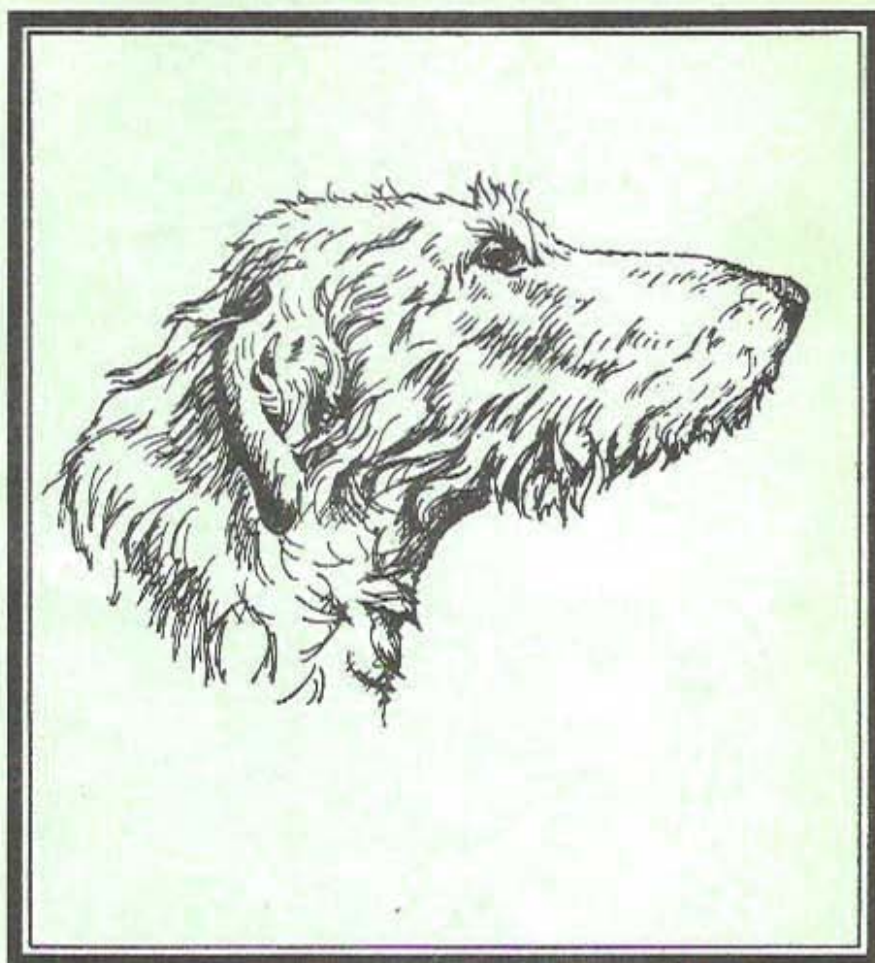


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Editorial

Here at last is the 1975/76 issue of "the Irish Hound." 1975 was the Club's Golden Jubilee year, and a very successful and busy year it was. Summer parties, which are a very informative and relaxing day out for both dogs and owners, were held. The Golden Jubilee Championship Show this year was a bit special with a Wolfhound Museum being an added attraction—a full report on all these events is in this issue.

There's a good selection of articles which I hope will be of interest, and once again, my thanks to all our advertisers, both from home and abroad.

I would like to make a plea to you all: if you have anything to say, do drop me a line, should it be an article, a doggy problem you may have, or a letter for the letter column which is included especially for all our readers to put their points of view over. Send it NOW, for the next issue, which will be out, depending on material, about August 1977. Material this year has been very slow coming in, and does delay the publication date.

I hope you enjoy this issue, and if you have friends who would like a copy, get in touch with the Hon. Secretary. There are still a few copies of the 1974/75 issue left, unfortunately there are no copies left of previous magazines.

Best wishes to you all.

MILES RATHBONE-SCOTT.

Profile

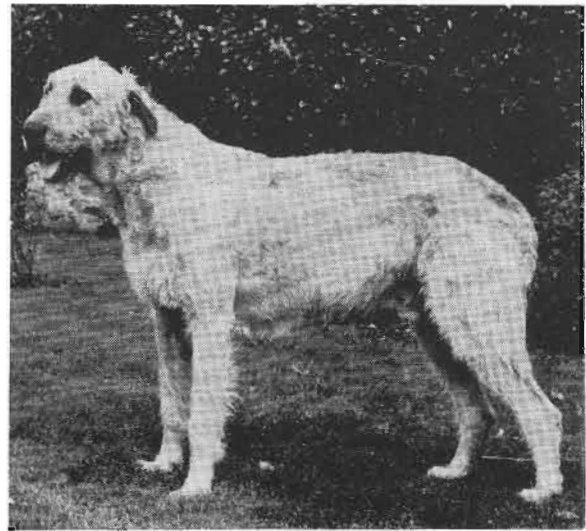
Miss E. C. Murphy, better known to us all as Betty, from her very first thoughts of getting an Irish Wolfhound way back in the sixties and of convincing her parents to the idea, has always wanted to help improve the Irish bred hounds. Betty has succeeded admirably in her aim, as her Wolfhounds have achieved Championship status around the world, and her prefix is the now well-known "The Carrokeel Irish Wolfhounds." The name Carrokeel comes from an ancient Irish pottery in Donegal.

Betty's first hounds were Ballykelly Eilish and Ballykelly Sile of Carrokeel. Her father, a livestock judge, helped in the selection of these puppies and obviously picked well—as Ballykelly Sile of Carrokeel made up her Championship in 1968 and both these bitches produced Champions sired by Ch. Connel of Nendrum.



Ch. Ballykelly Sile of Carrokeel

In 1968, Betty bought her first male Wolfhound, Ballykelly Dalkey. He made up his Championship in 1971 and as well as being a good show dog, he proved an excellent stud, siring 10 U.S. Champions and 2 Canadian Champions.



Ch. Ballykelly Dalkey

Betty has continued on her aims of improving her exports as well as keeping up the standard in Ireland. A great example of this is Ch. Carrokeel Cara, a tall sound bitch with a lovely nature. Cara has won the Height and Soundness Trophy for bitches every year from 1972 and was Best in Show at the 1974 Club Championship Show.



Ch. Carrokeel Cara

As Vice President of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland, Betty has been one of the most avid supporters in the Club's activities. One of our first summer get-togethers was held in the lovely surroundings of Ballyhagan House, and she has been at many other meetings giving talks on showing, and demonstrations of handling. As well as this, you can usually see a camera somewhere on her person wherever she is, and in this she has been a great help in having photos available for the Club's magazine.

As all breeders have to watch not only their own stock, but the stock in the country as a whole, Betty brought into Ireland from England, Boroughbury Justice and Boroughbury Jolly in 1971 to introduce some new blood, their sire and grandsire both being English Champions.



Ch. Boroughbury Justice

The record of this brother and sister is impressive: Both have gained their Championships in Ireland—Jolly has won Best in Show at the Club Show and Justice has been Reserve Best in Show. Both have been awarded the top winning Irish Wolfhound in Ireland Certificates, Justice in '72 and '75 and

Jolly in '74. Justice has also won the Stud Dog trophy and his progeny are now winning at shows around the world.



Ch. Boroughbury Jolly

For breeding and showing in Ireland, and the exports of her Irish Wolfhounds, Betty's record is plain to see, with 22 overseas Champions and 5 in Ireland.



Jolly, Justice and Cara

Let's hope that Betty and the Carrokeel Irish Wolfhounds continue on the work they have started for many more years, and I know that she will continue to help and support the breed and the Club.

1975

Being the Club's Golden Jubilee year made this a rather special one with many functions being organised for the members. A full report on these is included in this issue.

The membership has continued to increase and is now over

200 with many overseas members, and on behalf of the Club may I wish you all welcome.

There was only one Irish Champion made up this year. Congratulations to Finn Of Dalguise owned by Mrs. A. McDonnell. Finn was Green Star dog at the Club's Jubilee Show and Reserve Best of Breed.



Ch. Finn of Dalguise

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The Committee of the Club really worked hard during the year, organising the functions and on behalf of us all I give them a special vote of thanks, also to all the members who helped with the events.

The choice of some of the Judges at this year's shows left a lot to be desired. This is something the Club will try to get the Show Societies to improve. Judges that seem to have no specific type, or judge on height alone, can be very unsatisfactory to all exhibitors, as no one can understand what the Judge may or may not be looking for.

Absentees at Shows are a bit of a problem; although entries are greatly appreciated by all Clubs, it is a shame if a class has a good entry of say eight or nine and only two or three turn up!

One thing to really be on the outlook for is the tendency of personalities taking over from the dogs, when sometimes it appears that the wrong end of the lead is being judged—this can lead to a drop in entries and is so pointless. Dog shows are a source of enjoyment to us all as it is a pleasant day out with our hounds talking to all our friends and discussing different points of view.

There follows a list of Green Star winners. It has been suggested that the number of points awarded to each dog be shown and this will be included every year from now on.

Points are awarded depending on how many dogs are present at the Show. The points list is for
3 point G.S. Dogs: 9 Bitches: 10 Mixed: 12
4 point G.S. Dogs: 15 Bitches: 15 Mixed: 18

GREEN STAR WINNERS 1975 (verified by IKC)

SHOW	G.S.D.	No. of Points	G.S.B.	No. of Points
IKC	Rooney of Tolkavalley B.O.B.	4	Nutstown Queen	4
Combined Canine	Cu-uladh Connaght	4	Crede of Gulliagh B.O.B.	4
Poodle Association	Ballykelly Errislannan Liam B.O.B.	3	Brona of Cumara	3
Bray & District	Finn of Dalguise B.O.B.	3	Recklaw Melba	3
Munster Canine	Cu-uladh Connaght B.O.B.	1	Derryfloore Sarah	1
Munster Agricultural	Rooney of Tolkavalley B.O.B.	1	Carrokel Karen	1
Irish Wolfhound Club	Finn of Dalguise	4	Ch. Boroughbury Jolly B.O.B.	4
Dundalk & District	Knocknarus Donagh of Recklaw	1	Brona of Cumara B.O.B.	1
Fermoy	Carrigeen of Tolkavalley B.O.B.	3	Aoife of Mollmachie	1
Monkstown	Ballykelly Errislannan Liam B.O.B.	4	Derryfloore Sarah	4
Galway	Ballykelly Errislannan Liam B.O.B.	1	Brona of Cumara	1
Limerick	Ch. Boroughbury Justice B.O.B.	3	Ch. Boroughbury Justice	3
Tralee	Connor of Mollmachie B.O.B.	3	Alina of Sliagh M.	3
Dun Dealgan	Carrigeen of Tolkavalley B.O.B.	4	Sinead of St. Doulaghs	4
Sporting Breeds	Ch. Boroughbury Justice B.O.B.	3	Nutstown Queen	3
Irish Breeds	Ballykelly Errislannan Liam B.O.B.	3	Brona of Cumara	3
Kilkenny	Ch. Boroughbury Justice	4	Ch. Boroughbury Jolly	4
Dublin Dog Show	Ch. Boroughbury Justice B.O.B.	4	Athcarne Shiofra	4

Summer Get Together

The Summer Get Togethers have proved in the past to be an informative and enjoyable day for all who have attended them. It's a function where members and their dogs can have a relaxing day out and enjoy a chat with the well known breeders and other owners.

This being the first Club Get Together in our Golden Jubilee Year, was rather a special event and it was held in the beautiful grounds of Mrs. Maggie Sedgwick's home at Timore, up in the Wicklow hills on May 18. It was a beautiful sunny day, and the scenery was magnificent.



Maggie Sedgwick with Bona of Cumara

The events were a knock out competition judged by Mrs. A. O'Flaherty who also judged the other events for best movement and best puppy. The winners all received medals and rosettes and the best puppy won a puppy spoon.

Mrs. O'Flaherty had a busy afternoon as there were over 20 hounds present. The Committee and all present thank her for doing such a grand job, which I'm sure she enjoyed as much as those taking part did.



Sue Rathbone-Scott with Tullygirvan Fingal

Another event was the demonstration and talk on handling and showing Irish Wolfhounds. This was given by Miss Murphy who also judged the competition for best novice handler afterwards, the winner of this receiving a medal.

This was followed by a tea break and Maggie and her Mum did us proud with a great spread. Everyone had their tea and sandwiches in the sun and had great talks and chats about, what else? — Irish Wolfhounds! Another event arranged for the day was a talk and question time on the Breed Standard by Mr. Rathbone-Scott, but time and conversation took over, and this was postponed until the next Get Together.



Tony Redmond with Athcarne Shiofre

All the prizes were kindly donated by Mrs. Sedgwick with the exception of the Puppy Spoon which was donated by the Club. Everybody had a great day out in the good weather and impressive scenery of Wicklow, and our sincere thanks to all the organisers for such a good day out.

“Canine Nervousness” and Ring Shyness

By J. DONNELLY

Many Irish Wolfhounds of today seem to suffer from the above complaint, and there is no easy answer to the cause, but I will try to elucidate on the matter. The diagnosis of neurologic disease is based on the history of the animal, the results of

physical examination and the neurologic signs. The neurologic is performed to assess sensory and motor function and for any abnormalities of gait, posture or physical behaviour, response to stimulation as well as deficits of specific reflexes, and obviously the physical examination is for evidence of trauma and associated disease.

Some of the causes of shyness are known to be inherited while in others the cause is now known to lie in environmental factors during the embryonic and foetal life (physical influences, chemical poisons, nutritional deficiencies, hormonal imbalance, circulatory disturbances and transplacental infection). Research often carried out is of a simple nature, nothing more in fact than trying one product viewing the results, and comparing with another product tried on another animal. Regrettably this form of research is most inaccurate, because you seldom get two animals responding the same to any kind of treatment.

As the years go by my conclusions, regarding Nervous Wolfhounds, are that in most cases the Breeders are to blame. They spend so little of their time Humanizing their pups and seeing that every pup in the litter gets its fair share of food and attention, it is easy after a few days after a litter is born to pick out the pups that are not so forward as the others and give them more attention and affection, I used to give them small doses of crushed vitamin E and vitamin B1 in a little soft cheese. These two vitamins help to strengthen the nervous system. Racehorse owners and Greyhound breeders have been using these two vitamins for many years now with good results.

One point I stress is that all pups must be conditioned to all types of noise, this I did by putting a transistor radio in their kennel and switched on at intervals to the pop and rock music, the results were amazing, when I let them into the house and the television was on they would all pile on to my settee and watch the Television like a bunch of lambs without a murmur and accepted any kind of noise for what it was worth. It is a known fact that most animals can sense fear and as the canine has been associated with man for thousands of years resulting in a highly developed knowledge of man being able to understand his movements, facial expressions, tone of voice etc. and accommodates to our needs accordingly, so if a person is nervous his dog adopts the same attitude, I know that many people will say they are not the nervous type, yet their dog is, this is difficult to believe if he has had the dog for sometime or reared it.

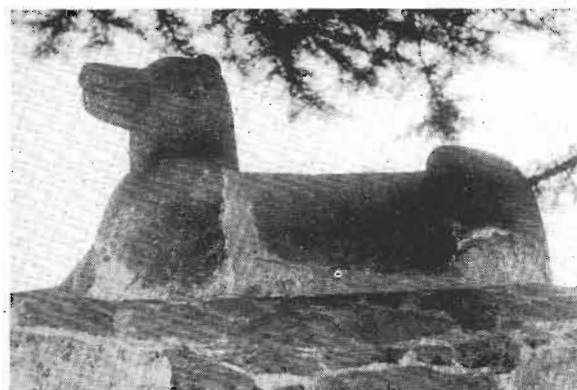
Any owner of a Hound who finds his Hound nervous should set about finding the cause. Often the diet is wrong, imbalanced, sometimes its training is too harsh, maybe a physical defect, but nine times out of ten the owner is wrong. However if one has a Hound which is just ring shy, "an over simplified term" it is easy to give it confidence by administering to it a mixture of honey, oatmeal and whiskey. Mix up a tablespoonful of honey with a tablespoonful of whiskey, add oatmeal until it becomes a thick paste, put in a jar and before you show your Hound give it a dose of the mixture. Judge for yourself how much it needs according to its behaviour.

This is not breaking any rules it is not a drug, but a food. Ten years ago at the L.K.A. show a Hound, belonging to an Irishman who owns a Pub in London, was benched close to my Hounds and it was so nervous that the owner was almost leaving the show he sought my advice and I was about to tell him to take his Hound home, then I remembered what my Grandfather used to give to racehorses which were nervous. The owner was eager to try anything so got the lady handler who was with him to go out and buy the named ingredients which I mixed and then gave it about a tablespoonful. After a few minutes the Hound behaved like an old timer and showed well.

I have had many letters from the same person thanking me for my help. What I have said is not the answer to the whole problem the only correct answer is to breed, feed and humanize your pups from the day they are born and if a pup shows signs of nervousness give special treatment and care adding to its diet

B1 and E Vitamins in the right quantities according to size and age. If you buy a pup don't be led up the garden path by big names etc. look for a litter bred by a person who breeds Irish Wolfhounds because he or she loves the breed for what it is, and not the monetary value, you will have a better chance of getting a nerve free pup in good health.

The Massareene Hound



Stone figure at Antrim Castle dated about 1660

Sir Hugh Clotworthy (who's son Sir John became Lord Massareene) married the beautiful Marion Dangford and carried her off to his castle at Antrim. He was away quite often and one day Lady Marion, unknown to the castle warders, wandered down to the banks of a river whose course she followed until she found herself on the shores of Lough Neagh. While there, she was attacked by a large wolf and at the same time another large animal passed and seized the wolf by the neck. A furious battle took place during which Lady Marion fainted. When she regained consciousness, she saw the dead body of the wolf, while lying beside her, licking her hand, was a magnificent Irish Wolfhound bleeding from many wounds.

From that day Lady Marion and the Wolfhound were inseparable companions. Then suddenly one morning he disappeared, much to the grief of his mistress. The years passed and the incident of the dog was almost forgotten except by Lady Marion. Then one night, during a very heavy storm, the deep baying of a wolf dog could be heard, and round and round the battlements of the castle the baying echoed.

Sir Hugh startled at such an incident but not taking seriously his wife's assertions that it was her beloved Wolfhound, ordered the guards out who lit a large beacon to reveal an attack on the castle. The attack was beaten off, but during the retreat a few shots were heard followed by a howl of pain. In the morning, imagine the surprise of one and all to see, standing on the highest turret of the castle and transformed to stone, Lady Marion's Wolfhound.

The story goes that Sir Hugh had a foreigner carving a Wolfhound in memory of saving the Lady's life and hearing that the hound had been shot in the retreat he took advantage and had the monument set out on the turret. Sir Hugh, knowing the extreme credulity of the Irish for all things supernatural, was quick to take advantage of this, and it paid off well, for the stone hound struck terror into the local people and the castle was never attacked again.

Club Championship Show

June 1975

Once again, the Show was held in the grounds of the De La Salle College, Churchtown, Dublin, and the day proved to be an absolute scorcher. This year being the Golden Jubilee Year went off very well and we had another large entry—110 in all.

A special feature of this Show was the Wolfhound Museum and thanks go to everyone who brought their antiques and interesting pieces on our great breed along.

Our thanks to Mr. R. M. James who did such an excellent job of judging, and to all the people who helped in the running of the Show.

RESULTS

Puppy Dog

1. Reamonn of Moll Machie, owned by Mr. M. Daly.
2. Aoife of Moll Machie, owned by Mr. and Mrs. O'Dwyer.
3. Athcarne Fionn of Criosban, owned by Mr. M. Daly.

Junior Dog

1. Brabyns Donaghadee, owned by Miss D. E. S. Hudson.
2. Tullygirvan Fingal, owned by Mr. and Mrs. M. Rathbone-Scott.
3. Rooney of Tolka Valley, owned by Miss I. Walton.
4. Bran of Menlo, owned by Mr. P. Connolly.

Novice Dog

1. Tullygirvan Fingal, owned by Mr. and Mrs. M. Rathbone-Scott.
2. Knocknarus Donagh of Reklaw, owned by Miss H. Burlton.
3. Wicklow Lad, owned by Master S. Allen.
4. Bran of Tolka Valley, owned by Mr. P. Dolan.

Graduate Dog

1. Athcarne Garrach, owned by Mr. D. Murphy.
2. Brabyns Donaghadee, owned by Miss D.E.S. Hudson.
3. Bernard of Cordoogan, owned by Mr. T. Redmond.
4. Carrigeen of Tola Valley, owned by Mr. D. McKenna.

Limit Dog

1. Ballykelly Errislannan Liam, owned by Miss S. Seale.
2. Fenian of Tolka Valley, owned by Miss I. Walton.
3. Tullygirvan Tristan, owned by Mr. and Mrs. S. Rathbone-Scott.
4. Wicklow Lad, owned by Mr. S. Allen.

Open Dog

1. Fionn of Dalguise, owned by Mrs. C. A. McDonnell.
2. Ch. Boroughbury Justice, owned by Miss E. Murphy.
3. Ch. Ballykelly Reamonn, owned by Miss S. Seale.
4. Cu-Uladh Chonnacht, owned by Misses McCumiskey & Millar.

Puppy Bitch

1. Mathihu of Rathdaws, owned by Mr. J. Briggs.
2. Maeve of Lorcan, owned by Mrs. M. Byrne.
3. Clare of Murclarke, owned by Mr. D. P. Murray.
4. Deirdre of Murclarke, owned by Mr. D. P. Murray.

Junior Bitch

1. Eorna of Tolka Valley, owned by Miss I. Walton.
2. Mathihu of Rathdaws, owned by Mr. J. Briggs.
3. Aisling of Gort-na-Trea, owned by Miss I. Walton.

Novice Bitch

1. Mathihu of Rathdaws, owned by Mr. J. Briggs.
2. Carrokeel Laois, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Kelly.

Graduate Bitch

1. Athcarne Shiofra, owned by Mr. T. Redmond.
2. Nutstown Queen, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Kelly.
3. Bri of Tolka Valley, owned by Miss I. Walton.
4. Carrokeel Karen, owned by Miss N. Twyman.

Limit Bitch

1. Eileen of Cordoogan, owned by Mr. J. Behan.
2. Gulliagh Falcarragh, owned by Miss S. Seale.
3. Derryfloone Sarah, owned by Mrs. P. Wyne.
4. Tullyhunco Corrib, owned by Miss I. Walton.

Open Bitch

1. Ch. Boroughbury Jolly, owned by Miss E. Murphy.
2. Crede of Gulliagh, owned by Mr. T. Finney.
3. Ch. Ballykelly Molly Mulligan, owned by Miss S. Seale.
4. Derryfloone Sarah, owned by Mrs. P. Wynne.

Veteran Dog or Bitch

1. Ch. Carrokeel Cara, owned by Miss E. Murphy.
2. Perfect Picture of Carrickmines, owned by Mrs. B. Barty-King.
3. Ch. Ballykelly Molly Mulligan, owned by Miss S. Seale.
4. Ch. Alpine Siobhan, owned by Mr. J. Walker.

Brace

1. Ch. Boroughbury Justice and Ch. Boroughbury Jolly, owned by Miss E. Murphy.
2. Rooney of Tolka Valley and Fenian of Tolka Valley, owned by Miss I. Walton.
3. Ch. Ballykelly Reamonn and Ch. Ballykelly Molly Mulligan, owned by Miss S. Seale.
4. Aoife of Moll Machie and Connor of Moll Machie, owned by Mr. and Mrs. O'Dwyer.

Green Star Dog: Fionn of Dalguise.

Res. G.S. Dog: Ch. Boroughbury Justice.

Green Star Bitch: Ch. Boroughbury Jolly.

Res. G.S. Bitch: Ch. Carrokeel Cara.

Best of Breed: Ch. Boroughbury Jolly.

Res. B.O.B.: Fionn of Dalguise.

Again this year, Mrs. Sedgwick kindly donated Rosettes for all trophy winners and there were Rosettes awarded by the Club for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Reserve in each class. As a special commemoration of the Jubilee year the best of Breed won £10, and the Reserve B.O.B. won £5.

JUDGES REPORT

It is an honour to judge a breed club championship show, and even more so when that breed is the native one of the country concerned, and also unique in so far as this show was the Golden Jubilee of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland, founded in 1925. This Show, held on Saturday, 21st June, was the third championship show that the Club had held and to mark the occasion everyone made a special effort, this brought the largest entry the Club has yet had, 110 from 88 dogs.

Held in the grounds of the De La Salle College at Churchtown, Dublin, it was a very leisure affair, everyone was their charming Irish self, the sun blazed down, and everyone had a great day. Perhaps the most pleasing sight to me was to see the unstinted congratulations that the winners received in every class, and it was good to see them being applauded so heartily by the exhibitors standing down the line, really great sports. It was quite an international affair with visitors from the States, Holland, Finland and many other countries, and I feel sure they will go home reflecting on the fact that they have participated in a milestone in the history of the breed.

The Officers of the Club from Miss Twyman, the President and Miles and Sue Rathbone-Scott, the Chairman and Secretary, right down to the ladies on the refreshments, went out of their way to welcome everyone, and I must give a special word of thanks to my steward, who worked extremely well, single handed. The spectrum of ownership ranged from those kennels who are household names in the breed right down to

co-operative youngsters, everything fell right into place, their keenness and enthusiasm is so very infectious, and, in way it was a case of—here was home.

One of the unique ideas that the Club had come up with was a Museum of Wolfhound pieces and pictures, this was pursued and brought to fruition on show day and a special room had been set aside in the college for the mounting and display of this exhibition which had some forty-one catalogued pieces and several which came in too late to be listed. I managed a quick preview, seeing things which are so intimately connected with the breed, part of its history in fact, a collection which you would never normally see altogether at one time, but perhaps a piece here and a bit there, over the years. In addition they had a book and souvenir stall which was pretty well patronised, all in all a show which catered for the breed in every respect.

Best in show was a really lovely bitch. Ch. Boroughbury Jolly, owned by Miss Murphy, and as I was presenting her with her B.I.S. Rosette I was given another to give her as apparently this particular bitch was the top winner in her breed in Ireland during 1974. She really is a charmer. Topping the dogs and winning another four point Green Star was Mrs. McDonnell's Fionn of Dalguise whom I gathered has recently completed his title. It was a grand day and everyone connected in any way with the staging of this show deserves every praise for making it what it was—a unique occasion and now a glowing part of the history of this noble breed.

AWARDS

Puppy Dog

1—Daly's REAMON OF MOLL MACHIE: Almost twelve months old and a big powerful puppy, really well grown for his age and is balanced and with amazing substance for such a young one. Scored in head which is strong and masculine and he was completely alert. Moved quite well, naturally with a certain amount of looseness, but a stand out winner, should finish really well.

2—O'Dwyer's CONNOR OF MOLL MACHIE: Litter brother to the winner and naturally very similar in type. Just fractionally short on the leg, and as yet not quite the very good balance of the winner, again very good head type, with no sign of weakness and no coarseness. Slightly longer in loin, which contributed to his overall appearance of over length. Maturing rather more slowly than his brother but should finish pretty well, both these two puppies were in quite amazing muscular form, the winner just scoring in strength and power of movement.

3—Daly's ATHCARNE FIONN OF CRIOSBAN. Almost two months younger than the above and this wheaten was naturally not as forward or as finished. Rather more lightly made throughout and not as strong in forehand and somewhat straighter in quarters. Moving he did not go too well and really is not yet in total control of himself. He is a promising baby, who looks as if he will need a lot of time but has the essential quality and is pleasing type. Interesting to see that they were all by the same sire.

Junior Dog

1—Hudson's BRABYNS DONAGHADEE: This 15 months very pale wheaten is lovely quality and high class breed type. He scores in overall conformation and for his age is probably just about right. Very true fronted with an excellent shoulder and correctly made in quarters without any sign of overangulation which is just as bad in its way as underangulation. A quality head, balanced and powerful in foreface. All he really needs now is a shade more spring of rib which should come. Put down and shown really well.

2—Rathbone -Scott's TULLYGIRVAN FINGAL: I judged this hound fairly recently in the North and he did pretty well in his age group. To-day at a few days out of puppy, he came up against a much more mature hound of lovely quality. This one has a lot to recommend him, he has the frame, the bone



Miss D.E.S. Hudson with Brabyns Donaghadee, best Junior dog or bitch

and the substance necessary. Another really lovely head, and it was another case of two half brother heading the class. Entering an in between stage now and he needs to tighten in front and the winner scored handily here. Somewhat between coats and whilst he went quite well it was not quite the same power or thrust of the older one. A very promising baby in pretty well every way.

3—Walton's ROONEY OF TOLKAVALLEY. Fifteen months and a more racily built hound, rather lighter throughout and perhaps not quite the bone for a hound of his size. He is a free moving sort with good extension at both ends and he looked well going around apart from a tendency to ring his tail. A most definite type and this was present through all the hounds from this kennel. Again the two above scored with their rather more typical heads and outlooks. Coming and going he needs to strengthen somewhat but very much in the awkward stage.

Novice Dog

1—T. FINGAL. 2—Burlton's KNÖCKNAROS DONAGH OF REKLAW. This pale wheaten dog proved quite a handful, not overkeen on being handled but he is not in the least shy or nervous, he has overall balance but for me the winner scored overall, particularly in head as I thought him a shade overdone in skull and a shade plain in expression. He moved quite well but does not have quite the hind leg or quite the co-ordination as yet. A good sized one and a bit rough and between coats. 3—Allen's WICKLOW LAD. A rather plain headed almost five year old, and he is rather upright in shoulder and does not have the reach of forward movement of the younger ones, his topline could be rather more positive and his quarters stronger. One who just misses it all round.

Graduate Dog

1—Murphy's ATHCARNE JUSTICE. Twenty-two months rather well proportioned dog, not a particularly big one, but he is pretty well made throughout, very true fronted with an

excellent shoulder and correctly made in quarters and consequently moves very truly and with freedom and drive. Scores in head type, and shown really well. All he needs is a shade more strength in topline as at present he is just slightly weak here. A dog of quality and first class type. Slightly pushed by the second although he by this time was beginning to feel the heat and began to falter.

2—B. DONAGHADEE. 3—Redmond's BERNARD OF CORDOOGAN. A tall rangy dog who at rising four is still not completely finished overall, although whether at this age he will ever get the body and overall strength that his frame demands is a moot point. He is correct in topline but moving he lifts his tail overmuch and his hocks do not have the strength of the two younger ones above him. He was shown most competently but on the move does not hold himself or carry himself as well. In effect he rather goes to pieces.

Limit Dog

1—Seale's BALLYKELLY ERRISLANNAN LIAM. Big powerful framed pale dog of two. At first was not overkeen on being handled not due in any way to any faults of temperament, however with persuasion he quickly came around. Very much a son of his sire whom he greatly resembles with the same great forehand. Great strength of bone and grand quarters with plenty of width through thigh. Strong bodied with plenty of heartroom and depth. Tends to fall away fractionally in topline and relaxed I imagine can look very impressive. Won rather handsomely on his impressive masculinity and real Wolfhound type. Moved well but again never really settled and opened out.

2—Walton's FENIAN OF TOLKA VALLEY. Like his kennel mate, this three year old was a shade lightly made and whilst he has overall balance I would like rather more substance and general power in his make-up. He moves adequately and is quite free in hind movement but he does not quite have the same powerful forehand of the winner. Dentition not quite perfect, and once established can be difficult to eradicate.

3—Rathbone-Scott's TULLYGIRVAN TRISTAN. Rather plain headed three year old, and whilst he is a good bodied hound with a strong ribcage is slightly underangulated in shoulder lacking the freedom of front movement of the above, coupled with a rather stiff hind movement he did not have the easiness or the freedom in movement that I would like. Seemed rather bored and his handler had quite a job getting him to go.



Mrs. A. McDonnell's Finn of Dalguise,
handled by Mr. J. Walker, Green Star Dog and
Reserve Best in Show

Open Dog.

1 and Green Star—McDonnell's FIONN OF DALGUISE. Three year old well balanced dog, with a most pleasing head and expression, completely masculine with nothing common of coarse about it. He scored handsomely with his very free long striding movement and he covered the ground very easily for all his size and substance. Strong in rib which is carried well back to a strong loin and his bone is good. I still do not think he is completely finished and looks as if he will be better yet. Carried himself well and held his outline on the move. I understand he had completed his title before this show.

2 and Reserve Green Star—Murphy's Ch. BOROUGHBURY JUSTICE. A very lovely dog who was very close up indeed. Beautiful head type, possessing all the strength and majesty of the breed, nothing weak or fine about it and nothing in the least coarse. A strong well bodied dog, a year older than the winner, again great bone and good feet. Moving he was rather sluggish and did not put much into it and if had moved more positively and with the drive of the winner could well have reversed the position. Put down and shown really well.

3—Seale's Ch. BALLYKELLY REAMONN: The tallest hound here to-day winning the special for it. One with a great forehand, which seems to be a feature of this line, but tends to run away slightly in topline. To me, if anything slightly exaggerated in quarters, but he is sound here and there is no sign of weakness. Not moving with the style or in the collected fashion of the winner, but was unsettled. Slightly plainer in head and outlook, and has a tendency to crouch which again highlights his slightly overdone hind quarter. From his stock seems to making a name as a sire.



Mr. J. Briggs with Mathihu of Rathdaws, best Puppy bitch

Puppy Bitch

1—Brigg's MATHIHU OF RATHDAWS. Really lovely quality eleven months old and growing all of a piece. No one part outshines the other and she is a balanced whole. Scored handsomely here in bone, construction and movement although she does go slightly narrowly behind. A pale grey who really needs to grow on somewhat to have a lovely future. Most promising in every way.

2—Byrne's MAEVE OF LORCAN: Seven months old and quite nicely forward for her age, somewhat narrow throughout and gave me a fleeting impression of Deerhoundness, not at all settled in movement and she was all over the place, her tail is not her fortune, but she is very young and nowhere near ready, and by comparison with the winner possibly looked even more immature than she really is. Needs a lot of time.

3—Murray's CLARE OF MURCLARKE. Six months old and looked far too young to even be here. I would rather not comment on her as she is so very much a baby and needs putting away for a few months, at present she rather lacks size and substance and is somewhat too fine throughout.

Junior Bitch

1—Walton's EORNA OF TOLKA VALLEY. Fifteen months wheaten who won here on her general maturity and good substance. A really well bodied one with the necessary strength of rib and firm in loin. A very free easy moving one stemming quite naturally from her overall correct construction. Very much between coats to-day, but for overall finish and drive in movement had to win. Her feet could be a shade tighter to advantage and the puppy behind her scored here.

2—MATHIHU OF R.

3—Walton's AISLING OF GORT-NA-TREA. Half sister to the winner and much the same age. Would insist on pacing pretty well all the time and really never got into her stride. I caught odd flashes at odd times and she looked well. Not quite as nice in head type being slightly finer here, and she tends to flatten out in topline and lacks the essential rise over the loin. Not her best day at all.

Novice Bitch

1—MATHIHU OF R.

2—Kelly's CARROKEEL LAOIS. A rangy bitch rather between stages but has the main essentials. I thought she did not quite have the overall lovely balance of the puppy, she seems to have grown quickly and now needs to settle into her frame. She went quite well but not reaching quite as well as her construction would indicate she could. Feet could be tighter and again the youngster scored here. A good head and completely feminine in outlook.

3—Twyman's CARROKEEL KAREN. Twenty months and really lovely type and great quality, I loved her head and calm, commanding outlook. If her quarters matched her forehead she would be outstanding, unfortunately she is somewhat straight behind and lacks slightly in power and propulsion in hind movement. Comes towards me slightly loose in elbow, but you cannot get away from her true type. If her quarters ever come she could well end up in the top flight.

Graduate Bitch

1—Redmond's ATHCARNE SHIOFRA. Litter sister to the equivalent class winner in dogs and of the two I preferred her, she has a beautiful forehead, strong quarters and she scores where he fails slightly, that is topline, absolutely correctly made overall and moves beautifully, she skims over the ground without effort with great long reaching action. She won the special for the best mover of all to-day. She is so very promising in every way, scores handsomely in type and looks at you so well. With full maturity should be a beautiful bitch indeed. Put down perfectly fit and shown to get the absolute best from her.

2—Kelly's NUTSTOWN QUEEN. Some six months older than the winner and like her by the same sire, Justice. A strong

well made bitch, again strong fronted and with good feet, much the same development throughout and naturally similar in many ways. I would prefer a stronger topline as she is a shade weak here and moving this becomes even more apparent. Has overall balance and the necessary quality, charming head type and completely feminine.

3—Walton's BRI OF TOLKA VALLEY. Almost two year old and slightly plainer and lighter throughout. The two bitches above her scored in head and expression, and also with their stronger more powerful hind movement. This one needs to make up in quarters, and she does not as yet, have quite the strength or the development of second thigh that she needs. Seems to come from a much more slowly maturing line. Moved rather well in profile.



Mr. J. Behan with Eileen of Cordooogan, best Limit dog or bitch

Limit Bitch

1—Behan's EILEEN OF CORDOOGAN. Three year old quality one, well made throughout and she scores in body with plenty of heart room and a strong rib which is carried well back. A good head and expression with nothing weak or fine about it. A very free moving one who was quite true at both ends and she won quite handsomely here. Moves in totally collected fashion and her outline is held in profile. Put down in very firm order and in nice coat, and in the final line-up of unbeaten bitches looked pretty good. Needs a shade more time to finish completely.

2—Seale's GULLIAGH FALCARRAGH. Standing this dark bitch looked close up, not quite the shoulder or forehead finish of the winner but there was not a lot in it. Lovely quality and type and well bodied. A strongly quartered one with a strong body. Moving she rather let herself down and she was not going at all well in front and she came towards me very awkwardly and did not have the fluidity of front movement of the winner.

3—Wynne's DERRYFLOORE SARAH. Rising three year old lightish grey and whilst she has overall balance she is rather more

lightly made throughout. Not quite the strength of bone or quite the substance of the above. A pleasing feminine head and outlook. To-day she was going much too closely behind and her hocks were almost brushing. Moving in profile did not hold herself with quite the same bearing and tended to sag slightly.



Miss E. Murphy with Boroughbury Jolly, Green Star Bitch and Best in Show.

Open Bitch

1, Green Star and Best of Breed—Murphy's Ch. BOROUGHBURY JOLLY. This four year old dark bitch was out on her own. Scores in excellence of breed type, has the size and the substance and is completely sound. A perfectly balanced bitch and a great pleasure to judge. Put down at the peak of fitness and in superb muscular order. A really lovely head and expression, and all that you would want the breed to be. I would only want to change her in one very small detail, and she fits the standard so very well. A great bitch.

2—Finney's CREDE OF GULLIAGH. Just a month younger than the winner and she too is very true on the move, against the winner her rather more lightly made frame and rather smaller stature seemed to be highlighted, but she is a feminine, charming headed bitch of quality. A shade light in loin to-day, pretty well made throughout and is balanced.

3—Seale's Ch. BALLYKELLY MOLLY MULLIGAN. Seven year old wheaten of imposing size and scores in shoulder, slightly plainer in outlook and I preferred the heads of the winners. Beginning to show her age in movement and this did not have the positive straight through drive of the younger ones. A rather shorter coupled one and for the above scored on their slightly better length. In very good form for her age.

Veteran Dog or Bitch

1 and Reserve Green Star—Murphy's Ch. CARROKEEL CARA. A very tall, very sound very dark bitch of rising seven. For all

her size has the necessary substance and is extremely powerfully made. Very true fronted and going quite well with plenty of drive. Well deserved to run up to her kennel mate for the reserve award. I preferred my eventual winner in head and overall slightly better type. In marvellous order and with no sign of age at all.

2—Barty-King's PERFECT PICTURE OF CARRICKMINES. Rather lighter framed and not the great substance or strength of the winner, at rising eight however, goes pretty well and here she scored over 3. In very good physical order and she has good feet and the overall look of quality. Rather finer in head tye and perhaps not as typical here as Cara.

3—Ch. B. MOLLY MULLIGAN.

Brace

1—Murphy's Ch. BOROUGHBURY JUSTICE AND JOLLY.
2—Walton's ROONEY AND FENIAN OF TOLKA VALLEY.

3—Seale's Ch. BALLYKELLY REAMONN AND MOLLY MULLIGAN.

R. M. James (Judge)

LIST OF CUP WINNERS, 1975



Miss S. Seale with Ballykelly Errislannan Liam, winner of the Height Cup

O'Meara Perpetual Challenge Cup for the tallest I.W.—Miss S. Seale with Ballykelly Errislannan Liam.

Tara Memorial Trophy for tallest and most sound Bitch—Miss E. Murphy with Ch. Carrokel Cara.

Maguire Memorial for best movement—Mr. T. Redmond with Athcarne Shiofra.

Beynon Stud Dog Bowl—Miss E. Murphy with Ch. Boroughbury Justice.

Boroimhe Brood Bitch Trophy—Mr. J. Walker with Ch. Alpine Siobhan.

American Trophy for best Puppy Dog—Mr. M. Daly with Reamonn of Moll Machie.

Maguire Puppy Challenge Cup for Best Puppy Bitch—Mr. J. Briggs with Mathihu of Rathdaws.

Junior Tankard for best Junir Dog or Bitch—Miss D.E.S. Hudson with Brabyns Donaghadee.

Corcorran Memorial for best Novice Dog or Bitch—Mr. and Mrs. Rathbone Scott with Tullygirvan Fingal.

Bournstream No. 1 Cup for Best Opposite Sex to Winner of Corcorran Memorial Cup—Mr. J. Briggs with Mathihu of Rathdaws.

Tullygirvan Trophy for best Graduate Dog or Bitch—Mr. T. Redmond with Athcarne Shiofra.

Ouborough Cup for best Limit Dog or Bitch—Mr. J. Behan with Eileen of Cordoogan.

Donnelly Memorial for reserve Best of Breed—Mrs. C. A. McDonnell with Fionn of Dalguise.

Malahide Perpetual Challenge Cup for Best of Breed—Miss E. Murphy with Ch. Boroughbury Jolly.

The Club's thanks go to the donators of the new trophies this year, the Junior Tankard and the Tullygirvan Trophy.



Presentation to the Judge, Mr. R. M. James, by the President, Miss N. Twyman

Our thanks to Mrs. Rathbone-Scott, our Show Secretary, and Mr. Des McKenna the Show Manager and his efficient team. Also to the ladies who looked after the refreshments. Thanks to Mr. James for doing an excellent job and of course to all the exhibitors!

See you again next year.

Flashback

This article was printed in the I.K.C. Journal, September 1928. My thanks to the I.K.C. for allowing me to re-print it.

The Irish Greyhound or Wolf Dog By John F. Bailly

Enough has been stated in this Journal to show that this historic dog belonged to the Greyhound family and was always so styled, a fact which seems unknown or ignored by those who breed, exhibit and judge. It was on this greyhound doctrine

that the Club's standard was drawn up, and, as it seems apparent, it has not been adhered to, it may be advisable to publish it in full, remarking that it is epitomized from Captain Graham's conclusions contained in his brochure on the subject. Before doing so, it may be noticed that the human race is for ever in pursuit of facts, but refuses resolutely to face them. Whether they will be faced or not, it is opportune that some salient facts be stated in the interests of historical accuracy.

This, our national dog, one of the heraldic emblems of, and peculiar to, this country, was of greyhound type and always so styled, and this type did not survive the 18th century. This statement cannot be ignored or disputed, and later researches, that is, since Hogan's book, make it clear that it had disappeared in all probability prior to Grattan's Parliament (1782), for the writers of the 70's of that century and onwards show an ignorance truly colossal. Molyneux, who, apparently, has never been read or even heard of by these writers, nor was that scholarly historian, Father Hogan, aware that he wrote on the subject at all, writes in 1700:—"And we may further add concerning it (the wolfdog), that as the giant stock of old is extinct, at least in these countries, so this gigantic dog is now so rare that in a few generations more, I doubt not, but 'twill be quite lost in these parts, and the species perish, for aught I know, off the face of the earth."

A writer in a Dublin Magazine for the year 1841 comments on this statement thus: "As the Doctor predicted, it is but too true that the species has perished off the face of the earth and left not a single specimen of its remains, either of skelton, of skin, or of good representation behind. There has, however, come to light within the last year, some of the skulls of this noble animal, found in that astonishing and incomprehensible collection of animals and antiquities discovered at Dunshaughlin, in the County of Meath."

In Ireland at the present day (we speak from the most accurate information), not a vestige of this breed is to be met with" (McNeill, page 351, ed. 1839). "With the expiring 18th century the old Irish Wolfdog died out, and has now, so far as our information goes, to be numbered amongst our extinct mammals of Ireland." (Hogan's History of the Irish Wolfdog, page 61.)

These extracts are sufficient evidence—any more would be tiresome—to prove what the Rev. Mr. Savill Hicks justly describes as one of the tragedies of canine history. It has now become the great tragedy, the Hamlet, plus the Princely Dane, of canine history. That is one point of view. There is another. The impression left by a Dog Show, particularly of late, is a strong desire to paraphrase Erasmus and say, this tragedy has now become a farce.

The aftermath of the campaign of 1690-91, the exodus of the Jacobites, who possibly may have done what the Royalists did, or attempted to do, in 1652, take large numbers of these dogs with them to the Continent, may help to explain his extinction. Another cause was "the extinction of their enemies the wolves," as Lord Chesterfield expresses it. Incidentally, this exodus of the Jacobites did more than denude the country of the dog, it drained it of its best Nordic elements. One of those very irritating mysteries which constantly confront research presents itself in connection with this dog. How is it there is no reference to him in any Continental book on the chase, as far as I can learn, and my source of information is good?

It is astonishing, considering the extraordinary demand there was for him there at all times. I am aware of only one reference, and that is in a Spanish book written, strange to say, by an Irishman. Further researches are to be made on my behalf, and the results will be at the services of readers.

To revive or resuscitate this historic dog was not only laudable but, for Irishmen, an act of patriotism. They did not respond, however, and the following standard was drawn up by Englishmen. It is taken verbatim from the first book of rules published by the Club:—

1. *General Appearance.*—The Irish Wolfhound should not

be quite so heavy or massive as the Great Dane, but more so than the Deerhound, which, in general type, he should closely resemble. Of great size and commanding appearance, very muscular, strongly, though gracefully, built, movements easy and active; head and neck carried high; the tail carried with an upward sweep with a slight curve towards the extremity.

The minimum height and weight of dogs should be 31 in. and 120 lbs.; of bitches 28 in. and 90 lbs. Anything below this should be debarred from competition. Great size, including height at shoulder and proportionate length of body, is the desideratum to be aimed at, and it is desired to firmly establish a race that shall average from 32 to 34 in. in dogs showing the requisite power, activity, courage, and symmetry.

2. *Head*.—Long, the frontal bones of the forehead very slightly raised and very little indentation between the eyes. Skull not too broad. Muzzle long and moderately pointed. Ears small and greyhound-like in carriage.

3. *Neck*.—Rather long, very strong and muscular, well arched without dewlap, a loose skin about the throat.

4. *Chest*.—Very deep. Breast wide.

5. *Back*.—Rather long than short. Lions arched.

6. *Tail*.—Long and slightly curved, of moderate thickness and well covered with hair.

7. *Belly*.—Well drawn up.

8. *Fore-quarters*.—Shoulders, muscular, giving breadth of chest, set sloping. Elbows, well under, neither turned inwards or outwards. Leg—Fore-arm, muscular and the whole leg strong and quite straight.

9. *Hind-quarters*.—Muscular thighs, and second thigh long and strong as in the Greyhound and hocks well let down and turning neither in nor out.

10. *Feet*.—Moderately large and round neither turned inwards nor outwards. Toes well arched and closed. Nails, very strong and curved.

11. *Hair*.—Rough and hard on body, legs and head; especially wiry and long over eyes and under jaw.

12. *Colour and Markings*.—The recognised colours are grey, brindle, red, black, pure white, fawn, or any colour that appears in the Deerhounds.

13. *Faults*.—Too light or heavy a head, too highly arched frontal bone, large and hanging flat to the face; short neck; full dewlap; too narrow or too broad a chest; sunken or hollow on quite straight back; bent fore legs, overbent fetlocks, twisted feet; spreading toes; too curly a tail; weak hind-quarters and a general want of muscle; too short in body.

It was decided by the founders of the Club that by crossing the Great Dane with the Deerhound in conjunction with Capt. Graham's dogs the desired result would be ultimately attained. Col. Garnier, who was so successful with Mastiffs, gave the subject particular attention and succeeded in breeding some very fine dogs. He held the view that while the Irish dog evolved into the Great Dane on the Continent (a view held by Buffon), in those Islands he became a deer-hound. In more scientific terms, the Irish dog was the prototype of these two types. Assuming these premises sound, on the Darwinian theory, those two types, when crossed, should produce, or reproduce, their common prototype. Consequently what was done sub-rosa in other breeds was done openly and above board in this. The Great Dane was used as a cross.

Unfortunately, owing to injudicious mating, specimens of this cross appear oftener than they should and judges by awarding them prizes are doing the breed more harm than they are aware of. That an out cross can be eliminated by expert breeders is proved by Col. Garnier's "Merlin," a dog that caused a sensation at the time, as, though he was but a second re-move, showed nothing of the Great Dane except height at shoulder. Should this beautiful and typical dog (I have his

picture), appear to-day, the so-called judges would place him amongst the "also ran," and select what the gallant Colonel used to call the Ulmer Hund, a German Mastiff. They are not even real Danes, though they have a strange look of them. A witty Englishman described them as Irish Bulls made in Germany. It is incredible and sad, but true.

Golden Jubilee Museum

This special Club Year, the Committee thought it would be a good idea to collect all the old items that Club members have in one spot, and create an Irish Wolfhound Museum for our Golden Jubilee Show.

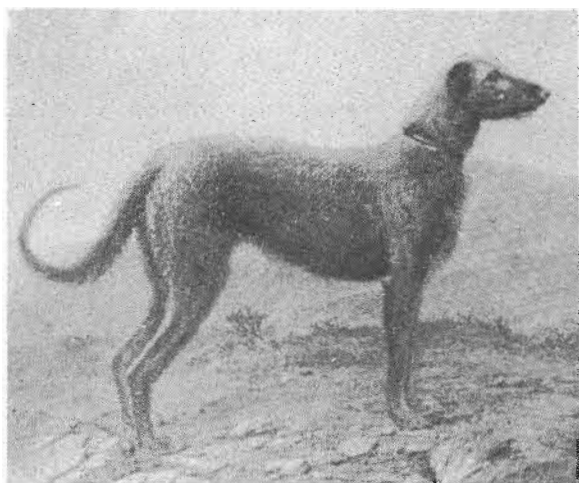
The collection was unique in that all the items had never been put on show in the same place before. Our thanks to everyone who made this possible.

The items included Captain Graham's original working Stud Book, which was presented to the Club by his son. This was the book from which Miss Delphis Gardner compiled and edited the Club's excellent book on Irish Wolfhound Pedigrees 1859-1906. There are still a few copies of this edition left and they are available from the Hon. treasurer, Mr. Finney, 66 Raw Brae Road, Whitehead, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, price £2.00.



Group commemorating Gelert

There was an excellent display of statues both ancient and modern in marble, brass, wood, bronze and pottery. Seeing them all together was extremely interesting, especially the China group commemorating the sad story of Gelert who saved Llewellyn's child from the wolf. This piece is over a hundred years old and was among the collection of our late President, Dr. May.



Irish Wolfhound by W. H. Ward

The painting and prints were excellent and it was nice to wander around and see them: the painting of an Irish Wolfhound by W. H. Ward dated approximately 1830, an oil painting by R. A. V. Hamilton 1931, and a great collection of prints like Silent Sympathy, The vacant Chair, The Irish Wolfhound by Reinagale from the Sportsman's Cabinet printed in 1803, and many more.



Silent Sympathy

There were many more fine pieces to be seen like an antique powder pouch depicting a hunting scene with two Irish Wolfhounds after killing a stag, three medals of honour with Irish Wolfhounds presented to the Irish Army during the 1939-45 war, a jewellery box decorated with an Irish Wolfhound, plus many more.



Old Advertisement

A novel interest was the old advertisement for Irish matches with two Irish Wolfhounds and the catch phrase underneath reading "A Perfect Match."

Everyone who visited the Museum commented on its interest and uniqueness, and agreed that it was a splendid added attraction to the Jubilee Show.

News and Views

Bone dust makes an excellent substitute for bone meal which is difficult to obtain these days. Ask your butcher to keep the dust which piles up under his saw for you. A teaspoonful of this per day will be an ideal source of calcium for your puppy.

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The club have brought out a leaflet suitable for people interested in purchasing a puppy. It gives information on feeding, exercising and training an Irish Wolfhound, also lists the books and magazines available. They are inexpensive, 75p for 25 from the club secretary, and should be given by the breeder with every puppy they sell. They are also an ideal data sheet for enclosing when replying to enquiries.

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Two years ago we were saddened to read that an Irish Wolfhound was found abandoned in the dogs home in England. Now this disgrace has fallen on us, recently a Wolfhound was found in the dogs home in Dublin. Thanks to the good work of some of our members this hound was rescued and is now gone to a happy home. Could this happen to a hound which you bred? Please, please keep in contact with people to whom you have sold puppies so that you will be the first

person they will contact if they cannot manage their hound. If you hear from someone who wants to find a good home for their Wolfhound, contact Miss Isobel Walton, Ashtown Lodge, Castleknock, Co. Dublin, phone 383900.

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It was great to see that the Belfast Show was back in Belfast this year. It is our only chance to win C.C.'s and qualify for Crufts without travelling across the water. To ensure receiving a schedule next year write to the show secretary, Mr. R. Gow, 25 Bridge End, Belfast BT5 4AA, and ask to be included on the mailing list.

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Congratulations to Dick McCoy, whose Cu-Uladh Uladh has been awarded two C.C.'s this year and needs only one more to win his English title.

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It is distressing to read in some overseas magazines that: when standing, the Irish Wolfhound's feet should be turned slightly. The Standard is quite explicit on this point: *Feet, neither turned inwards nor outwards*. The Standard is the yardstick by which Irish Wolfhounds are to be judged.

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Two faults in particular are becoming very prominent in our hounds at present: straight shoulders and bad mouths. Breeders should pay particular attention to these points now, otherwise they will become widespread and difficult to eliminate.

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One again this year the club presented silver spoons to the best puppy at alternative shows. We are particularly pleased when newcomers win this prize and hope that they will continue to show their hounds as they mature. The best possible way to learn about the breed and about your hound is to show him. Do not be put off because you feel that your puppy is not show trained, any of the experienced breeders will be delighted to help you at your first show. Ask them to show you how to handle him and then you can practise at home. The most important thing is to get him to run beside you on a loose lead. If he is pulling against you on a tight lead, his movement will be off balance.

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Many people wonder if their puppy is eating enough. You should be able to feel but not see his ribs, if you can see his ribs then he could do with a bit more weight. The only way to make a hound eat more is to make him feel hungry. Start off by noting how much he actually eats, then for the next four or five days give him one-third less, this way he will get into the habit of cleaning up all that he is given. Very, very gradually increase the amount until he leaves some again, then cut back until he is eating all that is offered to him. Once a week offer him a little more, gradually you will build up his appetite in this way. Alternatively, if a hound is fed twice a day, divide the amount he eats into three meals, the smaller quantity may entice him to eat up more readily.

This year has seen the loss of some of our hounds we have had in the past few years—at least three of them died of torsion which seems to be affecting our breed with increasing regularity, and is giving some cause for concern as there does not seem to be a proven thing for the cause.

Our sympathy to the owners of the dogs—it is always hard to lose a beloved hound.

Opinion

The past few years has seen the fall off of exhibitors at shows. There can be many reasons for this, costs probably being the main one and as expenses involved in travelling has fairly rocketed, there is nothing we can do very much about that. Entry fees are steadily rising as well and a lot of this is due to the current economical state of the country, but I feel the Shows could maybe do a bit more for the exhibitors. Some do give prize money and although this is a small point, it makes the day a little brighter if one gets a small something for being placed. Entry fees for most of the Shows are the same and some of the Societies give prizes and others don't; the Club has always had a policy of giving Rosettes at our Championship Show for places, and the little bit of ribbon gives one the feeling that even to get a Reserve place is worthwhile. I remember when we first started showing (and that's going back a few years!) we were ever so pleased to receive a little plaque for getting a first in our class and as new exhibitors we were thrilled to have something to sit on the sideboard and point out proudly to our friends. Nowadays there are very few Shows that give anything apart from the usual trophies for Best of Breeds and Groups.

The Club does give special Puppy Spoons to be won outright at some of the Championship Shows through the year and new exhibitors are really delighted to win these as it gives them heart to try again at other Shows.

The I.K.C. do not seem to be helping with their new rulings, which, year by year, decreases the value of the Green Star. So much so that it is even causing the dedicated exhibitors to wonder why they continue showing. Since 1973, which was an excellent Show year, the number of hounds exhibited has declined, whilst the Green Star Index has increased. I find this hard to understand and a good majority of the Shows next year are only going to be worth a one point Green Star rating—no wonder entries keep falling.

An idea that I have to see more support for the Shows would be if the I.K.C. would do away with one point Green Stars and award only three and four pointers. Even at this a dog would have to win six Shows at three points or four Shows at four points. This would surely be enough to prove a Champion and give the exhibitors some reward for dedication and would still keep the Irish Championship one of the hardest to attain.

I have also found that the Index takes into account the number of puppy registrations. Why? Many of the registered dogs are exported or go to people who have no inclination to show and I cannot see why the Index is not made up of Show exhibits only.

The I.K.C., instead of bringing in support for the Canine Clubs, who pay their affiliation fees, show licences, etc., may in fact be a cause in the long run of the decline of the Dog Show.

Food for thought indeed.

MILES RATHBONE-SCOTT.

Letters

GREETINGS FROM FINLAND

Well, I must tell you first that I was feeling very honoured when Mrs. Rathbone-Scott asked me if I'd write some comments of The Irish Wolfhound Club in Finland for your magazine. We have a young club (established 1969), but nowadays the Club is really going strong. This year (1975) we climbed up to a membership number of 115 from the 30 of the past 1974. This is mainly due to our new active treasurer V. P. Viertokangas who really has had a great touch on his work. Also we have a competent president, of course, Mr. Laveri who has a very long experience in several committees and boards already years before electing to our president a few years ago.

We have a breeding committee, with a period of five years, where two of the most prominent breeders, S. Sutinen and I. Ehrlund have done great work for the Irish Wolfhound in Finland. Our present stock lies on a basis mainly created by Ballykelly Mulrooney from Ireland and Biddy av Krodden from Norway. In 1973 three dogs and three bitches were imported from Ireland and they are bred from the present winners of Ireland and England (Ballykelly Reamonn, Ballykelly Molly Mulligan, Bernard of Cordoogan, Connell of Nendrum, Holmehill Torridan, Boroughbury Thornwick Aran, etc.). The top winning wolfhound in Finland 1975 was Ballykelly Rogan by Bernard of Cordoogan out of Ballykelly Molly Mulligan. He is on his way to the international championship, the very first in Finland among the wolfhounds.

Our club's activities at the present time are many. Every year we have a happy meeting in summer and in winter where we enjoy being wolfhound owners and lovers. Of course, we have our pets along and wherever we meet the nosy press is around making their articles about the great hound. The club gives advice to every puppy owner concerning the feeding, training and any other matter of interest in having an Irish Wolfhound. We have a magazine published four times a year where all kinds of doggy things are under a critical discussion.

Our club has already a few years wanted to make relations to other countries where Irish Wolfhounds are bred especially Ireland. We have the honour to meet General Alfred W. De Quoy judging our wolfhounds next autumn in Finland. Some of us are planning to visit your Club's Championship Show next summer, I hope it comes true. If anyone of you or your friend interested in wolfhounds happens to visit Finland anytime he would be most welcome to meet the warmth of Finland presented by The Irish Wolfhound Club of Finland.

With many, many greetings,

T. MARTIN, Secretary
The Irish Wolfhound Club
in Finland.

Dear Editor,—Two items in the last issue of your excellent magazine caught my eye particularly. Firstly the remarks by Miss Twyman on the state of her hands after judging the St. Patrick's Day Show in 1974. I was at the show and was somewhat surprised at the unkempt look of some of the entry. Secondly the letter from Mr. T. N. Finney finding the excessive use of grooming tools in public and in the ring obnoxious.

Perhaps we should aim for moderation in this. I feel it is a compliment to the judge to present a clean, well turned out hound and since I am always to be found carrying a tiny brush, or comb, and therefore one of the offenders, I would like to explain the reason for this. My very first Wolfhound was a dribbler, so rather than present the judge with this unpleasant situation whilst examining the head and mouth, I found a comb would effectively flick away the offending dribbles. Since this particular hound passed on the the happy hunting grounds, I

have, like many others in our breed, arrived at the show, groomed up the hounds and tried to be on time for each class by waiting at the ringside towards the end of the previous class. What happens? Along comes someone and with a long drawn out "Ahhhhhaa" the face furnishings are flattened, and the hound proceeds to wash a line of sticky children—hence the tiny brush.

Can it be that newcomers to the breed have taken the line that bigger and better brushes are the order of the day?

PETA INNES

Littlemoor Farm
Banham, Norwich

WOLFHOUND CLUB OF IRELAND 1975 CLUB SHOW

As one of the foreigners who ventured over to Dublin for the Jubilee Show in June, I felt I had to share my opinion of the Show with anyone who had a spare moment to read this.

The journey from Liverpool was uneventful but not as comfortable as it could have been due to lack of berths, earlier bookings are the thing for future visits.

Dublin taxi drivers must be a race apart, no one else could so cheerfully take two humans and two wolfhounds in a saloon car and still be smiling at the end of the journey.

The Show venue was ideal for the perfect summer weather, I did wonder what would happen if it had rained but the sun shone all day. I must admit to being a little mystified on arrival, there was so little activity and so few people. However, on being greeted with "Lovely to see you again, have a cup of tea after your journey, and then these chairs and benches have to be carried outside" one felt at home. People eventually began to arrive, hounds appeared in the most unexpected places, all searching for a shaded spot, and with very little apparent effort the Show was ready to start promptly, only half an hour late.

The exhibition of wolfhound "relics" was in itself worth the journey to the Show, the breed is fortunate that there are people prepared to preserve these sort of things, and on special occasions allow them to be exhibited for newcomers to the breed to see and, I hope, appreciate and possibly to give them a better understanding of the tradition they are expected to carry on.

It was a perfect day to meet friends again after a few years' absence and to make new friends, taken as a whole, a good Show and social occasion, a visit to be repeated if possible.

Best wishes,

JOHN BRIGGS.

27 St. Helen's Road
York

Dear Sir,—I would like to express my appreciation of Betty Murphy's Wolfhound Book. I waited a long time for it, but it was well worth the wait and I think it fills a great need in Wolfhound literature. At least—a modern book about Irish Wolfhounds!

I was fascinated to trace back (in photos) the ancestors of my own dogs, perhaps I'm one of the lucky ones, as I can go back at least seven or eight generations and it was interesting to see all the different types of dogs who have played a part in making my hounds.

Apart from the pedigree side, the subject matter on breeding, feeding and training, etc., make it almost a "must" for any Wolfhound owner. I hope it will sell well, it should do much to help the breed. Yours faithfully,

HILDA HUGHES.

Spring Farm
Tramore

Dear Editor,—This article I thought might be of interest to you for the Magazine.

The Irish Wolfhound receives honourable notice all down through Ancient and Modern History. Mr. F. E. Dixon in his paper "Richard Kirwan"—The Dublin Philosopher (1735—1812)" read to the Old Dublin Society 15th October, 1969, brings this notable character to life again. The paper mentions among other remarkable claims to fame that Kirwan was elected F.R.S. and awarded The Copely Medal for his scientific researches and could boast membership of the Academies of Stockholm, Upsala, Dijon, Dublin, Philadelphia, etc.

He lived at 6 Cavendish Row for approximately 25 years. He was a man of many exentricities tastes and kept a number of pets including an eagle, which he trained. He was fond of large dogs and had two Irish Wolfhounds. They once saved his life. "He visited a friend in the country and found the house badly damaged by fire. He was allotted a small apartment in the outbuildings and got to sleep on the straw there. He was aroused by the invasion of six boars whose quarters he had been assigned. The attacked him but the dogs came to the rescue and killed the boars." This was in the 1700's when the Irish Wolfhound was supposed to be almost extinct!!

Written by M. A. Walton.



Keegan Casey's Tombstone

I also include a photo of **Keegan Casey's** tombstone in Glasnevin Cemetery. Casey wrote the "Rising of the Moon", it might be of interest. The photo be acknowledged to Mr. T. Walshe.

Sincerely yours,
Ashtown Lodge
Castlenock
Co. Dublin.

ISOBEL WALTON

Dear Editor,—I have just put down the Club Magazine—and I wanted to write to you and say it's a pleasure to be able to read all your news and "Wolfie Tit Bits."

Probably other Wolfhound owners feel as I do—that Wolfhound owners, be they rich or poor, men or women, in England, Ireland New Zealand and I add Italy, feel a communal tie—this tie being our "Wolfhound Breed." I often wonder whether the same tie exists in other breed owners. I have in the past few years met so many Wolfhound owners from various countries and it's almost as if we were all at the same school.

Wolfhound seems to be a passport to friendship. In fact the letter from Herman De Wolde on his bitch Venessa made me really teel part of the magazine. I know Vanessa and all her family so well. If only all Wolfhounds were so loved—she's really very lucky. They are a boistrous happy family who really deserve a Wolfhound..

Here in Italy the Wolfhound has gained in enormous popularity—having kept pretty up to date on arrivals, births and deaths, I would say there are over 60 hounds here.

Last month we were in Lavisanne for the International Show—the Wolfhound section was admirably organised by Mrs. Baumenn Patterson and judged by Miss Twyman—it was marvellous to see so many hounds, 24 in total—and Miss Twyman had a good couple of hours solid work. I should be very interested to hear her general opinion—all criticism helps—especially by those really dedicated and interested in the breed, maybe Miss Twyman would kindly include some comment in the next publication.

From Ireland and Betty Murphy I own Carrokeel Magill—Ch. Boroughbury Justice's son. He, although still too young to qualify for the C.A.C. and C.A.C.I.B. on the continent, has gained five Excellents in Italy and one in Monte Carlo (where, incidentally, he cost me a fortune as he destructed the entire hotel bedroom).

My other Wolfhounds include a Brabyns dog out of Barbyn's Stainte and Boroughbury Kerryline who this year has gained 12 C.A.C.I.B.'s, 19 C.A.C.'s—a Drakesleat bitch out of Ard Choille of Rannochlea and Drakesleat Iron Maiden who also has won 8 C.A.C.I.B.'s and 13 C.A.C.'s—another Drakesleat dog—again Ard Choille am. Ella of Pendoner—a wee pup—and finally, two reserved Wolfhounds—whom I found being badly treated here.

If I can be of any help to the Magazine here in Italy please do write.

Via Pindaro, 24
Milano, Italy.

Yours very sincerely,

VALERIE WEBB.

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Ch. Boroughbury Justice won reserve Best Dog and the Stud Dog Bowl, his daughter won the Best Movement Trophy.

Ch. Boroughbury Justice and Ch. Boroughbury Jolly won the Best Brace for the second year running.

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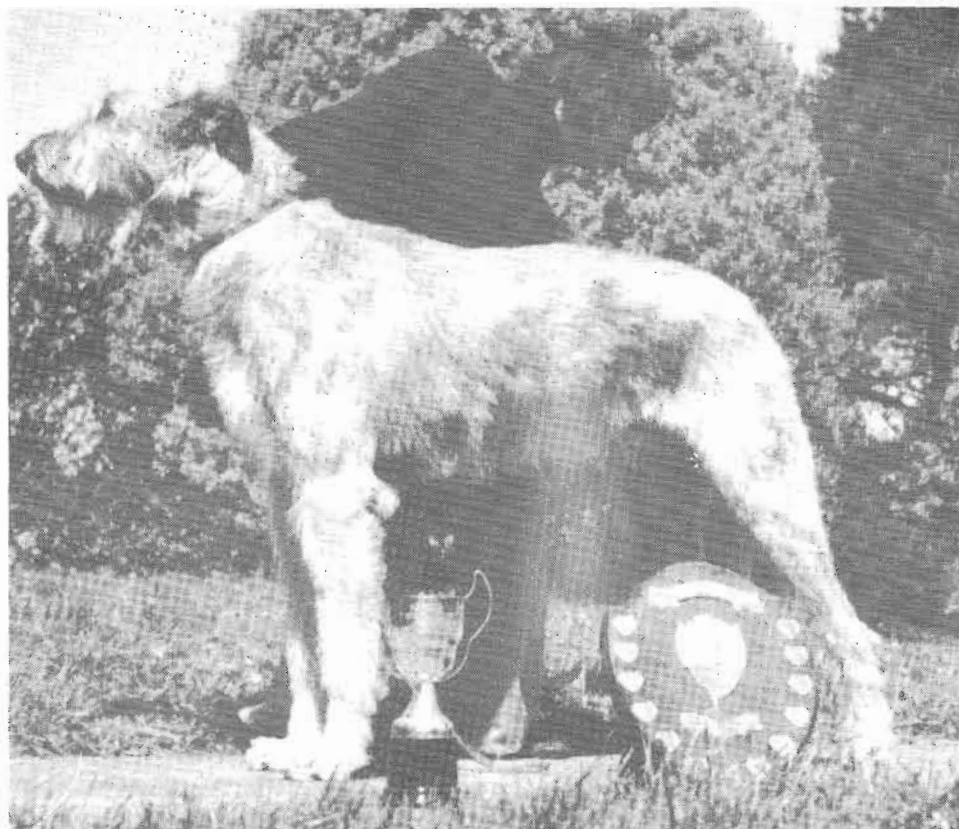
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