



# The Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland *News!etter*

May 2018

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 --- it's show time!!!**



*The 2017 committee with patrons Betty Murphy & Jim Behan and 2017 Show Judge Csilla Juhász*

The Club Championship Show will be held at Castletown House on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
We warmly welcome our 2018 Judge Ms. Tuula Savolainen (Wolfmann) from Finland.

**Tervetuloa takaisin Irlantiin Tuula !!**

**Judging starts at 11.00 am**

# Geneviève Gaeng becomes Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland Ambassador to Europe

The IWCI is delighted that Ms. Geneviève Gaeng has graciously agreed to become our Ambassador to Europe. Geneviève has been a firm friend and supporter of the club and a life-long lover of Irish Wolfhounds and of Ireland.

## Geneviève Gaeng;

I am a Swiss citizen, now living with my husband and our family in Belgium. I have had many interests and passions in my life- the mountains of my home, nature itself, literature, psychology, music, horses and dogs and above all Irish Wolfhounds.

I fell in love with Irish Wolfhounds when I was 18 years old. These beloved hounds led me to visit Ireland- to visit their native land- not once, not twice, but many times. Ireland and Irish Wolfhounds have become so very important to me- the focus of my life.

Very soon I came to understand that the Irish Wolfhound is so much a part of Ireland-

The two are inseparable- noble, strong, soft, at times rough!, generous and welcoming.

The Irish Wolfhound is so much more than just a symbol of Ireland and the Irish- it is the very spirit of its land.

With that understanding came the need to learn more, to understand them, to support them and to love them even more. My travels to Ireland became a quest, from the North to the South, the Atlantic coast to the Boyne Valley, from the peatlands of Connemara to the steep landscapes of Wicklow.

Most special of all was the reception I had from the great people I met- people who accepted my sincere wish to learn and welcomed me- People who guided me to discover some of the secrets of Ireland, to find a little of its soul, and to know how the strength of that soul is the wolfhound.

But even the strongest of creatures needs the protection of its friends.

During recent years a series of irrational acts in the world of Irish Wolfhounds have too often harmed this extraordinary symbol of Ireland.

This is not the first time that our beloved hound has faced a challenge for its future.

For all of us who love the wolfhound and want best for its future there is work to be done.

I am so happy to accept the invitation to become the IWCI Ambassador to Europe.

I do so with great pleasure and with great dedication to the future of our club and our noble Irish Wolfhound.



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## Drogheda LMFM Radio- meet the IWCI

Earlier this year the IWCI were invited to come and talk about our favourite subject --- the **Irish Wolfhound!**



Gerry Kelly, presenter of **LATE LUNCH**

**Double Click on this link to hear the podcast of the show**



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## Our next walk.....

The Club's next walk will be something special ! It has been planned for some time- and at last the time is right!

We will announce the walk with a special invitation to members shortly!



Gerry Kelly welcomed our president **Gerry Clark** along with **Mary Potter, Cathy McKeown** and good friend of the IWCI **Anna McKenna** into the studio.

It was friendly, funny, and very warm discussion about the joys of living with Irish Wolfhounds. It also included some insights into our president's early years with wolfhounds in Drogheda!

## Breed Seminar 2018

The IWCI will host a Module 4 breed seminar featuring Irish Wolfhounds and other Group 10 breeds on

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July at Cloghran**

Full details will be released shortly.



**'it's all about the HOUND!**