

THE IRISH HOUND



The Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland

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1986

The Irish Wolfhound

The standard of excellence and list of points in order of merit.

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 otherwise resemble. Of great size and commanding appearance, very muscular, strongly though gracefully built, movements easy and active; head and neck carried high; the tail carried with an upward sweep with a slight curve towards the extremity.

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

2. *Head:* Long, the frontal bones of the forehead very slightly raised and very little indentation between the eyes. Skull, not too broad. Muzzle, long and moderately pointed. ears small and Greyhound-like in carriage. Bite, scissors ideal, level acceptable.
3. *Neck:* Rather long, very strong and muscular, well arched, without dewlap or loose skin about the throat.
4. *Chest:* Very deep. Breast wide.
5. *Back:* Rather long than short. Loins arched.
6. *Tail:* Long and slightly curved, of moderate thickness, and well covered with hair.
7. *Belly:* Well drawn up.
8. *Forequarters:* Shoulders muscular, giving breadth of chest, set sloping. Elbows well under, neither turned inwards nor outwards. *Leg:* Forearm muscular, and the whole leg strong and quite straight.
9. *Hindquarters:* Muscular thighs and second thigh long and strong as in the Greyhound, and hocks well let down and turning neither in nor out.
10. *Feet:* Moderately large and round, neither turned inwards nor outwards. Toes, well arched and closed. Nails, very strong and curved.
11. *Hair:* Rough and hard on body, legs and head; especially wiry and long over eyes and under jaw.
12. *Colour and markings:* The recognized colours are grey, brindle, red, black, pure white, fawn, or any colour that appears in the Deerhound.
13. *Faults:* Too light or too heavy a head, too highly arched frontal bone; large ears and hanging flat to the face; short neck; full dewlap; too narrow or too broad chest; sunken or hollow or quite straight back; bent forelegs; overbent fetlocks; twisted feet; spreading toes; too curly a tail; weak hindquarters and a general want of muscle; too short in body; pink or liver-coloured eyelids; lips and nose any colour rather than black; very light eyes.

List of Points in order of Merit

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

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

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EDITORIAL

I wish to thank Tim Finney, Betty Murphy, Billy Clarke and George Pritchard for their work on the magazine. We are indebted to Mary Hughes for all her help with layout and printing, especially with the photographs, as this has always been a problem in the past.

I would like to be able to say we are getting so much material we are unable to accept it all for this issue, but no, it's the same old story. We are lucky we have the usual few. I am sorry we are unable to include the I.K.C. Registrations in this issue as planned, for reasons "beyond our control".

Please get involved in your Club Magazine.

JIM BEHAN



THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Club Championship Show 1986— The Exhibitors and their Hounds

The Club extends a warm welcome to each of the seven new exhibitors at the 1986 Breed Show: Mr. J. Boyce came from Co. Down with Finn McCool of Lisbrook; Mr. Cox brought his Zebedee of Callaighstown and Mrs. O'Keefe from Dublin had Cillian of Knockbrack, all three were in Junior Dog. Miss A. Kérins, Co. Dublin, brought three young bitches, Jeans Joy, Patricia and Limara of Nutstown. Tara & Joe McMullan, Co. Down, brought their young English bred hound Wyllas Beltane. Joe's skill with the video camera is proving to be a great asset to the Club. Thank you, Joe. Francis Cosgrave, Dublin, brought Ramblin Gael.

A special welcome to Siobhan Brooks, Co. Galway, who is back in the ring again with a young bitch, Newtownhill Moonlight. Siobhan bred Miss Seale's well known Ch. Ballykelly Errislannan Liam. A special welcome also to Mrs. Seabrook, who has come to live in Ireland with her wolfhounds, Owenmore Finn MacCool (male), Owenmore Cinniunth (puppy bitch) and Pedomers Will O'The Wisp (veteran), were at the Show.

We were pleased to have five of the 1985 new exhibitors back again this year; most of them are by now well established in the show ring. Welcome again to: Mr. A. Bergin with Glen na Smol of Nutstown; Mr. & Mrs. Carlisle with Chapelleigh Barun; Barry Foley with Newtownhill Be-Just; Maureen Redmond with Guillemot of Callaighstown and Brian Rickaby with Marshgrove Trixies Queen.

One of the features which makes our Club Show special is having some competition from across the water. Thank you Mrs. Lark who came from Scotland with Jolanda Attraya (young male) and Andelain Magic (bitch); and Mr. & Mrs. Nowell from Yorkshire who brought Hydebeck Reginald Snuffson and Eng. Ch. Hydebeck Ballycarrie. As can be seen from the Show Report Mrs. Nowell had a very good day. Congratulations, Mr. & Mrs. Nowell, we hope you will campaign Reginald in Ireland so that he may win his Irish title.

Catherine Abbott, Athcarne Dealgan and Athcarne Cian, has been invited to judge the Club's Open Show in Waterford this year. *Note the date, 30th August, 1987.* Mrs. Bremner entered Killykeen Banshee of Newtownhill. Note that her Ch. Beau Flynn is still alive and well at 11 years, see Golden Age Column. Anne & Liesel Butler brought Lady Maeve of Lisbrook. Mr. Garrett's Sheila of Clinta made the journey down from Northern Ireland for the Show, and Kitty Mernagh came from Co. Waterford with Ballyvalla Aoife of Moonvoy.

Jim & Bernadette Lowth had their first home-bred puppy, Russfinlow Fury, and the dam Keereen Queen of Russfinlow.

Kathleen McCumisky and Maureen Miller had Donal of Bearna Bui and Carrokeel Mulligan. These ladies take a lot of good humoured teasing about their two big, much loved hounds. The two ladies believe they are in charge but we suspect that the hounds think otherwise!

George Pritchard had his first home bred puppy, Agathenor Alvis. Connie Taylor had her Axel (litter brother of Alvis) and Nutstown Caesar. Mrs. Sugars brought her home-bred Reemaide of Callaighstown. It was a bitter-sweet day for Seamus Buggle, while his Carrokeel Clasby had a very successful day, he himself was very ill at the Show, so congratulations and commiserations Seamus.

Ika & Ulli Peiler (Knocknarea I.W.) who come all the way from Co. Sligo, entered five hounds, including home-bred youngsters Knocknarea Bricill and Knocknarea Blagh. With conscientious breeders like the Peilers, and the return of Siobhan Brooks (Errislannan) to active breeding, the breed will have some strong representation in the West of Ireland. (The main distribution of breeders tends to be along the East coast from North to South with the majority within 35 miles of Dublin). Mike & Kathy Thorpe, (Keereen) from Waterford had four hounds including two young litter mates, Keereen Magic Warlock and Keereen Madam Roween. Anita and Mel Wilcox, (Chulchoill) from Co. Laois also had four hounds, including Knocknarea Caoimhe of Culchoill, daughter of their Athcarne Oisín. Our apologies to John Hughes from Co. Wicklow who never fails to support our Show, but this year his schedule did not arrive in time.

Jim Behan, whose expertise and generosity as a handler makes him the busiest man on the day, had his renowned veteran Int. Ch. Mary of Nutstown (Beauty) entered. Sadly, "Beauty" died not long after the show at 10 years of age. Not only Jim and his family, but all Irish breeders felt a sense of loss when this outstanding bitch passed on. Fortunately for the breed, her quality lives on in her offspring.

Billy Clarke had no less than four hounds entered in veteran, which surely makes them worth of mention: Coolbreagh Caha (10 years); Coolbreagh Onora (9 years); Ch. Coolbreagh Athcarne Clodagh (8 years); and Ballykelly Siofra (7 years). Tim & Marion Finney had three hounds entered, including their puppy dog, Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh. Happily, their Int. Ch. Carrokeel Coillte Merlin is alive and well at 11 years of age.

Hilda Hughes, our Club secretary, entered her bitch Longstown Summer Glow, which she co-owns with Ian Lyons. This bitch goes back to the original lines present in her first wolfhound, Anvaar of

Mt. Patrick. Tony Killykeen-Doyle showed his young dog Killykeen Mars. Tony does not attend many shows so it is always nice to see him at the Club Show. John & Kathleen Kelly had six hounds entered and present, including puppy bitch Princess Dhu of Nutstown. They had two champions entered in veteran, Ch. Sara of Nutstown and Int. Ch. Carrokeel Sir Connel of Nutstown, both eight years old. Sadly, the renowned Int. Ch. Nutstown King died earlier in the year at 10 years of age. His qualities too live on in his offspring. Kathleen, who was ill and in hospital during the year, is now looking well again.

Tony & Ger Redmond, whose young and very active family keeps them busy, always manage to come along and support the Club Show. This year they had three hounds, including puppy bitch Coolbreagh Crana. Sue & Miles Rathbone-Scott had four hounds entered, including their young dog, Brabyns Tobermorey of Tullygirvan. As official photographer and our auctioneer, Miles is a busy man at the Club Show. Thank you, Miles for two jobs always well done.

In Memoriam

Des McKenna

Des McKenna, whose name has long been associated with our Club Show, died last summer following a short illness. Since we held our championship show as a separate event in 1973, Des has been Show Manager and then Show Director up to and including



*Des with his
winner of the
children's
handling,
Grainne
Redmond,
at our Club
Ch. Show, 1986.*

Sheelagh Seale arrived late, but just in time for veteran class with her Dunleary Eileen Oge. Her Ballykelly Dhu was also entered. Isobel Walton, who can always be relied upon to give the Club show as much support as possible, had seven hounds entered, including litter sisters, both blacks, Tolkavalley Ardmore & Tolkavalley Ardkeen, and Tolkavalley Lady Jane in veteran. My own hounds, Carrokeel Kalypso, Carrokeel Athcarne Eimar and Rurik of Solstrand (Viking) were entered but not present.

A special word of thanks to our Judge, Her Jürgen Rösner (Oelmühle I.W.) who came over from Germany for the Show. See his critique with Club Show results.

You may have noticed the absence of New Champions section this year. The fact is no champions were made up. It is not entirely surprising that this should happen sometime. With the points system operating in Ireland, based on the number of hounds present in the ring, on average a hound has to win Best of Sex more than eight times before it gets its title. As current champions are often competing, making up your hound can be a long hard trail.

E.C. MURPHY

our last show in June 1986. In recent years we had a Children's Handling Parade at the end of the day, an event eagerly looked forward to by all the children present. Each year Des directed, as much as judged, this event giving every child the chance to participate and enjoy their first experience of being in the ring.

Des and May, his wife, have had a lifetime experience working with and showing dogs. He was a founder member of the Irish Breeds Society and had a long association with Bray Show and Boxer Obedience Club. He was a member of An Ard Comhairle of The Irish Kennel Club and was IKC credited to judge all breeds.

Des & May got their first Irish Wolfhound, Ch. Carrigeen of Tolkavalley in 1973 and Des was a committee member of our Club for many years. May McKenna and her daughter, Maeve, have requested and been granted permission to present a perpetual trophy for the Children's Handling Event in memory of Des.

Mr. D.J. Smyth

Irish Dogdom lost two other eminent and well-known people in the past year. Mr. D.J. Smyth, late Secretary/Director of The Irish Kennel Club, died early last year.

Mr. Smyth's prestige and authority in the Irish Kennel Club was such that people still continued to go to him for advice and guidance long after he had retired. Even while he was in office at the I.K.C. he always managed to let people feel that they were discussing their problems with a friend. Counsel given in a friendly manner, particularly when people are worried and may feel vulnerable, is never forgotten. This kindness was returned to him a

hundredfold by the many people who counted him their friend. He also generated a firm but pleasant approach among his staff at the Irish Kennel Club which, happily, still exists with the present Secretary, Mr. Martin, and his staff.

Mr. Smyth who had a life-long interest in dogs, was an International All-Breed Judge. His own speciality was German Shepherds.

We offer our sympathy to his wife, Maeve, and their son, Patrick.

Mr. J.G. (Sonny) Plunkett

Just recently The Irish Kennel Club suffered a shock at the untimely death of our Chairman, Mr. J.G. (Sonny) Plunkett. Mr. Plunkett was killed in a car accident in January 1987. He was returning home from Junior Handling Competition to get ready for another Doggy event that night. His wife, Kit, and two other friends were in the car. Mrs. Plunkett was detained in hospital for a few weeks and she is now recovering from her injuries but the shock of Sonny's death will take a long time to ease. They were a very united couple.

Sonny Plunkett devoted his life to Irish Dogdom. Indeed after he retired one could say that The Irish Kennel Club and dogs were his life. Most of us first made his acquaintance at the show training class which The Boxer Obedience Club ran in Dublin each week. Irrespective of who you were or what breed you had, Sonny taught everybody how to show their dog to its best advantage.

Thirty years ago, or more, Sonny used to show Dr. May's Wolfhounds for him and he always maintained an interest in the breed afterwards. On a personal note, he taught me how to show my hounds and to understand their qualities. In later years he guided me in some of the research for my book and was always eager to discuss any particularly nice hounds he had seen when judging abroad. Sonny was an International all-breed judge. His special breed was Boxers. He will be remembered as a personality in the Irish Dog Scene.

Eric Hughes

Eric Hughes, husband of our Club Secretary Hilda Hughes, died last Spring. Although not very involved with the dogs himself, Eric was well known to most Wolfhound people and was always ready with a friendly word when one phoned Hilda with some query or other. Eric and Hilda came to live in Ireland in 1960's. Their home is a very picturesque, whitewashed, crescent shaped, thatched bungalow, situated outside the sea-side town of Tramore, Co. Waterford. Indeed it was finding this lovely house that prompted them to come and live in Ireland.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Hilda, and to her son and daughter-in-law who still live in England.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam. (May their souls rest in peace).
E.C. Murphy.



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Annual General Meeting 1986

The A.G.M. was held at the Ashling Hotel, Dublin, on Sunday 23rd November, 1986.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all Members present. He called for a minute's silence for D.J. Smyth, Eric Hughes and Des McKenna who died during the year. The Committee proposed that, in order to avoid any member missing the meeting, two non-members — our stewards at the Club Show should act as scrutineers. This was agreed, but unfortunately one of the stewards was unable to attend.

Anne Courtney was proposed by Mrs. Rathbone-Scott and seconded by Mr. Finney; Jean McDonald was proposed by Mrs. Rathbone-Scott and seconded by Mr. Redmond. They were accepted. The Chairman announced that the full results would be given.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Miss Murphy stated that she was pleased to see so many new people showing. She asked for more activities in the Club — more coursing perhaps! She asked members to consider ways of making money for the Club. She stated that the magazine takes all the subscriptions for the year, but in a way it was an investment as the demand for back numbers continues.

The Chairman thanked Miss Murphy for the successful Get-Together. The Minutes of the previous A.G.M. were read. Mr. Rathbone-Scott proposed acceptance and Mr. Clarke seconded. The Minutes were accepted.

MATTERS ARISING

The Secretary apologised that due to her husband's illness, the letter had not been sent to the I.K.C. re registrations of litters. The Committee had decided to read out the proposed letter, this was done and the letter was approved and will be sent immediately. Re the new Rules of the I.K.C., it was stated that the I.K.C. had rescinded the rule that buyers from overseas must become Associate Members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Finney produced his accounts and these were explained. Miss Walton proposed acceptance and Mr. Redmond seconded. The accounts were accepted.

Methods of raising money were discussed and the new Committee were asked to consider methods, e.g. Wolfhound Stickers; Raffle, to start on St. Patrick's Day with good prizes; Coursing.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

She stated she would like to thank the Officers and Committee for their help during the year, particularly Liam and Kitty Mernagh

for their help in getting out Ballot Papers and Agendas when she was ill.

During the year, 31 new Associate members were accepted and there were 12 new Full Members. She again reminded the members that they must apply for Full Membership. It was not automatic. She stated that there had been a few enquiries for puppies and she had done her best to put them in touch with breeders who had puppies. She asked once again to be advised when puppies were available to make it easier to pass on enquiries.

The Twyman Memorial Bowl: She stated that £600 had been raised and a beautiful silver bowl had been purchased. The Committee had decided that this should be awarded to the Best of Breed at the Club Open Show held in conjunction with the Waterford & District Canine Club Open Show. Miss Twyman's friend, Mrs. Wendy Howell, had agreed to present it.

CLUB SHOWS

The Championship Show was a success and congratulations to all concerned in the running of it, especially our Stewards, Miss Angela Carroll and Miss Ann Courtney, and Mr. Rathbone-Scott, our auctioneer.

The Open Show was also a success, 50 dogs were entered and Mr. Pritchard did an excellent job judging. The Twyman Memorial Bowl was won by Misses McCumisky & Millar with their dog Carrokee! Bearnai Bui Donal. The Moonvoy Cup for Reserve B.O.B. was won by Mr. & Mrs. Finney with their bitch Whysper on Lainston. The Ballyvalla Tray was won by Mrs. Seabrooke with her dog Owenmore Finn MacCool.

As you are probably aware, it is proposed to introduce a Control of Dogs bill in the Dail in the near future. There have been meetings of various Clubs regarding this and several points have been raised with the I.K.C. and she understood that the I.K.C. was taking an active part in the modification of this Bill.

She stated that another problem had been brought to her notice, it does not at the moment concern our breed, but the mind boggles! It concerns the Cork area at present — in brief it is an AnCO 32-week course to train people in dog and cat breeding. It is suggested that after training, each prospective breeder should acquire 40 breeding bitches. All small dogs with the exception of O.E. Sheepdogs and Cocker Spaniels and 2 of breeder's own choice. All stud dogs to be supplied by a Mr. Leahy, and I quote, "a well-known judge and exhibitor". The breeders to take their bitches to his dogs for mating. No registration costs would be incurred by the breeders, as all registrations would be done in Cork. Mr. Leahy would take all pups at 6 weeks old and export them to Italy, France, Spain and perhaps U.S.A.

A breakdown of costs were stated:

Buildings, Kennels etc.	£8,000
Purchase of Stock	£3,000

It was hoped to get a 60% grant to cover this.

It was estimated that 40 bitches would produce 1.5 litters per year — 5 pups per bitch. £60 per pup would be paid = £300. Cost of feeding: £100 per bitch and £50 per litter — a profit of £150 per litter = £6,000 per year!

The whole idea is horrific and that Government money is being put into this is a disgrace. This has been brought to the notice of the I.K.C.

Our thanks and appreciation should go to Miss Murphy for the Get-Together in Carbury and to Mr. & Mrs. Finney and Mr. & Mrs. Buggle for the coursing meetings.

She said she would like to bring to the notice of the members that copies of the video of the Club Show are available at £15 and, for every one sold, £10 is to go to the Club.

She again asked to be advised of any changes of addresses and any points of interest to the Club.

RESCUE FUND

Mr. Redmond stated it had been quite a good year, 3 dogs had been placed, not particularly 'rescues'. A bitch had been found a new home and spayed at a cost of £50. None had been in bad condition. He asked for diligence by members by keeping a watchful eye.

An advertisement for puppies as Christmas presents was brought to the notice of the meeting — this could be a big problem!

Members were asked if they get enquiries from overseas to encourage the prospective owners to look around first.

It was agreed to put an advertisement in the Breeders Register under the Secretary's name c/o the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland. It was suggested a Club 'ad' in 'The Visitor', also to keep an 'ad' in the papers to counter any 'ads' for puppies.

QUESTIONNAIRE FROM I.K.C.

The Secretary brought to the notice of the meeting, a questionnaire received from the I.K.C. concerning siting and usage of a new I.K.C. premises. This was discussed at length and a vote was taken as to whether it should be filled in, the majority was against. A letter was to be sent to say the meeting felt unsure about it — it was finally agreed to leave it to the new Committee.

DISCUSSION

The question of Puppy Spoons advertised as being presented by the Club at St. Stephen's Day Show was raised and it was stated that this had been discontinued due to the cost. The Chairman to advise the Show Committee of the position.

A query was raised about Bone Meal, any difference between

meal for gardens and dogs. Mrs. Peiler agreed to write to makers and ask.

RESULT OF ELECTION

President: Miss E.C. Murphy; *Vice-Presidents:* Miss Walton, Mrs. S. Rathbone-Scott; *Chairman:* Mr. J. Behan; *Hon. Treasurer:* Mr. T. Finney; *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs. H. Hughes; *Committee:* Mrs. K. Kelly, Mr. W. Clarke, Mr. G. Pritchard, Mrs. K. Mernagh, Mrs. T. Redmond, Mr. S. Buggle.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Miss E. Murphy proposed that Miss Sheelagh Seale should be made an Hon. Life Member. This was seconded by Miss Walton. As she was already a life member, Mrs. Rathbone-Scott proposed that she be invited to become our first Patron. This was accepted unanimously.

A letter from Mr. Beare was handed in at the meeting re the Ballykelly Appeal, which he had launched.

Mr. Pritchard and several other members took exception to its inference that the Club had done nothing — he said his offer still stood about looking after her Wolfhounds.

A long discussion ensued and it was finally decided to have a Get-Together at Miss Murphy's on 7th December in aid of Sheelagh — this was to be an auction and Mr. Rathbone-Scott agreed to act as auctioneer.

Miss Walton proposed that £50 be given from the Rescue Fund, Mr. Redmond seconded. Mr. Pritchard agreed to organise fuel. After further discussion, it was agreed to send a letter to Sheelagh to ask her if she would agree to become Patron of the Club and if so this would be ratified at the next A.G.M. Miss Walton proposed that Mrs. Fottrell become an Hon. Life Member, Mr. Finney seconded and this was carried.

Miss Murphy asked for details of any 10 year and 11 year old hounds for new sections in the magazine to encourage awareness of longevity.

PET-BREEDING AS A CAREER

There was a long discussion — the meeting expressed horror at the details given by the Secretary and agreed to take all opportunities to publicise the horrific details.

THE DES McKENNA MEMORIAL TROPHY

Mrs. May McKenna expressed her thanks to the meeting for the support shown to herself and her daughter, Maeve, during her recent bereavement. She mentioned that Des had particularly enjoyed his yearly task of judging the Children's Handling Parade at our Championship Show, and asked that she might be permitted to donate a perpetual trophy for the winner of the Children's Handling Parade. This was accepted with pleasure by the meeting.

LONGEVITY IN IRISH WOLFHOUNDS

9th or 10th Birthday Between
1/1/85 & 31/12/86

Int. Ch. Carrokeel Coillte Merlin 26/2/1976 — living

Ch. Boroughbury Justice x Erindale Vanda

Ch. Beau Flynn of Newtown Hill 30/3/1976 — living

Paul of Ballinaboy x Townleyhall Cora

Moonbeam of Newtown Hill 30/3/1976 — 8/1986

Paul of Ballinaboy x Townleyhall Cora

Martinel of Newtown Hill (Sweden) 30/3/1976 — living

Paul of Ballinaboy x Townleyhall Cora

Coolbreagh Onora 22/7/1977 — 6/1986

Ch. Boroughbury Justice x Coolbreagh Ciara

Coolbreagh Caha 13/2/1976 — living

Ch. Boroughbury Justice x Coolbreagh Ciara

Int. Ch. Mary of Nutstown 24/4/1976 — 9/6/1986

Ch. Boroughbury Justice x Maeve of Balgee

Int. Ch. Nutstown King 13/2/1976 — 4/1986

Ch. Ballykelly Errislannan Liam x Ch. Nutstown Queen

Dunleary Eileen Oge 21/6/1977

Luath of St. Doulaghs x Ballykelly Dubhain

This is only the start to recording longevity in Irish Wolfhounds. We ask anyone who has had a Hound who lived to 9 years or over please to send us NAME, AGE, DATE OF BIRTH, DATE OF DEATH, SIRE, DAM, from 1970. Thank you.

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Miss I. Walton (Tolkavalley)

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Lure Coursing

During 1986 and up to April 1987, four lure coursing meetings were held, and it is good to see the growing enthusiasm for this alternative dog sport. We have been particularly indebted to Seamus Buggle for making this possible by providing us with a lure machine designed and engineered by himself, and for keeping it running reliably in all Irish weathers. Ulli & Ika Peiler also kindly donated a carving of a Wolfhound as a trophy.

So far, the meetings have been pretty informal affairs with practice runs for beginners and straightforward knockout competitions over a straight course of around 200 yards. A fair proportion of our hounds are keen and willing to follow, and it has been very enjoyable and interesting to watch how our breed functions at the full gallop. Afterwards everyone retires indoors to tea and I.W. videos, and generally the atmosphere is much more cordial and relaxed than we are used to at dog shows; everyone has time to sit about and chat.

Now, however, the regular supporters are looking for something more sophisticated and demanding, and a sub-committee of the Club has been formed to look after things. Shortly, we hope to get a variable speed, portable lure machine, and Melvin and Anita Wilcox have kindly donated a cup for the annual points winner. Ultimately, we expect to be running the hounds over several hundred yards around an irregularly shaped course laid out with the use of pulleys, and with a local motorcyclist to re-lay the line between releases. There will be about four meetings a year, held as far as possible at different venues to suit everybody.

Numbers so far have varied from 15 to 25 hounds, and we should certainly benefit from a bigger turnout. Better organisation should attract some, but one of the difficulties is contacting non-showing owners. Anyone wishing to find out about future events please contact any of the following:—

Seamus Buggle Tel: 0507-26625
Tim & Marion Finney 01-411988
Melvin & Anita Wilcox 0502-37160

Winners at recent meetings have been:

April 1986 at Finney's: Billy Clarke's Coolbreagh Deirdriu.

October 1986 at Finney's: Melvin & Anita Wilcox' Rurik of Bearna Buí.

January 1987 at Buggle's: Melvin & Anita Wilcox' Rurik of Bearna Bhui.

April 1987 at Finney's: Joe & Tara McMullan's Whyllas of Beltane ('Reilly').

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Profile

WILLIAM (BILLY) CLARKE

Coolbreagh Irish Wolfhounds

Billy Clarke had a keen interest in the breed for some time before he got his first Wolfhound. Thus when, in 1974, he decided to book his first puppy he selected one which would be both companion and show dog. Gerard Clarke bred Billy's first puppy bitch, Coolbreagh Ciara (Fergus of Fionn Uisce by Deirdre of Kilmachdu). Deirdre's dam was Maureen of Ballytobin, bred by the late Dr. R.J. May, so Ciara combined two well known and long established Irish lines — Fionn Uisce and Ballytobin.

In addition to showing, Billy took Ciara through Obedience competition — her enjoyment of both was a reflection of the many happy hours Billy devoted to training Ciara at home. Ciara had three Green Stars to her credit and she won the Best Movement Trophy at our 1978 Breed Championship show under Elsie James.



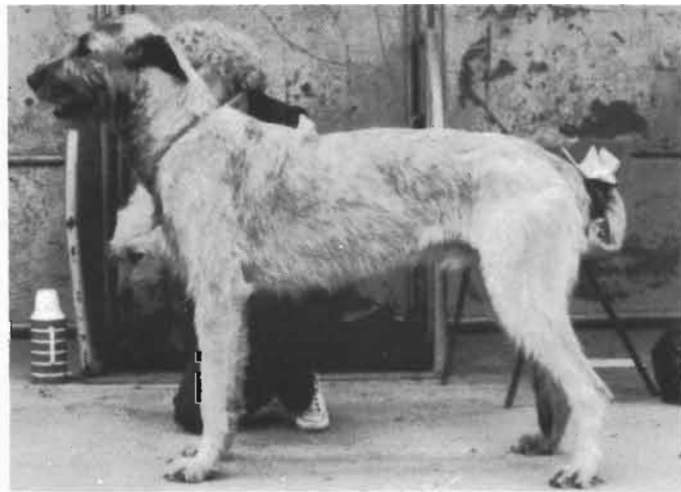
Coolbreagh Caha and Coolbreagh Onora

In the fullness of time, Ciara was bred to Ch. Boroughbury Justice producing: Coolbreagh Caha, winner of three Green Stars, one Best of Breed, and who is still alive and well at 11 years of age; Coolbreagh Cailte who became dam of Ch. Kracken Kaiser; U.S. Ch. Athcarne Coolbreagh Conn and Carrokeel Coolbreagh MacEoin who stayed in Ireland but unfortunately was not shown — he sired Billy's Ballykelly Siofra and is grandsire of Carrokeel Kalypso. Another bitch from the Ciara/Justice breeding was Coolbreagh Onora who in later years was bred to Int. Ch. Nutstown King and produced U.S. Ch. Coolbreagh Dineen.



Coolbreagh Deirdriu

In 1979, Ciara was bred to Moonvoy Rory Oh Aodha producing, among others Coolbreagh Danu and Coolbreagh Deirdriu, both of whom excelled at coursing. A big bitch, Deirdriu won the Height & Soundness Bitch trophy at our 1980 Breed Championship Show and took Green Star Bitch at the Sporting Breeds Show.



Coolbreagh Mac an Ree

In 1978 Ch. Coolbreagh Athcarne Clodagh came to join the Coolbreagh group as a puppy. Bred by Tony Redmond, Clodagh's parents were Eng. Ch. Outwaite Am Cu by Ch. Athcarne Siofra, she won her title with multiple Green Star (8) wins to her credit and was Best of Breed at St. Patrick's Day show in 1981. Bred to Int.



Coolbreagh Crana

Ch. Nutstown King, Clodagh produced Coolbreagh Mac An Ree, a handsome hound now owned by Jean McDonald in England. More recently, Clodagh was bred to Killykeen Mars, some of these puppies, now just over a year old are already appearing in the show ring. Tony Redmond's Coolbreagh Crana looks a very attractive bitch, Dagmar Kenis is very pleased with her Coolbreagh Lon Dubh and Billy kept Coolbreagh Maloney himself. A very tall young hound, Maloney will take time before he is mature enough for the show ring.



Coolbreagh Brega

In 1983 Coolbreagh Onora was bred to Athcarne Fintan and produced Coolbreagh Brega who is the leading light of the Coolbreaghs at present. She took Best of Breed at the Hibernian Ch. Show 1986 and again at Drogheda 1986 — the latter under Miss D.E.S. Hudson.



Coolbreagh Dualtach

Billy had four hounds entered in Veteran at our Breed Show 1986, Caha 10 years at that time, Onora 9 years, Clodagh 8 years and Ballykelly Siofra at 7 years.

Billy is a keen naturalist and has a wealth of books on all animals. His interest in the structure, conformation and movement of all animals, especially those that hunt in the wild, has given him an unusually good understanding of the conformation and movement of the Irish Wolfhound.



Ch. Coolbreagh Athcarne Clodagh

GREEN STAR WINNERS — 1986

Show	Judge	Green Star Winners	G.S.	Value
Irish Kennel Club	Mrs. A. Argyle	Ch Gulliagh Galleon	BOB	10
		Kracken Comet		10
Cork & District	Mrs. E. Beattie	Ch Chieftain of Nutstown	BOB	8
		Kracken Comet		2
Fermoy	Mrs. M. Donaldson	Ch Gulliagh Galleon	BOB	4
		Tullygirvan Bridget		4
Hibernian	Mrs. H. Hughes	Ch Gulliagh Galleon		2
		Coolbreagh Brega	BOB	5
Combined Canine	Mr. M. Daly	Ch. Chieftain of Nutstown	BOB	9
		Kracken Comet		9
Munster Canine	Miss E. C. Murphy	Carrokeel Bearna Bui Donal		3
		Athcarne Nora of Knocknarea	BOB	7
Kilkenny	Mrs. A. Cuthbert	Ch Gulliagh Galleon	BOB	7
		Ch Sorcha of Nutstown		4
Irish Wolfhound Club of 1.	Herr J. Rösner	Hydebeck Reginald Snuffson	BOB	10
		Carrokeel Clasby		10
Dundalk	Mr. R. Roberts	Int Ch Gulliagh Galleon	BOB	9
		Kracken Comet		5
Bray	Mr. K. Stevenson	Int Ch Gulliagh Galleon	BOB	3
		Ch Sorcha of Nutstown		2
Sporting Breeds	Mr. T.A.C. Agnew	Ch. Chieftain of Nutstown	BOB	6
		Galtymore Pride		6
Clonmel	Mr. A.G. Reed	Ch Chieftain of Nutstown	BOB	7
		Carrokeel Clasby		7
Tralee	Mrs. E.J. Minns	Int Ch Gulliagh Galleon	BOB	10
		Galtymore Pride		4
Killarney	Mr. T.N. Finney	Carrokeel Mulligan		4
		Ballalyn's Dancer	BOB	5
Limerick	Mr. W. Eccles	Carrokeel Bearna Bui Donal		4
		Ballalyn's Dancer	BOB	5
Monkstown	Mr. A. Collins	Ch Chieftain of Nutstown	BOB	5
		Kracken Comet		3
Munster Canine	Mrs. K. Plunkett	Ch Chieftain of Nutstown		2
		Ch Sorcha of Nutstown	BOB	2
Drogheda	Mrs. D.E.S. Hudson	Int Ch Gulliagh Galleon		4
		Coolbreagh Brega	BOB	6
Dublin Dog Show Society	Mrs. L. Huet	Carrokeel Mulligan	BOB	7
		Ch Sorcha of Nutstown		5
Bull Breeds	Mrs. E. Ruggles	Ch Chieftain of Nutstown	BOB	10
		Princess Dhu of Nutstown		3
Irish Breeds	Mr. R. Erath	Ch Chieftain of Nutstown		5
		Princess Dhu of Nutstown	BOB	8
Carlow	Mrs. M. Finney	Carrokeel Bearna Bui Donal		4
		Carrokeel Clasby	BOB	5

Best in Show Wins

Cork & District: Ch Chieftain of Nutstown.

Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland:

Hydebeck Reginald Snuffson.

Dundalk: Int Ch Gulliagh Galleon.

Tralee: Int Ch Gulliagh Galleon.

Hound Group Wins

Kilkenny: Int Ch Gulliagh Galleon.

Bull Breeds: Ch Chieftain of Nutstown.

Dublin Dog Show Society:

Carrokeel Mulligan

Annual Champion 1986

Ch Chieftain of Nutstown 52 points.

Runner-up: Int Ch Gulliagh Galleon 49 points.

Compiled by: Billy Clarke

1986 Club Championship Show

With anticipation I ventured to judge your Irish Wolfhounds at one — if not the most — important Breed Shows, the Championship Show of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland. It turned out to be a most memorable and friendly occasion and with the assistance of my efficient stewards, Angela Carroll and Ann Courtney, I really could get going.

I enjoyed assessing your hounds, most of which were presented in hard condition with good harsh coats prevailing. It wasn't just an attempt to show off their masculine superiority that prompted some dogs to curl their tails above topline thus spoiling their appearance and destroying their chances of placement. It is in fact a major fault and offers a challenge to the breeder. We all love the Irish Wolfhound's characteristic flowing lines and curves in the right places — including tail — and should be concerned to keep it all in the breed uncompromisingly.

The overall standard in type, body and bone of your hounds left a favourable impression with me, this being the essentials for successful breeding. I am looking forward to seeing a lot of fine specimens in the future.



Best of Breed and Green Star went to Hydebeck Reginald Snuffson (Mr. & Mrs. C. Nowell) — young dog of wonderful quality who stood out among the dogs; to me an improvement on his sire who won the Reserve Green Star (see below). His head and expression typify our Wolfhound breed, a lovely eye, beautifully folded ears and good furnishings. Strong and long neck, excellent topline, very well angulated hindquarters. Good shoulder and front, well boned, but would wish for better knuckled feet. Extremely well presented, in gleaming coat and excellent

muscular condition, which showed in his free and easy side movement.

Reserve Green Star was Ch. Gulliagh Galleon (Mr. & Mrs. T. Finney), a fully mature dog with a strong masculine head which fits his strongly built body. Extremely well presented with a shining but wiry coat and strongly muscled. Powerful movement. Adequately angulated but very well balanced.

Green Star Bitch became Carrokeel Clasby (Mr. S. Buggle), a substantial wheaten bitch of excellent type, with a really lovely head and expression, small folded ears, smooth neckset, good topline with excellent rise over the loin. Good croup and tailset. Lovely front with beautiful shoulder layback and very powerful hindquarters. A lazy showgirl who could make more of herself and move more actively but very true coming and going.

Reserve Green Star Bitch: Ch. Sara of Nutstown (Mr. & Mrs. J. Kelly), a wonderful breed type and presented in wonderful condition for her age, having won the Veteran Class. Sweet head, lovely small ear and a beautiful expression. Strong movement.



PUPPY DOG

1. Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh (Finney) — red brindle dog puppy of 8 months, very good type with a beautiful head, long neck, very good deep body, lovely shoulders and front, very well angulated rear quarters. Still youthful in movement. Best Puppy.
2. Russfinlow Furey (Lowth) — Black dog puppy of 6 months, the youngest and smallest in the class, but a lovely mover. Lovely head, particularly nice harsh coat. Lovely outline.
3. Whyllas Beltane (McMullan)—8 months old wheaten dog with a lovely head and dark eye. Good topline, nice front and a good coat. Babyish in movement, tail not his fortune.



JUNIOR DOG

1. Keereen Magic Warlock (Thorpe) — Nice red brindle of 15 months, nicely proportioned, who could use more bone for his size and have more depth of body. Best mover in this class.
2. Cillian of Knockbrack (O'Keeffe) — Compact dog of 18 months with a lovely harsh coat. Nice head, eyes and ears. Deep body, sloping topline, not very strong in rear, either standing or moving.
3. Finn McCool of Lisbrook (Boyce) — Well pigmented wheaten dog whose happy temperament resulted in a happy tail. Lovely deep body, nice head and eyes.



NOVICE DOG

1. Athcarne Oisin (Wilcox) — Two year old dog of very good type. Lovely head but rather light in eye, well carried ears. Deep body, well balanced quarters which showed in his strong powerful movement. Later the winner of the movement cup.
2. Glen na Smol of Nutstown (Bergin) — Adequately angulated dog with strong head, good ear carriage, tail carried too high in movement, which was also not very co-ordinated.



GRADUATE DOG

1. Carrokeel Mulligan (McCumisky/Millar) — Very well presented wheaten dog of great substance and lovely type. Lovely masculine head, dark eyes and well folded ears. Medium angulated quarters but moved very well indeed.
2. Bearna Bui Rurik (Wilcox) — Grey dog of lovely type, and with substance, yet quite elegant. Good head and eye although eye could be darker. Well angulated quarters. Moved well.
3. Owenmore Finn MacCool (Seabrook) — Big grey dog of nice type. Large ears rather detract from otherwise good head. Good topline. Well angulated quarters. Carried his tail a little high. Good mover.



LIMIT DOG

1. See BIS and Green Star.
2. Killykeen Mars (Killykeen-Doyle/Marchment) — Powerful yet elegant young dog of very good type, with a nice head, and expression, lovely eyes and ears. Long strong neck, excellent shoulders, very well angulated hindquarters. Body still needs to fill out and mature. Very extended side movement, somewhat loose coming and going.
3. Carrokeel Bearnna Buí Donal (McCumisky/Millar) — Red dog of excellent type and substance shown in very good condition. Very well boned, well angulated quarters. Slightly heavy over the shoulder. Moved very well.



OPEN DOG

1. See Reserve Green Star.
2. Ch. Chieftain of Nutstown (Kelly) — Shapely black dog extremely well presented in a harsh coat, the blackest and shiniest I have ever seen. Good head, eye could be a shade darker. Nice front, with good shoulders and well angulated hind quarters. Today not the positive action of 1.



PUPPY BITCH

1. Owenmore Cinniuint (Seabrooke) — Big substantial wheaten puppy, obviously very well reared. Lovely long head, dark eye and folded ears. Very good topline, very well angulated hind quarters, deep body for her age, toes out a little in front. Moved very well and truly.
2. Princess Dhú of Nutstown (Kelly) — Lovely black puppy of lovely quality and substance for her colour. I didn't find her head and expression attractive, a pity in an otherwise top class puppy. Very good mover.
3. Edenborough Emania of Gullagh (Finney) — Feminine red brindle puppy, not as tall and substantial as 1 or 2 but with a very nice outline, sweet head, dark eyes and good pigment, balanced quarters and a good mover.

JUNIOR BITCH

1. See Winner of Puppy.
2. Keereen Madam Roweena (Thorpe) — Feminine wheaten bitch of lovely quality and an extremely good mover. Lovely head, eye and ears. Very good, well balanced quarters.
3. Knocknarea Blathnaid (Redmond) — Substantial grey brindle bitch of quality; a pity she is a listless mover. Nice head and eyes, ears. Deep body. Balanced quarters. Good mover.



NOVICE BITCH

1. Reemaidd of Callaighstown (Sugars) — Grey brindle bitch of good type and substance, a little heavier in head than I like and also a little light in eye. Very good topline. Deep and capacious body. Good angulation fore and aft. Very good mover.
2. Tolkavalley Ardmore (Walton) — Black bitch with very good bone and substance for her colour, nice head but rather light in eye. Very good angulation front and rear. Not very co-operative with her handler. Very good mover.
3. Tolkavalley Ardkeen (Walton) — Black litter sister of above, very similar but with a darker eye. Needs ring training. Movement difficult to assess.



GRADUATE BITCH

1. Hydebeck Nessa of Gulliagh (Finney) — Tall and substantial red brindle bitch; as yet rather young looking. Nice head which could be more feminine. Lovely deep body, long strong neck, well balanced quarters. Would like a tighter foot. Very good and free movement. Won for tallest and soundest bitch.
2. Marshgrove Queen (Rickaby) — Smaller grey brindle bitch of nice type. Nice head but a rather light eye. Very nice outline and a good mover.
3. Sheila of Clinta (Garrett) — Substantial bitch whose soft topline detracts from an otherwise very good bitch. Medium angulated quarters. Feet could be tighter and ears better folded. Could stand to lose a few pounds.

LIMIT BITCH

1. Kracken Comet (Kelly) — Red wheaten bitch of excellent type. Nice head, although a little heavy in skull. Good ears, eyes and pigmentation. Lovely deep brisket, very good topline and well angulated quarters. Moved very well.
2. Tullygirvan Emar (Rathbone-Scott) — Bitch of lively type, a lovely head, small folded ears, eyes a little light, topline could be stronger, well balanced quarters. Did not move out very well in front.
3. Whysper of Lainston (Clyde) — Lovely wheaten bitch with lovely dark pigmentation obviously very pregnant. Lovely head, dark eye and good ears. Excellent shoulder and wonderfully strong and angulated hindquarters which she used well on the move.



Limit Bitch



OPEN BITCH

1. See Green Star Bitch.
2. Int. Ch. Tullygirvan Liadain (Rathbone-Scott) — Lovely well-known bitch who unfortunately shows her age now and was unwilling to show off herself. Of wonderful type, constructed

beautifully with lovely shoulders and front; excellent rise over the loin, well angulated hindquarters. Sweet feminine head. Good mover.

3. Ch. Hydebeck Ballycarrie (Nowell) — Lovely feminine bitch, a little listless today. Excellent outline, beautiful head and expression. Very good front and rear angulation; didn't move with her usual enthusiasm, and her rear movement was rather narrow. In wonderful coat and condition.



VETERAN DOG OR BITCH

1. See Reserve Green Star Bitch.
2. Coolbreagh Athcarne Clodagh (Clarke) — Wheaten bitch again in lovely condition for her age. Lovely type, nice head but slightly wide in skull. Deep body, very well angulated quarters. Moved well.
3. Int. Ch. Carrokeel Sir Connel of Nutstown (Kelly) — Light brindle dog of nice type, good body and topline, but somewhat steep in croup and with a very low tailset. Well angulated quarters. Moved well.

Judge: *HER JÜRGEN RÖSNER*



Magurie Cup for Best Movement. Wilcox's Athcarne Oisin.



Winner of Brace Class. Kelly's Chs. Sorcha & Chieftain of Nutstown.



O'Meara Challenge Cup for Tallest I.W. Carlisle's Chapelleigh Barun.



Beynon Stud Dog Bowl for best progeny in show. Finney's Ch. Gulliagh Galleon.



Boroimhe Brood Bitch Cup for best progeny in show. Nowell's Eng. Ch. Hydebeck Ballycarrie.



Tullygirvan Points Trophy. McCumisky and Millar's Carrokeel Mulligan.



Carrokeel Annual Trophy for previous year's Annual Champion. Ch. Chieftain of Nutstown.



Tara Trophy for the Tallest and most sound bitch. Finney's Hydebeck Nessa of Gulliagh.



Presentation of the judge, Herr Jürgen Rösner, by our President.

Carlow & District Championship Show

Firstly, I should like to thank the Committee of Carlow Ch. Show for inviting me to judge Irish Wolfhounds there last September. This was my first time awarding Green Stars in the breed, and I enjoyed the experience very much.

To be asked to judge is an honour. One is invited to give one's interpretation of the Standard. I think it is a very good experience as when one is generally exhibiting one gets little time to look in depth at other hounds. It also makes a prospective judge re-read the Standard and have a good long think about what it contains. What I tried to do when judging was to take the whole hound into consideration, and not just to get hung up on one point, forgetting the hound's other attributes and faults.

I found some very good hounds. Heads were generally very typical with dark eyes. Most had the correct rose ear. Mouths were, on the whole, satisfactory. The main fault, I found, was in the fronts — short upper arms and short shoulder blades, and also too wide at the withers. Consequently, the front movement was not correct. This is a very serious fault as an Irish Wolfhound should be able to do a full day's hunting and must have a front which can



carry about two-thirds of its bodyweight over any terrain. Most hounds had very good bodies with depth and spring of rib, and adequately angulated hindquarters. Two of the bitches were in whelp, so their extra weight had to be excused, but I must make a strong point. Irish Wolfhounds are a galloping hound. They should carry muscle, but I am afraid many owners confuse muscle and gross fat. Do please try to keep your hounds in nice hard condition, at least for your hound's health's sake.

Green Star Bitch and Best of Breed: Buggle's Carrokeel Clasby. A wheaten bitch of good size with a nice pleasing head, good forechest and adequate neck. Rather broad across the withers, strong deep body, ribs carried well back, good bone, nicely angulated hindquarters with good depth through the stifle. Clasby is an impressive hound standing. Unfortunately, she is not the most enthusiastic mover, but she flashes I did see of her powerful movement, particularly the way she drives off her hocks, and the nice extension she can get in front, won her the Best of Breed easily today.

Reserve Green Star Bitch: Clarke's Coolbreagh Brega. Grey bitch, not as substantial as 1, rather plainer in head, nice dark eye, good reach of neck going into correctly laid shoulder, nice upper arm, well sprung ribs. Strong sweeping hindquarters. Rather steep in the croup and she is also a little short from hip to hock. Consequently, she seemed to be a little restricted behind. This is unfortunate, as viewed from the front she is absolutely spot on.

Green Star Dog: McCumisky and Millar's Carrokeel Bearna Buí Donal. This red brindle hound has improved a lot since I judged him last year as a yearling. He has a pleasing head and ear, good bone, nice upper arm, rather a short shoulder blade, good depth and spring of rib carried well back. Nicely angulated hindquarters with hocks low to the ground. Tail inclined to ring when moving. Moving soundly but a little wide in front and close behind.

Reserve Green Star Dog: McCumisky and Millar's Carrokeel Mulligan. Red wheaten with a nice head and dark eye, good bone, fair shoulder and upper arm. Very deep body well ribbed up. Hocks low to the ground, but could do with better turn of stifle and more second thigh. On the move he was inclined to favour his left hindleg. This hound and the Green Star winner could both do with losing some weight.

Best Puppy: Clarke's Coolbreagh Iona. Lovely, wheaten brindle bitch. Nice head, strong neck, long upper arm. Well-laid shoulder. A little loose at the elbow. Nice strong deep body. Sweeping hindquarters with powerful movement. A girl with a bright future.

Judge: MARION FINNEY

Drogheda & District Canine Club Ch. Show

I always enjoy judging Irish Shows — there is such a friendly atmosphere. At Drogheda there was a very good standard of dogs, and although the weather was not the best both dogs and exhibitors seemed in good form.

PUPPY DOG:

There was only one in this class, Mr. & Mrs. Finney's Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh. He was sturdy and well made and showed lots of promise, good bone and plenty of scope.

No Novices, so straight on to three nice Graduates.

GRADUATE DOG

1. The winner, Mrs. Taylor's eye catching dog, Kilcullen Remus, well balanced, good size with curves in the right places, a lot of power in his hindquarters, when he has a little more confidence and is easier to manage, he should make quite an impression. Res. G.S.
2. Miss McCumisky and Miss Millar's Carrokeel Bearna Bui Donal. Moved well but had not got quite the nice proportions of the winner.
3. Mr. & Mrs. Wilcox's Bearna Bui Rurik.

OPEN DOG

One absent but a class of real distinction.

1. Mr. & Mrs. Finney's Int. Ch. Gulliagh Galleon is still a very imposing dog, a combination of shape and strength, a lovely curved top line, great bone and plenty of presence. G.S.
2. Mr. & Mrs. Kelly's Ch. Chieftain of Nutstown looked well and in good condition, but has not the shapely top line of the winner, in good coat and stands sound on good bone. I thought he was a little bored which spoiled his movement.



Best of Breed, Drogheda. Mr. Wm. Clarke's Coolbreagh Brega.

3. Miss K. McCumisky and Miss M. Millar's Carrokeel Mulligan.

PUPPY BITCH

Mr. N. Clarke's Coolbreagh Ionagh, Very attractive baby, allowing for her youth she has a proportioned shape, well boned front legs and nice feet, her gait was excellent and I think in time she could match her mother.

NOVICE BITCH — No entry.

GRADUATE BITCH

1. Mr. & Mrs. Finney's Hydebeck Nessa of Gulliagh, a bitch who shows her breeding. Lovely shape, nice head and expression, movement absolutely sound, pressed hard for the G.S. but had to be content with the R.G.S.
1. Mr. & Mrs. Thorpe's Keereen Madam Roweena. Good sound bitch, nice bone and moved well, just lacked the elegance and ease of the winner.

OPEN BITCH

1. Mr. Wm. Clarke's Coolbreagh Brega. What a lovely bitch, top and bottom line, let down to her hocks, typical head and good neck. Her movement was perfect, there are not many dogs who can swing over the ground with such ease and balance. Her coat was a bit rough, but I think she was changing it. G.S. and B.O.B.
2. Mr. S. Buggle's Carrokeel Clasby, nice bitch with plenty of quality. She was unlucky to come up against such a super opponent.
3. Mr. & Mrs. Kelly's Kracken Comet.



Int. Ch. Gulliagh Galleon GSD.

Munster Canine Championship Show 1986



Best of Breed and Green Star Bitch: Mr. & Mrs. Peiler's Athcarne Nora of Knocknarea. A very impressive bitch, lovely head carriage and topline, moves with a long easy stride.

Res. Green Star Bitch: Mr. Buggle's Carrokeel Clasby. Very shapely and typical bitch. On the day did not move with the same drive and presence as the winner.

The quality of the bitches shown was excellent. Apart from the two already mentioned, 1st and 2nd in Open, there were three other bitches who were well into Green Star Standard: Thorpe's Galtymore Pride and Clarke's Coolbreagh Brega who were 3rd and 4th in Open and Walton's lovely young winner of Junior Bitch, Tolkavalley Armore.

Green Star Dog: McCumisky & Millar's Carrokeel Bearna Buí Donal. A large, well built, handsome male with strong, sound movement. His length of stride was not as good as the Best of Breed winner.

Res. Green Star Dog: McCumisky & Millar's Carrokeel Mulligan. A strong young hound with plenty of substance, movement true but unenthusiastic. Nice head, ears and dark eye.

The males, none of which were over 2 years, are at a natural disadvantage with bitches of the same age, the latter being much more mature. For example, the Best of Breed's litter brother, Athcarne Oisín, still very unfinished when compared with his sister, will probably be 4 years before he is at his best.

Judge: E.C. MURPHY

Open Show — Waterford 1986

It was an honour to be asked to judge at Waterford this year. Many thanks to my steward Mr. King and the exhibitors who contributed towards a great day. The organisers of the event seemed to capture the warm friendly atmosphere which makes Waterford such an enjoyable event.

In general the exhibits were of high standard although many of them were not moving as well as I would have liked to have seen.



The Best Bitch of the day was Whysper of Lainston, handled by Marion Finney. A perfectly balanced bitch and this showed in her movement. Unfortunately out of coat, probably due to seasonal problems.



Misses McCumisky & Millar's Carrokeel Bearna Buí Donal was worthy **Best of Breed** winner. A sound Wolfhound with a lovely head. Plenty of bone and solid muscle. Perhaps a little too much substance, giving the impression of being a little short.

Wolfhounds, Black & Blue

Black and 'blue' are two colours both of which are relatively rare in Wolfhounds. Black is a recognised colour in the breed, liked by some, disliked by others. 'Blue' colouration on the other hand is a fault.

The correct name for 'blue' colour is blue dilution or Maltese dilution, as the genes which govern it cause what would normally be black pigment to be diluted to blue. Blue dilution is thus not a colour in its own right as opposed to the attractive steel grey colour seen in some Wolfhounds and common in Scottish Deerhounds which was formally called blue. Blue dilution has no effect on red pigments, thus red brindles would be red with blue stripes, white wheaten may only show the effects of the blue dilution by having a blue caste on their ears where normal wheaten might have some blackish hairs. As young pups 'blues' can be recognised by their smokey colour. 'Blues' usually have very light coloured eyes.

Black Wolfhounds are seldom 100% black as adults. The facial furnishings and the feathering on the legs usually are a steel grey colour.

Both blue dilution and black are inherited in similar fashion in Wolfhounds, as recessive genes. In the following discussion I will describe the way black colouration is inherited, as an example, which also applies for blue dilution. Recessive genes need to be inherited from both parents for them to be expressed, thus both parents must be either carriers or black. For each trait of an animal there are two genes governing it, one inherited from each parent. With regard to the black colour, genetically, there are three categories, i.e. blacks, carriers and non-carriers. Carriers possess a recessive black gene and a gene for another colour which would be dominant to the black gene. Carriers will pass on either of these genes to their progeny at random. As non-carriers do not possess a black gene they cannot produce any black progeny.

There are six different combinations of breedings involving blacks, carriers and non-carriers. In the following table I have laid out the results of these breedings as percentages of each category among the progeny. These percentages are subject to chance in the same way as the number of boys and girls in a family is.

We all know that there are approximately equal numbers of each sex born, but there are plenty of families consisting of all boys and girls, so also the number of blacks in a litter may differ due to chance from proportions laid out below.

PARENTS

Black x Black
Black x Carrier
Black x Non-Carrier
Carrier x Carrier

PROGENY

100% Black
50% Black, 50% Carrier
100% Carrier
25% Black, 50% Carrier,
25% Non-Carrier
50% Carrier
50% Non-Carrier
100% Non Carrier

Carrier x Non-Carrier

Non-Carrier x Non-Carrier

Black possess two black genes

= homozygous recessive

Carrier possess one black gene

= heterozygous

Non-Carrier possess no black genes

= homozygous dominant

Carriers and non-carriers are indistinguishable from each other as far as coat colour is concerned.

Of late some Wolfhound breeders have decided to specialise in breeding blacks. This I feel is unwise as it is hard enough to find a quality mate compatible with any particular hound without having the added complication of colour, thus limiting the choice still further. On the other hand blue dilution is a fault and must be selected against.

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Type and the Standard

"The Irish Wolfhound should not be quite so heavy or massive as the Great Dane, but more so than the Deerhound, which in general type he should otherwise resemble".

This is the familiar sentence which opens our Standard under the heading 'General Appearance', and is also first and foremost in the List of Points in 'Order of Merit', headed 'Typical'.

So, here we are referred to two other breeds, the Deerhound and the Great Dane, for the lower and upper limits of weight and substance, and to the Deerhound again for 'general type'.

Reference to other breeds in standards is at best a dubious practice — a device which saves the trouble of a lot of precise definition — and it might be a more serious problem in ours if it were not followed by a fair amount of qualifying detail. The point is that, although breed standards may not alter, there is no doubt that many breeds have changed drastically since their standards were written — mostly as a result of breeders constantly striving to refine/exaggerate those characteristics unique to their breed e.g. the Bulldog, the Cocker/American Cocker. So, with our Standard there is the question of what Great Dane and what Deerhound, and it has to be approached with caution, for it is the specimens of a century ago that are being referred to, not those of today.

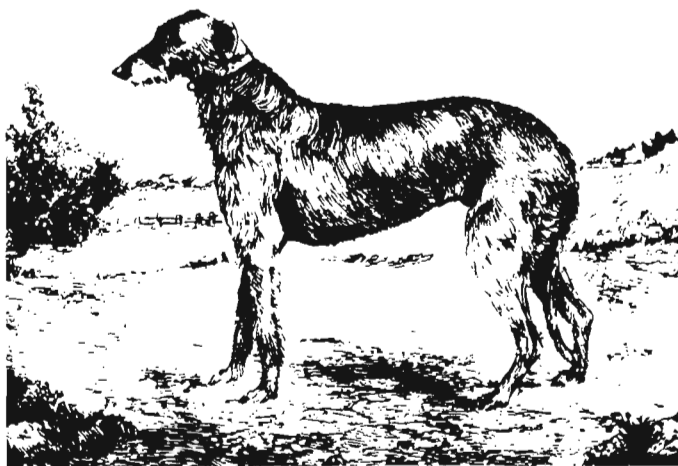
In the case of the Deerhound we are lucky. As the examples here show, and many more from available prints, the Deerhound of the

1880's was not greatly dissimilar from his present day descendant. The main visible difference is, I think, that they appear to be rather heavier in bone, and these and other prints suggest that they had more width of body—now, often sacrificed for depth. Altogether a rather more substantial hound, and this should be remembered when considering the minimum degree of substance in a Wolfhound. The two examples are probably typical of the better Deerhounds of the day, although there had been in the 1830's much heavier specimens, notably, the Colonsay strain, which would not be out of place in the Wolfhound ring. Therefore, as a reference for 'general type' the modern Deerhound (the better specimens, of course) is still probably largely what the authors of our Standard of 1886 had in mind.

As for Great Danes, thankfully the reference in the Irish Wolfhound Standard is confined to "not so heavy or massive". Fortunately, there is no reference to Type, for, as the prints shown here indicate (admittedly, somewhat extreme examples), the animal of the 1880's was a very different animal from what we now see in the ring. The breed was still undergoing transformation from its Mastiff origins and had little of the elegance (or over-elegance) seen today. Note the enormous bone in the forelegs, the stockiness and the general massiveness of the frame. There is certainly more weight here than could possibly be expected in a galloping hound. If you want a dramatic comparison, turn the garden hose on your Wolfhound, and the full extent of the difference in bone and substance will be revealed.



"CADER", a Glengarry Deerhound.



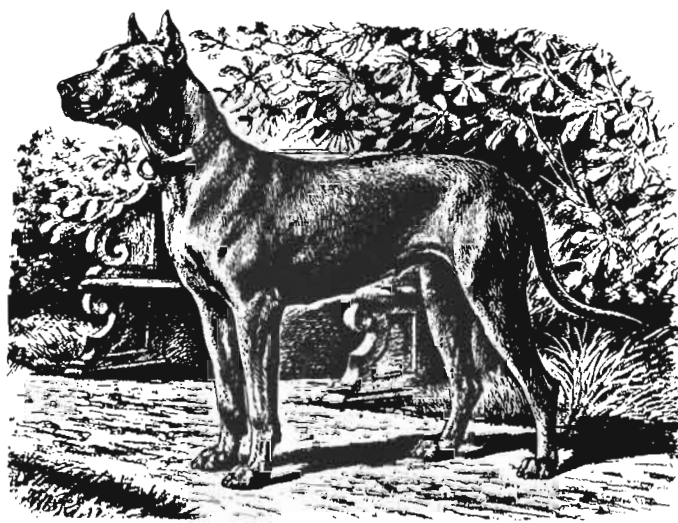
"STRATHMORE" 1886.

So, if your yardstick for minimum and maximum substance has been the familiar present-day Deerhound and Great Dane, maybe you should consider an adjustment — the minimum substance should be somewhat greater than most of today's Deerhounds and the maximum permissible could be rather more than some of today's Great Danes.

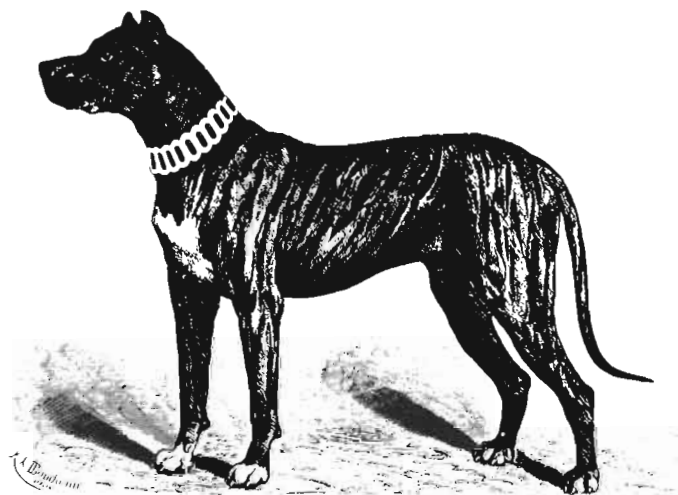
Incidentally, while on the subject of references to other breeds in our Standard, you should be aware of the indirect reference contained there to the Greyhound, via the Deerhound standard (which the Irish Wolfhound is to resemble "in general type"). The Deerhound standard has: "The body and general formation is that of a Greyhound of larger size and bone". In fact, the American and Canadian breed and kennel clubs and the English I.W. Club have seen fit to drop the Deerhound reference for "the largest and tallest of the galloping hounds, in general type he is a rough-coated Greyhound-like breed".

Nowhere am I advocating that we tamper with the Irish Wolfhound standard. But I would suggest that a full understanding of it entails a knowledge of the Deerhound, in particular, the Greyhound and the Great Dane, and of course, a knowledge of how they look in the flesh — now and formerly.

TIM FINNEY



"ELEKTRA" 1887.



"SULTAN" 1880.

Get-together at Ballyhagan

An auction was held at Betty Murphy's home by friends of Sheelagh Seale.

Miles Rathbone-Scott acted as auctioneer and suprised us all with the amount of money collected, which will be used to repair storm damage to her home.

As a goodwill gesture the proceeds will go to Sheelagh from all her friends who participated so generously.

Well done Betty, Miles and everyone who made it possible, and well done Sheelagh for setting a standard in Wolfhounds we all seek to achieve.

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*(Eng. Ch. Eaglescrag Lysander
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1986 saw Galleon winning his English title, together with many other awards, including —

- BIS at Dundalk and Tralee All-Breed Ch. Shows
- Sporting Group at Kilkenny Ch. Show
- BIS at the IW Club of Northern Ireland Specialty Ch. Show under Mr. Tom Horner, plus Best Head and Best Movement Trophies.
- Stud Dog Trophy at the IW Club of Ireland Specialty Ch. Show under Herr Jurgen Rösner

We are delighted that his son, **Eng. Ch. Hydebeck Reginald Snuffson**, came over from England to win BIS at our Club Specialty, as well as achieving top-winning IW in the U.K. 1986.

Culvercroft Benjamin Of Gulliagh at 15 months

(Int. Ch. Gulliagh Galleon x Culvercroft Alanna)

During his puppy career Benjamin won 3 Best Puppy in Show awards. He has started 1987 very well with Res CC under Mrs. S.E. Thornton at the Birmingham National Show at just 18 months.

In 1987, we will be introducing to the Irish ring Gulliagh Hecla, Hana & Harvey — all by Galleon out of our Whysper of Lainston (Res CC. Belfast 1985 and 1986). Whysper and Hydebeck Nessa of Gulliagh (Reginald's litter sister) will also be shown.



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Tolkavalley Belleek at 8 months
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Athcarne Nora of Knocknarea
(Carrokeel Kalypso x Athcarne Neesha)

Due to other commitments we were not able to show our hounds very often in 1986. Nevertheless, it has been a successful year for the Knocknareas, both here and overseas.

Our young dog **Knocknarea Briciu** was only shown at St. Patrick's Day Ch. Show where he took 1st in puppy class.

Knocknarea Deirdre (Pebble) has a lovely litter by Killykeen Mars, of which we kept **Knocknarea Cinn Oir**. She will join Briciu and Nora in the ring in 1987.

Athcarne Nora of Knocknarea took her first steps towards championship when she became BOB at Munster Canine Association Ch. Show under E.C. Murphy. Also she won the group at Sligo Open Show, and again at Kilkenny Open Show under Tim Finney.

We send congratulations overseas to Kay McFarland on her success with **Carrokeel Knocknarea Aine** who became U.S. Champion within three weeks, and also to Emma Ross-Awde whose **Knocknarea Muirne** gained her Canadian title just before Christmas. Both bitches are out of Lady's first litter by Carrokeel Kalypso.

This showing season the Knocknareas will be well represented by **Knocknarea Blathnaid**, now with Tony and Ger Redmond, **Knocknarea Caoimhe**, with Mel and Anita Wilcox, **Knocknarea Baba Yaga**, with **Petra Janssen**, and our own lot.

Latest News: **Nora** had a fine start into the '87 season when she made Green Star Bitch at the St. Patrick's Day Show. **Cinn Oir** was 1st puppy bitch, and Petra Janssen's **Yaga** won the Novice class.

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Ch. Carrokeel Cara (1968) at six months



Carrokeel Elvin of Bearrabui (1984)
(Ch. Cara's G.G.G. Granddaughter at same age)



Ch. Cara 1974



Elvin at three years
(Breeder: Jim Behan)

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Carrokeel Bearna Buí Donal (Casey)

Carrokeel Mulligan (Finn)



Casey and Finn both had a very successful year in the showring, the highpoint being Finn's Best of Breed and Sporting Group win at the Dublin Dog Show Society's Championship Show 1986.

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BEARNA BUI IRISH WOLFHOUNDS



Carrokeel Gwyneth of Bearna Bui (at 5 months)

Sire: Int. Ch. Gulliagh Galleon

Dam: Carrokeel Elvin of Bearna Bui

and her litter sister

Genevieve of Bearna Bui (at 10 mths)



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Carrokeel Clasby

Clasby had another successful year in 1986 winning 3 Green Stars including Green Star Bitch at our Club Ch. Show '86.

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Beltane

Irish Wolfhounds

Congratulations to WHYLLAS OF BELTANE (Reilly) and his owners, Joe and Tara McMullan, on their winning debut at CRUFTS 1987, Reilly having won Junior dog. Many thanks to Dick McCoy for his fine handling.

Reilly's mum, WYLLOW OF DRAKESLEAT, also did us proud, going second in limit, to the bitch C.C. winner.

Heartfelt thanks to Zena Andrews for trusting us with Wyllow (and Breeze, Tarym and Tyr) also for her help, advice and patience.

Wyllow of Drakesleat: Sire: *Ephraim of Bokra* x Dam: *Ch. Royden Quail*.

Drakesleat Breeze v.d. Ruempol Beltane: Sire: *Int. Ned. & Lux. Ch. Blaise Ares v.d. Ruempol* (World Show '82, BDSSG '83, '85.) x Dam: *Geasa's Beloved Borah*.

Puppies hoped for late in the year, enquiries welcome.

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Whyllas of Beltane at Lurig

(By *Ch. Sovryn of Drakesleat* (Sire)
x *Wyllow of Drakesleat* (Dam))

Many thanks to Tim and Maxine Sheehan (Beltane) for "Reilly" and a special thanks to Dick McCoy, for helping Reilly bring home the red rosette from "Crufts" '87 in Junior Dog.

We are also very grateful to Betty Murphy for all the help and advice she has given to us since we came into the club.

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