



The Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland

Heritage News!etter special August 2017

Battle of the Boyne 1690

The Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland presents
The Native Dog Breeds of Ireland
Sunday 27th August 2 pm
Battle of the Boyne
Oldbridge House, Oldbridge
Co. Meath

**Great Family Fun Day ! Free Admission !
Everyone Welcome !**

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The flyer for the IWCI Heritage Day event 2017

Quotes following the event:

"The best club event -ever!"

"All nine breeds together- I just didn't believe it could be done"

"A happy day, with happy dogs and happy people- it should always be like this!"

"Fantastic! When can we all do it again?"

Sunday 27th August 2017

ICWI Heritage Day

THE RETURN OF THE HOUNDS TO THE BOYNE VALLEY !!

Following the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland's historic event at the Newgrange Winter Solstice, the Irish Wolfhounds return again to the Boyne Valley- this time to the beautiful & historic Battle of the Boyne Centre.

In association with the Irish Kennel Club and the the Office of Public Works, the club was host to the other eight Native Breeds at this special Heritage Week event.



Jim Stephens, IKC and well-known animal behaviourist, getting into character with Juno & Grace

OPW estimate that 1500-2000 people came to the event. Many children and families have now learned that there are 9 Native Irish Breeds, and they have met **all 9** Native Breeds!

We were very privileged and honoured to have had all 9 native breeds taking part in our event.

Yes! **all 9** were there, meeting the public and promoting the cause of Heritage Status!



*Bid welcome to our chief guest for the day: **Sir Neil O'Neill***

Sir Neil O'Neill, Chieftain of the clan of the O'Neills of Ulster,
Baron of Killyleagh, Lord Lieutenant of Antrim.

Sir Neil was born in 1658.

He raised the 11th Regiment of Dragoons which served King James.

Sir Neil fought bravely at the Battle of Boyne in 1690- mortally
wounded he died that same year in Waterford.

We was famously painted at the height of his power in 1680 by John
Michael Wright- depicted with his Irish Wolfhound.

We remember him and his hound today, represented by historical
re-enactor Gerry Smyth, with our own Ivan Gargan and his magnificent
Irish Wolfhound- PADDY

Irish Wolfhounds- the majestic ones!



IWCI young ladies led out the native Irish breeds in full costume with their majestic Irish Wolfhounds to the delight of the crowd;
from the left, Sarah Fitzpatrick, Yanna Dunne, Rebecca Smyth and Emma Smyth



Watch the video!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDRSi_o7V6k



To accompany the procession we were privileged to have the renowned uilleann piper **Mr Eoin Dillon**
Eoin's relationship with the pipes goes beyond even the beauty and power of his music- he is truly an expert on the history & heritage of the pipes themselves -and of piping
Eoin was delighted to be with us and explained that the uilleann pipes also have heritage status.



Lark enjoying the music



Enrique who travelled from Spain to join us for the day, with Shannon



Ivan Gragan & Club President Gerry Clarke joke about 21st Century tech with a 17th Century outfit!



Naimh Dolan with her wolfhound Méabh



Cianan Redmond with Tara and friends



Yanna & Méabh

Margaret Moran & Tracey Carroll
with Seodin, Darcey & Faolcu



Jenny O'Meara in the parade
with Clara & Yates



Velda Clark & Kathleen Kelly enjoying
the day



To the applause of all, the other eight wonderful Irish native breeds joined the Irish Wolfhounds around the podium.

Cianan Redmond made the presentation on the history of the Irish Wolfhound.



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Kerry Beagles- the spectacular ones!



The fabulous Ravensring Kerry Beagles arrived to huge applause. The made a wonderful entrance- well worth the wait- to the acclaim of all! Mike & Michael brought four Kerry Beagles showing the range of colours, plus their Red & White Setter-a true spectacle.

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Irish Glen of Imall Terriers – the characterful ones!



Linda Christie with her delightful Irish Glen of Imalls with their compelling charm



Irish Terriers – the indomitable ones!



Frank Byrne with his striking Irish Terrier Moya and family.
A big thank you to Frank for his huge contribution, support and help.
In the preparation for the event, and on the day, Frank was tower of strength!

Kerry Blues – the resplendent ones!



Awesome- what presence! -thank you Gerry & Michael

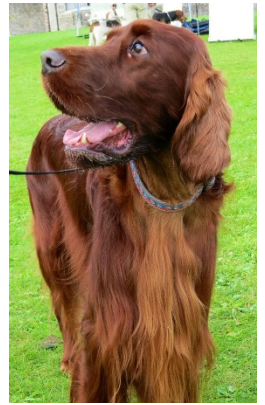


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Irish Red Setters - the breathtaking ones!

The two charismatic setter breeds
with their graceful flowing
movement stole hearts
around the podium.

Our thanks to Sheila, Anthony,
Geraldine & Mike.



Irish Red & White Setters - the stunning ones!



Irish Water Spaniels the irrepressable ones!



What characters! thank you to Dorothy, Terry, Tony & Vincent and the fabulous Sadbh & Ebliu



Ian with his delightful Water Spaniel puppy

Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers the adorable ones!



Sonia Ferris and son Brandon with their adorable Wheaten Terriers Chopin & Chanel -so affectionate!



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Jim Stephens, animal behaviourist and consultant to the IKC made the presentations on each of the other eight Native Breeds.

He went on to make a further presentation on canine behaviour.

The indefatigable Jim! made a tremendous contribution to the day! In the run-up to the event Jim was the IKC co-ordinator and his help & enthusiasm was much appreciated.



The beautiful Native Dogs of Ireland badge sold in support of our Irish Native Breeds.

Thank you to Cathy Delmar of the Irish Breeds Society.

Patrons of the IWCI

Patrons Betty & Jim overseeing and lending a helping hand!



The Campaign for UNESCO Heritage Status

The Native Breeds of Ireland
We, the people of Ireland created them,
we have loved them-
we have been loved by them!

We believe that Heritage Status will be a very important step in safe-guarding our beloved breeds for future generations. It will proclaim their significance to the nation and greatly assist in their protection.

Eddie Bourke IWCI, a long-time campaigner for Heritage Status, urged the public to come to meet the dogs and their owners, and to sign the petition!



The Heritage Breeds Collection

The Native Breeds of Ireland – their history is our history.
They have all been part of this land for hundreds of years-
the Irish Wolfhound for thousands of years.

Over that long period of time they have been drawn- they have been painted-
but no one artist has ever portrayed All the Native Breeds.

Irish artist Rebekah van Kan is the creator of the **Heritage Breeds Collection**.
These are fine art drawings of the native breeds- actual portraits of individual dogs.



Arran with the Heritage Breeds Collection

Some of Rebekah's canine models joined
her for the day.
It was a unique opportunity to see the art
and the actual dogs which inspired it



Rebekah with Frank Byrne and Moya
his beloved Irish Terrier

Childrens Activity Sheets, the IKC Certificates & gifts from IWCI & OPW.

We believe that it is vital that the children and young people of Ireland should get to know their native breeds, to appreciate them, and to know their origins.

Children at the event were invited to fill in Fun Activity Sheets. These FUN! sheets were packed with information. Every sheet completed qualified the child for an IKC/IWCI Certificate and gifts from the Irish Wolfhound Club & OPW.



A huge thank you to Cathy McKeown and her family for all their help with this very special part of the day which was a triumph!

The children responded with over-whelming enthusiasm. **This was a brilliant success.**



Tim , Anne-Marie, Cathy & Sean,



Hugh & Geraldine

Well over a hundred children and their families went home from the event with some special momentos of their day and knowing a lot more about our Irish Native Breeds.

Tony Dunne's Address



Our Chairman made the closing address for the event:

“As our second national event of this year the event today shows all that is truly great about our club. Today we have made the Irish Wolfhound and the other Irish Native Breeds the living symbols of Irish Heritage.”

“Our thanks to everyone who has joined us today, and to all who have helped make today’s event a wonderful success”

“Safe journey home, and see you next time”

We rounded off our memorable day with a lovely meal at the fabulous Tankardstown House where we were looked after by Derek and his staff.



The meal was kindly sponsored by
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Our sincere thanks

This spectacular event has been widely described as the most successful ever run by the IWCI. It was a wonderful happy day enjoyed by all

A big thank you to everyone in the club and the committee who helped with the event; to our photographers Rowan Armstrong & Colin Bell and videographer Ivan Fitzpatrick; and to IKC President Sean Delmar along with Jim Stephens from the Irish Kennel Club;

Thank you to the stars of our day, our amazing Irish Native Breeds, and their owners & breeders who value and preserve them for all of us.

Special thanks to Ashling & Lindsey at OPW for all their support and their tremendous enthusiasm for the event.



Event Organiser Mary Potter, Public Relations Officer of the ICWI is presented with a bouquet from Tony Dunne on behalf of the club.

