dog.

*The bitch on the left demonstrates an excellent head and neck. As called for in the standard the neck is long, arched and gives the impression of strength. This picture of the Reinagle Irish Wolf Dog, circa 1803, on the right, portrays a beautiful neck – crested, powerful and long. The dog is obviously on the alert, looking for or perhaps having spotted prey. This dog is also has good length of leg, with adequate bone.*

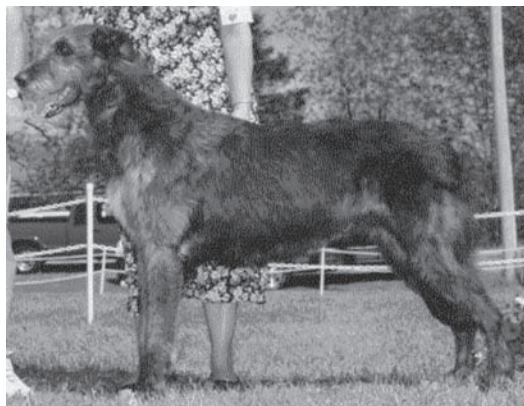


While the head and neck should be carried high when standing and alert ( and presumably scanning the countryside to discover their quarry), when on the move the neck is normally carried level, or slightly above

the topline. This allows for maximum reach and efficiency of the legs. At the trot, the front foot of a dog can only strike the ground as far forward as the nose.

*A well constructed Irish Wolfhound. See how she displays length, strength and correct “greyhoundlike” outline. These two photos are of the same bitch, standing and on the move. Proper construction should lead to proper movement.*

*The second photo was taken as she won the Best Moving Irish Wolfhound in Speciality at a National Speciality Show several years ago. Note that in the standing photo the head is carried high and proudly, while on the move the head is carried level with the topline.*



## CHEST & RIBCAGE

The heart and lung room required by a long distance galloping hounds is significant, and is provided by the depth and length of the chest. Long ribs provide the depth, and the dorsal vertebrae of the back provide the length. A shallow chest, not reaching the elbow, not only spoils the underline but doesn't leave sufficient heart and lung room. A round or barrel chest is also not correct as it will impede the galloping action of the hound, where the rear legs must reach far forward and outside of the front legs at the contracted phase of the gallop.

A barrel chest will also hinder the convergence of the front legs into the “single tracking” action that allows the dog to balance its centre of gravity on the move, and provides the most efficient gait. Dogs with too wide a chest will move with their legs parallel as they come at you, which is a tiring gait for the dog. Too wide a



*Here is a picture that aptly demonstrates how the rear legs reach outside of the front ones when the dog is in full gallop, in the contracted suspension stage.*

chest, can also contribute to “loaded shoulders” where the breadth of the front assembly over the shoulders is too broad, and out of proportion with the streamlined, greyhoundlike form.

Too narrow a chest will also create problems with the heart and lung room capacity, but more visible are the movement faults created by too slim a chest. Without sufficient breadth of placement, the front legs can look as if they are “coming out of the same hole” or present a pinched look to the front when viewed head on. When moving, the front legs go from narrow at the top, to out at the feet (which is the reverse of efficient movement, where we look to the inverted triangle shape, so that the legs converge downwards towards the centre as the dog trots towards you).



In a well constructed wolfhound the ribcage is long and strong to support the front assembly. If the ribs shorten and cut upwards too rapidly at the front of the hound, it results in a “hollow chest” or a dog lacking in fore chest which is undesirable.

The underline of the chest should move back from the elbow for approximately 2/3 of the length of the underline. Then the line moves upwards towards the loin. The rationale for this well let down rib cage is that it provides the necessary heart and lung room so that the dog has stamina for the chase. A dog with a shortened underline in the rib area, where the underline cuts up and back too quickly from the elbow is often referred to as “herring gutted” and is of faulty construction. The “Long, well ribbed up” called for in the standard does not refer just to moderate spring of rib, but also to the fact that the length of the back should be found mainly in the ribcage area. Compared to the loin, the ribbing is longer.

*On the left, you can see that this bitch has excellent forequarters.... wonderful angulation in front (balanced with the rear). Note the depth of chest, to the elbow, and the point of the sternum well in advance of the front leg. The length and depth of chest continues well back. On the right is another bitch, also with great forequarters, good depth of chest, well ribbed back, and good angulation with a long, strong neck, that she is using to advantage on the field.*



If you were to cross section the chest, from the front view, it should be “egg shaped”. This allows for the shoulder assembly to be attached at the top and slope outwards, creating enough lung and heart room in the chest. The narrow part of the oval is at the top (shoulders) with the width at the lower part of the oval shape (bottom of the chest).

The standard states “Chest very deep. Breast wide”. Again, this is to ensure adequate heart and lung room so that the dog can run well and sustain its pace over the duration of its pursuit.

## BACK & LOIN

The back should be long rather than short in comparison to the overall proportions of the hound.

The length of body being a prerequisite for the running gear to have room to manoeuvre; Irish Wolfhounds however should never appear to be short legged, or cobby in any way.



The standard calls for an arched loin. This provides the flexibility for the double suspension gallop and allows for a good “wind up” as the hound gathers its legs under itself in

*Here is a good example of a correct body. Well ribbed up, ribbing extends back long enough into a good tuck up. Great angulation front and rear. Correct rounded croup. A nice shape and good daylight under the dog*

preparation for propulsion. Also a dog without its “belly well drawn up” won’t have the capacity or strength to gallop as well as the hound that has the properly structured flank and loin. Wolfhounds shouldn’t look in profile like a Dane or a Mastiff - they must be greyhoundlike and a tuck up should be visible.

To quote from K-9 Structure & Terminology

“... dogs use their backs to attain speed. The most flexible spot is over the loin; absence of ribs in the loin area and the tuck-up allows folding of the underpart of the body. The hind legs overreach on the outside of the forelegs. The ability to flex the back from a straight position to a well-arched position is essential for fast dogs; a permanent arch is not flexible and is therefore a serious fault<sup>1</sup>.”

## LEGS/RUNNING GEAR

A functional wolfhound is only as good as its legs, which to me is true of all sighthounds. To me this means that an Irish Wolfhound has to have relatively long, solid legs and use these to move soundly and efficiently.

The legs should be well constructed as this is a running breed. The standard requires good bone and straight



*Here is an excellent example of how the loin arches, as the dog brings its legs together underneath itself, and tucks in the body to create maximum propulsion. Note also how the rear legs are outside of and overreach the front legs.*

legs, in order to efficiently carry the large frame of the wolfhound. The bone should be bladed, that is streamlined and flat, which is aerodynamically suitable for speed and running, as opposed to round bone (which you would see in a mastiff like breed).

The longer the legs, the more ground will be covered by each stride, provided this length is in balance with the length of the shoulder and upper arm. Fewer strides to cover the same distance means more efficient movement. Again, the length of the legs needs to be commensurate with the size of the bone, and should not appear weedy, or too long, nor is it acceptable for them to be too heavily boned, and appear short in proportion to the total dog.



*These two pictures are of the same bitch. Right photo 3 years old; left photo 7 years old. Good leg length and balanced angulation, produce a ground covering stride.*

When viewed from the front of the dog, the elbows should be close to the chest, and under the bulge of the shoulder muscle. The elbows should not turn outwards (often the feet will pin inwards when this occurs) nor

<sup>1</sup> Edward M. Gilbert, Jr. & Thelma R. Brown, K-9 Structure & Terminology, Second Edition, Oregon 2001, p. 27  
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should they turn inwards or be too close to the chest (this can cause a tied-in-front look and is particularly visible when the hound is moving towards you).

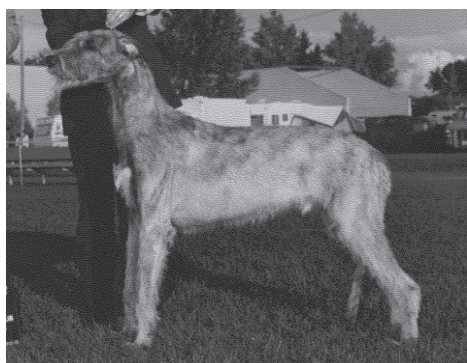
*The bitch on the left, standing naturally, displays a good front. The elbows are well set under the chest, yet still leave sufficient breadth for the chest to provide adequate heart and lung room. This bitch on the left is over 8 years old in the photo; middle shot is a 4 month old puppy where the chest is yet to “drop”, but*



*where there is proper width and elbows already set well under, and the bitch on the right is 6 years old. Note in all 3 photos the legs are straight, strong, with good bone, with the feet turning neither inwards nor outwards.*

The front legs need to be straight as called for in the standard, but there does need to be some flexibility to the pastern joint. Dogs with joints that are too straight, may also have a tendency to knuckle over, which is incorrect. This hyperextension of the carpal joint impacts negatively on balance. This is especially serious in a running hound. Just as faulty, are pastern joints that are too loose, with too great an angle between the pastern and the foot. These make for a sloppy action on the move, and also impact negatively on the dog's endurance at any gait. In a coursing hound, the pasterns have to be resilient, which is achieved with strong carpal joints and the correct angle to the pastern.

Some give to the pastern is required in order to facilitate the cushioning effect when the front feet touchdown. There is more stress on the front assembly when the dog is in full gallop, and this is when it's essential that there is some flexibility to the pastern joint, in order to avoid injury, and to facilitate maximum efficiency at the gallop.



*This dog has a relatively straight front. Note that he is knuckling over at the pastern joints. There is no angle at all to the pastern, which would limit any cushioning effect while the dog is on the move, and the front feet hit the ground.*

In the hindquarters, once again there must be matching lengths in the major long bones of the rear legs to ensure efficiency of movement. The standard calls for muscular thighs, with the second thigh being long and strong as in the Greyhound. This is to ensure powerful running ability. The hocks are described as well let down (low) turning neither inwards nor outwards. The angulation in the stifle is required for speed – dogs

who are draft animals do not require much rear end angulation, while dogs that are built to run, especially the sprinters, do require greater angulation in the stifle. Endurance, however, is positively impacted by moderate angulation in the rear quarters. The Irish Wolfhound, while a running dog, is not necessarily the speediest



*See how the first dog's one front foot is touching down. As seen in the next photo, one front leg bears the full weight of the dog as it completes its stride, and will have to aid in the push off as the back feet come up around the front to touch down. The pastern joint must be both strong and flexible.*

of sighthounds, and does require some endurance, so the angulation in the rear quarters should not be exaggerated. Again, there needs to be balance, similar angulation, between the front and rear quarters.

The feet on a wolfhound have to carry a large amount of weight, over sometimes rough terrain or extended distances. The feet have to be well shaped and cushioned or padded. Cat feet are preferred and in proportion to the size of the dog. Flat feet are undesirable and will punish the dog in the field.



*This seven year old bitch provides an excellent example of muscular thighs, the second thigh being long and strong, with hocks well let down. Good bend of stifle. The powerful hindquarters are balanced with a well angulated shoulder assembly.*

## FRONT ASSEMBLY

How do we achieve maximum power in the forequarters? This involves the right size, angulation and proportions to each other for the shoulder, chest, legs, feet and the neck.

To quote from noted movement authority, Rachel Page Elliot:

“Angulation has to do with the slant of the bones and size of the angles at certain joints. Those influencing structure and gait most are the shoulder and hip joints, formed by the largest, strongest bones in the dog's body. These joints counterbalance one another as they lift, open and shut with the swing of the limbs. The front of the dog normally carries about 60% of the total body weight and works like a shock-absorbing mechanism as it coordinates with drive from the hindquarters and absorbs impact with the ground. Whether viewed from the side or from front or rear, the action should be smooth and harmonious with no jerking or twisting. Problems result when one part of the body has to overwork or compensate for lack of balance, injury or weakness in another<sup>2</sup>.”

2 Rachel Page Elliot, *The New Dogsteps*, Second Edition, New York 1983, p.41

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In order to adequately support a large frame, and provide the requisite reach and propulsion for movement, both the forequarters and hindquarters of the Irish Wolfhound have to be constructed properly. This includes appropriate angulation.

In the front assembly of an Irish Wolfhound the shoulder needs to be muscular and set sloping so as to be the primary shock absorber when the dog is in motion. Good front angulation will result in better reach and a stride that covers the maximum amount of ground. Straight fronts require more work of the dog, and tend to break down more quickly under hard work in the field. A straight front means that the dog will not be able to reach as far in its stride as a dog with better angulation, so it has to take more strides to cover the same amount of ground as a dog that has better angulation. This means more work, and will tire the hound more quickly. As well, a straight front offers less cushioning when the forelegs strike the ground, so it is harder on the dog's front assembly, and makes it more prone to injury.

In addition to angulation, reach and drive are influenced by bone length. In the front assembly this pertains to the length of scapula (shoulder) relative to the upper arm. The upper arm is a current topic of discussion in this breed, and for the most part breeders agree that far too many hounds have too short and straight an upper arm (relative to the shoulder). The upper arm (humerus) should be the same angle and length as the shoulder blade, but too often it is not. A short, straight upper arm restricts the reach, and will produce a shorter stride. Without the correct angles in the front assembly, both the shoulder and the upper arm, there is less cushioning when the foot strikes the ground, and this will eventually impede movement on the dog.



*This bitch demonstrates a well angulated front assembly. Good length to upper arm.*

At the trot, a dog can only reach as far forward as the point of its nose. So “stringing up” a dog, will usually restrict its forward reach. Allowing the head to move forward at or just above shoulder level, when gaiting the dog, will help the dog to achieve maximum reach. Dogs with short upper arms, or straight shoulders, will not be able to reach as well as dogs with better angulated shoulder angles and upper arms that are the same length as the shoulder blades.



*The forefoot will touch down only as far out as the nose of the dog in motion at the trot.*



In the field, the dogs reach at the gallop is much farther than at the trot. The gallop is also a more strenuous gait in that the full force of propulsion from the rear quarters, means that the hound's front assembly will touch the ground with force. Proper shoulder construction will provide resiliency and cushioning as the front assembly touches down. This will improve efficiency and help to reduce the risk of injury to the hound, which in turn will contribute to improved stamina and endurance in the field.



*Here are examples of reach and touch down of the front assembly as the hound gallops.*

In the book K-9 Structure and Terminology, the authors discuss shoulder blade layback and angulation as follows:

“Since dogs are bred for various purposes, it follows that different types of shoulder blades and different placement of blades in shoulder rest position are needed for different breeds. From personal observations, oblique shoulder blades are essential for endurance and for smooth running. For sprinting, a properly muscled dog or cat with steep blades can run fast. Measurements on Sighthounds prove that they have about 10 degrees steeper layback than do good trotting dogs<sup>3</sup>.”

The Irish Wolfhound, because of the nature of its function, needs moderate shoulder angulation ... speed is not the only criteria in giving chase for the wolfhound, so a steep shoulder is not preferred. The Irish Wolfhound has to sustain the chase, and so requires adequate shoulder angulation for endurance, and to provide the typical smooth, ground covering stride at both the trot and gallop.

*This bitch is nicely balanced; good angulation front and rear. No extremes; moderate yet matched front and rear quarters. Well equipped for hunting.*



The lay on, lay back, and length of the shoulder and the upper arm will determine not only the shape of the front assembly, but how it impacts on the hounds movement, or function as well. Good angulation in the front facilitates a smooth ground covering stride. This needs to be balanced with the rear quarters in order to ensure good foot timing. The joints should flex easily to provide resilience and power.

If the rear quarters are more angulated than the front assembly, then the rear legs will overpower and over reach the front ones. That's when movement faults occur. The front assembly, because of lack of reach, has to work at keeping the feet and legs in the air longer, so as to coordinate with the more powerful reach of the rear assembly, before touching the ground. The front legs and feet will paddle, or weave, or lift ( as in hackney gait) in order to get out of the way of the rear assembly.

A straight front can also be termed a steep shoulder. This can result in a dog looking “high” at the shoulders and may present an outline where the topline slopes downward to the rear, which is not correct in any

<sup>3</sup> Edward M. Gilbert, Jr. & Thelma R. Brown, K-9 Structure & Terminology, Second Edition, Oregon 2001, p.64, 67

*This bitch while balanced, does not have the desired angulation in either the front or rear assemblies. She is quite straight in shoulder, and there is little forechest. Note that the neck looks shorter and does not fit at a gentle angle into the shoulder assembly; the joining is more abrupt.*



sighthound. The effect of a straight front can often be seen in short choppy steps or high lift of the feet as the dog tries to compensate for restricted reach.

It's not just about angles and bone lengths, as well conditioned muscle will also contribute to a free, smooth stride. A good Irish Wolfhound should also be "very muscular", as befits a coursing hound. Over weight and out of condition dogs are undesirable, and will not be able to sustain performance over any length of time.

*Here is another example of a well balanced, and good moving Irish Wolfhound. Note that the overall shape is maintained on the move, and that the foot timing is excellent; good reach in front and drive from the rear.*



## HINDQUARTERS

The rear quarters are definitely the power of the coursing hound. Length, strength and good muscling are essential in the hind end of a wolfhound. While not exaggerated, a bend to the stifle is desired. And of course, the angulation in the rear should be in balance with the shoulder construction so as to ensure a smooth and easy stride. Any running dog is only as good as its legs, so the propulsion equipment – hindquarters – needs to be constructed solidly.

The hocks should be perpendicular, in a straight line to the ground. Cow hocks or sickle hocks, reduce the efficiency and propulsion capacity of the hind assembly. In order to facilitate sufficient drive from the rear quarters, there must be adequate angulation ( bend of stifle) and strong, low set hocks. When moving away from you, the hocks should move in a straight line, converging towards the centre line ( single tracking).

When viewed from the rear there should be good breadth to the dog. The muscling should be visible in the shape of the thigh form the rear; without any "hollow" looking areas on either the outside or inside of the thighs. Hocks should be parallel to each other, and perpendicular to the ground. A dog that is too high in the hock will lose some of its propulsion and drive.

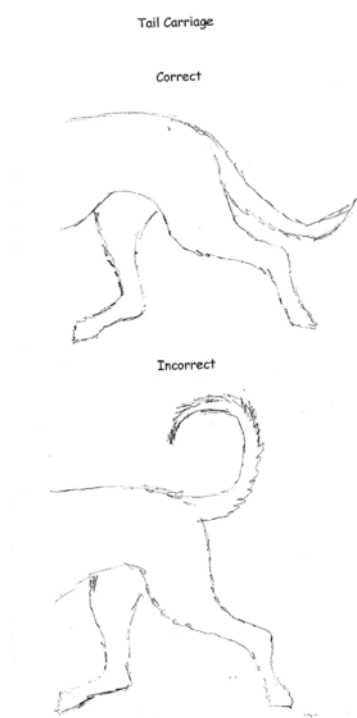


*In this brood bitch class, all three females share a broad, well muscled and powerful rear assembly*

The croup should be well rounded and allow the topline to flow smoothly from the back to the tail set. A steep croup and flat croup are equally undesirable.

The acceptable length of the tail is generally conceded to be at least to the point of the hock, and preferably to the mid-point of the hock. Tails longer than this are quite acceptable, provided it is of moderate thickness in proportion to the dog. A whip tail is not desirable.

When on the move in the ring, it is acceptable for the tail to be carried low, or at a level with the back. It is not acceptable for the tail to be carried up and over the back as this spoils the outline and topline. The “set on” of the tail can influence its carriage, but so can attitude. Males will often raise their tails as a gesture of their “macho” personality and the influence of this behaviour should be considered when focusing on tail carriage. A curly tail is not desirable; not be confused with a slightly curved end to a tail.



*This young bitch displays a good tail, with a sweep to it. Well set on.*



*On the field, the tail is used as a rudder to help with changes in direction, as in the photo here.*

## HAIR

The beard and eyebrows of the IW are the “especially” long areas of the coat and are characteristic of the breed, helping to produce the correct expression. A good, harsh coat on the body is desired. A soft, long coat is not functional as it would trap debris in the field and tangle. A wolfhound with a good coat needs just



routine brushing and/or combing to keep dirt and tangles away. Wolfhounds have a double layer coat. The “under-layer” is soft and dense, functioning as insulation. The outer coat is longer, made up of rough, harsh hair.

## COLOUR AND MARKINGS

Colour should be immaterial in judging Irish Wolfhounds. Due to the reference to the deerhound standard,



*This male Irish Wolfhound has a short, thick harsh coat. Wiry on the head and under jaw as noted in the standard.*

*Colour can create different perceptions.*

*Here is the same Irish Wolfhound bitch, in black and in white.*



a white blaze on the head, or a white collar is undesirable. Many Irish Wolfhounds have white on the chest, toes and tail tips and this is certainly acceptable. Some wolfhounds may have white stockings, and this should not impact on the overall merit of the hounds. However, a white sock can be distracting when watching the dog move.

The colour of the dog can influence perception of size. A black dog can appear to be smaller or finer, than a hound of the same size, but a lighter shade!

## MOVEMENT

In closing, I would like to make a few more comments on movement, and in particular the hunting or primary functional gait of the Irish Wolfhound.

As part of the sighthound family, Irish Wolfhounds when running engage in the double suspension gallop. One of the best descriptions of the gallop was written over a century ago by the canine authority, “Stonehenge”:

“Perfection of the gallop depends upon the power of extending the shoulders and forelegs as far as possible, as well as bringing the hind legs rapidly forward to give the propulsive stroke. If the hindquarters are good and well-brought into action, while the shoulders do not thrust the forelegs well forward, the action is laboured and slow. On the contrary, if the shoulders do their duty, but the hind legs are not brought well forward, or do not thrust the body onwards with sufficient force, the action maybe elegant, but it is not powerful and rapid. For these purposes, therefore, we require good shoulders, good thighs, a good back, and good legs, and

lastly, for lodging the lungs and heart, whose actions are essential for the maintenance of speed, a well-formed and capacious chest<sup>4</sup>.”

This commentary from Stonehenge is an excellent dissertation on how form relates to function. It also speaks to balance, and that for maximum efficiency both the front and rear assemblies must perform equally well.

Gilbert and Brown in K-9 Structure and Terminology comment: “Sighthounds use the double suspension gallop, which utilizes the flexibility of the back to obtain reach<sup>5</sup>”.

This is another example of how no one part on the dog works in isolation, but that different parts of the dog function in concert with each other.

In the double suspension gallop there are 2 phases of free flight... all 4 feet are off the ground two times in one stride. This occurs in the contraction phase, and again in the extension phase.

*As you can see from the following two photos, none of the feet on these hounds are touching the ground during the suspension phase of the contraction and the extension.*



In order to move smoothly, regardless of the gait, but most obviously at the trot, the front angulation has to be in balance with the rear angulation. Greater angulation at one end will force the dog to compensate with any number of movement faults. In the end, the efficiency of the movement is compromised when either the front or rear assembly is weak, so balance is important. Obviously, good angles both front and rear are desired.

The following photos provide two examples of hounds that are balanced, front and rear, and who have excellent angulation in both the fore and rear quarters. Each demonstrates a ground covering, efficient stride. Note the excellent forward reach, and corresponding powerful drive from behind.

*This male is nicely angulated and uses himself well when moving, demonstrating good reach and drive. He is a balanced dog.*



4 “Stonehenge” The Dogs of the British Islands, Second Edition, London 1872, p.180

5 Edward M. Gilbert, Jr. & Thelma R. Brown, K-9 Structure & Terminology, Second Edition, Oregon 2001, p. 68

*And here is an example of a bitch that is balanced, both standing and on the move.*



## SUMMARY

Whenever you are looking at Irish Wolfhound structure, you should be thinking about how proper construction will result in maximum efficiency of movement, both at the trot and at the double suspension gallop within the parameters of sighthound shape and function. And remember, the total package includes balance; for maximum efficiency the body parts all work together in harmony.

If I leave you with nothing else, I hope that you will remember that an Irish Wolfhound is a coursing hound, and so it should be built to run. In terms of form following function, a good wolfhound is constructed so that it can not only sight, chase down and catch its prey, but has enough size and strength to dispatch it. A wolfhound should be easily identifiable as a member of the gazehound family, yet should be recognizable as the largest, most powerful dog in this group.



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# Visiting in Dogland..

## WOLFHOUND KENNELS

MR. R. J. MAY, the President of the Irish Wolfhound Club, is an enthusiastic breeder and exhibitor of Irish wolfhounds ever since he purchased Michael of Malahide from Lady Talbot.

Close to the Round Tower of Swords, in the picturesque Swords Glen, is his fine kennel of this noble breed.

This fancier founded his present strain by the purchase of Bournstream Gloriana from Mrs. Finch. This bitch Gloriana was bred by Mrs. Beynon, and is by Vervan of Westervale ex Brenda of Hirdhead. She is a wheaten and has been used solely as a brood bitch.

His show bitch, Kitty of Fingal, now about three years old, looked very fit. She is by Int. Ch. Finbar and is a nice dark brindle. Shown under numerous judges, she always did well for her kennel. At Cork, under Mr. Sam Graham, she won the Green Star; whilst at Navan, Dublin (Boxing Day), and the Native Breeds' Society Show she was first in the Graduate classes.

At present she has two puppies, a dog and a bitch, both dark brindles; and we would like to record that the dog puppy is the heaviest we have seen for his age. He weighed 12 lbs. the day we saw him, when he was only four weeks old. These puppies are by Mr. Carter's Dark Dermot of Hollybrook.

Her sister, Nora of Ballisk, is a fawn brindle and has bred some good dogs, including Mrs. Crowley's May of Swords, who won the open bitch class at Limerick. She is also the dam of Conbeck, who is by Ch Connemara of Oubrough. He is only a year old and is 34½ inches high. In the prize ring he won at the Irish Native Breeds' Show and also at Limerick.

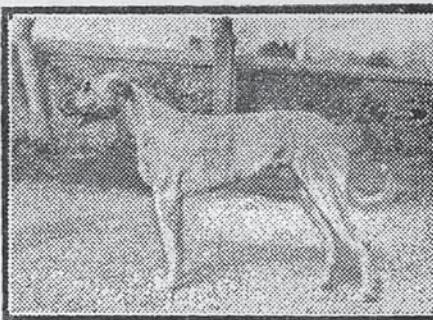
Another dog we saw was Tonlagee, or, to give him his kennel name, "Sandy." He is out of Bournstream Gloriana and is by Mrs. Laite's Lirdley Sinner. Both Captain Hamilton and Mr. Corcoran say that this young dog is the coming stud force in Ireland.

Running with the Wolfhounds we saw the well-known dark brindle Greyhound bitch, "Sally Twig," who is by Jedderfield ex Merry Moucher. Besides winning five stakes and a silver cup, this bitch is

also a bench winner, as she won in 1929 at the Irish Kennel Club Show.

Dogs from this kennel have been sold all over Ireland, and we think the best praise of this breed is to quote from a letter to Mr. May from Mr. Ernest Coleman, of Cove, who purchased his "Ballough."

"Paddy is a most extraordinary dog. I do not want to exaggerate one bit when I say I am short of words to give him the praise he deserves. He has not one single vice, thank God. He is most intelligent, a lovely companion in the town and house, and in the country as a hunting dog he excels all. He will hunt any class of game, and has caught already three rabbits single-handed. He



Ballough.

will beat up a whole mountain for game. He hunts by sight and scent, and is very fast.

"I have raced him on two local tracks with ordinary greyhounds and he was never more than about four lengths behind in a short run of 250 yards."

Mr. Coleman then goes on to state that he jumped a wall six feet high and will do another foot higher when trained.

What more fitting praise can a breed have than that given by Mr. Coleman?

PNYCOT.

## KENNEL NOTES

By  
Pynecot

DR. ROBERT J. MAY, Swords, Co. Dublin, who died last month, had a distinguished medical career—he was a F.R.C.S.I. and a fellow of the Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland.

A founder member of the Irish Wolfhound Club in 1925 he was its president at the time of his death and was its representative on the Council since the formation of the Irish Kennel Club.

He was a leading authority on Wolfhounds and he did such a lot to take the breed to the strong position it holds today. To his family and all at Glenview, we offer our deepest sympathy.

Tickets for the Terrier Association's dinner dance which takes place at Wynn's Hotel, Dublin, on Saturday, April 17, are now available. Tickets may be had from Mrs. Maureen Holmes, Sunnyhill, Kilcullen, Co. Kildare, or Mr. J. Sweeney, 9 Upr. Oriel St., Dublin 1.

The Irish Fox Terrier Club Championship Show takes place on Saturday, May 22, at Archbishop Byrne Hall, Harrington St., Dublin, at 1.30 p.m. Judge is Mr. J. O'Hara, "Mountainview."

Entry fee 65p per class. Prize money is on the sweepstake system. Entries close on Saturday, April 20, with Mr. J. O'Reilly, 25 Merville Avenue, Dublin 3.



Inscription:

"Presented by the management of the Irish  
Wolfhound Club of Ireland

To T. W. Corcoran M.P.S.I

In recognition of his services as founder and  
Secretary 1925 - 1929"

Irish/UK Ch Finbarr Boromhe

Owner: Mr Corcoran. Breeder Mr & Mrs Donnelly

Born: 29th August, 1925

It has been suggested that Finbarr was used as model  
for the Irish sixpence





Best in Show  
St Patrick's Day All Breed  
Championship show 1965  
With Ch Connel of Nendrum



# Obituary

## Dr Robert J. May

Dr Robert J. May (Bob) died in his eighty-first year on 15 February 1971. Dr May took up duty as Medical Officer of the Workhouse, Balrothery, Co. Dublin, on 19 September 1913. He then enjoyed a salary of £110 per annum (the salary having been raised from £80 per annum). He replaced Dr Hayes as Medical Officer at Balrothery. On 24 March 1915 Dr May was appointed Medical Officer and M.O.H. of Swords Dispensary District. For some time he continued on as Medical Officer of the Workhouse at Balrothery as well in the position of Locum Tenens for which he was paid 4 guineas per week. He actually took up duty in Swords on 2 April 1915 replacing Dr McSwiney. He continued on as Medical Officer of Swords Dispensary District until his resignation on 31 January 1960. Dr May's initial salary as Medical Officer and M.O.H. of Swords Dispensary District was £140 p.a. Dr May's end came quietly while he was sitting in his armchair at his residence, Glenview, Swords, after he had read his paper.

Dr May was the youngest member of the family of Robert May who was Mayor of Drogheda. He qualified L.R.C.P. & S.I., 1913, he also got the L.M. at the Coombe Hospital in the same year. He obtained D.P.H. in the Royal College of Surgeons, in Ireland in 1914 and he went on to take his Fellowship in the Royal College of Surgeons, in Ireland in 1923. He was also a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Medicine Ireland. Dr May must have been one of the few Dispensary Doctors to have his F.R.C.S.I. at that time. He had received his Secondary education at Terenure College, Dublin.

I think it is true to say that especially in Swords and North County Dublin, Bob May was a legend in his lifetime. He had a very considerable medical practice and he took an active part in local affairs. He was an original member of the Board of Governors of the local National School and took a great interest in the design and

construction of the present beautiful schools in Swords. He was also a member of the local Antiquarian Society and had been Medical Officer in charge of the Red Cross Society for North County Dublin for several years. He took a great interest in the provision of healthy activities for young people including football and boxing. He was instrumental in lending considerable support to the local Mummerys and accompanied them in many of their functions. He had been a member of Portmarnock, Baltray and The Island Golf Clubs. The respect with which he was held by the people of North County Dublin was evident at the reception given in his honour in the Grand Hotel, Malahide, on the occasion of his retirement as Medical Officer of Swords Dispensary District. This function was attended by people of every shade of political and religious persuasion in the County as well as many of his medical colleagues.

Dr May numbered among his friends and acquaintances several well known personalities including the famous Surgeon Johnny McArdle who always referred to him as his country assistant. Indeed when on one occasion Dr May was committed to Mountjoy Prison because he refused to give information to the authorities about a Republican patient whom he had attended; he admitted to me that things were not all that bad there as Surgeon McArdle arranged that Dr May's meals were sent in each day from the Dolphin Hotel. Surgeon Harry Barniville and Tom Bouchier-Hayes were also close friends of his.

Of all his numerous sporting activities it was his fundamental interest in the Irish Wolfhound for which he will long be remembered. He was the greatest living expert in the breed which he had bred, exhibited and judged continuously since 1930. Perhaps his greatest wolfhound was 'Champion Connel of Nendrum' which won best in show award at the Irish Kennel Club International Dog Show on St Patrick's Day, 1965. This dog

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sequently sired winners all over the world. Dr May's international reputation and great integrity were acknowledged by many dog show promoting bodies in selecting him as judge of Irish wolfhounds and best of show awards. He was on the Council of the Irish Kennel Club for 45 years and he was President of the Irish Wolfhound Society for over 30 years to his death.

During his lifetime he travelled extensively visiting many parts of the world. On one occasion he exhibited a wolfhound in Hamburg. During his latter years he spent his holidays in Ballybunion, Co. Kerry, in the company of the writer and his family. He was Ballybunion's uncrowned King.

Dr May never married but he was looked after for over 35 years by his faithful housekeeper, Molly Scully. It is indeed a tragedy that after being a prominent family in Drogheda for over 500 years during which time several members who were Mayors Bob May was the last surviving member of the family. There is a tombstone in the cemetery on the Hill of Slane which intimates that the May family had been buried there since the 14th century.

Dr May was laid to rest in Swords cemetery in a plot of his own choice sheltered by a weeping willow tree. One of his beloved wolfhounds keened as the funeral cortege moved away from Glenview.

I consider the advice given by Polonius to his son Laertes in Shakespeare's Hamlet an appropriate ending:

'The friends thou hast and their adoption tried  
Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel.'

The writer is glad that with a host of other friends of Bob he did just that.

**W.J.R.**



# AKC / Eukanuba National Championships

## Best of Breed

Ch Desert Dune at Curiann  
Reg: AKC HP 298 015/01  
Born: 19th February 2008  
Dam: Wolfhaven Rocknroll to Curiann  
Sire: Curiann's Celtic Rune  
Breeder: Judith P. Ryan  
Owner: Judith P. Ryan

**BIS Am. Grd Ch Can Ch  
Desert Dune at Curiann**



Here is a photo of BIS Am. Grd Ch Can Ch Desert Dune at Curiann, at the AKC/Eukanuba national championships held in December 2010 at Long Beach California. He swept the breed all four days of the show including the National championship. In so doing, he bested his father's and mother's records. They went Best of Opposite Sex and First Award of Merit at Eukanuba several years ago. They also were awarded Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex at Westminster in 2004. Dune is currently the #1 Irish Wolfhound in Canada and the #5 in the USA after limited showing in that country.

Judith Ryan



# CRUFTS

At Crufts 2010 both of the Challenge Certificates (CC) available to Irish Wolfhounds were won by dogs like to celebrate their success and congratulate them on their achievement. The show took place at the NEC,

## Dog Challenge Certificate

### Best of Breed

CH HYDEBECK CURRANT TYME

Reg:KCSB 3180CP

Born: 22 January 2003

Dam: Hydebeck Emily Puds

Sire: Driftcot Ottawa

Breeder: Louise Pinkney

Owner: Louise Pinkney

**Ch Hydebeck Currant Tyme  
at Crufts 2010 after winning  
BOB from veteran**



Ant as he is known to our friends, was born on 22/01/2003 at my home in Carnaby near Bridlington, East Yorkshire. One of 11 puppies, five later became Champions, his dam Hydebeck Emily Puds (Top Brood Bitch 2004) was what I call a “uno litter”, it just shows how a line can carry on even with a litter of one.

In 2004 at Crufts Ant went Best Puppy in the breed, the judge was Miss Betty Murphy. He then ended the year with his first CC at LKA from Dick McCoy. He gained his Champion title at Bath 2005; the judge that day was Marian Finney, funny when I look it was a “all Irish breed judges”.

His Crufts Best of Breed 2010 from veteran was our highlight, he won his 10th CC that day and his son the now Ch. Hydebeck Menelaus was RCC dog. Five days later his last litter was born, so I now have his cream daughter at Hydebeck .

When my grand daughter Rosie stays with me it is always Ant that she loves to walk. He is a great hunter with his litter sister Vicky, rabbits, hares and deer but he is a true Irish Wolfhound, kind, gentle, quiet and a joy to live with; not like Puds his dam, who was strong willed, demanding and the biggest thief ever. Why he is so good I will never know.

Ant is never the great show man, just doing the minimum to win, but on the day that counts he has pulled all the stops out for me .

I love him greatly and always will.

Louise Pinkney

# 2010

whose owners are members of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland and have been for many years. We would Birmingham, UK between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March 2010 and the judge was Mrs S Sharpe (Telgar).

## Bitch Challenge Certificate

GULLIAGH CORRIG

Reg: X 66274

Born: 29th August 2006

Dam: Ch Gulliagh Nedine

Sire: Ch Int Beauté Ch Gulliagh Zest

Breeder: Mr TN, Mrs MA & Mr I Finney

Owner: Mr TN, Mrs MA & Mr I Finney



Ch/GBCh Gulliagh Corrig arrived into this world on August 2006. She was one of a litter of 8 pups, her sire was our late Ch/IntCh Gulliagh Zest and her dam Ch Gulliagh Nedine {Kerry} now a venerable 10 year old.

We only occasionally breed; our litters are whelped in the living room and we all live together 24/7 for the puppies' first 3 weeks. Having them at such close proximity gives us an excellent opportunity to get to know our pups, therefore the sorting out of the pups starts quite young. The litter were amazingly even and choosing was not easy but as time progressed Corrig seemed to always catch our eye. Along with Corrig we kept brother Ardtully and taller sister Barraduff {Abby}.

The trio are really a joy to live with, they are all very affectionate and each has its own character, but most of all they are real sighthounds, they really love chasing and hunting in the fields. The speed they can get up to is quite frightening at times, and it's lucky no one gets in the way.

The day at Crufts is always long and Corrig was happy to lie on her bench, meeting and greeting the hordes of visitors that wanted to pet and embrace the big dogs.

Then Mrs Sharpe walked over to Tim and Corrig with the Challenge Certificate Card and big Green rosette. Corrig had won the most coveted prize any breeder would dream of and she was the first Irish owned/bred Wolfhound bitch to do so. The whole day was amazing. We were congratulated by so many people and Corrig got so many hugs from her now getting bigger fan club.

Tim and Marion Finney

## Finn's Spanish Success



The show was Valls 2011 (Valls is the name of the village)

The result was BOB for Finn from seven Irish Wolfhound contenders and second in the sighthound group (10th group in the FCI list). Winner was the Whippet and third the Afghan.

That doesn't matter: what is unusual here is an Irish Wolfhound making a podium in the sighthound group in Spain where they prefer Afgans and Whippets. An Irish Wolfhound hadn't made it to the podium for the past eight years!

Gina & Eddie Bourke



## CAPTAIN GRAHAM REMEMBERED

### AN UPDATE

Those members who were present at the events held in Dursley, Gloucestershire, England on 23rd October 2009 to celebrate the centenary of Captain Graham's death or who subsequently read my report in *The Irish Hound* 2010 (pages 12 – 20) will recall that at the time the second (larger) plaque to be placed at Rednock School was unveiled in a temporary position outside the main entrance to the building, as shown on page 19 of my earlier report. This was because it had been decided to site the plaque on the outside of the school's new sixth form block but at the time that building had not been completed.

I am pleased to report that on 29th April 2010 the plaque was secured in its permanent position on the outside wall of the sixth form block and was thus in place for the official opening of the whole school shortly afterwards.

The accompanying photographs, taken on 25th May 2010, show the plaque on the outside wall of the sixth form block adjacent to the school's new garden and facing the site of Graham's former home, Rednock House. The plaque's prominent location ensures that it will be seen by many passing pupils and perhaps it will inspire some to become future supporters of our noble breed.

Sadly the only surviving physical feature on site, that Graham would recognise, is one of the two large cedar trees that stood in the lawn outside the front of his house. The remaining tree is the one whose branches can be seen

at the far right of the photograph of the captain outside Rednock House which was reproduced on page 20 of my earlier report.

It is hoped that the plaque will endure, to recall the significance of the site in the history of the modern Irish Wolfhound, as the recognisable landmarks of a past age are wiped away in the cause of progress.



Photographs: Andrew Barton

For anyone who might be interested; the Irish Wolfhound face on the plaque belongs to the black bitch Strickenoak Louise Marie Sh CM (Gartlove Galenstewart x Grace of Nutstown for Strickenoak) who accompanied me at the 2009 celebrations and is shown in the photographs on pages 18 & 19 of my 2010 report.

Dr Nicholas Wilkes

Strickenoak

24/1/11

## In Memoriam

Friends who will be greatly missed

### **Anthony (Tony) Smith 1944-2010.**

The Irish Wolfhound world was shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden death of Tony Smith, on the 23rd September 2010. Tony had not enjoyed good health for a number of years, and never complained. Along with being Mary's husband, for 45 years, he was also her constant companion, and they travelled all over England and Ireland to attend shows.

Tony and Mary, moved to Ireland in 2004, and enjoyed tremendous success with their 'Uella Hounds'. In 2005, 'Uella Reason', won BIS at the I.W.C.I. Champion Show. In 2009, Ch 'Uella O'Hogan' won BIS at the I.W.C.I. Champion Show. In 2010 O'Hogan won Res. BIS at the Hound Association Ch. Show, also Ch. 'Uella Ardee' gained his title in 2009.

The Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland offers their deepest sympathy to Mary and sons Paul and Stuart.

On a personal level, I have lost a good and honest friend. Tony was a true gentleman.

Gerry Clarke

**Iso Aiken** died unexpectedly on Friday, January 21st, . She was 79 years old. Iso had owned Wolfhounds, in fact one Wolfhound at a time, since her first in 1988. This was Kate (Gulliagh Kezia), who went to her as a rather undersized pup, but grew on into a truly enormous girl, to whom Iso became very attached. Kate was subsequently followed by Roxanne and Zolde. Iso was a member of the IWCI for more than 20 years and also a very active member of IWCNI. She was a long time Treasurer of the club, and she was delighted ('though would not admit it) to be dubbed Patron for two terms. She showed a little herself early on with some success, and since then often liked to travel to shows and observe from the ringside, where she had a keen eye. Iso was a familiar figure walking her Wolfhound around Bangor, Co. Down, and on the surrounding beaches. Her friendly and approachable nature made her many friends amongst the Wolfhound people and the show community in general. She was an annual fixture at the Wolfhound ring at Crufts, which she loved, and of course she was booked again for this year. Her funeral service at St Columbanus Church in Bangor was attended by a huge congregation, reflecting her many interests and connections, including numerous dog clubs, Riding for the Disabled, Royal Lifeboat Association, the RSPB. Iso will be sorely missed by us all.



Tim Finney

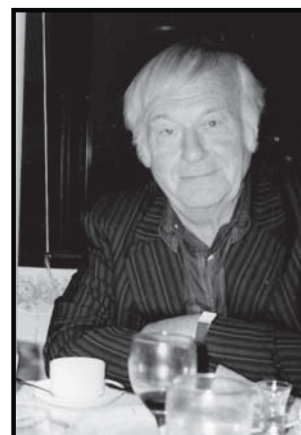
**Dave Malley** passed away on 28 June after a long illness borne with his usual good humour and determination, writes Keith Pursglove, President of The Irish Wolfhound Club (UK)

His great sense of humour and ability to tell a good tale endeared him to many of the caravanners on the Championship show circuit. He was always there to support Jean showing their Wolfhounds and this partnership resulted in a succession of Ainsea Champions.

Many overseas show exhibitors will know of Dave's ability to converse at ringside and a trip abroad with him was always a very enjoyable experience.

Over the years Dave encouraged many new owners of Irish Wolfhounds and could always be seen walking around the rings chatting to newcomers and seasoned exhibitors alike. He was a great supporter of the Irish Wolfhound Rescue Trust and the Irish Wolfhound Health Group, but his main concern was for the Club and its members.

I am sure the thoughts of all Wolfhound owners and exhibitors at home and overseas are with Jean, Andrew, Karen and Sarah and their families at this sad time. A true gentleman and friend.



For those who could not attend **Tony Killykeen Doyle** passed away at home in the comfort of his library surrounded by his family & friends, his books, art and general Wolfhound and Irish Wheaten Terrier memorabilia.

He was waked at home and many of his friends called to pay their respects.

On Monday 10th January Tony made his final journey to Glasnevin Crematorium Chapel in the company of his brother Hugh, family, Pauric and close friends to be joined by many friends from the Wolfhound community and wider dog world but more importantly a good number of wolfhounds including his own dog Roy.

Roy took his place lying beside his master in the chapel as Tony's friend gave a beautiful oration. The music at the service opened with "Swan" by Lisa Gerrard and closed with "I wanna dance with somebody" by Whitney Heuston; everyone could be seen swaying to the beat of the music.

Roy stood up and got in to the swing of the beat and we all could imagine Tony with that sparkle in his eye having a good smile at us all but more especially for all the wolfhounds present to see him off.

Eddie Bourke

**John Briggs, UK,  
Rathdaws Irish Wolfhounds  
1930-2010**

The news of John Briggs passing in October, 2010, brought sadness to his many friends around the world.

John was a true friend of the breed. An International Judge, he was a great favourite with Irish Wolfhound Clubs for their Speciality Shows. John's name usually came up for discussion when visiting Wolfhound people in different parts of the world. There were many stories of his visits and his judging, his kindness and gentleness with the hounds - everybody enjoyed his company. He was a good friend and adviser to many Wolfhound enthusiasts. John had a great interest in the Wolfhounds in Ireland; when visiting his relatives in Co. Dublin, he also included visits to his many Wolfhound friends here.

John was very proud of the fact that he sold a Wolfhound to the original owner and founder of Tullamore Dew and had the correspondence to verify this. John bred my first Irish Wolfhound, Ch Ballykelly Sile of Carrokeel 'Siobhan', the foundation bitch of my line. 'Siobhan' was born in May 1965. Since that date John was my mentor and my friend. He shared my enthusiasm though Siobhan's successful showing career and that of her descendents in later years.

John registered his prefix, Rathdaws, in the early 1970s. An occasional breeder, John put a lot of thought and planning into his breeding. Indeed the last time I spoke to him in Ireland was when he was here with his bitch to breed to Tim & Marion Finney's Irish/UK Champion Gulliagh Albus. He was full of chat about how well the pedigrees matched.

John was Secretary of the I W Club (UK) from the late 1970s to the early 1990s when he was appointed Chairman, a position he held for several years.

He was Treasurer of Driffield All Breed Championship show for twenty five years.

In 1996 John was appointed Treasurer of the European Federation of Irish Wolfhound Clubs and held this position until 2002 when he was elected Chairman. He retired as Chairman in 2004.

John published a set of three posters depicting "Fifty early English bred Irish wolfhounds" (circa 1910 – 1930). He gave permission to include these on the [www.irishwolfhoundarchive.ie](http://www.irishwolfhoundarchive.ie) website. He gave an interesting presentation to the European Federation of Irish Wolfhound Clubs which is worth reading: "How the Irish Wolfhound appears to have changed to my eyes over the past forty years" on <http://www.eiwc.org/pages/meetings.html>

John was very ill for the past year, needing full time care. On behalf of all John's friends, I would like to pay tribute to Rowena, his wife, who took such good care of him during his long illness. Thank you Rowena.

Ar Dheis De go raibh a anam. (May his soul be at the right-hand of God)

Betty Murphy



John with his 'Carrokeel Gormlaith',  
daughter of 'Siobhan'.



John's "Agatha Hope of Mait Feacant",  
bred by Karel Willems, Belgium



**In Memoriam**  
**Mr. Anthony Killykeen-Doyle**  
**Killykeen Irish Wolfhounds**

It is with great sadness and despair that we have to report the passing of Mr. Anthony Killykeen-Doyle, owner of the famous Killykeen Irish Wolfhounds. Tony was a wonderful man full of charm, kindness, enormous knowledge and one of the last of his kind, a true sportsman. Just over a year many friends wrote articles for the IW World, a written tribute to Tony. That articles, among other things, celebrated the fact that he had owned, raised and breed Irish Wolfhounds for 55 years. Little did we know at that time, that just over a year later he would be taken away from us.

His Killykeen Hounds are famous the world over. They have had an enormous influence on the breed, nearly as much as Tony himself. His deep knowledge of bloodlines, conformation, structure and his true devotion to this beloved breed was unmatched. He dedicated his life to these wonderful hounds and keeping his promise to his mentors, to continue their work to keep the lines going. And so he did for over fifty six years, until his death. In the end, Tony and his Killykeen hounds was the longest established kennel in Ireland.



Tony with a boy from his last litter, having a discussion about who's jacket this is

He got his first wolfhound when he was 11 years old, the beautiful Emer of Ballytobin from Dr. Robert May. The dog's parents were Jo of Ballytobin & Cill Dara Machushla. Tony described her as "a dark brindle bitch with true Irish spotting; a white chest, four white feet and the white tip to the tail. A coat like steel wool, small ears, dark eyes and lovely facial furnishings".



On the right: Tony with Emer

Tony was a young boy when he started showing. His first placement at a show was under the great judge Miss Loughrey at the Irish Kennel Club Show. Tony arrived late and the class had already been judged. Miss Loughrey was about to place the class when she was told that the missing puppy had arrived. She brought Tony and Emer into the ring and went over the bitch; then told Tony to walk up to the front of the line. Miss Loughrey then announced to the exhibitors that there were three types of Wolfhounds; the cart-horse, the hunter and the thoroughbred. The thoroughbred arrived late, but won! He later won green star and Hound group under the same judge.

So many great kennels all over the world started with breeding stock from Tony. He had so many friends all over the world that loved him and have so much to thank him for. Irish Wolfhound history will remember Tony fondly and with much gratitude for his work in the breed.

He had foresight in breeding, which meant only breed from the soundest, most beautiful hounds. That's what made the Killykeen Irish Wolfhounds special. Tony went to great lengths to stay true to his type; he would never go for the latest fashion. And he had very strong opinion on the "chocolate box specimen" type of wolfhounds. He often spoke about this and would warn us from using this type of "show dogs" in breeding and also try to prevent this type of wolfhounds to win at any shows. His Hounds were the original thoroughbred, happy, healthy hounds.

To observe him judging in the show ring was real treat. He gave every dog, no matter the quality, the same attention and love. He was known for his special touch to every dog that was lined up and made ready for his examination. He'd go down on one knee; kiss the dog's nose, and then he would reach into his pocket for his comb. After arranging the dog's whiskers like he preferred them, he'd send them around the ring and then do his critique. This special treatment of every dog in the class was heaven for the dog and their handler. This wonderful way of judging changes the atmosphere inside and outside the ring and made the dogs and their handler to relax and enjoy themselves.



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Those of us who were fortunate enough to visit and stay with Tony in his lovely County Cavan home; also had the fortune to study alongside him as he went about feeding and exercising his dogs. This was a wonderful opportunity to gain valuable insights from a very intelligent teacher. It was incredible to see him surrounded by all his dogs in the pasture. He loved them all and gave each the special attention. You could see that every one felt that they were the best one; the most beautiful; and that most precious one to Tony.... just like he could make you feel. And all the dogs knew how he felt about them and showed the same deep affection toward their beloved master.

Tony spent hours out in the kennel kitchen every day preparing meals for his hounds. He was a strong believer in feeding them the old way; meat, eggs, milk and vegetables. He did not take any shortcuts and would never feed solely commercial dog food.

Tony was very fond of his true friends, very generous and always there for them. He would take time to give advice, help and comfort when you were down or when things were not going so well. He also would celebrate with you when there were victories or good news. He had the ability to make you feel better and fill you with energy after talking to him. He also had a remarkable way of teaching you things without you ever feeling like he was lecturing you.

Tony had a voice made for doing lectures and telling stories. So full of authority, credibility and a very exciting way of telling stories. He was also incredibly gifted with the pen, and wrote many wonderful lectures and the wonderful book "A Discussion of the Irish Wolfhound" which is a 'must have' for all wolfhound lovers who are interested in the history of the breed. And as Tony always said, you can't breed a true Irish Wolfhound without knowing the history of the breed and how the masters in the past meant the ideal wolfhound should be.

An incredible gentleman has left us, and his death is especially hard for those of us who knew him well and loved him. He has left us all a permanent legacy through his writings and through his Killykeen Hounds.



A bright light is gone from the world of Irish Wolfhounds.  
Rest in Peace Dear Friend

*Velda Clark & Anne Mette Mikkelsen*





**ANTHONY KILLYKEEN DOYLE**  
**AN INTERVIEW BY VELDA CLARK**  
**from Irish Hound 2004**



Tony relaxing at home surrounded by all his Irish Wolfhound memorabilia

A K Doyle, or Tony, as he is known by his many friends home and abroad, is 50 years in Irish wolfhounds this year. He is a well-respected international judge and authority of his beloved breed. He has also written a book "A discussion of The Irish Wolfhound". I first met Tony in the early seventies when Sheelagh Seale and myself went to his kennels near Rathdrum in Co. Wicklow for dinner; we have remained good friends to this day.

When I decided to do this interview I thought "Oh yes an excuse to go and visit Tony" (not that I need an excuse). I set off on my three-hour drive on a fresh spring morning. When I arrived in the Cavan hills the sun was shining. I opened the gate to the drive and was met with a pack of Irish wolfhounds coming to meet and greet me, they ranged in age from 20 months to 10 years. What a sight! All these healthy, happy hounds enjoying themselves in the spring sunshine. After saying hello to all the hounds, Tony and myself went into the house leaving all the sun worshipers in peace. Once we had the mandatory large mug of coffee or two it was down to business.

First an introduction: Tony first became interested in Irish Wolfhounds when for a time he lived with his grandmother who was Catherine Fitzpatrick Richardson-Smith, she was a great grand-daughter of Captain Hugh D Richardson who did so much for the breed in the 1840's. He helped keep the breed going through the famine and also published the first dog book in Ireland. The KILFANE and BALLYTOBIN kennels were founded on Richardson's stock.

On Tony's eleventh birthday he received as a present his first Irish Wolfhound a bitch named Emer; she came from Dr. May. Her first prize at a show was best puppy under judge Miss

Loughrey. The main exhibitors at that time were Dr. May, Miss Seale, Miss Gardner, Mrs. O'Flaherty, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Tyrell Billy Kerr Donnan and Miss Twyman.

Tony spent summer holidays in Avoca, Co. Wicklow with Sheelagh Seale and her magnificent Ballykelly hounds Ch Molony, Ch Boreen, Ch Brannigan, Ch Antostal, Ch Diarmuid of Dunamaise, Int Ch McGilligan to name just a few.

Tony was fortunate enough to receive much help and encouragement from the breeders of the day, including Delphis Gardner, Mrs. Grovannan Ellis, Florence Nagle, Miss Harrison, and of course Dr. May and Sheelagh Seale in whose kennels he spent so much time.

*Question:* It must have been a privilege to know these great breeders of the past?

*Answer:* Yes, from these breeders I learned so much and have since tried to remain faithful to the old bloodlines in my own breeding programme. I consider myself fortunate to have spent my early years immersed in Wolfhound lore. It is with interest and a little despair that I have watched the breed develop in some quarters into the chocolate-box show specimens of today. These days I think of myself as a dinosaur. A dying breed, I breed Irish wolfhounds and not show dogs. I feed and breed the old way. Resulting in happy healthy stock.

*Question:* how do you feed and what do you mean by breeding the old way?

*Answer:* I do not use commercial feed, with this breed of late maturity. Now-a-days most seem to peak at four years of age then go down hill, whereas in the old days they peaked at four years and could go on for a further four years at their peak. I blame this on incorrect breeding set against the use of commercial feeding. The basic diet for my hounds is three-quarters meat with biscuit, also eggs, milk and no supplements. They also have plenty of freedom and exercise. As you see today my hounds are all both happy and healthy from the youngsters to the veterans of ten years and more. When they are in the paddock most people would be hard pressed to pick out the veterans. As for breeding the old ways I only breed from the healthiest and strongest of the breed. I study bloodlines and only then make the decision whether to breed or not. Far too many seem to breed from unsuitable stud dogs and pet quality bitches. This breed is matriarchal, modern breeders seem to put far too much emphasis on the stud dog and when bred incorrectly can cause a lot of damage. Truth be known he is only used because of his show wins and the ability to sell the offspring on that basis. This breed of ours has become far too commercial. It saddens me that the old bloodlines are not appreciated. However, there are a few dedicated breeders, small in number, in every country who do appreciate the old bloodlines and are producing beautiful hounds who live long healthy lives.

*Question:* How do you see the breed in the next few years?

*Answer:* Owners of the past, Ladies and Gentlemen with good sportsmanship and the interest of the breed at heart have all but gone. Now-a-days every owner of a bitch seems to want to set themselves up as a breeder. But hopefully over the next few years with the predicted world financial crisis about to hit, we will see the breed improve as only those dedicated people who care about the breed and its future will continue, with only the best stock being bred from. The get rich quick would not have a market and will then disappear, which can only be beneficial for our breed. I would not like to be starting in the breed today, knowing what I know now; there are very few mentors left that new owners can go to for help. All the big kennels with the great characters, always willing to listen and offer help and advice have long gone. It must be a very lonely place out there for new owners eager for help and advice. It need not be so, and in many quarters it is not. With careful breeding let us get our truly magnificent breed back on track. With the emphases on SOUND HEALTHY HAPPY HOUNDS who live long lives.

Recently I came across critiques I wrote almost twenty-five years ago, they show that I was concerned even then as to where our breed was going. Could you include them in the magazine?

Thank you Tony for this frank interview. There are lots more questions I would like to ask you. Maybe you will let me do a follow up interview for next year's magazine, and we can talk about great dogs past and present.

I left Tony late that night. All the way home his words kept running through my head. "A dinosaur", lets hope not. Maybe we should all try to breed Irish wolfhounds and not just show dogs, remembering for what this magnificent hound was originally bred.

## THIS IS A CRITIQUE BY ANTHONY KILLYKEEN DOYLE FROM 25 YEARS AGO

Irish Wolfhound Society (UK) Championship Show

(Twenty-five years ago)

It was a pleasure to judge the Irish Wolfhound Society championship show. A club show ought to bring together a broad spectrum of the breed -this show was no exception. At any time within a breed there will be a range of types, all necessary in order to keep the breed from extremes of breed type. Breeders/owners will have their own interpretation of what the Standard means. The wise clever breeder will look to the past to the great families of hounds for they are the backbone of the breed today. New families have been developed from the old, some with more success than others, as is to be expected. The fatal trap breeders must avoid is kennel blindness. As the recipient of totally misleading and rather cruel critiques by specialist judges who ought to know better, this report will not be a hatchet job. Most owners, if they are honest, know the faults of their hounds better than any judge. My general impression is that most hounds were of good type.

Forequarters are a major problem, lack of fore-chest, weak pasterns, and flat feet. One expects to find faulty fronts but the shock for me was to find so many hounds moving far too close behind. This fault was so common that I fear owners and judges accept this movement as correct and fault sound free movement as moving wide. Often accompanying this close back movement is the tendency to turn right foot out and hock in. A serious and worrying fault. Heads in general were good; ears small and well placed. Mouths were a shock, weak jaws, small-misplaced teeth under an abundance of facial hair.

Balance is difficult to achieve in any living animal, especially in a giant breed like ours. I found length of leg, in ratio to the body length and depth, often too short. Feet need attention; slack pasterns and flat feet are serious faults in a hunter/galloping hound. Tails although set on and carried well are too short; many just reached to the point of hock. Size has been lost and will be difficult to regain. I found some beautiful hounds of the correct type with substance and good conformation, that moved with power, drive and the freedom the Standard demands. Thank you for the entry and good sportsmanship.

A K Doyle.



## Club Open Breed Show Sunday February 21st 2010

The 2009 Club Open show was rescheduled and held in conjunction with the Rough Collie Club at Cloghran. We would have liked to have had a few more dogs in the ring but February is not the best time of the year to entice owners and their hounds away from home.

The Judge was Ms T. Power. Photographs by Joanne Mullen and Marion Finney



Best Puppy / Reserve Best Dog- Finney Timothy,  
Marion & Ian - CUKNOCKLONG HENRY  
HIGGINS TO GULLIAGH.



Best Dog –BOB Kelly Mr John - PRINCE FINN OF  
NUTSTOWN



Reserve Bitch - Clarke - NINA-LEIGH OF  
SHANTAMON



Best Bitch - RBOB - Clarke - OPHEERA OF  
SHANTAMON

## Irish Wolfhound Club Open Show

in conjunction with the Combined Canine Club  
at their Christmas Show

held at Clochran, Swords on the 12th December 2010

The show was originally scheduled for Sunday the 5th of December but most wisely the Combined Canine Club postponed the event due to bad weather until the following Sunday. Thanks to Jennifer Kealy for judging, Bernie McKinney who marked up the results, Eddie Bourke for taking the photographs, Tim Finney for bringing the trophy and Brenda and John for stewarding.

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It was a great honour to judge the Breed Open show of the Irish Wolfhound Club on the 5th of December 2010. I have had a long interest in the Irish Wolfhound Club, some of my first memories of being at a dog show were at the Wolfhound Club Show in Setanta house in Co. Kildare. I used to take part in the "Children's Parade" where John and Kathleen Kelly kindly used to let me borrow one of their dogs. I really enjoyed it and that was probably where my interest for Junior Handling started. It was lovely to see a young girl handling her dog and brought back fond memories of when the dogs used to be taller than me!

I had a great entry of 23 dogs but due to the bad weather I had quite a few absentees but there were still many lovely dogs to choose from on the day. I was glad to see that the hounds have remained so close to standard and do not seem to have all the "types" one can see in my native breed The Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier. It was lovely to see the Finneys' baby puppy Gulliagh Aramis who behaved very well for such a youngster. On the day Best of

Breed went to the Clarkes' Ch. Osmar of Shantamon who had great size and commanded the ring well. Reserve Best of Breed went to Ivan Gargan's bitch Bribiba's Country Dancer who looked very smart on the move and made a lovely overall picture standing. Reserve dog went to the Finneys' Junior dog who also took Best Junior who was lovely on the move and held his topline well and had a great head and expression. Reserve Bitch went to Clarkes' Champion bitch Opherra of Shantamon who had a lovely feminine expression and excellent body.

On a sadder note I was sorry to hear the passing of Tony Doyle (Killykeen) who died shortly after Christmas he will be a big loss to the Irish Wolfhounds and ISCW Terriers world wide.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Wolfhound Club for a lovely day out and their generous gifts.

Jennifer Kealy (Judge).



### Baby Puppy Dog

Finney Timothy, Marion & Ian , GULLIAGH ARAMIS D ,  
Y91917, 03/08/2010, Br. Exh.,  
Fr.Ch. Chambord Du Grand Chien De Culann - Gulliagh Ginny



### **Junior Dog**

Finney Timothy, Marion & Ian, CUKNOCKLONG  
HENRY HIGGINS D , Y66825,  
15/06/2009, Br. Mr P O'Neill, Gulliagh Sequoia -  
Gulliagh Jill Pole  
Best Junior



### **Champion Dog**

Clarke Mr. G. F. & Mrs. P, CH. OSMAR OF  
SHANTAMON JUN.CH.CW D , Y31407,  
06/09/2008 , Br. Exh., Multi. Ch. Pitlochrys  
Catweazle - Ch. Ebony Of Shantamon  
BOB

Kelly Mr J & Mrs K, CH. PRINCE FINN OF  
NUTSTOWN D , Y08652, 02/12/2007, Ch. Lazy  
Bones Of Nutstown - Winlaoshan Binny Babe



### **Baby Puppy Bitch**

Leavy Barbara M, MONADARRAGH NASA B, RAF,  
10107/2010, Br. Barbara M Leavy,  
Nutstown Finn - Bridget's Girl of Nutstown Pia



### **Puppy Bitch**

Finney Timothy, Marion & Ian, GULLIAGH  
 CONSTANCE B, Y81068, 13/03/2010, Br.  
 Exhibitor, NI Ch Pitlochry's O'Bryan Orak - Gulliagh  
 Barraduff  
 Best Puppy

### **Intermediate Bitch**

Gargan Mr Ivan, BRIBIBA'S COUNTRY DANCER B,  
 Y63016, 11/05/2009, Br. Mr. D. Barnbrook & Ms F. Smith,  
 Hazianne Shaun Thornton - Santir Spirit Of Scotland At  
 Bribiba  
 RBOB







## CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> 2010

At the IKC National Show Centre.

Cloghran, Co. Dublin.



Firstly I would like to thank the club for inviting me home to judge my favourite breed, and the hospitality that was extended to me and my husband. Thank you to my stewards who guided me through the day and helped to make the occasion go smoothly. A special thanks to the exhibitors who came under me and took my opinions gracefully. Always remember, whatever a judge does it is just their opinion; you always take the best dog home.

It did appear however, that a couple of exhibitors were displeased with my appraisal of their dogs, and their comments were conspicuous from the ring side. They were overheard to say, "I don't know what she is looking for."

"I don't think she does herself."

I would like to take this opportunity to reply to those comments.

I was looking for hounds that came as close to the standard as possible.

There were a few bad mouths with narrow jaws. Top lines are important, and a number of long steep croups were evident. They are undesirable. The standard states: slightly arched over the loin. Some of the hounds are rather fine, but on the whole I was really impressed with the quality.

I felt that my winning hounds came close to my interpretation of the standard. A hound of commanding size and appearance with correct balance and conformation, well muscled and sound on the move, in fact, built to do the job that they were bred for.

On a happy note, you have strong breed type and quality in your bitches, and this holds well for the future of the breed.



*Maggie Brooks  
Tony Killykeen Doyle  
and  
Killykeen Astee*

Class'	Baby Puppy Dog	1 Entry
1 VP 1	Kelly Mr J & Mrs K, FEAR OF NUTSTOWN D, Y25199, 30/1 2/2009, Br Exh, Prince Finn Of Nutstown - Meadhbh Of Nutstown	

## BABY PUPPY DOG

### 1st Kelly: FEAR OF NUTSTOWN

Just over 6 months. Beautiful black baby with so much promise and such a wonderful temperament. Strong bone, good conformation and balance. Correct front and rear construction. The whole picture was completed by a typical head with a profusion of furnishings, soft expression and nice dark eye. Movement was sound coming and going. One to watch; should have a bright future. VP.



Class:	Puppy Dog	3 Entries
2VP 2	Clark Ms V A, TARLOG UAM NEESON D, RAF, 04/08/2009, Br. V A Clark, Killykeen Aenghus .. Marlaw Mary Kate Danaher At Tarlog	
1 VP 3	Finney Timothy, Manon & Ian, CUKNOCKLONG HENRY HIGGINS D, Y66825, 15/06/2009, Br P O'Neill, Ch Gullagh Sequoia Cw 07 - Ch Gullagh Jill Pole Cw 08	
3 P 4	O'Keeffe Ms A, CALCARA TAOISEACH 0, RAF., 30/09/2009, Br. Exh., Calcara De-Danann . Calcara Fedo Fedo	





## PUPPY DOG

### 1st Finney: CUKNOCKLONG HENRY HIGGINS

Nice type, not quite 12 months. Lovely head well furnished with correct proportions and dark eye. Nice arch of neck with good length into shoulder. Reasonable upper arm, good depth of chest. Well constructed hind quarters with lovely sweep of stifle, excellent length from hip to hock. Moved well although a little close behind. Best Puppy VP



### 2nd Clark TARLOG LIAM NEESON

Tall cream brindle of 10 months. Good head with tight rose ear. Lovely outline standing, long neck going into well structured front assembly. Nice top line with correct arch over loin. Well angulated quarters with a long second thigh, but would have liked more width. Movement was steady with good use of hocks.



### 3rd O'Keeffe. CALCARA TAOISEACH

Class:

Intermediate Dog

I Entry

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Clarke Mr. G. F. & Mrs. P, OSMAR OF SHANTAMON JUN.CH. D, Y31 407, 06/09/2008  
Br. Exh., Multi. Ch., Pitlochrys Catweazle - Ch Ebony Of Shantamon

## INTERMEDIATE DOG

### 1st Clarke OSMAR OF SHANTAMON

He stood alone in this class, a large 21 month old dark brindle of substance and excellent conformation. Lovely male head



with dark eyes, ample furnishings and a correct bite. Front construction was well put together with excellent fore chest, well angled upper arm and correct lay of shoulder.

A deep brisket with good spring of rib and well ribbed back. Good length of back with nice top and under lines. Powerful hind quarters with great width all through, correct curves to stifle and strong straight hocks. This impressive young male deserved his 1st, taking up the use of the ring by covering the ground with purposeful movement seen from all angles.

I seriously considered him for the RGS.



Class:	Open Dog	8 Entries
4 VG 7	Connolly Mr. RE., KILLYKEEN FIONN D, Y091 35, 13/12/2007, Br. Mr. A. Killykeen Doyle, Killykeen Louis Of Fransa - Killykeen Black Lillie	
A 8	Finney Timothy, Marion & Ian, GULLIAGH HAGRID D, X35606, 29/08/2005, Br Mr TN, Mrs MA & Mr I Finney, Am Ch Rosslare's Sandor - Ch Gulliagh Zamora	
2 EX. 9	Finney Timothy, Marion & Ian, GULLIAGH ARDTULLY D, X66268, 29/08/2006, Br. Mr Tn, Mrs Ma & Mr I Finney, ChInt Ch Gullagh Zest An Ch 2003, 2006, CW 2006 - Ch Gulliagh Nedine	
3 EX10	Kelly Mr J & Mrs K, PRINCE FINN OF NUTSTOWN D, Y08652, 02/12/2007, CH. Lazy Bones Of Nutstown - Winlaoshan Binny Babe	
A 11	Killykeen Doyle Anthony, BALLYGRAN'S ALROY ART D, 05076/04, 13/03/2004, Br Anne Matte Mikkelsen, NOR.CH. Rovaleco's Irco Idol- NOR.CH McKenzies Ballinalee	
A 12	Killykeen Doyle Anthony, KILLYKEEN LOUIS OF FRANJO D, X95802, 12/09/2005, Br M. & L. Walker, AM. CH. Fleetwind Gordon - Killykeen Roxy	
A 13	Pask Mr. Mrs. P, SOLSTRAND YORICK OF BARONGLEN D, AH00952406, 12/01/2007, Br. Mrs. D.A. Kenis Pordham, Ch Barongien The Jaywalker - Solstrand Unity	
1 EX 14	Pask Mr. Mrs P., BARONGLEN THE KNIGHTWALKER D, AJ04613901, 26/08/2008, Solstrand Yorick Of baronglen - Ch Baronglen Miss Jif	

## OPEN DOG

### 1st Pask BARONGLEN THE KNIGHTWALKER

This dog owned the ring with his great presence. A tall powerful hound of commanding size and appearance. A wonderful head held high on a long strong well arched neck going into a correct shoulder placement. Great fore chest with long well laid upper arm. Tremendous depth of chest with good spring of rib. Good tuck up, top line flowing into a nice arch over the loin with correct length to croup and a well set tail which was carried correctly. This hound has splendid symmetry having correct proportions. His excellent conformation and balance enabled him to move with extension, freedom and power. I was pleased to award him GS and BIS. He also won the Tallest Dog and the Movement.

### 2nd Finney: GULLIAGH ARDTULLY

Well presented hound but lighter in stature than first. It was unfortunate for him to come up against the winner on the day. Good front assembly, nice head with typical soft expression and dark eyes. A dog with correct balance and overall shape. Sound hind quarters with good length of leg. He moved well covering plenty of ground coming and going.

### 3rd Kelly: PRINCE FINN OF NUTSTOWN





No 14  
GSD, BIS  
Tallest, Best  
Movement



No 9



No 10



No 7



Class:	Champion Dog	4 Entries
A 15	Finney Timothy, Marion & Ian. CH/GB & INT CH GULLIAGH ALBUS D, X35605, 29/08/2005, Br Mr TN, Mrs MA & Mr I Finney, Am Ch Rosslare's Sandor - Ch Gulliagh Zarnora	
3 EX16	Kelly Mr J & Mrs K, CH. DONOVAN OF NUTSTOWN D, X76584, 26/12/2006, Br. Exh, Lazy Bones Of Nutstown - Golden Lady Nutstown	
2EX 17	Smith Mr & Mrs A T & MSC, CH. UELLA O'HOGAN (JUN.CH.C.w 08) D, X82187, 19/03/2007, Br. Exh., Uella O'Brien - Uella Oola	
1EX18	Tebbutt Mrs D, UK CH CAREDIG GALILEO D, Y74472, 24/09/2006, Br Mrs D Tebbutt, Caredig Lawson - UK Ch Caredig Jezebel	

## CHAMPION DOG

### 1st Tebbutt: UK. CH. CAREDIG GALILEO

This champion is well known in England. A massive dog with tremendous bone and substance giving an overall picture of power and strength.

Nice head and dark eye, but would have preferred more fore face. He is a bit short in neck and lacked fore chest, being a little straight in upper arm. He has depth with correct under line, good width through the hind quarters and excellent spring of rib. He is a really impressive hound with great presence and there is a lot to like about him, but he failed on hind movement.

RGS

### 2nd Smith: CH UELLA O'HOGAN

A slighter built hound than 1st and did not have the same commanding presence. A well conformed dog standing, being nicely balanced. Lovely head with a good dark eye. Very good front conformation with nice flow of top line into croup with a well set tail. He has wide strong hind quarters and good straight hocks. He showed well with positive movement, fore and aft, driving well through his hocks, with good extension in front enabling him to cover plenty of ground.

### 3rd Kelly: CH DONOVAN OF NUTSTOWN.







Class: Veteran Dog 1 Entry  
 1EX19 Kelly Mr J & Mrs K, MILLENIUM OF NUTSTOWN D, U4144 1, O'1/01i2000, Br. Exh.,  
 Fingal Of Nutstown - Saringas Miss Constene

#### VETERAN DOG

Kelly: MILLENIUM OF NUTSTOWN

A dear old gentleman of nearly 11 years. He had good overall balance and type. A well constructed hound with all the right angles. He lacked a little enthusiasm on the day, but at 77 no wonder! I was pleased to give him the Best Veteran, his conformation and type won him the award.





Class:	Baby Puppy Bitch	4 Entries
A 20	Clarke Mr. G F. & Mrs. P, QUINTINA OF SHANTAMON B, Y72432, 04/01/2010, Br. Exh , Osmar Of Shantarnon - Gina Of Shantamon	
2VP 21	Daly Master Eoghan, JACKIE OF NUTSTOWN B, Y75197 (TAF.), 08/01/2010, Br Mr & Mrs. J. KeJly, Prince Finn Of Nutstown - Cu Ealga Cunaardri	
1VP22	Derham Mary, SUSIE OF NUTSTOWN SUSIE OF NUTSTOWN B, 75196Y, 08/01/2010, Br. Mr & Mrs J Kelly, Prince Finn of Nutstown Prince Finn of Nutsown - Cu Eagla Cunaardn	
A 23	Mullen William and Joanne, BROUGHADOWEY MYTH B, Y75642, 04/02/2010, Br. Mr W & Mrs J Mullen & Mr M & Mrs K Verble, Am Ch Nutstown Harvest Moon of Manasota - Broughadowey Ah Mhaigh	

## BABY PUPPY BITCH

### 1st Derham: SUSIE OF NUTSTOWN

This pretty 5 month old brindle bitch had all the necessary curves. Lovely feminine head with a long neck into a well laid shoulder. Strong quarters for her age and she showed with fervour, quite at ease on her day out.

### 2nd Daly: JACKIE OF NUTSTOWN

Litter sister to 1st and of the same excellent quality. A strong balanced baby, who was proving a little bit of a handful for her young handler. A soundly constructed puppy being well angulated front and rear. Movement was a little erratic, but she had excellent type. On another day these two sisters could easily change places.





Class;	Puppy Bitch	6 Entries
VP 24	Clark/Killykeen Doyle Ms V / Mr A, TARLOG CUIMHNE AR KILLYKEEN S, RAF. 04/08/2009, Br Ms V Clark Killykeen Aenghus - Marlaw Mary Kate Danaher At Tarlog	
IVP25	Kelly Mr J & Mrs K. PRETTY DAISY OF NUTSTOWN B, Y5863, 14/06/2009, Br. Exh , Kalerigg Chieftain Of Nutstown - Maddy Rose Of Nutstown	
2VP 26	O'Keeffe Ms A, CALCARA KEAD B, RAF, 30/09/2009. Br Exh., Calcara De-Danann - Calcara Fedo Fedo	
VP 27	Potter Mr. J. & Mrs M., TARLOG JUNO OF THE VALLEY B, Y67589, 04/08/2009, Br Ms V. Clark, Killykeen Aenghus - Marlaw Mary Kate Danagher at Tarlog	
4VP28	Smith Mr & Mrs A T & MSC, CUFODHLA ENYA TO UELLA B, Y62025, 16/08/2009, Br Ms C Walsh, Ch Uella O'Hogan C.W.08.Jun.Ch - Cufodhla Anu	
3VP29	Smith Mr & Mrs A T & MSC. CUFODHLA ELLA BY UELLA B, Y62029, 16/08/2009, Br. Ms C Walsh, Ch Uella O'Hogan C.W.08.Jun Ch - Cufodhla Anu	

## PUPPY BITCH

### 1st Kelly: PRETTY DAISY OF NUTSTOWN

I really loved this youngster, so balanced and well conformed. Just a day under 12 months she showed off all her attributes. A classic head with a soft hound expression and lovely dark eyes. A well assembled front. Correct top line and broad strong hind quarters with good angulation and well let down hocks. Her movement was strong and positive both coming and going and she covered plenty of ground viewed from the side. When judging for Best Puppy she was nowhere to be found.....such a pity!

### 2nd.O'Keeffe: CALCARA KEAD

A lighter build than 1st. Another lovely quality lady but hard to settle. A real power house on the move. Excellent extension and drive which won her place in the line up. A hound with a nice head, strong neck and good front construction. Very sound quarters, correct top line and underline. When settled she could easily take top awards.

### 3rd. Smith: CUFODHLA ELLA BY UELLA



Class:	Junior Bitch	2 Entries
1EX30	Gargan Mr Ivan, BRIBIBA'S COUNTRY DANCER BRISIBA'S COUNTRY DANCER B, Y63016, 11/05/2009, Br. Bribiba, Hazianne Shaun Thornton Hazianne - Santir Spirit Of Scotland At Bribiba Santir Spirit	
2VG31	Thomas Barry, CAITLIN OG CUNAARDRI B, Y53147, 24/05/2009, Br Mr C. Brown & Mrs. E. Hanley, Chlektan Cunaardn - Runa Cunaardri	

## JUNIOR BITCH

### 1st Gargan: BRIBIBA'S COUNTRY DANCER

A tall grey brindle bitch. Nice head and expression, dark eye and lovely rose ears, unfortunately spoilt by an imperfect bite with a narrow jaw. However she was well presented having nice length of neck and a good top line. Rather straight in upper arm, but had good depth of chest and good under line. Reasonably angulated stifles and a well set tail of good length. Her movement was free, but lacked extension in front.

### 2nd. Thomas: CAITLIN OG CUNAARDRI

A bitch of similar age to first, but of a different type. A cream girl of smaller structure. Unsure in the ring, movement being irregular and she was cow hocked. Her overall shape and balance was good. I learnt later that she had been involved in an accident and had sustained considerable damage to her rear. Well done to the owner to have her at the show.



## INTERMEDIATE BITCH

Class:	Intermediate Bitch	3 Entries
1EX32	Clarke Mr. G. F. & Mrs. P, OPHERRA OF SHANTAMON JUN.CH.CW. B, Y31409, 06/09/2008, Br. Exh., Multi. Ch. Pitlochrys Catweazle - Ch. Ebony Of Shantamon	
A 33	Clarke Mr G F & Mrs P, PAULETIE OF SHANTAMON B, Y3141 1. 08/09/2008, Br Exh , Mulli CH Glor Na Gael Oryslan - Arklow Of Nutstown	
2EX 34	Tebbutt Mls D, CIULADH SIONAINN CAREDIG S, Y74476, 19/09/2008, Br. Mr LT & Mrs GP Scott, UK Ch Caredig Galileo - Caredig Honesty	

### 1st. Clarke: OPHERRA OF SHANTAMON

A high quality bitch, beautifully balanced and put down in well muscled condition. Excellent head with correct skull and length of fore face. Strong front construction, good shoulder placement and length of upper arm. Smooth top line, although a little steep in croup. Great depth of chest and spring of rib. Splendid width through the stifle with good bend and low set hocks. This beautiful lady came together on the move covering the ground with easy strides. Wonderful action viewed from the side, one who really strides out. RGS

### 2nd. Tebbutt: CUULADH SIONAINN CAREDIG

Another good bitch of true type and quality. Excellent head proportions, dark eye, lovely expression, good bite and strong under jaw. Good front assembly, having a nice fore chest, well laid back shoulder and upper arm. A deep chest into a nice tuck up. Broad strong hind quarters, a little straighter in stifle than 1st. Beautiful breed type.





Class:	Open Bitch	22 Entries
A 35	Alford Mrs C & Mr D, CALCARA SARAH OF CHRISTATE B, Y03430, 16/10/2007, Br Mrs A O Keefe, Culkeeran Chase - Ch Annuna of Rathcreevagh at Calcara	
EX 36	Bradley Mr S, CAREDIG FFIASCO (GB) B, Y6447'1, 19/02/2007, Br Mrs D E 1ebbutt, GB Ch Caredlg Jupiter - GB Ch Caredlg Hegarty	
2EX37	Clarke Mr G F & Mrs P, LINDA LOVE OF SHANTAMON B, X74718, 28/12/2006, Br Exh , CH. Lazy Bones Of Nutstown - Gina Of Shantamon 1 EX 38 Clarke Mr G. F. & Mrs P, NINA-LEIGH OF SHANTAMON EW 09 B, X98222, 02/09/2007, Br Exh . CH. King Huzzar Of Nutstown - Gina Of Shantamon	
EX 39	Conway Declan, GWERNYFED DYDDGU FAWR GWERNYFED DYDDGU FAWR GB S, X9'1896, 0610312007, Br Mrs R Evans, Hazianne Shaun Thornton - Gwernyfed Cantilng	
A 40	Finney Timothy, Marion & Ian, GULLIAGH MOLLY MALONE S, W651 89, 01/04/2004, Br Mr TN, Mrs MA & Mr I Finney, Gullagh Nladh - Ch Gulhagh Zamora	
EX 41	Finney Timothy, Marion & Ian, GULLIAGH BARRADUFF S, X66271 , 29/08/2006, Br. Mr TN, Mrs MA & Mr I Fmney, Ch/Int Ch Gullagh Zest An Ch 2003, 2006, Cw 2006 - Ch Gullagh Nedine	
3EX42	Finney Timothy, Marion & Ian, GULLIAGH CORRIG B, X66274, 29/08/2006, Br. Mr TN, Mrs MA & Mr I Finney, Ch/Int Ch Gullagh Zest An Ch 2003, 2006, Cw 2006 - Ch Gul-liagh Nedine	
A 43	Finney Timothy, Marion & Ian, GULLIAGH GINNY S, X35603, 29/08/2005, Br Mr T N, Mrs M A & Mr I Finney, Am Ch Rosslare's Sandor - Ch Gullagh Zamora	
A 44	Higgins Alan, KILLYKEEN AILEEN B, X95808, 29/07/2007, Br. Mr. A. Doyle, Killykeen Louis Of FranJo - Norwegian Queen Av Blackglacier	
A 45	Kelly Mr J & Mrs K, AVOCA LADY OF NUTSTOWN B, X41682, 15/09/2005, Br Exh , Millenium Of Nutstown - CH. Sally Of Nutstown	
EX 46	Kelly Mr J & Mrs K, MADDY ROSE OF NUTSTOWN B, X, 18/04/2004, Br. S Coakley, Millenium Of Nutstown - Molly Malone Of Nutstown	
A 47	Kelly Mr J & Mrs K, DARK BERNIE OF NUTSTOWN S, X17201, 19/03/2005, Br. EXh , CH. King Huzzar - Golden Lady	
A 48	Killykeen Doyle Anthony, NORWEGIAN QUEEN AV BLACK GLACIER B, X93984, 27/04/2005, Br. Hilda Synove Lorentzen, Carrauntoo Tunen Av Black Glacier - NOR.CH Gone By The Wind Av Black Glacier	
5EX49	Killykeen Doyle Anthony, KILLYKEEN ASTEE S, X95809, 29/07/2007, Br. Exh., Killy-keen Louis of Franjo - Norwegian Av Black Glacier	
A 50	Moran Mr. Eoghan, IONTACH ENYA B, Y18964, 03/09/2007, Br. Mr. Damian Fair, Hill-coote Johnny - Iontech Bairbre	
4EX51	Mullen William and Joanne, BROUGHADOWEY ASTA JUN CH,EJW 09, CJW 09 S, Y241 24, 16/03/2008, Br. Mr W & Ms J Mullen, Gwernyfed Oal Dy Dir CJW 08, Jun Ch - Midnight Emma Of Nutstown	
EX 52	Mullen William and Joanne, BROUGHADOWEY AH MHAIGH B, Y24134, 16/03/2008, Br. Mr W & Ms J Mullen, Gwernyfed Dal Dy Dir CJW 08, Jun Ch - Midnight Emma Of Nutstown	
A 53	Mullen Willam and Joanne, MIDNIGHT EMMA OF NUTSTOWN B, X27323, 11/06/2005, Br Mr & Mrs J Kelly, Lazy Bones of Nutstown - Meadhbh of Nutstown	
A 54	O'Neill Mr. Mrs. B. F , HAZIANNE'S LUNA ECLIPSE OVER BALLYVONNA B, X99509, 20/05/2007, Br Mrs. H. Barnes, Cathal Cunaardri - Hazlanne Mary Kate Danahur	
EX 55	Scott Mr LT & Mrs GP, BRACHAN LOCH FYNE CU-ULADH B, Y19342, 13/01/2008, Br. Mrs C Macleod, US Ch Carrickaneena Slieve Gullion - Brachan Busted Khla	
EX 56	Seo t Mr LT & Mrs. GP, CAREDIG HONESTY B, X009974, 01/10/2004, Br Mrs Deb-bie Tebbutt, Gb Ch Caredlg Kava of Sade - Stoneybruok Ramona Caredlg	

## OPEN BITCH

This was the best class of the day. It was filled with wonderful bitches all with quality and such good examples of the breed.

### 1st. Clarke: NINA-LEIGH OF SHANTAMON

This kennel is consistent with producing wonderful examples of the breed.

Today was definitely this ladies day! A bitch of true quality and perfect type, she ticked all the boxes. Here was substance, balance, excellent skeletal construction, each part flowing into the next. Her front assembly combined with her excellent well muscled hind quarters moved her with precision and accuracy. All these attributes together with a beautiful head and expression completed the picture. GS & RBIS.

### 2nd. Clarke: LINDA LOVE OF SHANTAMON

Sister to 1st and very little to separate these two true examples of the breed. Small points of standard, "nit picking" concluded my final decision. Slightly shorter on the leg, but her conformation, topped by a beautiful head gave a representation of the true characteristics required in an IW. Another who moved with power and fluency viewed from all angles. On another day these two could very easily change places.

### 3rd. Finney: GULLIAGH CORRIG



## VETERAN BITCH

1st. Finney: GULLIAGH  
NEDINE

I loved this bitch when I  
judged her several years

ago, and she did not disappoint me today. Even at 9 years of age she has all the qualities of true type. Lovely head and expression. Still strong in front and rear construction. Showed that she still had enthusiasm on the move.

Class:

1EX59

Finney Timothy, Marion & Ian, CH GULLIAGH NEDINE B, U61794, 16/10/2000, Br. Mr T N, Mrs M A & Mr I Finney, Am Ch Maximilian Fionnmae - Ch/Gb Ch Gulliahtl Serendipity

2EX 60

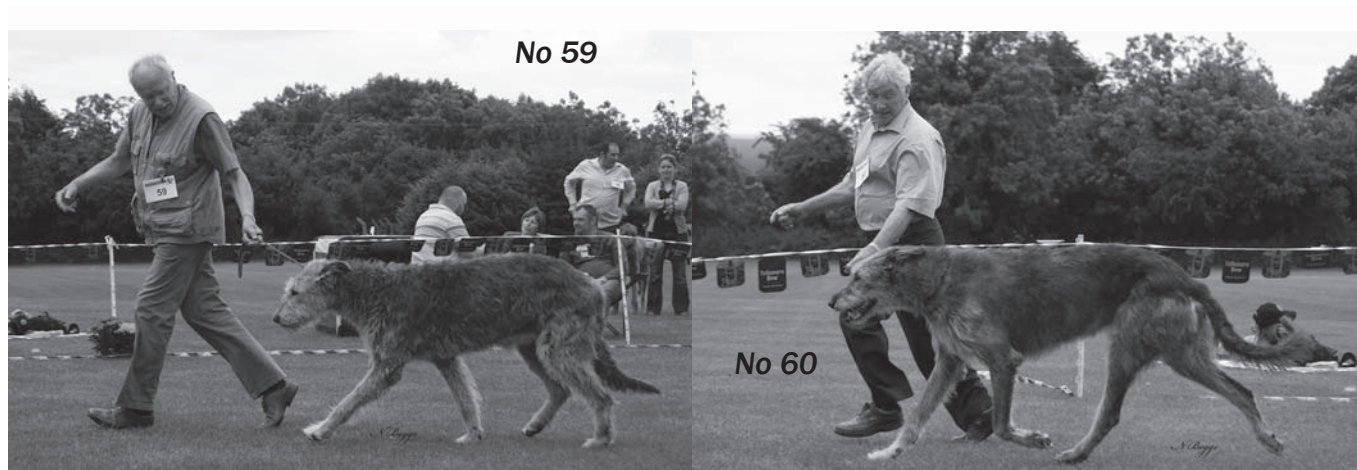
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Veteran Bitch

2 Entries

2nd.Peiler: KNOCKNAREA UNIQUE

Younger by a year than 1st in wonderful condition and moving soundly. A well balanced bitch with lovely head carriage, correct front assembly and good width and depth all through. Great length of leg and with all the required angles in the hind quarters. Her movement was sound although she was a little hard to settle. She gave a pleasing picture standing.



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Judge: Maggie Brooks



## Children's Handling



## Some Silver Winners

