

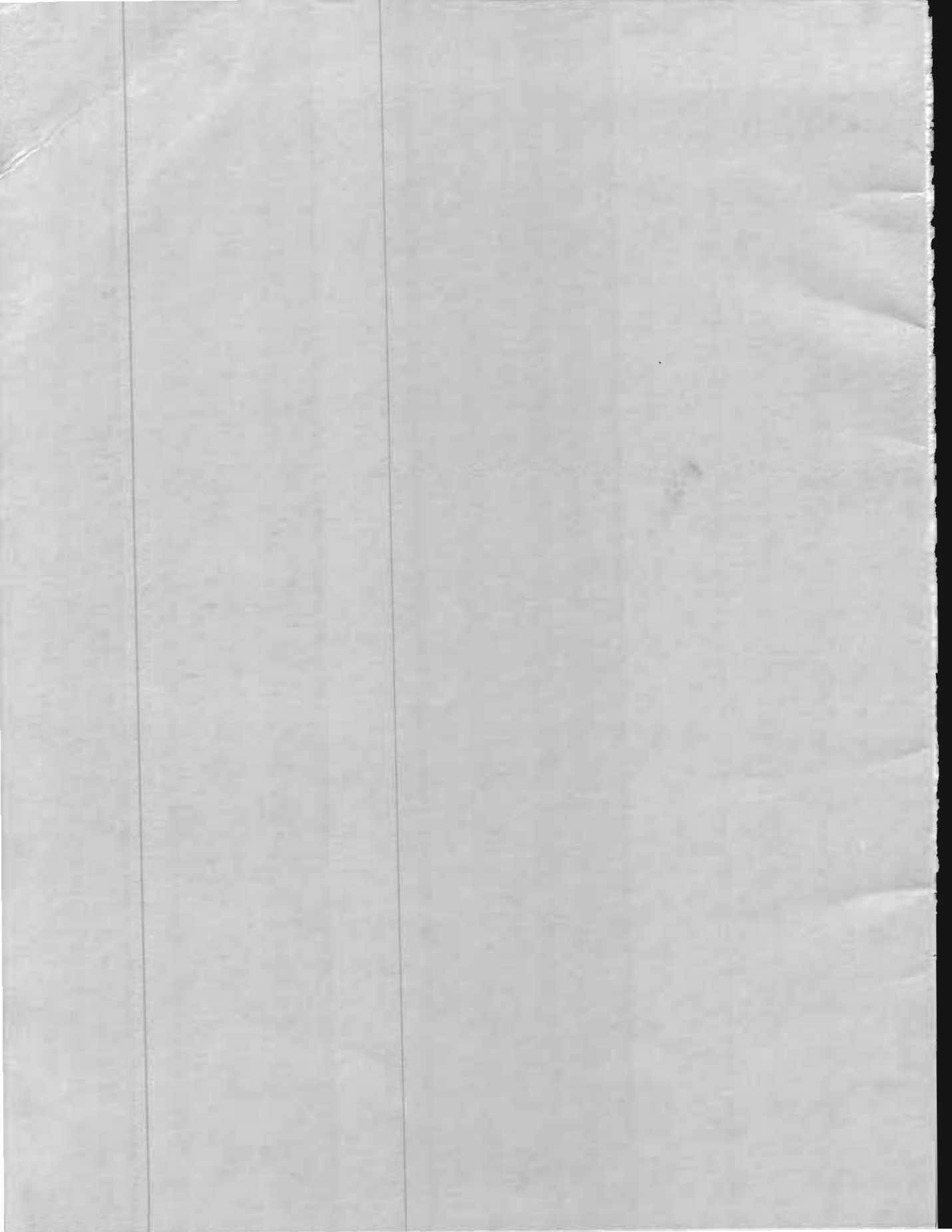
# THE IRISH HOUND



**The Irish Wolfhound Club  
of Ireland**

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## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE 1981/82

President:	Miss N. Twyman
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Mrs. K. Kelly	Mr. S. O'Dwyer
Mr. J. Behan	Mr. W. Clarke
Mr. D. McKenna	Mr. J. Kelly

## Presidents Address

I feel very inclined to say please refer to the President's Address in our magazine of 1978/9 as the remarks written then concerning breeding Irish Wolfhounds also apply at the present time. We must avoid breeding puppies for which there are no homes.

The highlight for me in 1981 was our Club show. The weather was fine and I think that Mrs. Dunlop's judging was appreciated by exhibitors and spectators alike, and an example of how one would like to judge. Many will remember Mrs. Dunlop's famous bitch Ch. Urla of Arraghglen, who in her day was unbeatable.

Congratulations to all the winning owners and breeders in 1981 and I hope that their good fortune will continue.

N. Twyman

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## Editorial

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I am afraid we are running late with this year's Irish Hound. There are a number of reasons for this. We planned to have it out for our club show '82 but as some material did not reach me on time it became very obvious we were not going to make it.

We also found there can be a clash with our show catalogue and the Irish Hound for advertisements, another reason being we want to get back to our original date which is February and Crufts dog show.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who contributed the material.

Jim Behan

## Profile

### John & Kathleen Kelly—Nutstown Irish Wolfhounds

When John & Kathleen first became involved in Irish Wolfhounds it was with some reluctance. It all started when in 1960 the late Dr. May (Ballytobin) inveigled John into taking a bitch to mind. John had been putting him off for some time using his greyhounds as an excuse. At that time in 1960 he was without a greyhound and Dr. May took advantage of this, so the first Irish Wolfhound in the Nutstown Kennel was a very lovely big grey bitch, Bernie of Termon, (Ballykelly O'Leary x Ballykelly Molly Malone). Unfortunately we do not have a photograph of her, she had great size and quality. Another of the early hounds with Kelly's was Deirdre of Brabyns.



Deirdre of Brabyns



Finbarr of Ballytobin and Vincent Kelly

Some of the champions which Dr. May bred in the 1960's were: U.S. Ch. Queen of Ballytobin; French Ch. Baldwin of Glen View by Finbarr of Ballytobin out of Deirdre of Brabyns and Ch. Prince of Baldara.



**Malatown Lady**

Out of Bernie of Termon came two very lovely bitches Malatown Lady and Maeve of Balgee. They were full litter sisters by Dr. May's renowned Ch. Connel of Nendrum. Dr. May sold Malatown Lady but John bought her back some years later. What a sound move that turned out to be, because, out of her came the really lovely Ch. Nutstown Queen, Nutstown's first Irish champion (1977). Queen is still going strong, she came out of retirement last year and as a veteran took the Reserve Green Star at our Club Show



**Maeve of Balgee with Mary Kelly**

Queen was mated to Ch. Ballykelly Errislannan Liam and produced Int. (Irish & Eng.) Ch. Nutstown King—Top Winning Irish Wolfhound in Ireland and England 1980 and again in Ireland in 1981. Among his most outstanding wins were: Best in Show at our Club show in 1979 and 1981, and he came out of retirement this year to take Reserve Best in Show only beaten by his daughter Nuala of Chapelleigh; At All-Breed Championship shows he took many Groups and went Best in Show All Breeds at the Hibernian Show.

King's offspring are still young but already doing well. Nuala of Chapelleigh, dam Sheba of Garrow and owned by Dave and Denise Bushby, England, has already been mentioned as going Best in Show at our 1982 Wolfhound Speciality and his son Carrokeel Sir Connel of Nutstown, unbeaten in his class as puppy, junior and yearling, recently

followed his sire's example by going Best in Show All Breeds at Monkstown.

Another great success on the Irish scene was Mary of Nutstown, who completed her championship in 1980 when she was Top Winning Irish Wolfhound Bitch in Ireland. Mary's dam was Maeve of Balgee, one of my great favourites. Maeve (Malatown Lady's litter sister) was an exceptional bitch, not very big but could she catch your eye! When she moved across the yard, walking or trotting, you had to stop and admire. She was "poetry in motion".

Some of the latest Nutstown Champions to date are French Ch. Buachaill of Nutstown (Ch. Queen of Nutstown by Gwernfyed Lleigus of Carrokeel); U.S. Ch. Liam of Nutstown (Carrokeel Laois x "Lleigus"); U.S. Ch. Colleen and Mac of Nutstown, both out of Carrokeel Florrie of Nutstown by "Lleigus"; Princess of Nutstown (Maeve of Balgee by Justice); Ch. Nutstown Czararina out of Coolbreagh Coillte by "King" and Niamh of Nutstown out of Carrokeel Laois by Int. Ch. Carrokeel Coillte Merlin.

The Nutstown Irish Wolfhounds are spread throughout the world and are known and respected for their type and quality.

John and Kathleen have a great love for our breed and have at all times tried to produce true type and quality. They take very seriously their responsibility and realise the damage that can be done by careless breeding and I think their record reflects this. They have done a lot of good work in promoting our breed at home and abroad. They are both on the committee of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland and work very hard for our dogs and Club.

Compiled by Jim Behan



**Nutstown Queen & Nutstown King**

# 55th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

14th NOVEMBER 1981

The Chairman opened the Meeting and the following scrutineers were elected:

Ian Lyons	Proposed by Mrs. Hughes
	Seconded by Mrs. Mernagh
Derek Murphy	Proposed by S. O'Dwyer
	Seconded by John Kelly
Mrs. McKenna	Proposed by Miss Walton
	Seconded by Miss Murphy

Mrs. Rathbone-Scott drew the meeting's attention to the fact that one of the names on the voting paper had no line indicated on which to mark the appropriate X and confusion might result. The Scrutineers were instructed as to the interpretation to be accepted.

The chairman called for one minute's silence as a mark of respect for Patrick Daly, who had died recently.

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President reported that the Federation Cynologique Internationale have now given the Irish Wolfhound back to the care of Ireland, but three other native breeds are still being regarded as British, as Britain was stated to be the country of origin of the Standards.

She expressed her appreciation of the work done by Mr. Jim Behan for the magazine and the Club show. She felt that members could contribute more to the contents of the magazine.

On the question of Rescue she pointed out that it had been agreed at a previous meeting that members should take care of any hounds of their own breeding which came up for rescue and all members should be constantly on the lookout for suitable homes for rescues.

She congratulated the individual owners on the success of their hounds in the U.K. and at home and said she wished to pay tribute to the 'short winners', who compete and support the shows.

She presented a beautiful new trophy, The Ina O'Shea Memorial Trophy, given to her by Mrs. O'Shea's friends in the U.S.A. to the top winning Irish bred Wolfhound on St. Patrick's Day—Mr. W. Clarke's B.O.B. winner at the 1981 show.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read.

Acceptance was proposed by Mr. Killykeen Doyle and seconded by Mrs. Rathbone-Scott.

## RULE BOOK

It was agreed that notice of new rules should be sent to all members.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Accounts were circulated and in the absence of the Treasurer, they were accepted subject to the following queries being raised at Committee level:

1. Amount raised at Auction at Club Show.
2. Investments. Could these be changed to yield more interest.

This was proposed by Mr. Rathbone-Scott and seconded by Mr. Killykeen-Doyle.

Mr. Rathbone-Scott proposed that the Honorarium to the Hon. Treasurer, and the Hon. Secretary should be raised to £50.00 each. This was seconded by Mr. J. Kelly and passed by the meeting.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary reported that 34 new Associate Members were elected during the year, 11 from overseas and 23 from Ireland and U.K. One Associate Member had applied and been accepted as a Full Member.

She pointed out to all Associate Members that they can apply for Full Membership after two years—emphasis being on the word 'APPLY'.

The Club show had again been a success and our thanks to Mrs. Dunlop, our Judge, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Behan and all concerned.

A very enjoyable 'Get Together' had been held at John and Kathleen Kelly's, we had a record turn-out of dogs and we all learned a great deal more about our breed. Members of the Committee have long experience of Kathleen's cooking and she certainly excelled herself! A big 'Thank you' to both John and Kathleen. There has been a steady demand for magazines from overseas.

Then she announced the availability of the long awaited CLUB BADGE. She again asked to be notified of changes of address and also availability of puppies.

## THE CLUB BADGE

The Secretary reported that the Club Badge had been ordered in 'gilt' finish, but had arrived in chromium finish.

Mrs. Rathbone-Scott proposed that the badge be accepted as it was. Mrs. Kelly seconded and this was carried.

Mr. O'Neill suggested that the badge should have been produced in Ireland but he was told that the English price was the lowest.

Miss Murphy suggested the price of the badge should be £4.00 each; Mr. O'Dwyer seconded. This was passed.

## DISCUSSION

Mr. O'Neill asked for lure-coursing to be developed. Mr. Rathbone-Scott gave details of their experience in the North. He stated that there was only one rule:- 'Any fighter is disqualified'.

This idea, proposed by Miss Murphy and seconded by Mr. Behan, was accepted and passed to the Committee for processing.

It was agreed to have a time set aside for discussion on points of general interest on the agenda every year.

## NEW RULE

'Joint Membership should be offered to husband and wife at £6.00 for the first year'.

Proposed by Miss Walton, Seconded by Mrs. Kelly. This was accepted by the meeting.

New Officers and Committee elected. (see page one)  
The Ballot papers were ordered to be destroyed in the hotel.

### UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS

An enquiry was made from the floor for an explanation of the new classification at the Patrick's Day Show. Our I.K.C. Representatives Mr. S. O'Dwyer and Mr. J. Behan explained the new classes divided into age groups. It was understood that this age classification was to be on trial for one year only. It was stated that the Combined Canine Club show on Easter Monday had agreed to revert to the original system. The new classification was discussed at length and strong opposition was expressed from the floor. It was finally decided at the suggestion of Mr. O'Dwyer that members should decide for themselves whether to exhibit or not. It was proposed that the secretary should write to the IKC setting out points of unsuitability in the new classification. It was to be stressed that the age classes were penalising our breed. A copy of this letter to be sent to the I.W.C. (G.B.).

It was decided to hold a draw again, the prize being a visit to Crufts, airfare, 3 nights in a hotel and £25.00 spending money or £100 in cash.

### GREEN STAR INDEX

It was stated that the new index was:

5 points - 6 dogs      5 points - 12 bitches

The 40 points required for championship must include one of the following combinations;

- A. Four 5 point Green Stars.
- B. Three 5 points and one group
- C. Two 5 points and one 10 point.

### RESCUE FUND

Mr. Behan announced that the balance in the fund was £285.85. There was a continuous need for suitable homes; some were now waiting placement.

Appreciation was expressed at the presence of Miss Sheelagh Seale and Mr. John Grogan, two of our oldest members.

The venue of the Club show in 1982 to be Dublin Sports Centre, Kiltarnan, Co. Wicklow. Approximately 12 miles from Dublin. Date: Saturday 12th June.

### LETTER FOR THE EDITOR

I was delighted to see the article in the last issue looking for the missing trophies which were presented to the Club by The Irish Wolfhound Society. Has there been any news of their whereabouts?

May I ask what has happened to the Paul Revere Bowl presented by Mrs. McLaughlin, Boston, in memory of her brother Fr. O'Malley. The longer established breeders will remember Fr. O'Malley from the West of Ireland as a breeder and competitor.

I well remember the grand evening we had at Dr. May's the evening this trophy was formally presented to the Club. Tony Doyle, Mary Ireland, Mavourneen O'Leary and myself were present. Fr. O'Malley was a good friend and I think that it is time his trophy was put up for competition.

John Grogan



### STEPHEN NOEL O'DWYER

It is with great sorrow that I write of the tragic death of Noel O'Dwyer, killed in a car crash in April.

I met Noel at the first Kilkenny show when he was showing DEISE QUEEN for the first time. Our friendship developed over the years, no Waterford show or for that matter any show would be complete without the presence of Noel and Anne and their hounds.

Over the years, the MOLL MACHIE hounds made their mark in the Wolfhound world; they made up two champions in Ireland:

AOIFE OF MOLL MACHIE  
PHINEAS FINN OF MOLL MACHIE

the latter to die tragically at a very early age.

Noel worked very hard for the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland, he was a very conscientious committee member and as our representative to The Irish Kennel Club did excellent work for the Club.

He was a tireless worker as Chairman of the Kilkenny show and was respected by all the Dog-world in Ireland and the U.K. as anyone who attended his funeral can testify. His friends from the Continent, where he had judged over the past few years, all phoned and wrote to convey their regard for him and their sympathy to his family.

Noel will be sadly missed by his friends in the Wolfhound Club and in The Irish Kennel Club where he was a member of the Judges Committee.

The deepest sympathy of the Club is extended to Anne and his family.

The committee has decided to raise funds for a NOEL O'DWYER MEMORIAL trophy. Subscriptions should be sent to me:

Mrs. Hilda Hughes, Hon. Sec.  
Spring Farm  
Tramore  
Co. Waterford.

# TYPE AND QUALITY

## TYPE

Miss Kearns\* described type as that combination of points and qualities which distinguished a member of one breed from the members of all other breeds.

All the experts in the breed agree that there is and can be only one correct type. Reading through everything that I could find written on the breed, never once, I am happy to say, has any experienced breed authority suggested otherwise. The very similarity of the quotations from the early experts in the breed confirms this fact.

The hound who fits the Standard of Excellence in every detail is THE correct type. That is an ideal yet to be attained. In a group of hounds, that which most closely resembles the ideal described in the Standard is the most typical.

I realise that it may appear to the newcomer as though many different types are acceptable. Even the untrained eye can see variations in the winners. The reason is simple. Perfection does not exist. The fact to remember is that all the hounds have different faults and it is their faults, or variation from the Standard that make them different from each other.

All experienced judges know that any deviation from the Standard of Excellence is a fault, severity depending upon degree. Keeping the ideal in mind, one must judge the hound as a whole and not favour a hound who has just one or two outstanding features. Judges, being human, have individual opinions as to what faults are more serious than others. Their judging reflects this variation and different hounds go up on different days. In a way, we have only ourselves to blame for this disparity. Very few of our all-round judges even know of the existence of a List of Points in Order of Merit. At the time of writing the Irish Kennel Club and The Kennel Club (G.B.) do not include the List of Points in Order of Merit in the lists of Breed Standards available to judges. Credit goes to the American Kennel Club which does include it.

It takes quite a long time for one's eye to become attuned to type. The most common pitfall is that subconsciously one's eye becomes attuned to one's own hound and finds that acceptable. This is why it is preferable to learn as much as possible before you get a hound of your own. Watch for the hounds that win consistently under specialist judges. We are very fortunate in that we have breeders with thirty and forty years experience in the breed who are willing to teach and guide us.

All conscientious breeders try, plan and aim for the ideal, but one is very lucky if one takes a step nearer perfection with each breeding. Sometimes one inadvertently takes a step backwards on one point while progressing elsewhere. Mrs. N.B. Smith† sums it up beautifully:

"The ideal hound which we all carry in mind comes pretty close to being identical. What makes us seem to disagree on type is the fact that we are all taking different routes to arrive at the same goal. Given time we will all approach nearer and nearer the coveted ideal. Some routes are shorter than others, since at best, the way is long and rough, we are eager to find the shortest road".

It is an interesting phenomenon that confidence in one's own hounds seems to be in inverse ratio to experience and knowledge. Miss A.N. Hartley in her excellent book on our sister breed THE DEERHOUND, suggests that "after a

week of possession it is probable that the hound will appear free from any faults whatever, so quickly can affection cloud the clearest judgement. For this reason the initial purchase is vitally important; once a hound has found its way into its owner's heart it is almost impossible ever again to see it with a quite unprejudiced eye".

## QUALITY

Again it is Mrs. N.B. Smith† who gives us the most apt description of quality;

"The untrained eye can recognise and appreciate bigness, a beautiful colour and a fine coat just as all register pleasure in hearing a simple musical air. To catch all the nuances in a great masterpiece the ear must have received technical training. This recognition of quality, and the lack of ability to define quality is the reason that so often those along the side lines cannot follow the judging. We must guard against catering to the applause of the gallery and being content if we merely produce a huge spectacular hound. Our Irish Wolfhound belongs in the classical, not the jazz class. He is more than just the largest breed of dog, he is the greatest".

Soundness is an intrinsic element of type. Miss Kearns\* writes;

"Type and soundness are equally important in a show dog, and the combination of the two gives Quality. Soundness is an essential attribute of all breeds of dogs. It is a formation of body and a state of health in that body which enables the animal to live a happy life and do the work for which it is intended".

Elizabeth C. Murphy

\* Miss M.S. Kearns IRISH WOLFHOUND 'QUALITY' I.W.C. 1928/29 YEAR BOOK.

† Mrs. N.B. Smith Presidential Address in I.W.C. of America 1927/28 YEAR BOOK and referred to by Miss Ellis in H & H Vol XXIII No. 1. 1972.

## THE IRISH WOLFHOUND

(From "The Foray of Con O'Donnell")

His stature tall, his body long,  
His back like night, his breast like snow,  
His fore-leg pillar-like and strong,  
His hind-leg like a bended bow;  
Rough curling hair, head long and thin,  
His ear a leaf so small and round;  
Not Bran, the favourite dog of Finn,  
Could rival John MacDonnell's hound.

As fly the shadows o'er the grass,  
He flies with step as light and sure,  
He hunts the wolf through Tostan pass,  
And starts the deer by Lisanoure.  
The music of the Sabbath bells,  
O Con! has not a sweeter sound  
Than when along the valley swells  
The cry of John MacDonnell's hound

Denis Florence McCarthy

Submitted by Miss Isobel Walton



# LURE COURSING

The Club's first meeting was held at John and Kathleen Kelly's home at Ballyboughal on a lovely warm Spring day, not too hot for the dogs and not too cold for the watchers!

The run was about 200 yards up a slight gradient. There was a good turnout for this first go, and with having many willing helpers at hand, things ran smoothly.

Photos were taken by Betty Murphy, who strategically plonked herself on the grass at the side of the run and stayed there all afternoon. The photos that appear with this write-up are only a few of the many delightful shots Betty obtained.



Tony Redmond with his Athcarne Fintan, winner of our Lure Coursing

Eleven dogs were present, each dog was given a number, and then the numbers were drawn. The winners of the first round were then drawn again, as there were six dogs it meant we had a three dog final. The finalists were Tony Redmond's Finbarr, John Kelly's Murphy and Billy Clarke's Deirdre. Winner overall on the day was Finbarr who completed the course in 13½ seconds. As his previous two runs had been consistently fast, by the time the final was on, he was hot favourite! Deirdre came in second, a couple of feet behind, certainly a very fast bitch.



In full flight

The losers of the first round were drawn and run off against each other, with the final of this section being between John Kelly's Sara and Billy Clarke's Shiofra. Sara won in 16½ seconds.

Thanks go to all the helpers and to Barbara who was on a visit from the States with her husband and had a stopwatch somewhat unceremoniously thrust in her hand and who made an excellent job with the timings. Then it was back to the house, for tea, sandwiches and cakes which Kathleen had been getting ready. The tables were full and ready, the goodies had to be seen to be believed!

Lure coursing has been popular for some time now in England—there being a coursing club there under the guidance of Helen Baird. Also more recently the Irish Wolfhound Club of Northern Ireland have been holding regular monthly coursing meetings. The lure itself was a battery operated machine and I must admit I enjoyed myself operating it for the first time.



Sue Rathbone-Scott in full control

Apart from an enjoyable sporting afternoon, lure coursing, I believe, is good for the dogs as it shows their natural instinct to chase and hunt which, after all, is what they were used for in days gone by.

Sue Rathbone-Scott

## OPEN DAY

What a great day we all had at the Open Day at Kelly's. Everything seemed to go right; we had good weather, good dogs, good friends and good food. It was nice to see so many there and so many new faces that it is a good omen for the future of everything connected with the Wolfhounds. The atmosphere was quite different to that which prevails at a show. There was no rushing to get to the ring on time etc. which left everybody relaxed and with plenty of time to talk to everyone. Wasn't it nice to sit back and listen to Betty, and admire all the dogs which were paraded for us against the backdrop of the Dublin mountains. What more could we ask—except—when is the next Open Day?

May and Maeve McKenna  
Enniskerry





## PEDIGREE OF CHAMPION MARY OF NUTSTOWN

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### SIRE

	Eng. Ch. Clindu of Eaglescrag	Eng. Ch. Sulhamstead Max
		Saragh of Eaglescrag
Eng. Ch. Caio of Eaglescrag	Eaglescrag Alice of Nendrum	Eng. Ch. Sanctuary Brave Knight
Ch. Boroughbury Justice		Ch. Corrie of Nendrum
	Din Jo of Boroughbury	Eng. Ch. Eaglescrag Clonroe of Nendrum
		Fudge of Boroughbury
Boroughbury Thornwick Aran	Edgecroft Siobhan	Sanctuary Dominic
		Roskimber Melany

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### DAM

	Eng. Ch. Sulhamstead Max	Eng. Ch. Sulhamstead Fellus
		Eng. Ch. Sulhamstead Mystic
Ch. Connell of Nendrum	Int. Ch. Carol of Eaglescrag	Eng. Ch. Sanctuary Rory of Kilhone
Maeve of Balgee		Kilfenora of Ouborough
	Ballykelly O'Leary	Int. Ch. McGilligan of Ballykelly
		Ballykelly Kinvaragh
Bernie of Termon	Ballykelly Molly Malone	Int. Ch. McGilligan of Ballykelly
		Kingsholme Jet



## 1981 Champion

### PEDIGREE OF CHAMPION CARROKEEL SLAINTE

#### SIRE

Gwnfed Lleigus of Carrokeel  
K.7195

Eng. Ch. Fintan of Eaglescrag  
7563/74

Carrokeel Annwan  
E.9170

Eng. Ch. Red Wully of Eaglescrag  
2598 BA

Eaglescrag Alice of Nendrum  
2602 BA

Ch. Ballykelly Dalkey

Perfect Picture of Carrickmines

Eng. Ch. Sulhamstead Max

Int. Ch. Carol of Eaglescrag

Eng. Ch. Sulhamstead Remus

Song of Eaglescrag

Sanctuary Sulhamstead Fallad

Sanctuary Sonnet of Eaglescrag

Eng. Ch. Sulhamstead Max

Int. Ch. Carol of Eaglescrag

#### DAM

Ch. Boroughbury Jolly

Eng. Ch. Caio of Eaglescrag

Boroughbury Thornwick Aran

Eng. Ch. Clindhu of Eaglescrag

Eaglescrag Alice of Nendrum

Din Jo of Boroughbury

Edgecroft Siobhan

Eng. Ch. Sulhamstead Max

Saragh of Eaglescrag

Eng. Ch. Sanctuary Brave Knight

Ch. Corrie of Nendrum

Eng. Ch. Eaglescrag Clonroe of Nendrum

Fudge of Boroughbury

Sanctuary Dominic

Roskimber Melany

# GREEN STAR WINNERS 1981

Show	Judge	Green Star Winners	G.S. Value
I.K.C.	Mr. R. James	Carrokeel Sir Connel of Nutstown	9
		Coolbreagh Athcarne Clodagh	B.O.B. 9
Cork & District	Mr. F. Cuthbert	Ultan of Mahoonagh	1
		Aoife of Cu Uisneach	B.O.B. 2
Combined Canine	Mrs. L. Huet	Int. Ch. Carrokeel Coillte Merlin	5
		Carrokeel Slainte	B.O.B. 5
Roundwood	Dr. W. Roche	Beau Flynn of Newtownhill	3
		Mary of Nutstown	B.O.B. 4
Munster Canine	Mrs. M. Donaldson	Int. Ch. Carrokeel Coillte Merlin	B.O.B. 8
		Mary of Nutstown	4
Irish Wolfhound Club	Mrs. A. Dunlop	Int. Ch. Nutstown King	B.O.B. 10
		Ch. Mary of Nutstown	10
Munster Agrucultural	Mrs. P. Bennett	Ultan of Mahoonagh	1
		Banba of Kilnacruite	B.O.B. 1
Swords	Mrs. P. Innes	Int. Ch. Carrokeel Coillte Merlin	7
		Coolbreagh Athcarne Clodagh	B.O.B. 10
Kilkenny	Mr. D. Smith	Int. Ch. Carrokeel Coillte Merlin	B.O.B. 5
		Coolbreagh Athcarne Clodagh	5
Bray	Mr. J. Behan	Carrokeel Sir Connel of Nutstown	7
		Carrokeel Moonbeam of Nendrum	B.O.B. 7
Monkstown	Mrs. K. Kavanagh	Int. Ch. Carrokeel Coillte Merlin	B.O.B. 3
		Carrokeel Slainte	3
Clonmel	Miss M. Boggia	Sanctuary the Bard of Erindale	B.O.B. 6
		Sara of Nutstown	6
Killarney	Mr. G. Sweeney	Int. Ch. Nutstown King	B.O.B. 5
		Carrokeel Slainte	5
Limerick	Miss J. Lanning	Int. Ch. Nutstown King	B.O.B. 8
		Sanctuary Flora of Erindale	4
Tralee	Mrs. H. Furber	Int. Ch. Nutstown King	B.O.B. 8
		Sanctuary Flora of Erindale	5
Bull Breeds	Mr. S. Pollock	Int. Ch. Nutstown King	B.O.B. 6
		Carrokeel Slainte	3
Irish Breeds	Miss E. Murphy	Int. Ch. Carrokeel Coillte Merlin	7
		Brigid of Bearna Bui	B.O.B. 7
Sporting Breeds	Miss M. Spavin	Int. Ch. Nutstown King	B.O.B. 6
		Carrokeel Moonbeam of Nendrum	5
Fermoy	Mr. A. Bennett	Int. Ch. Nutstown King	B.O.B. 5
		Sara of Nutstown	2
Munster Canine	Mrs. C. Boissevain	Int. Ch. Carrokeel Coillte Merlin	1
		Brigid of Bearna Bui	B.O.B. 3
Hibernian	Mr. W. Hyde	Int. Ch. Nutstown King	B.O.B. 10
		Coolbreagh Athcarne Clodagh	3
Dublin Dog Show	Mrs. G. McDowell	Int. Ch. Nutstown King	2
		Brigid of Bearna Bui	B.O.B. 6

## GROUP & B.I.S. WINS 1981

### By Irish Wolfhounds at Championship Shows

Hound Group, Munster Vanine	Int. Ch. Carrokeel Coillte Merlin
Hound Group, Monkstown	Int. Ch. Carrokeel Coillte Merlin
Hound Group, Limerick	Int. Ch. Nutstown King
Hound Group, Tralee	Int. Ch. Nutstown King
Hound Group, Bull Breeds	Int. Ch. Nutstown King
Best in Show, Irish Breeds	Bridget of Bearna Bui
Group & B.I.B. Hibernian	Int. Ch. Nutstown King
Hound Group, Dublin Dog Show	Bridget of Bearna Bui

## ANNUAL CHAMPION 1981

Int. Ch. Nutstown King

Runner-up — Int. Ch. Carrokeel Coillte Merlin

## PUPPY SPOON WINNERS 1981

I.K.C.	Mrs. C. Taylor's Killykeen Saeros
I.K.C.	Miss I. Walton's Tolkavalley Rory
Combined Canine	Mrs. C. Taylor's Killykeen Saeros

# Club Show

Photographs by Myles Rathbone-Scott

It was a great honour to be asked to judge The Wolfhound Club Show, and I enjoyed every minute of my first visit to Ireland. The hospitality given to me and my family was something to remember always, and the beautiful crystal decanter is now one of my most prized possessions.

It was a pleasure to go over such level classes. I found hindquarters and movement good, most hounds had small well carried ears, and coats were very good, harsh and plentiful, not a soft coat in sight, but there were rather too many light eyes, which spoil the expression, and some rather plain heads.

## Puppy Dog

1st Parker's Kracken Kaiser. A big black puppy, good stifles, lovely long neck with good head carriage. Could do with more spring of rib, and action still needs to settle. Should do well when more mature.

2nd. Taylor's Killykeen Saeros. Nice Wheaten, good head and expression, stifles a little straight. Could have moved with more freedom.

3rd. Taylor's Killcullen Crusader. A really nice puppy, spoilt by his front. Lovely neck and good head, well bent stifles.



**Mr. I.J. Parker's Kracken Kaiser, winner of American Trophy for the best Puppy Dog.**

## Junior Dog

1st. Abbott's Athcarne Cian. This hound had nice head with good furnishings and expressive dark eyes. Moved really well with great drive. He should do well.

2nd. Taylor's Killykeen Saeros

3rd. Taylor's Kilcullen Crusader



**Mrs. C. Abbott's Athcarne Cian, winner of Junior Tankard for the best Junior Dog or Bitch.**

## Novice Dog

1st. Rathbone-Scott's Tullygirvan Melvin. A dark grey with well bent stifles, good tight feet, a good mover.

2nd. Taylor's Killykeen Saeros

3rd. Taylor's Kilcullen Crusader.



**Mr. & Mrs. Rathbone-Scott's Tullygirvan Melvin, winner of Corcoran Memorial Cup for best Novice Dog or Bitch**

### Graduate Dog

1st Athcarne Brendan. Typical grey, good furnishings, not moving well on the day.

2nd. Murray's Conor of Termon. Sorry no notes.

### Limit Dog

1st Murphy's Carrokeel Sir Connel of Nutstown. Only one in the class, but a really nice one. Good size, dark eye, plenty of coat and furnishings. Moved well and freely.

### Open Dog

1st Kelly's Ch. Nutstown King. Too well known to need description. Looked and moved very well.

2nd Finney's Ch. Carrokeel Coillte Merlin. Did not move enthusiastically. Found afterwards he had cut one of his pads.

3rd Walton's Tolkavalley Merlin of Nendrum. Smaller but well made, good head and expression. Moved well.



**Miss E.C. Murphy's Carrokeel Sir Connel of Nutstown, winner of Ouborough Cup for the best Limit Dog or Bitch**



**Int. & Eng. Ch. Nutstown King, winner of Beynon Stud Bowl for the dog of whose progeny shall be adjudged for Best in Show.**

### Puppy Bitch

1st. Irving's Kracken Contessa was alone. Good outline, nice long neck. Expression spoilt by light eyes.



**Mr. W.H. Irving's Kracken Contessa, winner of Maguire Puppy Challenge Cup for the best puppy bitch**

### Junior Bitch

1st England's Colleen Dhu of Moll Mackie. Shapely, well made bitch with good coat. Moved well. Needs time to fill out.

2nd Rathbone-Scott's Tullygirvan Liadain. Typical hound, good mover, well set tail.

3rd. Walton's Tolkavalley Tory. Was not very keen to be handled. Moved quite well.



**Mr. T. England's Colleen Dhu of Moll Machie — Junior Bitch Winner**



**Mrs. S. Fortescue-Webb's Flambeau Magic, winner of Bournstream No. 1 Cup for best of Opposite Sex to winner of Corcoran Memorial Cup.**

#### **Novice Bitch**

1st. Fortescue-Webb's Flambeau Magic. Attractive bitch, good stifles, neat small ears, harsh coat. Moved well.

2nd. Sara of Nutstown. Sweet head and expression, good dark eye, rather short of coat.

3rd. Lyons' Aoife of Connacht. Promising young wheaten, and good bend of stifle, rather light eyes.

#### **Graduate Bitch**

1st Behan's Brigid of Bearna Bui. Beautifully well made bitch, good outline, well carried head with sweet expression good bone. Moved with drive.

2nd Finney's Gullagh Ballykelly Cait. Another attractive bitch, a little plainer in head than winner, good coat and moved well.

3rd. Parker's Coolbreagh Caitle. Well grown bitch, nice typical head not quite as good in shoulder as those above her.



**Mr. J. Behan's Brigid of Bearna Bui, winner of Tullygirvan Perpetual Trophy for best Graduate Dog or Bitch and Res. Green Star Bitch.**

#### **Limit Bitch**

1st. Daly's Aoife of Cu-Uisneach. Strongly built grey bitch in lovely condition, good harsh coat, dark eyes, attractive expression, great sweep of stifle. Moved with real drive and vigour.

2nd. Walton's Tolkavalley Oona Dhu. Good outline, well bent stifle. Moved straight and freely. Was rather out of coat and could perhaps have carried more weight.

3rd. Clarke's Coolbreagh Oona. Good neck and head carriage, rather straight in stifle.



**Mr. M. Daly's Aoife of Cu Uisneach – Limit Bitch Winner.**



**Presentation to our Judge Mrs. Dunlop, by our President, Miss Twyman. Also in picture are our Steward, Mrs. Mary Reidy and Tim Finney our Treasurer**

### Open Bitch

1st and Green Star. Behan's Mary of Nutstown. Very sweet, dark bitch, lovely shape and balance. Moved beautifully. She could be taller, but otherwise difficult to fault.

2nd. Daly's, Aoife of Cu-Uisneach.

3rd. Kelly's Carrokeel Slainte. Quality bitch, good neck and head, not so good in stifle as those above.



**Mr. J. Behan's Mary of Nutstown, winner of Donnelly Memorial Cup for Reserve Best of Breed Green Star Bitch.**



**Jim Behan's Brigid of Bearna Bui and Mary of Nutstown Brace Class**

### Veteran

In some ways this was the best class of the show. All these veterans were in splendid order, and all moved with tremendous vigour and freedom. They were really enjoying their day out.

1st Redmond's Ch. Athcarne Shiofra.

2nd McKenna's Ch. Carrigeen of Tolkavalley.

3rd Walton's Roshin Dubh of Tolkavalley.

Alice Dunlop



**M.T. Redmond's Ch. Athcarne Shiofra—Best Veteran**



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# SWORDS — JUNE 1981

## IRISH WOLFHOUNDS

I was delighted with my lovely entry and to find so much improvement in the breed since my previous visit to Dublin some eight years ago. Coats are harsh and excellent, beautiful clean white teeth with good scissor bite. Ears small and neatly folded in the majority. Just a few hints of elbows turning slightly outwards making some hounds pin in but movement was generally good. I apologise for trying to kill some of you off with extra movement on a warm afternoon but some hounds do tend to switch off after the initial trip round the ring and this was my way of finding out.

My thanks to my kind helpful steward, Mrs. Kellegher and to those who thought up and provided the close cut triangles in the ring. To those who entertained, fed and ferried us for three days my grateful thanks. It was a delightful trip.

### Puppy D(3)

1. Parker's KRACKEN KAISER, Res. Gr. Star. To me a super black, good in all depts. deep brisket, lovely outline, dark eyes and excellent mover. I shall be interested to watch his career.
2. Murphy's CRAOBHACH NA MORCHU, a nice grey, good head, ears, sound but slightly roached back at his present state of growth.
3. Taylor's KILCULLEN CRUSADER, A nice light grey good size, nice head and neck slightly straight in shoulder.

### Novice D(4)

1. Taylor's KILLKENN SAERS, red brindle balanced, good angulation reachy neck set well on shoulders, still quite a baby.
2. Abbott's ATHCARNE CIAN, a strong well grown grey good mover, tail set a little high causing exuberant carriage on move.
3. KILCULLEN CRUSADER.

### Grad D(2)

#### One Absent

1. Murphy's CARROKEEL SIR CONNEL of NUTSTOWN, a very nice big sound wheaten brindle. Good all round. Would like a better let down of hocks but he is too good to deny him his award.

### Open D(5)

1. Finney's Int. CH. CARROKEEL COILLTE MERLIN, G. Star, too well known for me to criticise and on his home ground showing well, got bored later.
2. Kelly's Int. Ch. NUTSTOWN KING another well known winner. Lost to 1 on neck, head carriage on the day.
3. Redmond's ATHCARNE FINTAN a nice grey three years old, great promise but unlucky to meet the big guns on the day.

### Puppy B

#### One only.

1. A pretty cream brindle, feminine head lovely dark eyes, neat rose ears, good croup and angulation. One small fault but not enough to deny her placing.

### Novice B(4)

1. Fortescue Webb's FLAMBEAU MAGIC, a well

proportioned grey, eyes, ears, pigmentation all good.

2. Walton's TOLKAVALLEY TORY, a nice red brindle sound and promising moving well slightly apprehensive but I later learned of the reason for her lack of ring experience.
3. England's COLLEEN DHU of MOLI MACHIE, quite a nice type but without the quality of 1 and 2.

### Grad B(6)

1. Behan's BRIGID of BEARNA BUI, nice feminine well proportioned grey the type I like, looking good both standing and moving.
2. Clarke's COOLBREAGH DEIRDRIU pressed 1 for placing, very much the same type but lost interest in making the best of herself.
3. Kelly's SARA of NUTSTOWN like all from this kennel in hard condition and great on the move, lovely expression.

### Limit B(5)

1. Daly's AOIFE of CU UISNEACH another ideal broad type with recognisable credits to her well known sire. Gorgeous head and expression.
2. Clarke's COOLBREACH ONORA, half sister to 1 and similar type very pleasing but running a little wide on move.
3. Walton's TOLKAVALLEY OONA DUBH reachy neck, fine head, uneven loss of coat rather spoiled her top line but she has time on her side.

### Open B(7)

#### 1.BOB

#### green star

- Clarke's COOLBREAGH ATHCARNE CLODAGH. This one took my eye the minute she entered the ring. A super red wheaten balanced and sound, moving well. Absolutely the type I like.
2. Redmond's CARROKEEL MOONBEAM of NENDRUM. Another nice one, good bone, sound, pleasing head and expression.
3. Kelly's CARROKEEL SLAINTE, sound well bodied typical head, a little straight in stifle, so paid the penalty in placing.

### Veteran (5)

1. Redmond's Ch. ATHCARNE SHIOFRA. Amazingly sound at over eight years moving freely and true good feet and general outline.
2. Walton's FENIAN of TOLKAVALLEY sailed valiantly round the ring carrying his nine years with ease. How the oldies love a day out. Sound and in good shape.
3. Clarke's COOLBREAGH CIARA, nice shapely bitch flowing movement pretty head, no loss of figure in 7 years.

All had good mouths.

Peta Innes

# IRISH WOLFHOUNDS

## EASTER MONDAY 1982

It was always a pleasure to be given the honour to judge the breed I adore. However, I was alarmed, and breeders should be regarding trends especially among the males. Shape has been changed from the desired graceful free flowing, built to hunt hound into a dumpy short legged, short necked, rocking horse. Forequarters are appalling, awful shoulder placement, upright forearms, no reach in forelegs, hence diabolical front movement, top lines are too flat or dipped. I was shocked to find a number of monorchids. Breeders had better be careful or they will find they have painted their stairs into a corner. Presentation except for a few was bad, many hounds were dirty, my hands were black after a few classes.

This critique will be ignored by most breeders who can only see The Swans and not the drakes they have in fact produced. Hounds are being used at stud on account of their show wins, and no thought is being given that they may not be suitable to breed from.

The owners allow anything to be bred to their hounds and their greatest mistake is to line breed to these dogs when it is well known that the lines have produced faults of soundness and temperament. Is a stud fee worth all the damage and heart ache, if so then vanity and greed is to blame for the sorry state you will find yourself in and pity the poor novice owners when they find out what you have landed them with.

The females were almost another breed, they were a joy and most beautiful, many were on the small side, not a fault but when I had two females that were taller than all the males except one, I do wonder if we shall see Mini Irish Wolfhounds in a few generations. Serious breeders must readjust their breeding, use and don't ignore the old bloodlines. If our females are taken to the right males then I shall have no fear for the future of our Breed here in Ireland.

### Puppy Dog or Bitch

1st Tolkavalley Cobh, 11½ months.  
Red/Fawn, good head, expression, good bone, plenty of substance, small tight feet, good depth of chest, broad over pelvis, tail set on too high, but carried well, hope he grows on.

2nd. Ballyvalla Paidin, 10 months.  
Tall, most promising, clean grey brindle, coat of correct texture, nice head and reach of neck, sound in forequarters, had a true hound shape, deerhound not foxhound, well arched loins, correct tail set and carriage, need to come down in stifle and needs a lot of time and better handling.

3rd. Ballyvalla Aoife of Moonvoy.  
Sister of above very beautiful, super shape, sound fore/behind, I look forward to seeing this glorious creature mature.

### Novice Dog

1st Kilcullen Crusader (Taylor's).  
Tall Hound of quality, sound fore and aft, charming head and reach of neck, super hound shape, good bone, feet, tail carriage.

2nd. Ballyvalla Paidin (Ardiff's) 10 months  
3rd. Tolkavalley Tadgh. Nice type, good hind quarters, too much dip behind shoulders, bowed left foreleg, weak pasterns, large feet.

### Grad Dog.

1st Crusader.  
2nd. Killykeen Saeros (Taylor's)  
Super body and shape, powerful free mover, good fore and lay of shoulder, plain head.

### Limited Dog R.G.S.

Rurik of Solstrand Beautiful head and expression, coat of correct texture, powerful hindquarters but short forearm with resulting lack of reach, too short in legs for body size.

2nd Tullygirvan Melvin. In my opinion this is one of the most exciting males for the near future. He needs time to develop and body up and fill out, a glorious head, super shape. He is only two years and has another year to mature. Very sound, with great power and reach, small tight feet.

### 3rd Athcarne Cian (Abbotts)

A good hound, nice type, head and expression, sound mover, had substance and good shape, his tail set and carriage spoils for me.

### Open Dog

1st Beau Flynn of Newtownhill. (Bremners). Green Star.

A beautiful hound of balance and conformation, correct harsh coat, powerful quarters, great reach due to correct lay of shoulders.

### 2nd Athcarne Fintan (Redmond's)

Good shape, sound mover, correct shoulders, a very good body but plain in head, too much stop.

### 3rd Sir Connel of Nutstown (Kelly's)

Far too fat which spoils his shape making him short necked and too fat in topline, good hindquarters but short reach in fore, good head and expression. Harsh coat, good feet.

R. Fenian of Tolkavalley (Walton's), 10 years old a beautiful hound, correct shape, super mover, great drive and reach beautiful head and expression, between coats.

### Novice Bitch

1st. Killykeen Miss Till, (Lyons).

Enormous red wheaten very powerful, moved with drive correct shape, can be lazy in the ring and looked bored.

### 2nd. Tolkavalley Trim (Waltons)

A quality hound beautiful shape, head and expression, moved well, has plenty of time to mature into a very exciting hound.

### Grad Bitch

1st. Coolbreigh Deirdre (Clarkes)

Wonderful shape, movement, reach and drive, arched loins. powerful quarters, head a bit plain.

### 2nd. Athcarne Neesha (Redmonds)

Very beautiful, had size and shape good, tail carried well but too ringed.

### 3rd Aoife of Connacht. (Lyons)

Very nice hound sound, powerful mover, good shape and conformation.

### R. Tolkavalley Tory (Waltons)

Another beautiful hound, still very much a baby, good shape broad overloin, sound and good mover.

### Limit Bitch

1st Tullygirvan Crana (Rathbone-Scott)

A quality hound of beauty, has substance. Very sound, free mover.

### 2nd Sara of Nutstown (Kellys)

Beautiful type, has size, power and drive, good shape.

### 3rd Maev of Moll Machie. (Smyth & Jennings)

Good type, head and expression, far too fat, flat in back moved well, but too straight in stifles.

### Open Bitch

Carrokeel Moonbeam of Nendrum. (Redmonds)  
A magnificent hound of type, shape and soundness. Best of Breed.

2nd Clodagh of Moll Machie (Kelly's)

Enormous hound of quality, real hound shape, moved well. needs more condition.

3rd Brigid. of Bearnia Bui (Behans)

A very beautiful hound, good shape, very sound, correct coat.

The bitches were all of true type with no outstanding faults, a far cry from the males who were most upsetting for me. Great care must be taken when breeding these bitches. Use them well.

A. Killykeen-Doyle

## THE PARIS INTERNATIONAL SHOW 1982

This June I had the pleasure of judging Irish Wolfhounds (and Deerhounds) at the 104th Show of the Societe Centrale Canine. The show was held indoors in warm weather, but we had a good big ring. The concrete floor was in exacting surface for testing movement.



CH. BHOROO GILLIAN V D RHEMPOL

I had a good entry to go over with Open Classes of 17 13 in dogs and bitches respectively. There were representatives from Switzerland, Belgium, Germany, and, of course, the majority were from France. Judging is somewhat more demanding than here in that a critique is required for each and every entry, to be written on the spot and handed to the exhibitor. Luckily, I had Marion with me to dictate to and to communicate with our group of three interpreters, with the aid of mime for the less translatable points.

In general, and making a rough comparison with IWs in the U.K. and Ireland, I was impressed most by the number of hounds with really massive bone, great spring of rib and good shoulders. I found no woolly coats, I would have preferred the heads of even some of my best dogs to have



OLYMPE DU CHATEAU DE L'AUDIARDE

been less broad between the ears, and, overall, I think there is room for more elegance in the dogs; our Standard does say "massively though gracefully built". More mouths were undershot than I found here, and maybe, more emphasis is needed on placement rather than completeness in dentition (See Miss N. Twyman's article "Dentition" in this issue).



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**O'MOLONEY RITHEANN AND  
BANSHEE ARTEL V D RHUEMPOL**

In my top placings were hounds who would hold their own at least in the British Isles; particularly so in the dogs. Best of breed and CACIB was Dr. de Haan's (Holland) bitch, **BANSHEE ARTEL V D RHUEMPOL**, a beautifully balanced 2-year old with plenty of bone and substance who could really move with lots of drive and reach. She has already won well on the Continent. Reserve CACIB bitch was Mrs. Duval-Pinset's (France) **OLYMPE DE CHATEAU DE L'AUDIERDE**. Built on lighter lines she was most elegant and feminine, had a lovely outline, and moved truly. My CACIB dog was Mr. Yves' (France) **O'MOLONEY RITHEANN**. He is strong and well-muscled with nice flowing curves, has good reach of neck and is pleasingly proportioned throughout. He moves very soundly front and back. Reserve CACIB dog came out of the Champion Class—Dr. de Haan's **BHOROO GILLIAN V D RHUEMPOL**. The Best in Show at this show two years ago he is immensely impressive in his bone and strong, deep body, but was carrying rather too much weight around the shoulders.

Among my "Excellent" gradings I was glad to see that Irish parentage was well represented (Ballykelly, Carrokeel, Guiliagh, Nutstown). From England the Drakesleat prefix was very prominent.

Tim Finney

## THE IRISH WOLFHOUND IS IRISH AGAIN

The Federation Cynologique Internationale at a General Meeting in May last year graciously decided that "The Irish Wolfhound and the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, so far under the care of England, are given to Ireland".

In the President's address last year I appealed to club members and colleagues in other clubs to contact the F.C.I. regarding their allocation of the Irish Wolfhound as being of British origin. In fact they allotted five of our seven Irish breeds as G.B. The Irish Setter and The Irish Water Spaniel were accepted as of Irish origin.

Very many thanks to the members who wrote letters of protest. They were obviously successful as the two of the Irish breeds who activated their members into action were the two breeds handed back at the May Meeting. Following this, other Irish breed Clubs and the Irish Kennel Club took up the case of the other three Irish breeds and they were handed back last December. A happy ending.

Many people who wrote to me on this subject expressed a wish to know what our seven Irish breeds are. They are; The Irish Wolfhound—King of the Canine Race; The Irish Setter, surely among the most handsome of breeds; The Irish Water Spaniel, who ranks among the most unique of the canine species; The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, considered the ancestor of all Irish Terrier breeds; The Kerry Blue Terrier, said never to refuse a challenge when offered; The Irish Terrier developed on a racy outline for controlling rats and badgers; and lastly the Glen of Imaal, the smallest and often the most game of our Terriers bred for vermin control in the Glen of Imaal in Co. Wicklow. The eighth member of the group which has fought its way back onto the registered lists after nearly eighty years of banishment is the Red and White Irish Setter. They were shown with the Reds in the last century. Happily they are now back with full recognition.

Thank you, one and all.

Elizabeth C. Murphy

## OWNING A WOLFHOUND

These two page leaflets were prepared by the Club for the guidance of people buying their first puppy. They give details of feeding, exercise, etc. No breeder should be without a stock of them.

They are available from:

Mrs. Hilda Hughes  
Hon. Secretary  
Spring Farm  
Tramore  
Co. Waterford.

Quote from a very short visit by a prospective puppy buyer:

"I like your pups a lot, but I'm afraid I don't know much about the breed. Could you please recommend an expert who could tell me if they're any good".

# Flash

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Year Book (1937) by K  
Killykeen-Doyle



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MISS SHEELAGH SEALE'S SILVAGH TIM



Cushla, with Master Jack Davis

The above picture was shown to me by an old friend, Mrs. Vi Davis. The original is in sepia. It has particular sentimental value for her, as the IW bitch's companion is her late husband, Major Jack Davis, taken at the age of three or four. This dates the photograph at around 1903/4. The name of the bitch was not known to Mrs. Davis, though she remembered her husband mentioning they had an Irish Wolfhound.

I set about trying to trace some connection with the hound by going through Capt. Graham's "Irish Wolfhound Pedigrees 1859-1906" on the off chance that there would be an address in or around Dromore, Co. Tyrone, her husband's home town at that time; but I had no success beyond finding a few other addresses in Ulster.

However, then luck intervened. I got a letter from Mrs. Davis, now of Derby, saying that in sorting out some family papers, she had found the following note headed "Wolfhounds", which I quote in full:

"Irish Wolfhounds are either brindled (same as Gelert) or fawn. CUSHLA was fawn and was bred from MARQUIS OF DONEGAL who some years ago was champion wolfhound

of the world (sic.). CUSHLA took two prizes at a big show in Belfast. The first prizes at that show were taken by the two champions of the world at that time. They belonged to Major Percy Shewell of the Cotswold Hills. Glos. They were fawn in colour and were valued at £500. In fact, Major Shewell refused £250 which he was offered for the dog".

This information led me straight into "IW Pedigrees" a MARQUIS OF DONEGAL appears as No. 344. Interestingly, he is indicated as one of the hounds whose blood can be traced right down to the present (1959). He was owned by Arthur, Belfast, and bred by Gerard, one of the IW breeders who was closely associated with Capt. Graham's work in resuscitating the breed. I know of no picture of him, but a litter sister, Ch SPORTELLA appears in the book. There is a marked resemblance in the heads, though CUSHLA seems to have the sweeter expression.

Our thanks to Mrs. Vi Davis for adding to the Wolfhound archives.

Tim Finney

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# IMPORTS— HOW IMPORTANT

Over the last few years an increasing number of Irish Wolfhounds have entered England from a variety of countries. Some of them are bound to have an impact on Irish and English bloodlines. Some will fade into obscurity. This has already happened in the case of the three Branwen Irish Wolfhounds which moved to Wales from Spain with Mrs. Boissevain. Int. Ch. Isolde and her daughter Megan died without issue in England, thus terminating a family which had been established on Irish American lines in the early 50's. The best of the hounds, a male, Iarla of Pennyfarthing, won a CC on a rare outing in the showing and excelled in type and movement. He was by a Branwen Sire ex a Sanctuary dam. I rated him very highly, and sent bitches to him on three occasions. Mrs. Shaw also used him, but alas, no puppies resulted! With his death the line continues only on the Continent where I believe Iarla's sister has been bred from.

Needless to say most imports go back to English and Irish Exports within very few generations. You may well ask why anyone bothers to go to all the expense of 6 months quarantine when better animals can be bred more cheaply at home. In my experience the few English breeders who have brought in hounds have done so for a specific reason and only after visiting the overseas kennel. Sometimes a line unobtainable or extinct at home can be picked up to hopefully blend with the breeders existing stock over the long term.

A perfect example of this was the import by Mrs. Poolman of Norwegian littermates by Int. Ch. Marumac Amos ex a bitch line bred to Int. Ch. Mountebanks Barabbas. Neither Fennis nor Freya could expect to do well in the showing once out of Junior as there was a tendency to small size and excessive elegance, but they should blend in perfectly with the existing tall, heavily boned Marumacs stemming from Amos' niece Ch. Bahbarella. Fennis died very young of a brain tumour but Freya will no doubt be assimilated by being bred to the heavily line bred Craigie/Barbie son, Charlock, so by forward planning the development of a strain will be furthered.

Another kennel still in the early stages of planning is the Clonara line. The foundation stock is Sanctuary/Sulhamstead with a dash of Eaglescrag, and while in South Africa the old Sulhamstead lines of Mr. Kirkpatrick were scrutinised by the Wilkins. A chance came to buy a 6 year old S.A. Champion bitch Doupek Andrea (S.A. Ch. Sulhamstead Monopoly ex S.A. Ch. Woodside Tara, who was Woodside Finn's only sister). She was mated to Ch. Witchesbroom Wizard upon release from quarantine and following a race against bone cancer discovered during the dam's pregnancy one bitch puppy was saved. Clonara Kelly is a tall youngster and her value or otherwise will be discovered when she is mated.

Meanwhile, back in America ..... U.S. Ch. Eaglescrag Kate whelped an outstanding litter to Ch. Wild Isle Warlock, the dog Mrs. Jenkins rated as the best IW she had ever judged. Fitzarran Yankee was a gift from the Deemers to Mrs. Jenkins, he excels in outline and temperament. With his pedigree it is perhaps surprising that other breeders have hardly flocked to use him, but his value to the existing Eaglescrag has thrilled his owner and no doubt once more of his puppies are seen in the ring his line will be utilised.

Finally on to the most experienced of our importers, Mrs. Kenis, U.S. Ch. Gerdins Kerry of Heart G was purchased in whelp to U.S.A. Ch. Keystone Kitty, Mrs. Kenis having been struck by the qualities of Mrs. Elzers' hounds while in California. The quarantine born litter had their problems and never really got over this start in life, no notable males and only two exquisite but tiny bitches as possible future broods. Kerry was then bred to the very tall Ch. Edeyrn Mogul, a complete outcross. The best male from this litter is being used at stud, the very tall and quality headed Solstrand San Antonio of Edeyrn who will be campaigned by Mrs. Kenis in 1982.

Perhaps Irish interest will be mostly focused on Mrs. Kenis' Rurik of Solstrand, as he is to spend 1982 at Carro-keel as the guest of Miss Elizabeth Murphy. By Int. Ch. Eaglescrag Viking (Ch. Toby/Ch. Clodagh) ex a bitch line bred to Mrs. Lindhu's Top Winning Irish bred Int. Ch. Brackenford Balinderry Patricia, "Young Viking" will, it is hoped, compliment the existing Ch. Justice bitches by passing on his lovely type and head. Time will tell, but this is an exciting era for the Irish Wolfhound and perhaps the widening gene pool will see an improvement in soundness and longevity over the next few generations.

Elizabeth Till

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## Owning an Irish Wolfhound

by Derek & Catherine Murphy

Having owned an Irish Wolfhound for a year and a half, we would like to share our appreciation of this magnificent animal. This is our first Irish Wolfhound and certainly the beginning of a new understanding of the word 'dog' in every respect. We feel that the Irish Wolfhound is without doubt the primary member of the canine race, all others taking second place.

This hound is unique in many ways. The most obvious, of course, is the huge frame, a sheer deterrent to the intruder. His superb temperament make him a friend of all mankind, a guardian to the young and a willing pupil. The psychic power of the animal, particularly its understanding of the human character, is but one of the traits about which one could write pages. Any dog with half of these characteristics would be a valuable asset. We find that the Irish Wolfhound has them all.

It is a pity that this large hound is still a myth to some people in Ireland. Many ask if he is a Great Dane, a sad reflection of the state of public knowledge of our great hound. We believe that this is an area to be looked at by the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland. We feel that if this most wonderful breed was more fully appreciated at home, there would be less large dogs of foreign extraction and more Wolfhounds in the country.

It is eighteen months since we got our hound and he still seems to be growing. The encouragement and eagerness of the members of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland were without doubt a major contributory factor to our understanding and care of our beloved Wolfhound. We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all concerned.

# DENTITION

by Miss N. Twyman, M.R.C.V.S.

There is evidence that an epidemic of "Dentition Mania" is spreading to the West from the Continent of Europe across the English Channel, the Irish Sea and the Atlantic.

Why? First of all we have up to the present time been perfectly satisfied when told that an animal had a "good mouth" which was understood to mean that he had a level or scissor bite. No thought or mention of premolars.

I have shown Irish Wolfhounds and the occasional Whippet for the past 24 years in Ireland and G.B. and I cannot ever remember a judge looking further than the incisor teeth and the bite. I have done the same when judging myself but in passing have noticed an occasional missing premolar but did not attach any importance to it. On the other hand when I have judged on the Continent I have conscientiously looked at every premolar presented to me, otherwise I might have been accused of carelessness!

Perhaps we should take into consideration the fact that in Europe the attitude towards livestock breeding is not quite the same as our own. All animals and even rabbits and fish are tagged and their breeding performance recorded and those not up to standard are culled and if edible eaten.

Carried to the extreme some dog breeders assess the conformation of their animals with the help of protractors, rulers and endless calculations.

Now to return to teeth. I have recently read an excellent article by Mrs. Garriss in the magazine of the Irish Wolfhound Association of New England re missing teeth in Sighthounds. There is one point which I would like to question. 'Is this condition of incomplete dentition of recent origin or has it only lately been noticed?' In my opinion it is the latter.

Missing premolars can occur in any breed. I have recently looked at the teeth of our collection of Irish Wolfhounds, Whippets, Jack Russell Terriers and one Sheepdog type mongrel who was the only one to have one second premolar missing.

I think that possibly this dentition consciousness originated with the German Shepherd breeders on the Continent because in their early days there was trouble with tooth irregularities. Their breed Standard states that there must be 42 teeth present.

In the K.C. Breed Standards of the Hound Group, 4 breeds state level or even bite, 10 scissor bite and 6 breeds listed do not mention teeth in their Standards and 6 breeds include overshot or undershot mouths in their lists of faults. No mention of premolars!

Ireland, U.K. and U.S.A. use the same dental formulae but the Continental formula classes the 4th premolar in the upper jaw as a molar, but the total of 42 teeth is the same.

In the following formulae the figures represent half of the upper and lower jaws so to arrive at the total number of teeth multiply each line by 2. These formulae are taken from Miller's Anatomy of the Dog, so far the most comprehensive work on this subject

I = Incisors; C = Canine; PM = Premolar; M = Molar

## DECIDUOUS DENTITION

$$I \frac{3}{3} \quad C \frac{1}{1} \quad PM \frac{3}{3} = 28$$

## PERMANENT DENTITION

$$I \frac{3}{3} \quad C \frac{1}{1} \quad PM \frac{4}{4} \quad M \frac{2}{3} = 42$$

## ERUPTION OF PERMANENT TEETH

Incisors	Central	2-5 months
	Intermediate	2-5 months
	Corner	4-5 months (most breeds)
Canines		5-6 months
Premolars	First	4-5 months
	Second	6 months
	Third	6 months
	Fourth	4-5 months
Molars	First	5-6 months
	Second	6-7 months
	Third	6-7 months

At this present day concern, apart from the placement of the incisors, rests on the presence or absence of one or more premolars. The most usual missing teeth are one or both 1st premolars in the lower jaw. Nos. 2 and 3 are not so likely to be missing. Premolars in the upper jaw can all be affected. The 4th premolar is already present.

The 1st premolar is very small and is not present as a deciduous tooth and appears permanently in puppies of 4-5 months of age and this is where the trouble for breeders arises. How many people are willing to keep an Irish Wolfhound puppy to this age for a Continental and perhaps now a U.S. buyer? Then no 42 teeth, no sale.

How many past and present champions would have been discarded if this premolar obsession had existed? And what about the future?

In my opinion it is far more important for the benefit of the breed to pay attention to conformation, soundness, movement and general breed type rather than concentrate on one or two missing, small, useless teeth.

## Comment

I often wonder how many Wolfhound exhibitors actually read the standard of the breed and of those that do how many think about the significance of the various points. On a couple of points of the standard I find some exhibitors views hard to understand. I cannot equate their comments with my interpretation of the wording of the standard.

Below I have outlined the points of the standard about which I feel the requirements of the standard are in many cases being ignored.

**General Appearance:** THE IRISH WOLFHOUD SHOULD NOT BE QUITE SO HEAVY OR MASSIVE AS THE GREAT DANE, BUT MORE SO THAN THE DEERHOUD WHICH IN GENERAL TYPE IT SHOULD OTHERWISE RESEMBLE. This point is a major worry as a lot of judges think that the more massive a Wolfhound is the better, forgetting that the breed should be less massive than the Great Dane. The Irish Wolfhound is a coursing hound that was required to hunt its quarry (wolves and deer) at speed. Power was needed to make the kill but the quarry had first of all to be caught. When one considers the strength of a bitch of average size one can appreciate that extra power is not required.

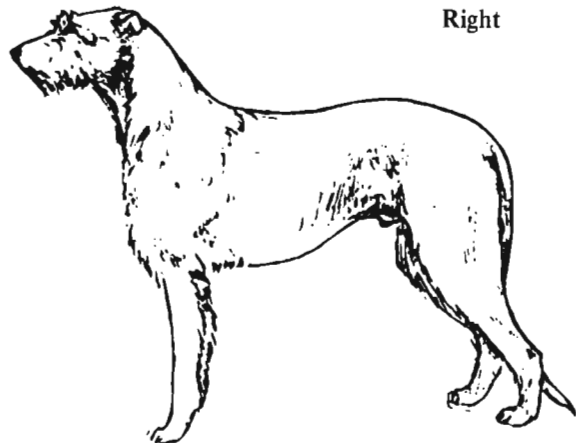
**Head:** The standard calls for a LONG HEAD with a LONG MUZZLE WHICH IS MODERATELY POINTED. As Mr. Everitt of the famous Felixstowe Wolfhounds said of the breed's muzzle, "distinctly not square; it should have the appearance of being undercut rather than square until the teeth have been inspected, when it is seen that the teeth

are level" (or Scissor-bite). A good Irish Wolfhound head is a thing of beauty compared to the square heads with the short muzzles and heavy lips so often seen. How many times have you heard exhibitors admiring Wolfhounds for their nice(!) square heads?

**Ears: SMALL AND GREYHOUND LIKE IN CARRIAGE** are required by the standard. Some exhibitors seem to be satisfied if their hound's ears are not overly large and flat and they completely disregard the point that they should be carried high as in the greyhound and should be semi-erect when looking at objects in the distance. Small, folded, high-carried ears add to the sighthound image which the breed should have and so many Wolfhounds have lost

**Neck: The standard calls for a WELL-ARCHED NECK.** This is another forgotten point as very few hounds now have it. This is a pity as a nicely arched neck combined with a shapely topline produces a beautiful effect. The arch on the neck is required by hounds to help absorb the shock produced as the mouth is violently closed when making a kill.

**Back: RATHER LONG THAN SHORT, LOIN ARCHED,** It is the back that gives sighthounds so much of their distinctive shape and type. What is required is a reasonably long back, with minimal dip behind the shoulders, with a gentle curve over the loins. The arch over the loins should continue in one continuous curve down the croup to a reasonably low set tail. I find it hard to accept the ideas of some exhibitors as to the correct topline. To my amazement I once had such ideas explained to me thus:- "the correct (!) topline is produced by the dip behind the shoulders, followed by a rise to the loins, with a high point at the junction of the loins and the croup and a subsequent drop to the tail!! Such a construction combined with an overly steep croup can produce a hound with an artificial impression of good shape.



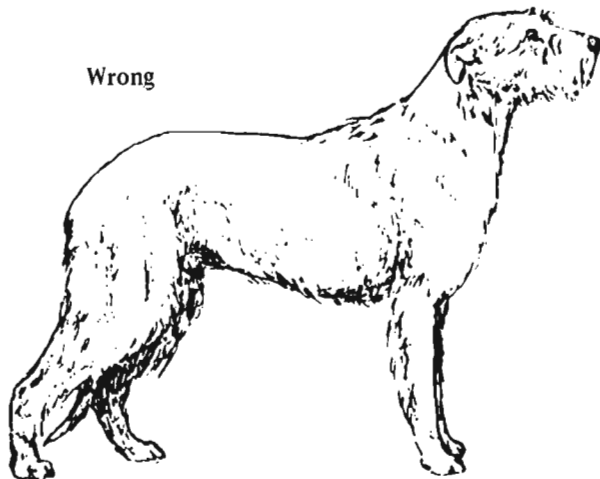
A sketch of an Irish Wolfhound showing:- a long muzzle, high set ears and a good topline.

Such hounds are to be seen among the top winners in a number of countries. Hounds with such toplines are faulty because the dip behind the shoulders is a weakness, the overly steep croup shortens the rearward thrust of the hindlegs and lastly because they lack the true arched loins required by sighthounds for the double suspension gallop.

I should hope that all breeders and exhibitors of Irish Wolfhounds feel they are the present day custodians of the same breed of dog that hunted with the ancient Celts two thousand years ago.

Billy Clarke

Wrong



A sketch of an Irish Wolfhound showing:- a square head, low set ears, a neck lacking an arch, a dip behind the shoulders, sloping and straight loins and an overly steep croup.

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# STARTING A DOG'S LIFE

by Mrs. Toni England

When I was invited to write this article, my immediate reaction was—what do I know about Wolfhounds, breeding or rearing litters? The reply was—probably as much as most folk. I don't pretend that this will be instructive to anyone, purely informative, just my experience of breeding a first litter. I wish my bitch, Colleen could talk, as it was her first time as well.

Naturally, she was keen enough come mating time though she had no idea what she had let herself in for. As it turned out she has been an excellent mother, although not understanding what was happening when she started to whelp. She dropped the first pup and just ran across to me, but having put her nose to the little one, instinctively did all the right things. All things considered, she had an easy enough time giving birth, with no complications though typically she started at 1 a.m. By 5.30 we were both exhausted, but the proud "mums" of four puppies. At birth they weighed an average 1lb 6ozs, and the growth and weight gain particularly during the first three weeks were so phenomenal as to be visible daily.

I used to sit and just watch the pups with their mum for hours, a whole new world was unfolding, an education in itself. One hears of "blind instinct"—I've now seen it in action. The puppy is suddenly, explosively ejected from its warm, safe uncomplicated world into who knows where? He doesn't know which way is up, yet unerringly he heads straight to his food source, automatically knowing how to make the milk flow.

Physical contact seems to play a large part in their feeling of security—not necessarily contact with their mother, but with each other or even myself if one got separated. Rightly or wrongly, I was handling those pups in one instance only 15 minutes after its birth yet the mother knew they were perfectly safe, and of course they all grew up trusting me. Smell, sound and touch are all they have to go on until they can see and move around. Their eyes opened about the 14th day, but I guess they could not see much for another 3 or 4 days. If they could, they gave the impression of being Kamikaze trainees.

They were born in our house for convenience more than anything else, as not only was it very cold mid-February, but my leg won't allow me to constantly run about. We made a wooden box 4'6" x 4'6" deep, lined with thick newspapers and on old warm sheet on top. It meant washing the sheet daily but was well worth the effort. Once they all found their legs and could climb in and out of the box, enough was enough, so at 27 days they went outside into deep straw in the shed. They could get into an enclosed run at will, but in fine weather I leave the door open for them to run around in the field. Their favourite place seems to be under the small trees around the fences, especially if there is long grass round them. I've watched some great games of hide and seek. They don't just come to me looking for food, it's honest to goodness affection, wanting to play, to be fussed. It often ends up with me sitting in the shed being climbed all over by four tumbling heaps of fun and fur, which usually end up fast asleep. I'm then torn between not disturbing them and going for a cup of coffee. The coffee usually wins.

We have always had a close personal relationship with our animals, especially dogs, and I firmly believe that the mutual trust and close affection between dog and owner pays dividends. I feel I understand my dog, and she in her way is able to communicate her needs to me. I think it paid off when she whelped.

One of the funniest events was when they first seriously stood up on all four legs and really tried to find out about this thing called walking. I happened to be watching when one pup got up, seemed to look around making sure the coast was clear, none of mum's legs in the way, and then moved his front legs 2 inches forward, wobbled a bit, looked round again and then you could almost see him thinking about the next move. Suddenly his back legs shot forward together kicking his front legs out from under him and there he was in a heap going nowhere. The expression on his face was almost one of "what went wrong". I think he was playing to an audience, because his next move was to stand up, wag his tail and take three definite if wobbly steps right back to the milky-bar and home comforts. After that it was hilarious watching them all try. Then they went through the phase of standing up facing one another and nose-butting till one sat down or more likely both fell down.

She has produced a fine litter of pups, happy and healthy, all of which are a credit to her and the relevant breeding (no advertising). I have sometimes been accused of being too soft, treating her and the pups more like children than dogs, yet I'm sure children would be easier to cope with and a lot less bother. I feel with dogs as with anything else, you only get out what you put in.

Overall, my first experience has been tremendously rewarding, and one I would not have missed. Probably most of you reading this have felt exactly the same as I have at some time or another, and can understand my feelings. I've made a few mistakes, learnt a lot, and now understand the reasons for certain behaviour. One thing for certain, I look forward to her next litter with anticipation and confidence.



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