

THE IRISH HOUND



The Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland

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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. Toes, well arched and closed. Nails, very strong and curved.
11. **Hair:** Tough 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 hocks; twisted feet; spreading toes; too curly a tail; weak hindquarters and general want of muscle; too short in body; pink or liver-coloured eyelids; lips and nose any colour other than black; very light eyes.

List of Points in order of Merit

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

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

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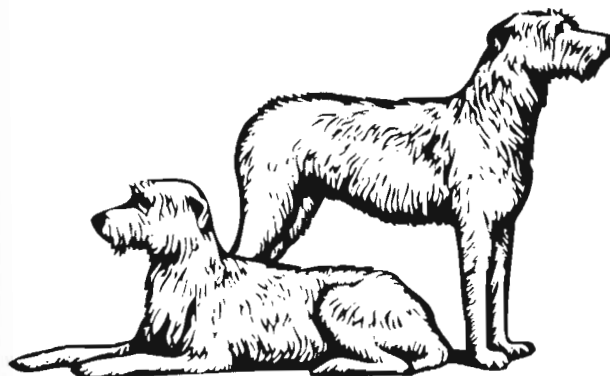
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EDITORIAL

I would like to thank all who helped with the magazine this year: Betty Murphy did most of the work, typing up data and articles and transferring all the text onto disk for the printer. This involves a great deal of work and does reduce printing costs to the Club. I would also like to thank Ika Peiler and Linda Gover who helped with the proof reading.

We had a lovely Get-Together at Kelly's during the year. What was particularly pleasing was the big attendance - it gives the Committee a bit of heart. It was great to see a lot of new faces present. Thank you again Kathleen and John for allowing us to use your home. We do appreciate your kindness and hospitality.

Let's continue this support and make our Club Open Show the lovely event it used to be when we had it down in Waterford with Hilda. On behalf of the Club I would like to thank the Hound Association of Ireland for putting on the Hound Open Show to facilitate us, especially Wendy Jackson who does all the work. Thank you Wendy.

Maybe we should put on our own Open Show in the future. We could put on some lure coursing at the same time. What do you think?

Congratulations to John & Kathleen Kelly on McGilligan of Nutstown gaining his Irish championship and Ch Capitan of Shantamon finishing his UK title; and to John & Maureen Walsh whose Bearnabui Jacinta gained her Irish and UK title during the year. Well done everyone.

Jim Behan



TREASURER'S REPORT

I was pleased to make my 26th annual Treasurer's report to the Annual General Meeting in November. The Accounts referred to are those for the year ended 30 June 1996.

The Club continues to maintain a strong financial position, with the Accumulated Fund being increased by £1,200 in the year to £3,900. Once again, Tullamore Dew provided sponsorship to the Club, this year £2,000, in return for which, among other things, we were pleased to have them attach their logo to this magazine, our Club Show catalogue, and our Puppy Leaflet, all of which have worldwide circulation.

Annual subscriptions were received from 112 members in Ireland and the United Kingdom, and 95 overseas members, representing a small overall increase in membership, and bringing in £1,669.

Sales of Club publications and the Club badges continue to provide a useful source of income, this year £600. Our thanks go to Mrs. Ika Peiler for managing much of this operation.

Expenditure showed no significant variances from the previous year with the exception of the once-off cost (and pleasant task) of hosting in Dublin in July 1995 the Congress of the Federation of European Irish Wolfhound Clubs; this cost £287.

The Club Championship Show in June 1996 was run at a loss of £290, and perhaps this should be given some attention next year.

Altogether this was a successful year financially resulting in a net surplus for the year of £1,200.

Timothy Finney
Hon. Treasurer

IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB OF IRELAND

Breed Championship Show 1996

JUDGE MRS. ZENA THORN-ANDREWS, UK

I thoroughly enjoyed my trip to Ireland and the hospitality of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland. I was honoured to be the first person invited back for a second time to judge the Club's championship show. My first time was some 20 years ago. Well, I think that Irish hounds are very much on the up again. Some excellent quality throughout the entry and the words "strong" and "has strength" appearing again and again through my report, always a good sign of well constructed hounds.

I was amazed to hear that my Best in Show winning bitch, **Irish Ch Owenmore Kittiwake**, had a litter of just 7 weeks old - her underline was so normal. I thought she was a lovely bitch, feminine, well made, sound and in good condition. Res. Best in Show was that ultra fit **Irish Ch. Capitan of Shantamon**, rather a long cast dog but it was so nice to see his progeny all of good make and shape and he certainly seems to be turning out a wonderful sire of quality.

Best Puppy in show a son of his, in fact all four puppy class winners were sired by him. Bred in England of Irish parentage Mr & Mrs Kelly's **Saringa Mr Magwatch** came perilously close to snatching the top honours away from his sire. His youthful enthusiasm gave me and his handler a headache, but I'm sure he will be heard of in the not too distant future when he settles down.

Best Head and Expression to Hands's **Irish Ch Killykeen Destiny**. Best Stud Dog: **Ch Capitan of Shantamon**, Best Brood Bitch: **Holly of Nutstown**. Tallest I.W. measured just over 37" and was **Owenmore Merlin**. Tallest and Most Sound Bitch was **Killykeen Babette of Moonvoy** and the Movement Cup to **Bokra Image of Caredig**.

MINOR PUPPY (3)



1. O'DONOGHUE'S CUDONNCHU FITZBARON.

Stood alone but well worthy of his 1st prize. Very sound wheaten. No coat on the day, fair head, temperament needs to become a little more confident, dark eyes, good expression. Reasonable front, lacks a little forechest as yet, good depth, nice bone. Just a little higher in rump than front at present. Superb quarters and well carried tail.

PUPPY DOG (2)



1. KELLY'S SARINGA MR. MAGWATCH.

Super quality 8 month Black. Liked his head and expression, dark eyes for his colour. Good shape to skull and neatly carried ears. Pleasing front and shoulders, well boned legs and tight well knuckled feet. Pleasing body for his age. Racy and curvy. Has a tendency to be a little higher on rear than front but this is to do with his age, I think. Well carried tail, properly set.

2. FINNEY'S **Gulliagh Robin Hood**

A big dog, weaker in foreface and lacks strength of muzzle. Very straight in shoulder and this shows in his movement which is out at the front (paddling) and lacks length of reach. Good ribbing and body, excellent topline, good stifles and low hocks. Rear movement can still tighten also.

JUNIOR DOG (3)



1. MURPHY'S **LISNAGRY LYSANDER OF CARROKEEL**

Rangy youngster of 17 months. Rather too narrow in head and muzzle. Well placed ears, good neck and fair shoulders and front. Splendid bone and feet. Still needs to spring his ribs a little more and to widen across the quarters. He moves close going away. Tail carried low but he curls it too much. Super stride in profile, overall a most promising junior.

2. **TEBBUTT'S CAREDIG THE QUAREFELLOW**

Too short in skull and muzzle, poor shoulders and no forechest or slope to upper arm, good bone. True mover but he tends to sidewind a little. Great depth of body. Very strong loins, curvy quarters. Could extend more in profile movement. Harsh coat, quite well muscled up.

3. **PEILER'S JUXTALIA MACMATHUNA OF KNOCKNAREA**

Very long in the loin and slab sides, lacks bone for his size. Quite a true and easy mover. Excellent hard coat, quite well muscled throughout. Neat ears.

NOVICE DOG (3)



1. **TEBBUTT'S CAREDIG THE QUAREFELLOW**

2. **KELLY'S FINGAL OF NUTSTOWN**

Very strong and powerful dog which I much admired. Good head shape. Ears too flat. Lacks layback of shoulder and forechest. Well ribbed back, higher at the rump than the withers. Well arched loins, true mover both ways but lacked drive behind in profile and a touch straight in stifles. Super coat and so well muscled up.

GRADUATE DOG (6)



1. **MCCARTHY'S OWENMORE EAGLE AT ELPYK**

A difficult class! Condition was very varied between 'fat and thin'.

Winner is far too thin and needs more muscle and weight. He is however, a lovely dog, good in head and construction, nice front and body shape. Very light on his feet and a true mover. Well arched loins and good bend of stifles. Excellent coat. Very poor in body condition and I could feel all his ribs.

2. PEILER'S KNOCKNAREA GROI

In lovely condition and muscle so it hurt me to place him second. I thought he lacked angulation both ends and was rather a square dog. True moving in rear but a tied-in elbow made him flap his front, otherwise a nice dog.

3. BEDFORD'S CARRIGROHAN TRUMPETER

Very feminine and a bit light in bone. Temperament needs to be firmer. A nice shapely dog in good coat and muscle. Keeps his outline well in profile, well carried tail.

LIMIT DOG (6)



1. KELLY'S MCGILLIGAN OF NUTSTOWN

Lovely head and eyes, ears too flat but they are nice and small. Fair front and moves true and has a good reach in profile. Good ribcage, too long in the loins, excellent quarters and well carried tail. Would prefer a less curly tail. Long, easy action and looks a good working type. Immaculate coat and muscled up really beautifully.

2. CRAWSHAW'S CEFNI MORGAN LLOYD

Another strong looking dog, curvy and well ribbed back, better in length of loin than above, a bit weak in foreface for a male, neat ears, good neck, lacks forechest and slope to upper arm. Good bone and pleasing feet. Nice quarters, well carried tail. Lacks a bit of substance.

3. BUSHBY'S CHAPELLEIGH KUDOS

A strong and very fit, excellent body shape, long ribcage and short strong loins, nicely arched. Needs more length to stifles and shoulders could be a little further set back. Nice for type, just needs angulation.

OPEN DOG (7)



1. KELLY'S CHAMPION CAPITAN OF SHANTAMON

(Green Star Dog)

Black dog, eyes too light and ears could be better carried, strong masculine head, good arched neck, fair front. Well boned legs and tight well knuckled feet. Sound rear, excellent coat and condition throughout. A sound easy mover, a good strong Wolfhound of pleasing quality.

2. KILLYKEEN-DOYLE'S KILLYKEEN NAGLE

Rangier type and more my sort of head, excellent eyes and expression. Fair front and forechest. Good body shape, excellent topline and sweep to quarters, tail lifts up a little too much and could be a little stronger in rear going away. Perfect coat and condition.

3. TEBBUTT'S UK/IRISH CHAMPION BOKRA GEORGE CAREDIG

Standing looks a picture, good head and front assembly, sound legs and feet. Excellent ribcage and strong, short loins, tends to drop off a little too much in croup end, falls away in rear, otherwise close up.

VETERAN DOG (4)



1. HAND'S KILLYKEEN MAX

Three lovely old gentlemen. Winner has a gorgeous head, eyes a little light but a lovely expression. Limping a little in front but he was true enough. Excellent body and shape throughout, good quarters and true behind. Well carried tail. Perfect bite.

2. O'KEEFFE'S CILLIAN EARL OF NUTSTOWN

Teeth very worn down. Head for all his size was rather narrow. Good topline and tail carriage. Rather dragging his quarters today.

3. FINNEY'S GULLIAGH KILT

Good for overall type but a soft coat and very weak hindquarters, put him into 3rd place. Must have been as nice a few years ago as the other two above.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (3)



1. O'DONOGHUE'S CUDONNCHU DAMOSEL

Gorgeous baby. So nicely put together, promising in every way. She has been well reared, is sound, good legs and feet, excellent substance. Rather low on the leg for her length of body at present. Just a temporary thing.

2. MOLONY'S LINDA OF SHANTAMON

More immature and not ready to show as yet. Topline too arched and she needs more weight as she looks shallow in brisket. Sweet head and expression. Nice coat.

PUPPY BITCH (2)



1. KELLY'S CASHLA OF NUTSTOWN

Quality red, very true mover and covered plenty of ground in profile, correct couplings and arch over loins. Excellent quarters and low hocks. Well boned legs and feet. Overall a typical and well made bitch puppy who moves and shows well. Most promising, just needing to tighten on right elbow.

2. AIKEN'S GULLIAGH ROXANNE

Broad in back skull and too light in eyes, neat well carried ears. Very straight in shoulders and not good in front movement. Nice body and topline. Good quarters and width across the stifles. Coat rather patchy but good texture.

JUNIOR BITCH (6)



1. WILCOX'S LISNAGRY AILISH

A little weak in head and foreface, the best front and shoulder lay so far today. Shoulders well laid back, good slope to upper arm, elbows well under, perfect reach and drive from rear. A headstrong and not easy bitch to show and needed firmer handling.

2. KELLY'S ATHCARNE FEENA

Light in eyes and a bit more forward in shoulder than winner but also good overall type and shape. An excellent mover except she dived all over the place. Super coat and condition. A nice bitch.

3. TEBBUTT'S CAREDIG QUILLON

Rather snipy in muzzle and ears rather flat, good length of neck. Has a sloping upper arm but elbows held away from the side of the body too much. Nice shape to body and quarters. Untrained moving which made an interesting trio as all were as bad as one another moving!!



NOVICE BITCH (6)



1. TEBBUTT'S BOKRA IMAGE OF CAREDIG

Smashing quality bitch, correct length to height ratio, well carried head and good front although shaking at the point of shoulder a little. Not with her normal handler I was told. Good legs and feet. Lovely curvy body and powerful quarters. A long raking stride covering plenty of ground in profile. A bitch I would very much like to take home. Needs a little more time to finish. Res. Green Star.

2. O'DONOGHUE'S LUCKY OF NUTSTOWN

Very snipy in muzzle and light in eyes. Rather straight in shoulder and lacks angulation in front. Deep body, super coat. O.K. in rear. Mother of the two delightful minor puppy class winners and very cleverly bred I might add, as they are an improvement on their mum which is what we all aim for.

GRADUATE BITCH (7)



1. KELLY'S ROSEMARY OF NUTSTOWN

Very strong and unruly bitch. Good in head but light in eyes, nicely made but was tying her handler up in knots and refusing to co-operate. Superb body, correct coupling, well arched loins. Powerful rear.

2. PEILER'S KNOCKNAREA INNION

Rather more Deerhoundy in type although she was much more settled moving. I placed her lower than the ringsiders may have thought appropriate as I felt the 1st was the stronger and more able to deal with a hypothetical wolf after a long chase! A nice enough bitch but needed more width right through for me.

LIMIT BITCH (7)



1. O'KEEFFE'S NUTSTOWN FERN OF CALCARA

Tall raking bitch good in outline and very light on her feet in profile movement. Rather Deerhoundy in type for me, ears too flat. Very over-stripped in coat especially around the neck. Good body and slope to croup. Cow hocked going away.

2. O'NEILL'S MISTWEAVE MONEYPENNY

Strong bitch very out of coat today. Soft leg hair and lacking undercoat. Nice otherwise and moved better going away but in profile was tending to lift her legs up too high behind and snatching her quarters in movement.

3. KILLYKEEN-DOYLE/HUGHES KILLYKEEN BABETTE OF MOONVOY

The best for overall type and shape. Liked her neck and body, good ribs short strong loins, well bent stifles and neat hocks. Very slack in condition and needs muscle to tighten all over.

OPEN BITCH (10)



1. KILLYKEEN DOYLE'S CH OWENMORE KITTIWAKE (GREEN STAR & BIS)

A lovely class and some wonderful bitches present. Winner scored on type and her overall construction and ring presence. Not needing to be stacked, she just stands herself 4 square, and always looked right. I thought she was quite lovely.

2. KELLY'S CH BLOSSOM OF NUTSTOWN

Very, very powerful and strong, tends to hold her head a little low and moves down onto her front-end a little too much and unbalances herself. Lovely body and quarters. Exceptionally fit and hard condition. Not quite the head of winner or her quality.

3. WALSH'S CH BEARNABUI JACINTA

Too fine in head and muzzle. Nice neck. A little upright in shoulder and lacks forechest. Super body and quarters. Straight and true mover, extends quite well but not much enthusiasm. Super coat and tail carriage.

VETERAN BITCH (7)



1. FINNEY'S CH GULLIAGH ISOLDE

Nice for type. Lovely head, eyes and expression. Grand body and quarters, coat a wee bit soft and she obviously lacks muscle but I preferred her type to the more active bitch 2nd.

2. BEHAN'S HALEY OF BEARNABUI

Younger and finer in head, body and bone. Moves well and in good nick throughout. Prefer the heavier type of winner. Well presented.

3. KELLY'S HOLLY OF NUTSTOWN

Grand old lady of 10 1/2, a bit stuffy in neck and outline gone but she knows how to move.

BEST DOG & BEST BITCH



BEST BRACE - NUTSTOWN



BEST TEAM - NUTSTOWN



TALLEST DOG



FITZPATRICK - ODAHAMIER'S OWENMORE MERLIN

CHILDRENS PARADE UNDER 10 YEARS
ZARA MOLONY



CHILDRENS PARADE OVER 10 YEARS & OVERALL WINNER
MICHAEL GEOGHEGAN



BEST HEAD



HAND'S CH. KILLYKEEN DESTINY

Best BROOD BITCH



KELLY'S HOLLY OF NUTSTOWN

1st STUD DOG



KELLY'S CH./UK. CH. CAPITAN OF SHANTOMAN



Siobhan Abrook enjoying the wolfhound day

TALLEST & MOST SOUND BITCH



KILLYKEEN DOYLE/HUGHES' KILLYKEEN BABETTE OF MOONVOY



Our Judge - Zena Thorn-Andrews

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Ashling Hotel, Dublin, 22nd October 1996

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and in thanking all present acknowledged our clash with the bank holiday on this occasion.

He then requested that we observe one minute silence for members who passed away since our last AGM. These included our Club Secretary, Hilda Hughes, Betty Bates, Sue Hudson, Gordon Crane, Miss Harrison, Helen Baird and Roy Saunders.

We received a number of apologies for non attendance:

Jean Deacon, Marion Finney, Pauric Hand, Patricia Hughes, Mrs. N. Kinirons, Mrs. Jenkins, Helen O'Connor, Ulli Peiler, Tony Redmond, John & Maureen Walsh, Anita Wilcox and Eddie Gover.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President joined the Chairman in welcoming the members present and thanked them for the support they gave to the Club by attending the AGM.

Betty said how strange it was this year preparing for the AGM without our much missed secretary Hilda Hughes. I like to feel that Hilda, true to her usual self, has taken time out from her daily heavenly routine to be with us in spirit.

Hilda, was a very special person. We tried to pay tribute to her in the piece in this year's magazine. When we heard in late December Hilda's condition had deteriorated and she was returning to Cornwall to live with her son, I planned this piece - imagining her sitting up in bed and chuckling as she read it. There was very little time between Hilda's unexpected departure to England and the date the work had to be with the printer. My thanks to all who contributed at such short notice.

The Club also owes a debt of gratitude to Seamus Buggle for taking over as Secretary at short notice. Hilda was a hard act to follow and when Seamus expressed his reservations the committee promised their full support. Seamus has written an interesting little piece on his first year as Secretary which appears elsewhere in the magazine.

On a very happy note I would like to say how good it is to see Anne O'Keeffe back with us again following her car accident, and to say how glad we were when Brona was found

safe and well. I know that I found the time Brona was missing after the car accident traumatic - so can imagine what her family were feeling.

Finally Betty reminded the members that Irish Wolfhound Breeders acknowledge that we hold our breed in trust for future generations.

The one essential character that any species needs to survive in a healthy state is VITALITY, i.e. Physical and Mental vigour. Yes, of course problems occur, but the breed has survived for over 2000 years by breeding away from problems, not into them.

MINUTES of previous meeting were read and adopted on the proposal of A.K. Doyle and seconded by Linda Gover.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer went through the accounts clarifying points as requested. The Club continues to be in a reasonably healthy financial state. He went on to point out that it is now an IKC requirement for an auditor to be appointed at the Annual General Meeting. Tim proposed D. O'Connor & Co., 1 Gardiner Row, Dublin 1, who have always provided us with an excellent service at a nominal charge. This proposal was seconded by A.K. Doyle.

The Chairman thanked Tim for his usual high standard of presentation and for explaining the points of clarification. The accounts for year end 30th June 1996 were adopted on the proposal of Kathleen Kelly and seconded by Catherine O'Keeffe. A copy of the accounts were made available to all attending.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary indicated that he had followed the format of the previous year for the report and a certain overlap with previous speakers is evident.

He reported an eventful year with approximately 39 new applications for membership. Financial situation obviously helped by the continued sponsorship from Tullamore Dew.

CLUB SHOW

Another successful show with the weather just holding up. Best in Show and Green Star Bitch "Ch Owenmore Kittiwake" Green Star Dog - "Ch. Capitan of Shantamon"

We still have not managed to crack the chaos around the midday break despite the gallant efforts of Kathleen Kelly. Just need to be conscious of our parking arrangements.

£300 turnover at Club Stall - Congratulations to Ika.

E.I.W.C. Meeting in Germany in June. A number of people travelled and reports were of a successful event. Those who had attended would give a more detailed account to the meeting.

PUPPY LEAFLETS. Considerable time and effort was spent on the production of new puppy leaflet which brings it up to date in terms of modern feeding techniques. Well done to all concerned.

CLUB MAGAZINE. Presentation of top quality magazine on time and at a reasonable cost is very welcome given our previous experience. Appreciation to all who contributed in any way (in terms of articles or proof reading) and also to "Martone Press" for their excellent printing work. Our particular gratitude should be expressed to Jim and Betty again on whose shoulders the magazine output ultimately falls.

Forthcoming "Practical Judging Experience", Sunday, 8th December which is deserving of support. Mention also the tremendous work being done by our I.K.C. Reps, for example seminars, sub-committees and activities which enhance our involvement. Sometimes this goes unnoticed.

GET-TOGETHER. In recent weeks we had a very successful Get-Together at John and Kathleen Kelly's. The lure, tips on grooming and showing were much appreciated by those attending.

It was very successful in terms of new owners, new dogs (and indeed not so young dogs). Our sincere thanks to John and Kathleen and to all who joined sportingly on the day.

1997 CLUB SHOW

The date for next year's show has been fixed for 1st June 1997 Judge Mrs Maggie Wilkins, UK. (Clonara/Clonmagara)

IKC RULES

The meeting was appraised of the necessity to insure that our Rule Book conforms with IKC requirements. Although very little change is required the necessary amendments will be made to achieve the above. This decision was endorsed by the AGM.

RESCUE FUND

Although Mr. Redmond was unavoidably absent, his report in terms of placement of hounds to good homes was positive. Whilst a small number of hounds were placed this year, the number of potentially good homes, thankfully, outstrips supply. The Club as always are appreciative of the efforts of the Redmond family to the Rescue service.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

As nominations of Officers and Committee were equivalent to the number of vacancies, no election was necessary. The chairman welcomed the expertise which Billy Clarke and Linda Gover will bring on their return to our committee.

DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST BY NON-COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Noel Fitzmaurice raised the issue of the confusion regarding the midday meal at the Club show. It was suggested the pre-booking by individuals for next year might alleviate this problem. The Committee continue to liaise with the hotel to improve the situation.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Secretary shared correspondence from IKC inviting names from members who expressed a willingness to steward at IKC breed show, 30th November -1st December 1996. It was pointed out that experience of ring stewarding had now become a prerequisite for intending judges.

The Secretary also outlined the position with regard to enquiries received for Wolfhounds. All enquiries received by the IKC are referred to the Club Secretary. The onus lies with breeders to keep the Secretary informed if they require assistance with puppy placement. The position currently is that the Secretary on receiving and having checked enquiries assumes that no pups are available if not notified by breeders.

A letter from Mrs. Marion Finney re I.W.H. Trust was read encouraging members to subscribe to assist in further research.

Tim and Marion have kindly agreed to collect for the Trust and a report to appear in both Club Magazine and accounts.

Federation of European Irish Wolfhound Clubs. A report was given by those who had attended the EIWFC weekend. A full report appears elsewhere in the magazine.

A long discussion took place regarding the loss of size and lack of length of leg in modern Irish Wolfhounds. Arising from this discussion Ika Peiler raised the question of temperament and reports that in Continental Europe top awards were being given to dogs who had manifestly shown aggressive and unsound temperament. It was agreed by the meeting that aggressive behaviour is a serious fault against soundness, and such hounds should not be used for breeding whether at home or abroad.

It was suggested that the Club should revert to the practice of issuing a list of show dates for the forthcoming year, including Judges, as had been done in previous years. Betty kindly agreed to do this again for 1997.

Club President sought two specialists (judges) for the Practical Judging Experience event organised for Sunday, 8th December. Tim Finney and Billy Clarke were prevailed upon to provide same. Tim Finney raised the issue of registration of litters with the IKC and their subsequent availability to Breed Clubs. He suggested it was absurd that Clubs were unable to monitor breeding developments throughout the Country. It was pointed out that since the IKC were now a Limited Company this might partly explain their reluctance to co-operate with Breed Clubs. However it was suggested that the IKC might give registrations if we had a note from each breeder. The Chairman indicated that he had previously received clearance from breeders that this information could be made available. The Club might now consider re-activating this consent.

Ika Peiler drew attention to a mis-print in the Dundalk Schedule re classification of Limit class. Betty will bring this to the attention of the Chairman of the IKC Show committee.

Comment was made re the lack of sign posting near the IKC show grounds. Jim Behan agreed to raise this issue with the IKC.

The Club Open Show to be held with the Hound show in March, 1997.

The meeting concluded with the Chairman thanking all those who had travelled and wished them well for the forthcoming year.

Seamus Buggle (Hon. Sec)

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Tribulations of a New Secretary



Prior to January, 1996, my attendance at the AGM was mainly an opportunity to meet friends while sitting at the back of the hall and admiring the commitment and dedication of the Officers. In particular marvelling at my predecessor as she outlined the "highs and lows" and events of the previous year and exhorting us all to better things in the year ahead. Little did I think (as I nested quietly in the back row) that within a very short time I would be "up the breech" and the fuse lit by the many and varied demands of Club Secretary.

Hilda's untimely death meant also that there was no time to work myself in gradually and learn her system - no phone calls for help to fall back on. I have no doubt that without the support of the Officers and Committee my resignation would have been tendered within days.

Notwithstanding the difficulties with post going via Waterford, transactions which were in mid stream and 'phone calls from overseas at 2.00 am needing to be greeted with a bright Good Morning, I struggled on.

Whilst Hilda must have devoted all of her time to Wolfhound

activity it is necessary for me to earn a crust to feed the family and keep the wolf from the door - hence the necessity of the somewhat impersonal answering machine. I hope this will not deter anyone seeking help or advice.

Before open season on the Club Secretary commences a "fool's pardon" is sincerely sought on the basis that any act or omission had no intended connotations, e.g. forgetting to send out the list of members. If any overseas members would like a copy of this list I will be happy to send it on to them.

On a more serious note it is not possible in my view to affect a totally smooth transition under these given circumstances. Whilst every effort was made to carry out all duties as expeditiously as possible there were a few anxious moments.

I am honoured to be asked to serve the Club in any capacity but particularly at Officer level. I am in the process of putting my own system in place (computer etc) and with the experience of the first year over things can only improve.

I look forward therefore to working with my colleagues on the Committee for the forthcoming year.

I hope to continue to enjoy their unqualified support and indeed the support of all the members in what is a much more difficult and demanding task than sitting in the back row, in passive admiration of the seemingly effortless routine so necessary to the continued survival of our historic club.

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GREEN STAR WINNERS 1996

SHOW	JUDGE	GREEN STAR WINNERS	POINTS
IRISH KENNEL CLUB	MR V BESSON	CH CAPITAN OF SHANTAMON BEARNABUI JACINTA	5 10
COMBINED CANINE	MRS S O'CONNOR	CH CAPITAN OF SHANTAMON AOIFE OF NUTSTOWN	2 2
CORK + DISTRICT	MR N WHITE	MCGILLIGAN OF NUTSTOWN CH GULLIAGH NADIA	3 3
FERMOY CANINE CLUB	MR J BEHAN	MCGILLIGAN OF NUTSTOWN KNOCKNAREA INNION	5 5
HIBERNIAN	MR W CLARKE	CAREDIG SION CENT BEARNABUI IMAGE OF KNOCKNAREA	4 5
IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB	MRS Z THORN-ANDREWS	CH CAPITAN OF SHANTAMON CH. OWENMORE KITTWAKE	10 10
MUNSTER CANINE	MRS Z FOGARTY	SARINGA'S MR MAGWATCH CALCARA CAOIMHE	6 3
SWORDS	MR G MCKENNA	NUTSTOWN BRACKEN OF CALCARA KNOCKNAREA INNION	3 3
MUNSTER AGRICULTURAL	MRS W JACKSON	MCGILLIGAN OF NUTSTOWN KNOCKNAREA INNION	6 6
KILKENNY	MRS B BEARE	NUTSTOWN BRACKEN OF CALCARA ROSEMARY OF NUTSTOWN	4 3
BRAY	MR B NICHOLS	MCGILLIGAN OF NUTSTOWN GULLIAGH POPPY	4 4
IRISH LADIES KENNEL	MRS D TEBBUTT	JUXTALIA MACMATHUNA OF KNOCKNAREA KNOCKNAREA INNION	2 2
DUNDALK	MR C AMOO	MCGILLIGAN OF NUTSTOWN CH GULLIAGH NADIA	4 7
DUNLAOGHAIRE	MRS A MATHERS	MCGILLIGAN OF NUTSTOWN BEARNA BUI IMAGE OF KNOCKNAREA	4 4
HOUND	MRS PAT PASK	MCGILLIGAN OF NUTSTOWN KNOCKNAREA INNION	6 6
CLONMEL	MR J BLANCO	MCGILLIGAN OF NUTSTOWN BOWSFALL BREANNE	10 10
KILLARNEY	MRS ELANSON-WHYTE	MCGILLIGAN OF NUTSTOWN NICSAR BALLYGAR	7 7
LIMERICK	MR D MCGREEVY	LEAMCARE ALDERBARON CH BLOSSOM OF NUTSTOWN	7 7
TRALEE	MR P PLUMPTON	LEAMCARE ALDERBARON CLARENCE GATEMOUNT	9 7
DROGHEDA	MR D DRUM	MCGILLIGAN OF NUTSTOWN BEARNA BUI IMAGE OF KNOCKNAREA	2 4
IRISH BREEDS	MR PETER PASK	JUXTALIA MACMATHUNA OF KNOCKNAREA HALEY OF BEARNABUI	7 10
CARLOW	MRS J CUNNINGHAM	CH MCGILLIGAN OF NUTSTOWN CH BLOSSOM OF NUTSTOWN	5 5
BULL BREEDS	MR G O'SULLIVAN	CH MCGILLIGAN OF NUTSTOWN CH BLOSSOM OF NUTSTOWN	7 5
I.K.C (NOVEMBER) SHOW	MRS S KEALY	CH CAPITAN OF SHANTAMON GULLIAGH SERENDIPITY	7 7
DUBLIN DOG SHOW SOC	MR M GAVIN	CH CAPITAN OF SHANTAMON KNOCKNAREA INNION	3 3

GREEN STAR WINNERS 1996 *Continued*

ANNUAL CHAMPION
CH MCGILLIGAN OF NUTSTOWN

RUNNER UP
CH CAPITAN OF SHANTAMON
(Only points won in Breed competition count towards Annual Champion)

Hound Group Wins
IKC ST PATRICK'S DAY CH/UK CH BEARNABUI JACINTA

Green Star winners omitted from 1995 magazine.
(Confirmation too late for publication)

SHOW	JUDGE	GREEN STAR WINNERS		POINTS
HOUND	MR T BRODY	NUTSTOWN BRACKEN OF CALCARA		7
		BOWSFALL BREANNE	(NO BOB)	8
CLONMEL	MRS J KNIGHT-MESSINGER	LEAMCARE ALDERBARON	(NO BOB)	8
		BEARNA BUI IMAGE OF KNOCKNAREA		8
KILLARNEY	MR R BESSOF	DUKE OF CASTLEHACKET	(NO BOB)	6
		MISTWEAVE MONEYPENNY		7
TRALEE	MRS M HUTCHINS	CARRIGROHAN TRUMPETER		8
		BEARNA BUI JACINTA	(NO BOB)	6
COMPILED BY JIM BEHAN				

Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland 1997 BREED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Sunday, 1st June, 1997
Setanta House Hotel, Celbridge, Co Kildare
Judge - Mrs Maggie Wilkins, (Clonara/Clonmagara)

*Show Sec: Jim Behan,
145 Glasmore Park, Swords, Co Dublin. Telephone: 01-8402305*

NEW CHAMPION



McGilligan at 18 months

NEW CHAMPION

CH MCGILLIGAN OF NUTSTOWN

Owners: John & Kathleen Kelly

Breeders: Owners

Born: 7th November, 1993

Ch/UK Ch Capitan of Shantamon	Ch Cillian Ruane	Chappelleigh Duke of Nutstown
		Nutstown Uisce
	Coolbreagh Gweevagh	Coolbreagh Moloney
Holly of Nutstown		Ballykelly Siofra
	Chappelleigh Duke of Nutstown	Clonara Nizam
		Nutstown Grainne
	Ch Sorcha of Nutstown	Ch Carrokeel Sir Connel of Nutstown
		Ch Sara of Nutstown

NEW CHAMPION



NEW CHAMPION

CH/UK CH. BEARNABUI JACINTA

Owners: John & Maureen Walsh

Breeder: Jim Behan

Born 20th July, 1994

UK Ch Eaglescrag Justin	Clonara Nizam	Solstrand San Antonio of Edeyrn
		UK Ch Clonara Cassnu
	Eaglescrag Cariad	Fitzarran Yankee of Eaglescrag
		Eaglescrag Jessica
Ch Genevieve of Bearnabui	Ch/UK Ch Gulliagh Galleon	UK Ch Eaglescrag Lysander
		Gulliagh Ballykelly Cait
	Carrokeel Elvin of Bearnabui	Tullygirvan Melvin
		Ch/UK Ch Mary of Nutstown

IRISH WOLFHOUND GET TOGETHER

A Wolfhound Get Together was held at John and Kathleen Kelly's farm on the 13th October, 1996. A large number of owners and their hounds had come together determined to enjoy the day to the full and that is exactly what everybody did. Guests came from as far away as the westcoast of Canada (Dean & Sheila Burns from Calgary). The youngest human participant was only a few weeks old, Dominic Fitzmaurice from County Down with his parents Noel and Iris. It was great to see Heather Burlton meeting old and making new friends at this occasion. Heather had bred and exhibited some lovely hounds in the early seventies under the Knocknarus prefix and is well remembered for her lovely Champion CuChulainn Mor. Ann O'Keeffe was back after her terrible accident and was welcomed back by all.

The first event of the afternoon was the lure-coursing. All the hounds, young or old, experienced or beginners, ran. Unfortunately some were less focused on the "hare" than others. Some galloped back to their owners whereas others made it straight back to the car. However in the later stages of this knockout event there was some beautiful display of the typical double suspension gallop. Failure to follow the lure was met with some good-natured legpulling and the experienced runners were much admired and applauded. Dave and Denise Bushby's **Chappelleigh Kudos** was the most determined hunter and he won the final with flying colours. Denis McCarthy's **Owenmore Eagle at Elpyk**, "Sheridan" was runner up.

After the lure coursing Jim Behan gave an introduction to the training and preparation of a young puppy for the showing. Even though designed for the relative beginners all the old hands were also paying close attention. We were all waiting to hear about his magic formula but what we got instead was a lesson in common sense. He told us to start early, keep lessons simple and enjoyable, progress slowly and patiently from standing to walking to trotting and never lose your nerve when things take time. As for grooming he reminded us that our fingers and a comb and brush are the only tools that should ever come close to our wolfhound. It all sounds so simple when Jimmy talks about it.

The last event of the day for the hounds was a parade, organized by Betty Murphy. The parade was non competitive and presented an opportunity to put Jimmy's lesson to immediate good use. For many hounds this was the first encounter with a "showring" situation and the whole setting proved to be ideal to introduce even the tentative youngsters to this new and potentially frightening experience. Every handler

and every hound enjoyed his or her moment in the spotlight and for many it was the first time that they heard the applause from the ringside. I'm sure that many of the promising youngsters can look forward to hearing it more often in the years to come.

Finally John and Kathleen Kelly invited everybody into their house where an enormous amount of the most delicious foods were waiting to be devoured. There were sandwiches with all sorts of cheeses and homemade brownbread with cold meats and pickles and cake and cream and everything else that one should not eat. Caution of course was thrown to the wind and all had a ball eating and chatting away and the room was buzzing with conversation and laughter. The Kelly's must have had many helpers to prepare the lovely food and they deserve many thanks. It was most generous of John and Kathleen to let the club use their fields and yard and even their house and they surely made everybody feel most welcome.

Ulli Peiler



HEATHER BURLTON DONATED & PRESENTED WINNER'S TROPHY
TO DENISE & DAVE BUSHBY



IRISH WOLFHOUND GET TOGETHER

LEFT: DENISE BUSHBY WITH WINNER "CHAPELLEIGH KUDOS" AND DENIS MCCARTHY WITH "OWENMORE EAGLE AT ELPYK" RUNNER UP

LONGEVITY

Chappelleigh Cirrus (Ch Sovryn of Drakesleat x Chappelleigh Ailinn)	24/10/84 - December '96
Chappelleigh Dineen of Greenswell (Clonara Nizam x Nutstown Grainne)	1/12/85 - January '96
Chappelleigh Fingellen (Ch Seplecur Tommy x Chappelleigh Cruishkeen)	24/10/87 - still alive
Gulliagh Hegarty (Ch/UK Ch Gulliagh Galleon x Whysper of Iainston)	12/6/86 - still alive
Knocknarea Baba Yaga (Athcarne Oisin x Lady of Nutstown)	6/4/85 - 1/9/96
Knocknarea Darragh (Athcarne Oisin x Lady of Nutstown)	6/9/87 - still alive
Knocknarea Damsha (as Darragh)	6/9/87 - 21/12/96
Yvonne von der Alten Veste (Gentleman v d Oelmuhle x Dt Ch Isis vd Alten Veste)	16/3/87 - August 1996

Compiled by Isobel Walton

IKC PRACTICAL JUDGING EXPERIENCE

On the 8th of December the IKC had invited future judges to take part in a new type of judging seminar. The existing system requires a person to be a successful breeder/exhibitor for at least five years, in reality often much longer, and must have done some stewarding before judging one's own breed at open show level, and only then progress to championship show level. This system has served us well. But problems can arise as the progressing judge adds more breeds to his own, depending completely on observation, personal studies and informal help by the more experienced to make him/herself competent. This seminar set out to deal with this problem and provide a more uniform approach to learning about breeds using the guidance of well respected specialists.

In some countries systems are favoured that include very intensive schooling about rules and regulations as well as general anatomy, breed type, conformation and movement. There is often a quasi apprenticeship and a tough oral and written examination. As uniformity and accountability becomes a major requirement in such a system, the input of the breed clubs becomes less influential. Somehow tough training regimes do not necessarily seem to produce better judges. Therefore the new Irish approach gives the breed clubs authority over the training of future judges and the IKC kindly provides the organization and premises to enable them to do so.

The new IKC Exhibition centre near the airport was an ideal location for this judging seminar. The rings were huge and carpeted and the aspiring judges had perfect conditions to examine the exhibits and their movement. Participants could choose three out of forty breeds. It was left to the breed clubs to provide two "master judges" and a number of dogs to be assessed. Trainee judges had been issued breed standards in advance so that they could prepare themselves for this hands-on experience. The atmosphere in the rings was deliberately non-competitive and non-judgmental. The breed specialists gave an introduction and trainees could ask questions before taking their turn going over the individual dogs. A written critique of every exhibit was required and the dogs had to be placed. This was then followed by comparing placing and evaluation with the fellow trainees and the breed specialists. The emphasis was not on getting the placing right but on having good reasons for what one was doing. The

trainees got much encouragement and quite a lot of fun out of the fact that the two specialists sometimes could not agree on individual points or placing. This helped to put one's own shortcomings into perspective and provided material for some lively discussion.

Within a given framework the individual clubs had enough freedom to develop their own approach.

From my own experience on the day I feel that the selection of the dogs is very important. Most breed clubs had provided excellent dogs which made placing them tricky but provided an opportunity to get a feel for correct type. Where poorer dogs were presented there was more of a danger of fault judging. However, there was much encouragement to look for the overall quality rather than shortcomings and everybody could express his opinion in an angstfree atmosphere.

The organization of this event, with all these groups of people constantly moving between rings and breeds ran stunningly smoothly and there was general approval of the idea to encourage productive discussion rather than to teach examinable knowledge. Betty Murphy, whose brainchild this seminar was, and her Educational Committee who organised it, must have been pleased with the positive response to the seminar.

The Irish Wolfhound Club was ably represented by Tim Finney and Billy Clarke as "master judges" and Jim Behan was responsible for the perfect layout of the rings. It can only be hoped that, after Betty's retirement from the IKC General Purpose Committee, this great idea will not be abandoned again.

Ulli Peiler



Federation of European Irish Wolfhound Clubs (EIWC)

GERMANY, JUNE, 1996 (3RD MEETING)

Organisation: EIWC and Deutscher Windhundzucht- und Rennverband e.V. in conjunction with EIWC

The 1996 Congress was chaired by Anthony Killykeen-Doyle (Ireland), Vice-Chairman. The Chairman, Tob Swelheim (Netherlands) sent his apologies as he was unable to attend.

A meeting of the Council was held before the main meeting.

Opening Address - Elizabeth Murphy (Ireland), President EIWC.

Elizabeth Murphy welcomed all present on behalf of the EIWC. The large attendance included delegates and visitors from 18 countries:

Austria, Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, U.K. & the USA.

The theme of the '96 Congress is on Judging and by extension on breeding to a higher quality. In addition to conformity with the Standard of Excellence, which is the prime responsibility of breeders, we must also aim towards vitality, health and vigour.

We do not own the breed but hold it in trust for future generations.

We must leave behind us a hound that not only conforms to the Standard but has the health and strength necessary to ensure a long and happy life for the hound and is also a source of pride and joy to the owners. The Irish Wolfhound needs our commitment to safeguard its future. We need to keep many separate lines alive. Concentration on the winning dog or lines could lead to a drastically reduced gene pool. The future of the Breed lies in our hands.

She thanked Mr. Hasselbrink and all our German members for organising and hosting the Congress and congratulated them on the success of the event. Special thanks are due to:

Mrs. Angelika Evertz, Commissioner for Irish Wolfhounds within the German Sighthound Club and successor to the late Mr. Nebgen in this position.

Mrs. Monika Rothlubbers for handing the organisation. She negotiated with the City of Castrop-Rauxel for the use of the beautiful venue.

Mr. Frank Karnitzki, Show Manager. He organised the show for all Sighthound breeds.

• PRESENTATIONS •

Irish Wolfhound Type

Presented by Anthony Killykeen-Doyle (Ireland)

&

The Importance of the "Points of Merit"

Presented by

Anthony Killykeen-Doyle & Elizabeth C Murphy (Ireland)

(A write-up on these presentations follows this report)

Longevity

Presented by E. C. Murphy

(Text follows this report)

How the Irish Wolfhound has Changed:

Mr. John Briggs (UK)

Article published in UK Publication

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Bone Cancer in Finland:

Presented by Mr. K Roms, Finland

(Text follows)

Muscle Tone & Function in the Irish Wolfhound:

Mrs. J Holm Jensen, Denmark

Article published in UK Publication

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1998 Congress

The representatives of a number of clubs will ask their boards re organising the congress in 1998 and inform the Board as soon as possible.

Board Members 1997/98:

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Evening Reception

Mr. Eckhard Schritt as President of the Deutscher Windhundzucht- und Rennverband e V. (German sighthound Breed and Racing club) was present to welcome the members and visitors. He spoke in his address of the equal importance of conformation and performance. He also stressed the need to aim for longevity by careful selection of breeding stock.

Mrs. Angelika Evertz, member of the Sighthound Breed Council joined Mr Schritt in welcoming all those present. Mrs. Erika Rodde, the Chairperson of the regional section expressed her Club's pleasure of hosting this international gathering on Irish Wolfhounds.

Mrs. Evertz paid tribute to the well-known Irish Wolfhound breeder Mr. Willi Nebgen (Gentle Giants) who died during the year.

After the reception and an excellent meal the participants dispersed to the various bars on the premises. While daytime was more concerned with the Standard of Excellence of the hounds, the night gave a welcome opportunity to enjoy the high standard of 'craic' and socializing within the international Wolfhound community.

The beautiful hotel Schloss Goldschmieding and the adjoining grounds were a very appropriate venue for this

international Irish Wolfhound Congress since it has a very distinct Irish connection. It was an Irishman, William Thomas Mulvaney, who in 1866 founded a mining company in Castrop Rauxel which brought prosperity to the region. He called his first mine 'Erin' and subsequently bought Schloss Goldschmieding.

The winners of the shows at Castrop-Rauxel were

Junior Show Irish Wolfhound Saturday: (3-18 months)

Judge: Mr. F. McEvoy (Australia)

Entries - 86 Irish Wolfhounds

Best Dog: **Dogwood von der Oelmuhle**
(13-15 months class)

Best Bitch: **Gold Bunny von der Oelmuhle**,
(10-12 months class). Best of Juniors

International Sighthound Show Sunday: (Annual Club Show)

Welcoming address by Special Guest Irish Ambassador to Germany, Mr. Padraig Murphy

Judge: Irish Wolfhounds - Mrs. Jean Lanning (UK) Dogs

Mrs. Marilyn Pursglove (UK) Bitches

Entries - 137 Irish Wolfhounds

Best of Breed: Dr. Fernhout's **Pitlochry's Big Ben**. CAC.
Best in Show (All Sighthounds)

Best Opp. Sex: Mr. & Mrs. K. Evertz' **Tirliffin Roxanne**.

Best Veteran: Messrs. Rosner & Papenfuss'
Chips von der Oelmuhle

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EIWC CONGRESS 1996 PRESENTATIONS

Irish Wolfhound Type

Part I Presented by Anthony Killykeen-Doyle

Part II Presented by Elizabeth Murphy

Irish Wolfhound Type Tony Killykeen-Doyle stressed that the Irish Wolfhound is a native Irish Breed and that the Standard adhered to by most of those attending is the Original Standard used by the Irish Club and accepted by the FCI.

To develop a better understanding of the Irish Wolfhound Standard some background concerning his origin may be of use. Pedigree dog breeding as we know it today dates only from the 19th Century when Breed Standards were first written down with the advent of Dog Shows. Breeding for excellence of function, on the other hand, is thousands of years old.

To fulfil the roles for which the breed was developed, the Irish Wolfhound is unique in being a dog of great size and strength. Today, however, in the totally unreal world of the show-ring, there seems to be little thought given to the original purpose of this breed. Many of the desired and cultivated points, so highly praised in the show-ring, were considered unimportant by our ancestors and the earlier breeders.

In the 20th century when hunting for survival is no longer a daily reality for the Irish Wolfhound, the Standard must be our guide to the ideal hound. It describes the breed in a word picture. The living animal must conform to this as closely as possible.

The Standard describes the great historical Irish Hound which was hunter, companion and protector. It is not open to change or interpretation by anyone who objects to any of the points in it. The Standard is, and should always be the specification in detail of what is correct and what is wrong. The Standard is the safeguard protecting the Irish Wolfhound for what it was and still ought to be. It is far too easy to deviate from the Standard in both appearance and in character and the show rings today are ample proof of this. Recent years have seen the emergence of very pretty 'chocolate box' Irish Wolfhounds with soft coats, over angulation and close-moving hind action. Unless we call a halt, we will see this breed divided into two types; the working type, which is correct and described by the Standard; and the show type, which is fit only to perform in the show ring.

Our Standard was drawn up in 1885 by Capt. Graham, Major Garnier and Mr. J F Bailey. This Standard with a few minor additions, is the Standard which is used by the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland and therefore the FCI, the Standard with which most of you are working.

In 1950 the Irish Wolfhound Standard was amended in America, the reference to the Great Dane and the Deerhound were removed. The only other differences in the current American Standard apply to height and a slight difference regarding faults of pigmentation. Besides these exceptions, the two Standards are identical and while I do not believe that these changes were necessary, they have not fundamentally altered the intent of the authors of the original Standard to the extent which prevents intelligent breeding and judging the historically correct Irish Wolfhound.

The Standard used in Great Britain was revised in 1985 by the Kennel Club in a more drastic manner. So many changes were made that it no longer paints the same word picture, some characteristics are now required or preferred which never were in the past. For example, ears are now preferably dark in colour which wrongly penalises self coloured wheaten hounds, for no reason of function or historical tradition. Other items which previously had been part of the Standard are now gone. Judges and breeders in Great Britain are required to follow this Standard so that it cannot but impact on breeding in some manner.

Tony went on to discuss the Standard and the strengths and weaknesses seen in the breed today.

Forequarters There are a number of problems in the breed. Forequarters are a problem worldwide. Breeders are finding it difficult to correct forequarter problems, this is no wonder to me because the majority of judges don't recognise a correct shoulder. Any interested person soon learns to spot bad forequarters. I believe the front assembly must be learnt on the living animal and from somebody truly knowledgeable and not from diagrams and photographs. It is not a simple case of believing that good fronts come with good hindquarters, they don't.

Movement A lot of breeders and judges are oblivious to the fact that too many hounds move far too closely behind. This fact has become so common that I feel owners and judges have

come to accept this as normal. In many cases they fault sound free movement as movement wide behind. Often I hear specialist judges contributing to the misconception of type and sound movement. I can forgive specialist judges putting up a favoured 'type' (usually what they breed themselves) but I am amazed when high placements are made to lame and unsound dogs that mince around the ring with short steps, no drive; no reach - whereas hounds with free powerful movement which cover the ground with ease and purpose should take the top awards.

Size which is an integral part of the Irish Wolfhound, unfortunately seems to have become a dirty word in the breed today. Instead of working towards its recovery, breeders prefer to knock the size they lack. This is a mistake. If size is lost it may be impossible to get back.

Shape and Balance are changing. The Standard states that the back should be rather long than short. Too many hounds seen in the ring today have square frames with legs that are too short. There is no way you can end up with square dogs when the Standard says that the back should be rather long. The hound should stand over a lot of ground with plenty of day-light underneath.

Coat The only correct coat is hard and rough. Breed for this and don't blame the shampoo or the climate for coats with soft texture. Soft coats are non functional in a breed that should be able to hunt in all types of weather and on all terrains.

Colour I am tired of hearing breeders condemning white markings on our hounds. This is a prejudice without foundation. In fact, the genetic term Irish Spotting refers to a colour pattern consisting of four white feet, a white chest and a white tip to a dark tail - usually occurring on a dark or grey hound. Irish Wolfhounds marked in this manner were greatly favoured by breeders of the past and indeed by knowledgeable breeders of today. Discrimination against these traditionally marked hounds is another example of breeders throwing the baby out with the bath-water.

Tails are more than just decorative, they are a functional appendage to the animal. They act as a rudder, aiding the balance so important for a working, galloping dog. The Standard specifies a tail which is long and slightly curved. To the old breeders, this meant a tail which started to curve at the hock - not end at the hock, as unfortunately, many do today. The tail is a continuation of the spine. As such it can indicate trouble which goes beyond the actual tail itself, for example, a high set

tail can mean a short croup or a faulty loin. These are serious faults affecting movement and balance; therefore it behoves breeders to pay close attention to tails in their breeding programmes.

The breed has survived against all the odds from the midst of Irish mythology to the present day - through periods of great fears for its survival, wars, famines, etc.

We now must look forward to the 21st Century. The Breed is safe as to numbers worldwide but it is at a crossroads; typewise, as is apparent by many hounds seen and winning in the ring today, and healthwise. This is due to breeders' individual interpretation of the Standard and the irresponsible breeding from unhealthy stock, both physical and mental.

It is now time for Clubs and breeders to get together and stop paying lip service to the Irish Wolfhound Standard. Breed judges must stop rewarding untypical, unsound, bad moving animals that could not catch an alley cat, let alone go out and do a day's work. The answer lies in education. Every person involved with this breed must make an effort to understand the real meaning of the Standard. Stop breeding from unhealthy stock that you know in your heart will not have healthy lives. You are going against nature.

Dogs are carnivores, they are meat eaters. Many of our problems today are man-made. Tony said he was old enough to remember the introduction of "complete" commercial foods and the resulting problems over generations since. He advocated that we go back to a more natural way of feeding, meat, eggs, milk, and a basic plain biscuit meal. This diet could perhaps help solve a number of problems of modern day breeders.

Tony stressed the importance of not breeding from stock that is perpetuating health problems. If a puppy is weak in the nest, mother nature knows best. If the mother rejects it don't wrap it in cotton wool, keep it going, then proudly boast in two years time; "isn't she lovely and how hard it was to keep her alive" - then breed from her - no wonder you have health problems in the next generation. This is a healthy breed that has survived for thousands of years. Only breed from healthy stock of physical and mental soundness. I see so many that are spooks, afraid of their own shadow. Then the other side of that, this wonderful hound, world famous for its temperament, "gentle when stroked, fierce when provoked", will lay down his life for you, will protect you and your children. There are a number of dogs out there that I wouldn't let a child near, so you must be ruthless when it comes to health and temperament. Don't fool yourselves, if it doesn't look right, don't breed from it. You will be doing the breed a favour.

I love this breed too much - it saddens me to see what is happening. Thank God there are enough wonderful breeders in every country who are working hard to breed the historically correct Irish Wolfhound, both physically and mentally. Long may they continue.

Part II - List of Points in Order of Merit

The Irish hound is built on giant sighthound lines, in addition to hunting large game it also needed the strength to kill its quarry. The dog described in the Standard has: size, strength, balance, and great freedom of movement.

Graham gave us a lovely description of the Irish Wolfhound shape, "a nice set of curves beginning with the crest of the neck and finishing with the bend of the tail". A proudly carried head, nicely arched neck, well laid shoulders leading into a good topline with adequate rise over the loins and well set croup produces this gently curving outline. The head should be "as powerful as is compatible with the greyhound shape".

Betty Murphy stressed that the important point to remember is that the Irish Wolfhound is a sighthound, and a sighthound is a fairly long legged animal. I suspect that this "short legs" problem is being accepted by breeders and rewarded by judges because it is usually accompanied by good, sometimes even over-angulation. Short legs are a fault against both type and conformation in an Irish Wolfhound.

Tony Doyle and Betty Murphy then went through the individual points.

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.

AKD Ours is one of the few breed Standards that include reference to other breeds, the Great Dane and the Deerhound. These two breeds are used as reference within the text to keep our Wolfhounds from the extremes of type which the other two breeds represent. The Standards of all three breeds were written within a few years of each other. It is of interest to note that Mr. Adcock and Mr. Bolton both worked on the original Dane Standard and Mr. Hood-Wright, who helped to write the first Deerhound Standard, were all breeders of Irish Wolfhounds. Capt. Graham was a founder member of the Great Dane Club and his influence can be seen in the similarity between the Dane

and the Wolfhound Standards. These men knew all three of these breeds and valued their similarities and differences. When studying the original contemporary Standards, it is possible to see more exactly what was intended when we were asked to compare the Irish Wolfhound with the Dane and the Deerhound.

ECM The Irish Wolfhound should give the impression of strength. A hound that looks heavy in build is probably too coarse or has heavy bone. The heaviest bone is not the strongest bone, the strength is influenced by its density. On the other hand, a hound that gives the impression of fleetness is probably too finely built for a Wolfhound. The reference to these other two breeds was included to prevent the breeders developing lines that were too heavy or too light.

2. Great Size and commanding appearance.

AKD As stated earlier, size is an integral part of the Irish Wolfhound, yet it seems to have become a dirty word in the breed today. Why? The first thing that attracted all of you to the Irish Wolfhound, I am sure, was the size of this beautiful big dog. Size is belittled in many quarters - usually by people whose hounds are lacking size. Don't fall for the fallacy that the big ones have straight shoulders or the big ones haven't got angulation. A lot of them do if you know what you are at. The Wolfhound has always been the tallest hound. I don't apologise for having big dogs and you shouldn't either, provided they are in proportion and have balance.

ECM Great size is what we are aiming for - providing the balance is right. If a tall dog owes his additional height to lack of angulation, this is a faulty conformation. Size, accompanied by good balance, good fronts and rears, is the ideal. Great size in well made strongly built hounds.

3. Movements easy and active.

AKD Note, it is not movement but movements, incorporating every single part of the hound. They don't run around the ring like an Afghan. Easy - active. This is a dog who is a hunter, so they don't have a quick burst of speed and exhaust themselves. They are meant to go out and work all day with their owners and with the pack. Easy and active until the time comes when he has to do his work. Now I am not advocating that they should kill every sheep in the area but remember that this describes the historical hunting dog.

ECM When watching hounds move, the good mover looks as though he is not working very hard, he just seems to be ambling along. Try keeping up with him and you will find just how

much ground he is covering with his easy movement. The hound who looks as though he is making great effort and is all busy and active as he moves, is usually the one with short strides or high energy and time wasting action.

4. Head, long and level, carried high.

AKD I am fed up looking at square heads, aren't you? How can it be square when the Standard says long. It also says muzzle long and moderately pointed. You want a long head, a powerful head. This dog grabs, he holds. He must have a long head with a strong jaw, a powerful muzzle.

ECM As I said earlier, he should have a strong powerful greyhound head. It is not square, it is not blocky, the skull is not narrow at the rear like a Borzoi. We are seeing quite a few heads now with a high frontal bone, the skull rising too high above the stop, something to watch out for and breed away from. The head is the first individual point mentioned in the list of points in Order of Merit, but follows type, size and movement.

5. Forelegs, heavily boned, quite straight; elbows well set under.

AKD This is self explanatory.

ECM In a well constructed front, it is the length and angulation of the upper-arm that places the elbows "well under". If the upper arm is straight the elbows will be too far forward.

6. Thighs long and muscular; second thighs, well muscled, stifles nicely bent.

AKD due to a typographical error the UK Standard says slightly bent which has been in use for the past 40 years. It is meant to be nicely, not slightly bent. Note that it refers to thighs, second thighs, not thigh. The wording in this is very good, it was written by people who knew animals. It is not a very long Standard but for people who think it is very clear.

ECM I would like to underline the fact that it asks for muscular second thighs. This is extremely important because if the lower thigh is not well muscled, it means that the muscles are not strong enough to work the hock joint. The greatest movement of any joint in the body is in the hock joint.

7. Coat, rough and hard, especially wiry and long over the eyes and under jaw.

AKD Ireland is a wet country, it rains a lot. We need that rough wiry coat as protection. It also gets terribly cold, not the cold you have here on the Continent but a damp cold. What the

Standard does not say is that we also have an undercoat, a soft protecting down under that rough coat. So there is a functional reason for the coat. Over-grooming can remove the undercoat.

ECM A good hard rough coat is just that and nobody can argue with it. A problem sometimes arises when people put extra emphasis on facial furnishings which often go hand in hand with a soft coat. In order to keep excessive furnishings, they tend to tolerate a soft coat. This is a mistake. Remember the photograph in Graham's book, of Colin showing wiry furnishings. The Standards says that on the head the hair should be especially wiry and long over eyes and under jaw. How often do we see wiry furnishings today?

8. Body, long, well ribbed up, with ribs well sprung, and great breadth across hips.

AKD Nothing square here, we are talking length. Head long, body long, back rather long than short.

ECM The dog should not be cobby or square, this is a fault against type. Well ribbed-up means that the ribs reach well back and down to a deep chest leaving plenty of room for the heart and lungs to expand when the hound is galloping. If the hound is herring gutted - the underline goes up too sharply into the tuck-up, heart and lung room is reduced. Over-stripping the tuck-up makes the hound look herring-gutted.

Great breadth across the hips. Well constructed, well muscled hindquarters are necessary for power and propulsion in the gallop.

9. Loins arched, belly well drawn up.

AKD you don't want a flat or straight back. Too many hounds are so flat you could use them as a table. A flat back means that the animal is not properly built. The arched loins are there for a reason and the belly is well drawn up.

ECM It is interesting to note that the vertebrae of the loin are slightly wedge shaped to give added strength to the loins which have no skeletal structure underneath for support. Muscle adds to the arch. One often sees a flattish back on a young hound up to 18 months or so, he has not yet developed the muscle which will contribute to the arch.

10. Ears, small, with greyhound-like carriage.

AKD That means small and rosed. That is also mentioned for a purpose. Lots of breeds used for hunting that did not have this small ear were cropped. In hunting the first place to be attacked usually is the head, the first thing to be caught is the ear. You can see it with any of your puppies fighting, a scream goes up

when the ear is caught.

ECM I don't think there is any ambiguity here. Is there anything that detracts more from a nice typical hound head than a large flat ear? The small rose ear sets off a good head.

11. Feet, moderately large and round; toes close, well arched.

ECM It is generally said that the round cat foot is less subject to damage in the field than the longer hare foot. The weight of the Irish Wolfhound means that there is a greater danger of injury to his feet than with more lightly built hounds. The well arched and well padded cat foot has less chance of injury to the Irish Wolfhound.

AKD Well arched means well up on those feet. They are not flat, they are not camel feet, they are not Afghan feet. The nearest foot to it is a good Great Dane foot which is very similar. They don't wear shoes and they go over very rough terrain, not like the inside of a show ring. I live in the mountains and the countryside is very rough - unless you have good feet they would be cut to bits.

12. Neck, long, well arched and very strong.

ECM A long strong neck is an essential requirement in a hound that was bred to hunt and kill large game. It is not a case of the longer the better, when one does see an overlong neck, it is like that of a swan - lacking power and strength. Graham himself said that too long a neck gives the impression of weakness rather than strength. Well arched, strong and long in proportion to the body. Hounds of the past were often depicted with the head looking directly behind them "looking into the past". Hounds can still do this today.

13. Chest, very deep, moderately broad.

ECM As we said with the ribs you need depth of chest to give space for the lungs and heart to breathe. Well placed forequarters also contribute to capacity. If a dog is very narrow in front, capacity is reduced - it should be moderately broad. The Wolfhound should not have the very broad chest of a Mastiff, this would not be in keeping with the greyhound shape.

14. Shoulders, muscular, set sloping.

AKD The Standard covers that by saying shoulders muscular, giving breadth of chest. So you have got your moderately broad chest but what makes it seem even broader is these muscular shoulders. Not flat shoulders, not straight shoulders - muscular shoulders giving breadth to chest.

15. Tail, long and slightly curved.

AKD In the original Irish Wolfhound Standard of 1879 which was Graham's first it said "it should be carried with an upward curve only and not be curled as is the case with many greyhounds". A curve, not a curl.

ECM A nice long strong tail, slightly curved. The slight curve should not be used to excuse a gay tail. The tail is used as a rudder when galloping.

16. Eyes, dark.

ECM This was added later on, I think in 1932. Graham used to say that the eyes should at least harmonise with the coat, in other words they should not look light in the head.

AKD Dark eyes were added in 1930.

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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Longevity Report

Presented by E.C. Murphy, Ireland.

Updating the lifespan section of her "Photographs & Pedigrees: Irish & UK" book, Elizabeth Murphy had lists of the longer lived hounds (8 years and upwards) for each member Club.

The longest lived hound was

16 years 6 months - Mr. A Killykeen-Doyle's "Killykeen Kildevlin"

No records of 14 or 15 year old hounds.

13 years = 9 hounds

12 years = 31 hounds

11 years = 72 hounds

10 years = 119 hounds

9 years = 143 hounds

8 years = 156 hounds

Among the 530 recorded above, the Prefix which outstripped all others was Mrs. M. Saunder's "Erindale"

46 Erindale hounds were listed among the longer lived hounds.

The following prefixes appeared between 20 and 28 times: Drakesleat, Solstrand, Eaglescrag and Killykeen.

The following prefixes appeared between 12 and 16 times: Sanctuary; Melanter; Gulliagh; Brabyns; Carrokeel & Petasmeade

The following prefixes appeared between 7 and 10 times: Bokra; Knocknarea; Nutstown; Tolkavally; Athcarne; Marumac; Ballykelly; Mochras; Seplecur; Lenhams; Owenmore

The following prefixes appeared 5/6 times: Cleaseac; Corniman; Hibeck; Caredig; Coolbreagh

The following prefixes appeared 3/4 times: Clanellan; Chapelleigh; Finloren; Inniskerry; Caradhras; Cloyne; Flashynnes; Icaray; Oakenshield; Outhwaite; Pendomers; Rathdaws; Royden.

The following prefixes appeared twice: Ballalyns; Ballinteer; Bearnabui; Camlet; Chater; Culvercroft; Derryquinn; Galtymore; Ladestar; Mellor; Moonvoy; Nellwyns; Nendrum; Thornwick; Tullygirvan; Witchesbroom

Numbers are not consecutive, e.g. no prefixes were recorded 17, 18, 19 times.

The above can only be taken as a very rough indication; age updates of many Prefixes were not supplied; others were only partially supplied. Breeders who only breed occasionally will naturally have few entries.

It was my hope in recording the lifespan that breeders would be able to note the long lived hounds in their pedigrees and take this into consideration when planning future breeding. Each delegate was given a copy of the full list to make available for their Club members.

The Irish Wolfhound in Finland

Presented by K. Roms, Finland.

The Breeding Committee of the Irish Wolfhound Club in Finland collected information among the Finnish breeders in the winter of 1994-1995 on the cause of death and respectively at what age their dogs had died. The breeders were encouraged to comment whether the cause of death was a disease or an accident. In the event that a confirmed diagnosis was available (given by a veterinary or possibly a confirmed report by a pathologist), the breeders were instructed to inform us.

The total number of questionnaires addressed to Finnish breeders was 73, which indicates the fact that the sample comprised many ex-breeders, who had given up breeding to date. Only one of the ex-breeders replied, the rest of the replies were supplied by current breeders. However, only 13 breeders bothered to return the questionnaire; that is, the sample was small on the whole. Nevertheless, the three major breeders who have been breeding Irish Wolfhounds in Finland for some ten years returned their questionnaires. Thus, we may consider the collected data to be - to some extent - relevant and in the right direction.

Through our Finnish club magazine we requested further information focusing on the Irish Wolfhounds that died of bone cancer in the autumn of 1995. The request yielded information on 17 dogs put down owing to bone cancer. The data included five (5) of the cases already listed in the aforementioned data on the cause of death. Because the request focused on cases of bone cancer, we therefore cannot indicate the percentage of bone cancer in terms of other cancer cases.

We also include some data on mating, whelping and litters of Irish Wolfhounds in Finland. Our aim in recording information into the data is to explain among other things, fertility, whelping, mortality rates among puppies and the causes of death among them. To date we have had relevant information on 33 litters, the numbers of Finnish Wolfie litters was 30 in 1995.

We need to take some initial steps to get going so we do not have much to tell yet.

TO SUM UP THE CAUSE OF DEATH DATA

1. The reported cause of death was a disease or a presumed opinion without any detailed evidence, and some cases of rare diseases; 35 cases.

In this group dogs were aged between 2 months and 8 years of age, however, most of the dogs were either younger than 12

months or older than 6 years of age. - 5 cases of heart diseases, diagnosed or presumed - 7 cases of various diseases: one case of AIHA, two cases of the malfunction of the pancreas, one case of liver infection (the dog was 7 years old), one case of possible heat-stroke, two cases of possible whelping complications - 23 cases of 'a disease' without any specification

2. The cause of death was labelled 'old age', paralysis of the hindquarters, malfunction of the heart due to old age and as its complication diabetes; 17 cases.

This group comprised dogs of at least 8 years of age, the oldest dog was 11 years 8 months old.

3. Various cancers: bone cancer, internal cancer and leukaemia; 16 cases.

The youngest case of leukaemia was a five month old dog, the oldest case of bone cancer was 8 years 4 months old, but the age group most at risk was that of the 4-6 years olds.

- 5 cases of bone cancer
- 8 cases of internal cancer
- 3 cases of leukaemia

4. Gastric dilatation and volvulus (and of the spleen); 14 cases.

The youngest dog in this group was an 18 month old dog, the oldest dog was 8 years 10 months, but the age group most at risk seemed to be that of the 4-6 year olds.

5. Congenital or probably congenital diseases; 5 cases.

These dogs died understandably young, the oldest dog was 2 years and 2 months old.

- 3 cases of portocaval shunt
- one case of the Wobler syndrome
- one case of kidney degeneration

6. Virus infections; 5 cases.

This group consists of young dogs, the oldest dog was 18 months of age.

7. Accidental deaths, 14 cases.

In addition to the cases run over by cars or trains, we regarded such reported cases as intestinal obstructions owing to ropes eaten in the garden etc. as accidents. Young dogs are naturally accident-prone so the oldest dog in this group was two and a half years old.

8. Dogs put down; 5 cases.

This group was beyond understanding, because the reasons for putting down the dogs were such as the arrival of a (human)

baby into the family, difficulties to keep the dog and the like. The oldest dog in this group was three years old.

On the basis of this small sample we may infer that the age group most at risk is that of the 4-6 year olds. Having counted the number of living dogs in this sample, we found out that

- 68 % of them were under 4 years of age,
 - 17 % of them were over 6 years of age, and
 - only 15 % of them were 4-6 year olds,
- in other words, dogs at the age of 4-6 years were the smallest living group.

DOGS PUT DOWN ON ACCOUNT OF BONE CANCER

We had information on 17 dogs altogether, each dog was diagnosed. The data consist of 12 male dogs and 5 bitches. 12 of these dogs were born and bred in Finland, five of them were imported to Finland. The youngest bitch was 5 years of age and the oldest bitch was 9 years of age. The youngest male dog was three and a half years old and the oldest dog was eight and a half years old.

TO SUM UP THE DATA OF LITTERS BORN IN FINLAND

The number of litters was 33

Matting:

- one case of a reluctant bitch who eventually became pregnant and had puppies.
- 7 x a mating = 21 %
- 16 x a repeat mating = 48 %
- 9 x a third mating = 27 %
- 1 x a forth mating = 4 %
- the earliest mating: on the 8th day in the fertile period
- the latest mating: on the 17th day in the fertile period
- in general the first mating on the 11th day in the fertile period
- the tie lasted 2-35 minutes, mostly 15 minutes

Whelping:

- puppies born alive 6.54 puppies/each litter
- the smallest size of a litter was 2 puppies in two litters, no stillborn puppies in either of them
- the biggest size of a litter was 14 puppies, several stillborn puppies in it
- the greatest number of living puppies was 12, one stillborn puppy in the litter

Stillborn puppies:

- 18 litters included stillborn puppies (= 54 %)
- the highest mortality rate of a litter in percentages was 55 %

(a big litter)

- the highest number of stillborn puppies was 6 (less than 55 % of the litter)

Puppies died later/put down:

- in 13 litters (= 39%), 1-2 puppies/each litter

Causes:

- a premature puppy
- intestinal volvulus
- foot injury
- two puppies were crushed under the dam
- bloody diarrhoea
- intestinal obstruction
- pneumonia
- portocaval shunt
- cleft palate
- dilatation of the oesophagus

The weights of the puppies:

At birth:

- the smallest survivor was 270 grams
- the biggest puppy was 900 grams; each puppy in the same litter was of great weight: 1 x 600 grams
- + 6 x 800 grams + 1 x 900 grams
- the average weight was ca. 550 grams, slightly more perhaps

At the age of 8 weeks:

- the average weight was 9-11.5 kilograms

Help needed in whelping:

- in 36 % of the whelpings no need for any help
- in 15 % of the whelpings; a Caesarean was needed (= five litters), all the whelpings started normally, but the rest of the puppies had to be helped in a Caesarean section owing to the total loss of contractions
- in other whelpings either a) Calcii Glugonaas or b) oxytocin or c) both were needed

Bite:

- in 21 litters (= 63 %) correct bite
- in 8 litters 11 puppies in all were with overshot bite
- one level bite, which turned normal (at the age of 12 months the bite is still that way)
- three litters with no information at all
- no reported undershot bite

Testicles:

- the testicles were OK in 25 litters = 75 %
- in 8 litters cryptorchidism in the male puppies; 4 litters were

closely related to each other

- a case confirmed by a veterinarian: testicles were OK at the age of 9 weeks, but at the age of 13 weeks the dog was monorchid

- the percentage of cryptorchidism/male puppies = 16 % - 100 %

Further information:

- one Siamese twin; one head with two hindquarters
- one ' Swimmer' who was nearly normal at the age of 4 months
- a male puppy (living with the breeder) paralysed after the first distemper vaccination, nearly normal at the age of 5 months
- three prolonged whelpings with respect to the number of puppies/whelping time; however, all the puppies were alive
- the longest interval between living puppies was 8 hours
- one slight umbilical hernia - in three litters there were puppies with dew claws

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We congratulate Peggy & Ron Carpenter and Robin Kirtley on ***Ch Knocknarea Mullach Ade***'s success at the IWCA Specialty '96: at just two years of age he came second to the Best of Breed Winner, from a strong class of over 60 hounds. Jill Bregy's (Judge) comment: "If the IWCA had an Award of Merit I would have presented it to ***Ch Knocknarea Mullach Ade***."

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In August '96, we unfortunately lost to cancer our dear Yvonne (von der Alten Veste) aged just 9 years. The sweetest of Germans, she had led and ruled the Wolfhound pack with quiet authority for some years. Her departure left us saddened, and the pack in disarray. Happily, we retain her blood in her daughter, Melody, and grandson and granddaughter, G Robin Hood and G. Poppy, and Poppy's young son, G. Tyson.

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Tony and Hilda with "Callin" at 9 years of age

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BANRAC IRISH WOLFHOUNDS



NZ CH GULLIAGH NAPOLEON (Imp Elre)
(Ir/GB Ch Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh
x Ir Ch Gulliagh Isolde)



CH BANRAC AFFRICA
(Ch Napoleon x Ch Banrac Derrysheehan Noi)

Napoleon has been a great ambassador for the breed here in New Zealand and 1996 saw Napoleon along with our 9 year old Ch Banrac Deas being part of Opera NZ's season of "Lucia" where they performed night after night to full applause. We have certainly been privileged to share our lives with Napoleon.

Two of Napoleon's daughters at home:-



BANRAC KITTY HAWK
(Ch Napoleon x Ch Banrac Deas)

A big thank you to Tim and Marion Finney for all your support and advice over the years!

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BEARNA BUI IRISH WOLFHOUNDS



HALEY OF BEARNA BUI (AMY)

Amy made her "debut" as a veteran at our Club show this year. Her second time out was at the Irish Native Breed Society Championship Show in September, this time going all the way, winning Best of Breed and Best Movement Trophy under Breed Specialist Peter Pask, Wales. Amy went on to be Runner up in the Lure which took place later on in the day. We had a lovely day.

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BALLYBLARNEY IRISH WOLFHOUNDS

*Best Wishes
for 1997*

SEAMUS BUGGLE,
Narraghmore,
Ballitore,
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Lisnagry Irish Wolfhounds



Ch & UK Ch Bearnabui Jacinta

Jacinta started '96 off on a very high note gaining her Irish title on St. Patrick's Day at the Irish Kennel Club Show, under Hound Specialist Victor Besson (France). She went on to win the Hound Group under Dermot Drum, another Hound Specialist.

Jacinta completed "her year" by winning her 3rd CC, and UK title, at Leeds under Wolfhound Specialist Judge, Jenny Dove. Our thanks to Jim Behan for handling Jacinta during the year.

• **JOHN & MAUREEN WALSH** •

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Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland.

• CODE OF ETHICS •

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

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

2. Officers and Committee members of the Club should always be ready to do their best to help members with any queries or problems.

3. Advertising by members must be factual. Members should refrain from making unfair or untrue statements about the dogs or practice of others.

4. It should be impressed upon buyers that they should contact the breeder in the event of any problems with the puppy. Breeders should make every effort to be of assistance in these circumstances.

5. Each purchaser of an Irish Wolfhound puppy should be provided at the time of sale, with a pedigree, diet sheet and information about training, worming and inoculations.

6. Before breeding a litter consideration should be given to type, temperament, health and soundness. Aggressive dogs are not satisfactory as pets or breeding stock.

7. All breeding should be aimed at the improvement of the breed. Members should do all in their power to discourage breeding from clearly inferior specimens.

8. No member should breed a litter unless he has time and facilities to devote proper care and attention to the rearing of the puppies and the well being of the dam. No member should provide stud services unless satisfied that the owner of

the bitch has such time and facilities available. Members should allow their males to be used only if certain that both dog and bitch have something to offer towards the improvement of the breed, not just for stud fees. They should be prepared to assist in finding suitable homes for the puppies.

9. No member should breed a litter unless he is reasonably sure of finding homes for the puppies. No puppies should leave the breeder before the age of eight weeks at least. No bitch should be bred until physically mature.

10. No puppies should be sold to dealers, pet shops, laboratories, security firms or as security guard dogs or to persons known to sell puppies to any of the above. Nor should stud services be provided to such persons. Knowledge of such sales should be reported to the committee. It is recommended that no puppies should be sold to areas overseas that do not have similar standards of animal welfare to our own. If in doubt, check with the Club.

11. Prospective buyers of puppies should be screened for suitability and should be advised of the characteristics of the Irish Wolfhound as a breed. The breeder should encourage the prospective owner to feed the puppy correctly and endeavour to monitor it's progress and encourage the owner to keep in touch with the breeder, who should be prepared to take back any hound whose home may no longer be able to cope or to contact the Club's Rescue Service.

12. Members should only sell animals which to the best of their knowledge are in good health at the time of the sale.

