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President's Message

Laurie Rutherford

It is with great pleasure that I take on the role as President of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada (IWCC) for the 2024 – 2026 term. I have been serving as Director on the Board over the last two years and felt ready to take on this role. I look forward to working collaboratively with the new Board of experienced and impassioned members. I feel it is important to review the Mission, Vision and Values of the IWCC while engaging our members to help set the goals for the Club over the next term.

Membership needs to come with benefits, and it is important as a Board to engage and support the membership in telling us what the IWCC can offer them as well as identify what the member is willing to do for the IWCC. Our Mission is to protect and preserve this magnificent breed. We need to put our heads together to identify ways in which we can inform the public and support breeder education while emphasizing the importance of a well-bred wolfhound.

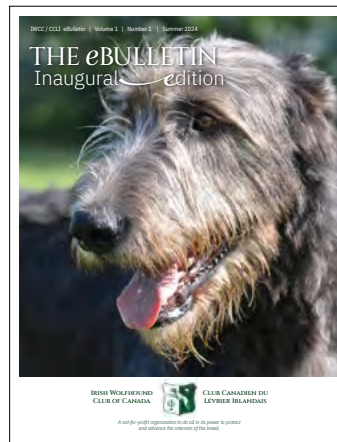
I look forward to working with this Board to engage and support the membership and set realistic goals for the coming term.

Some areas we should focus on include:

- *Building the eBulletin team so we can continue to produce a bi-annual product that our members find valuable.*
- *Work with Clubistry to redesign our website that offers valuable information and reliable updated information for the "members only" section.*
- *Provide education and support for the public, pet owner and breeder alike while promoting ethical breeding practices. Educational symposiums come to mind.*
- *Promote connecting socially, and engaging in events such as rally, obedience, LGRA as well as conformation and celebrate our successes.*
- *Support organizations such as the Irish Wolfhound Foundation and the Irish Wolfhound Database as valued resources to support ethical breeding practices and the health of our dogs.*

The recent Annual General Meeting was an extremely positive experience with valuable ideas coming forward from the members present. Thank you, Donna Tomson, for your contribution over the last two terms. It has been greatly appreciated.

Laurie Rutherford
President IWCC



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Clubistry coming soon!

Call for Members and Renewals

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!!!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PERIOD: OPENED OCTOBER 31, 2024

MEMBERSHIP PERIOD: JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2025

All members of the IWCC, like our forefathers, pledge to follow the Club Code of Ethics for the purpose of protecting and preserving our beloved breed. With membership, participation demonstrates an investment and an association with individuals committed to leaving this breed better than when they started.

As a member you will be connected to a community of Mentors and liked minded individuals who will share their experiences. If you are interested in acquiring an Irish Wolfhound, the club can provide you with a list of reputable breeders who adhere to the breed standard and ethical breeding practices.

They will help answer your questions and provide suggestions, tools, and tips in many areas of interest including conformation and other events such as lure coursing, rally, agility, and obedience to name a few.

They will provide education opportunities to help you make sound decisions in Health Matters and Breeding practices as you move forward. Members will receive newsletters, publications or access to a members-only section of the club's website with exclusive content, such as articles, research and breeding information.

The National Club is involved in rescue and welfare efforts for the breed. Members often are called on to participate in these initiatives or support rescue efforts through their membership.

Through Branch activities, they will become a social networking group for meeting at performance events, Fun Days and Celtic Festivals in your area and nationally. These are excellent times to educate the public and to build comradery amongst exhibitors. The Club may organize events like all breed shows, specialty shows or performance trials where you can showcase your Irish Wolfhound or learn about the breed's conformation and performance abilities.

The Club could benefit from your personal expertise and professional experience as there is a wealth of volunteer opportunities in which you could become involved.

The Launch of the new eBulletin on the Club Website is intended to be the tool of communication for you, the Membership. We look forward to receiving your input, feedback, and articles of interest to contribute to the quarterly publication. Please send any contributions to the editor's email at: irishWC.editor@gmail.com.



How to Join

By joining the IWCC, applicants agree to abide by the Constitution, the bylaws, the Code of Ethics, and the Canadian Kennel Club rules, and assert their commitment to protecting and promoting the Irish Wolfhound breed, for as long as they are IWCC members.

OPTION 1

JOIN BY MAIL:

New applicants must complete and return the [IWCC Application and Renewal Form](#) (PDF 2.6 MB). **Be sure to sign the Code of Ethics Form on page 2.** Payment methods include PayPal or Credit Card (*use the New Membership Fee Schedule on the form*), e-Transfer to irishwc.treasurer@gmail.com (available to Canadians only), or by cheque payable to the "IWCC."

Fill in the digital form, print it, and mail it, together with your signed Code of Ethics Form (*new members only*) and cheque, to the following address:

Guyline Gagnon
IWCC Secretary
347 Backbush Rd
Hemmingford QC J0L 1H0

OPTION 2

JOIN BY EMAIL:

Fill in page 1 of the [IWCC Application and Renewal Form](#) (PDF 2.6 MB). Save your completed fillable form and email it to the address below. **You still need to print a copy of the Code of Ethics Form on page 2, sign it, scan it and email it to the secretary**, as well: irishwc.secretary@gmail.com

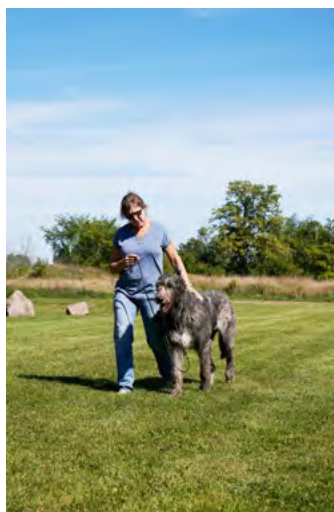
Your first year is free!

The IWCC fiscal year runs from January 1 to December 31. Regardless of the date you join, new members shall be exempt from paying their membership dues for the remainder of that calendar year. Any new member joining after October 31 shall automatically have their year of free membership deferred to the start of the following year.

Types of Membership

Membership type is determined by the applicant's country of residence. New Canadian and USA applicants become Associate Members for the first three consecutive years. After three years, Canadian members then become Regular Members gaining voting rights and the right to run for a position on the club's Board of Directors and/or serve on a committee. American Regular members gain voting rights, but cannot run for a position on the club's Board of Directors and/or serve on a committee. Persons residing outside Canada and the USA become non-voting Foreign Members. Regardless of their country of origin, persons aged 10 to 17 become Junior Members, at a fee of \$10 (first year free, as described above). Junior members enjoy membership privileges, except that they are not eligible to vote, hold office, or or serve on a committee.

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Message from the Communications and Outreach Committee

Your Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada Communications and Outreach Committee is excited to bring you our second issue of the new eBulletin. We also want to extend our sincere thanks to all the feedback and input from our members on the new publication.

We remain committed to creating a publication that is representative of the vast and varied membership of the Club.

The new eBulletin will be published twice annually, as we establish a long term editorial plan that adequately captures member interests, and addresses readers' questions and conversations around our shared love of Irish Wolfhounds. Once the committee has streamlined editorial and publication processes and as membership engagement grows to allow for more consistent content submissions, the goal is to grow the publication to a quarterly issue.

That being said, we are renewing our call to the membership for their help to make the

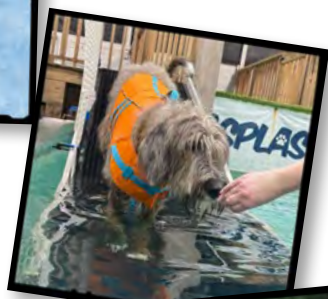
eBulletin a success. We invite all members to get involved with the eBulletin in whichever way they are comfortable, including:

- *Suggesting articles or specific topics you would like the editorial team to explore.*
- *Seeking out contributors on topics of interest (such as trainers, veterinary health professionals, breeders, sports clubs and more).*
- *Talking with your dog community and contacts about areas of expertise and asking about interest in contributing.*
- *Writing and submitting an article or experience with your wolfhound(s).*
- *Recommending an individual that the team could interview on a subject of interest.*
- *Sending in photos that can be used in the publication.*

Article suggestions or contacts, written submissions, and media can be submitted to the Editor email at irishwc.editor@gmail.com.

Written submissions will be edited for content and style. Photo (JPEG, HEIC, TIFF, CRW, CR2, NEF, PEF) submissions should be a minimum of 1MB for a quarter page (if you are viewing the photos on a laptop or computer monitor they should not appear pixelated at full screen). A full page image is typically 3-5MB. Please include the name of the submitter and full name (call name/kenel name) of the dogs are required for photo credits, location of the photos and any comments are encouraged but not required.

Thank you in advance and we look forward to hearing your ideas!



Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada (IWCC)

AGM Summary – October 5, 2024



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The Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada (IWCC) convened its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on October 5, 2024, achieving a quorum with 18 members present. The agenda and 2023 minutes were approved, and comprehensive reports were delivered by the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and various committees.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

President's Report:

The outgoing President, Donna Tomson, reflected on significant accomplishments, including the reorganization of the Rescue Committee, the transition to a new website provider, and improvements to club bylaws and processes to ensure smoother board transitions. The club's focus on education and outreach through its new website and communications efforts was underscored.

Secretary's Report:

Membership stands at 117, with 14 new members joining in 2024, many inspired by the club's rescue initiatives. The Secretary detailed efforts to rebuild the Rescue Committee, manage club communications, and enhance operational efficiency, including plans to update the Secretary's manual.

Treasurer's Report:

The club remains financially stable, with \$41,047.81 in its BMO account and \$16,346.54 in a restricted rescue fund. Challenges in timely payment processing were noted, and recommendations were made to streamline financial operations. Investments continue to perform well, with plans for reinvestment discussed.

Rescue Committee:

The revamped Rescue Committee successfully placed dogs in need, notably rehoming a litter of eight purebred puppies in Edmonton. Policies and procedures were updated to ensure transparency and legal compliance, including collaboration with legal counsel.

National and Regional Activities:

The National and Upper Canada Regional Specialties in Weiland, Ontario, showcased the club's vibrant community, attracting entries and participation from across North America. The events raised over \$1,000 through auctions and raffles, with Heathview Lexie James earning Best of Breed in both specialties.

Committee Reports:

The Communication and Outreach Committee launched an inaugural eBulletin, which received positive feedback. Efforts are ongoing to enhance member engagement and recruit additional contributors.

New Leadership and Goals

Laurie Rutherford was elected President for 2024–2026, emphasizing goals to strengthen rescue initiatives, enhance educational opportunities, and support the club's members. Other elected officers include Jill Benoit (1st Vice President), Lynda Schofield (Vice President), and Steven Chong (Treasurer). One director position remains vacant.

Looking Ahead

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2024, to set priorities for the coming term. The club will continue its commitment to education, rescue, and member engagement, ensuring the welfare and promotion of the Irish Wolfhound breed.

For detailed financial statements and reports, members are encouraged to review the meeting minutes or contact the IWCC Secretary.

Welcome to the 2024-2026 Board of Directors



Laurie E. Rutherford
President



My husband, Ian and I have been passionate about raising, showing and breeding Irish Wolfhounds for the last 37 years under the moniker “Heathview” which was the name of his Father, Dr. Cecil Henry Rutherford’s place of birth outside Cavan, Ireland. My professional background is Nursing, and I have worked as a manager for the last 18 years of my career. I am very familiar with the importance of setting goals, developing action plans with key stakeholders and ensuring follow through and accountability are in place for effective project management. I would say my biggest strength is my organizational ability. Now that I have retired, I have the time and energy to take on this role.

I welcome the opportunity to collaborate with like minded individuals in setting goals, revisiting our Mission, Vision and Values as a Club and developing a plan to move us forward as a Non-Profit Club protecting this breed and supporting our valued members. It will be important to listen to the Members voices and to support them through their expressed need for education, and their desire to be a part of performance events, conformation shows, social events and our very important Rescue initiative. I look forward to serving the IWCC as your President for the 2024-2026 term.

Jill Benoit
1st Vice President



I bought my first Wolfhound in 1989 and the love affair began. I bred my first litter to one of Mary McBrydes (Marumac) males in late 1993.

I graduated from NAIT in 1986 and have been working in the field of veterinary medicine as a tech ever since.

My husband Cory and I live east of Elk Island National Park, Alberta on 80 acres. Along with our wolfhounds, we enjoy our cairn terriers, goats, a horse, chickens and cats.

I have served multiple times on the IWCC BOD beginning in the late 90’s.

I am very excited to continue on with the previous BODs foundations for change in this club and encouraged by what I believe we can accomplish for our members and Irish Wolfhounds in Canada.

Linda Schofield
2ND VICE PRESIDENT

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Jeslene Quinn

3rd Vice President



My passion for Irish Wolfhounds started 15 years ago when my family welcomed our first wolfhound. Two years later, my husband, Steven, and I adopted a senior wolfhound in need of rehoming. From that moment on, we knew that Irish Wolfhounds would always be a part of our family and our lives.

Steven and I live in Southern Alberta with our six wolfhounds, and we dedicate much of our time and energy to their care and companionship. I grew up in a family

involved in conformation showing and dog breeding, and for the past five years, I have been actively engaged in showing Irish Wolfhounds. I have also been a member of the IWCC for five years.

In 2020, Steven and I registered our kennel, O'Malley Irish Wolfhounds, with the CKC, and in 2021, we proudly produced our first litter under the guidance and mentorship of experienced breeders who have supported us throughout our journey in the breed.

Guylaine Gagnon

Secretary



For those who haven't met me or seen me in person, I'm Guylaine Gagnon, and I'm delighted to have served as your club secretary for just over four wonderful years.

In the photo, you'll see me with my Cléo (Castlekeep's Play It Again Cléo) at the Québec specialty show in 2022—a "final waltz," so to speak, that marked the close of a 22-year adventure organizing our Branch's events, including our annual specialty show. This journey has taken me across Canada, the USA, and even further afield, allowing me to meet passionate breeders, talented exhibitors, and inspiring judges from around the world.

Before my time with the club, I dedicated over 35 years to working as a project manager, producing environmental impact studies for electrical projects presented to both federal and provincial ministries. Collaborating with an array of specialists and engineers, I learned firsthand how to build projects that

respected both our environment and our community. My academic path—culminating in a master's degree in ecology from a multidisciplinary program that brought together physicists, chemists, geologists, biologists, and geographers—taught me the true value of collaboration and the importance of every individual's contribution. I've carried that lesson with me ever since, always open to feedback and new ideas as a means to improve.

After 15 years of occasional breeding, I eventually stepped back from that demanding role. Today, I enjoy a quieter life on the farm, where I'm fortunate to rely on ethical breeders who continue to provide me with wonderful bitches like my dear Cléo. I'm utterly in love with this breed and truly believe it's worth every effort to preserve its unique spirit.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for being an essential part of this incredible community.



Steven Chong

Treasurer



I have sat on other not for profit boards as the Assistant Treasurer and I look to bring my professional and personal experience and expertise to the Board to benefit the club.

I have been a corporate/commercial banker for the last 17 years and have had a passion for Irish Wolfhounds for over a decade.

Along with my wife, we have been breeding IW's for the last 7 years and we plan to continue breeding and supporting the breed for as many future years as possible.

Our Irish Wolfhounds are truly a part of the family and our mantra for the breed and breeding is first and foremost meeting and exceeding their care and quality of life.

Donna Tomson

Director



My life with Wolfhounds began in 1985 with a Bilbernie hound.

I have worked in every aspect of the IWCC except finance and I am a strong advocate of education of the breed. Over the years I have been involved with two all breed clubs and held the position of President and treasurer.

My past work resume includes everything from truck driver, factory worker to Vet tech and I have worked with health and safety and the CAW union.

I enjoy working my dogs, conformation showing, lure coursing, straight racing and sprinter.

Currently I am retired and living the dream with my pack of Wolfhounds.

Change is constant, hard decisions often need to be made and we must keep our eye on the future. Through all of our efforts. We will preserve and protect this breed.

JOE DE TUBA

Director



Our love of the Irish wolfhound began approximately 45 years ago. In that time, we have enjoyed the companionship of 18 wonderful hounds. (plus, a sprinkling of smaller friends for the hounds to enjoy). You can never have enough, and you can't have only one.! They have nurtured our family throughout the years with love and devotion that is unparalleled.

My professional life spans over 50 years of investment and merchant banking experience in both Canadian and interna-

tional markets. Since 1996 I have carried on an independent corporate finance practice dedicated to the Canadian small and medium size business market.

I have served and chaired the finance and audit committee of the Royal Canadian Military Institute. I welcome the opportunity to provide guidance and support to the officers of the IWCC.

Cindy Kremer

Director



Hi Everyone my name is Cindy Kremer and I am looking forward to working with this new board. I believe this is my 3 term serving on the IWCC Board. I also serve on the Mid- Western Branch Board, and the Alberta Lure Coursing Association Board - Secretary.

I have been heavily involved in the horse industry showing and breeding registered paint horses. I have raised and shown some amazing horses for over 40 yrs. My shift to wolfhounds started in

2007 like most people it was always a dream to have one.

I got my first Wolfhound Libby and she introduced me to a whole other world. I have found Lure Coursing is my passion and again I was blessed with some really good runners. While I do play in the conformation ring to get my championships there is nothing better than watching them do what they were born to do.

Dr. Susan Prokopenko

Director

My first Irish Wolfhound was acquired in June 1976 as a family companion, but I soon caught the “show bug”. My foundation bitch (Ch. Jolly of Nutstown, CD) was bought from the Nutstown Kennels of John and Kathleen Kelly in December of 1979. Jolly produced our Glenamadda "A" litter in 1983, sired by Can. Am. Ch. Killeen's Fion McCumhail, CD, TT bought from Carole Guilfoyle.

I have shown in both Performance and Conformation. I have put Obedience and Rally titles on my dogs. I have placed #1 Lure Courser (Irish Wolfhound, Canada) several times. I have also placed #1 LGRA several times and served as IWCC LGRA Secretary for several years. Conformation

showing both in Canada and the U.S. remains my primary focus. My hounds have won many Group placings at All-breed shows, and awards at Specialties.

I won the Canadian National in 2001 with Maestro (Can.Am Champion Glenamadda Rainvale Impresario) and have won IWADV, IWANE (twice) and IWAGS with Raleigh (Can.Am. Ch. Starkeeper Glenamadda Realtan) and more recently IWADV with Morgan (CanGCh.AmCh. Solas Captain Morgan of Glenamadda) and IWCC Best Veteran in Specialty with Maven (Ch. Glenamadda Magick Maven, RN).

However, I feel that they are too fragile a breed to campaign seriously, and I have never done so. My primary goals are to

breed a healthy long-lived hound, and to contribute to the future of the breed by supporting the National Clubs in both Canada and the US, the Irish Wolfhound Database and the Irish Wolfhound Foundation.

I am retired and currently living on 18 idyllic acres in the Caledon Hills, north of Toronto, Canada.

My short and long term goals while serving on the IWCC Board are to involve the membership in more of the important Club decisions via online polling, to ensure that the history of the club is preserved by digitalizing the Club Archives, to “legitimize” the Regional Clubs by adding a section in Policy and Procedures detailing their rights and responsibilities.



Stephanie Bugbee

Director

No Bio available

IN MEMORIAM

Cathy Charles



I'm pretty sure Cathy would curse this tribute I am writing in her honour. She left us so suddenly and in Cathy's way, privately.

We all waited quietly with our prayers and hopes for a good surgical outcome, it was not meant to be. This was a fight not even Cathy could win.

For over 30 years Cathy was totally devoted to her wolfhounds and the breed. Some she acquired from her friends and those she produced under the kennel name "Tirnanog". They were the center of her life. She loved, showed, cherished and honored all of them.

Since the inception of the Quebec branch of the IWCC, Cathy has been involved in organizing St. Patrick's Day parades, meetings, handling courses and, above all, 18 specialties that have been an enduring success. The atmosphere and hospitality during the specialties, the home made meals shared together, the auctions and the raffles rested heavily on her shoulders. Her generosity of time, energy, ideas, money, food and talent were evident throughout the years. I'm pretty sure that everyone who attended the Quebec specialties took home a piece of art made by Cathy, or a recipe.

Cathy was ardent, intense, independent proud and loyal.

This is the Cathy we loved and who has left us.

I hope you will remember her as fondly as I do.

Farewell my friend.

IN MEMORIAM

James Reynolds



The IWCC was extremely fortunate to have a man of Jim Reynolds's experience and character involved in the formation of our national club. Most dog show exhibitors are familiar with his name. He was involved in the world of purebred dogs since 1956, becoming a Canadian Kennel Club judge in 1967. His hobby and passion took him around the world, and he was one of a very few Canadians who had the honour of judging Best in Show at the Westminster Kennel Club show. Jim was highly respected in the dog show world and was considered not only a knowledgeable judge, but also a fair one. He was an impressive, intelligent and authoritative presence in the ring.

Jim was a friend of Mary Morrison, another important founding member of our Club. When the idea of forming a Canadian Wolfhound Club was being kicked around in the early 70's, Jim had a young wolfhound bitch that friends recall came from Mary. In 1971, he generously agreed to be President for the first year, utilizing his experience with the Scottish Terrier Club; our first constitution was based on that of the Scottie Club. Jim's ideas were invaluable, and his mostly gentle sense of humour helped defuse some tense situation on more than one occasion. He helped for the first few years and through all the years after, he was happy to stop and chat about hounds and the early days of the club.

In an interview with the Toronto Star newspaper in 2017, Jim admitted he and his wife no longer had any dogs living with them as they had moved into a condominium. He told the interviewer, he didn't feel it was right keeping a dog in such restricted space, besides, his favourite breed was the Irish Wolfhound, not a small dog, which was the only kind permitted to live in the building. How wonderful to know that after all those years, Jim was still smitten with our magnificent breed

The club owes Jim an enormous amount of gratitude for the work and support he gave freely to us in the early years.

IN MEMORIAM

Lois Thomasson

June 26, 1929 – September 3, 2024



Lois and Ch. Fleetwind Chellis 1950

On the Heart of the Matter

By Gretchen Bernardi (Berwyck) and the Harp n Hound

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There are people whose experience and success in a specific activity grants them the right to speak their minds, to make bold and honest declarations about that activity without fear of criticism. Lois Thomasson of Fleetwind Irish Wolfhound fame has earned that right.

Lois' life with Irish Wolfhounds has been so full for so long, that it is difficult to decide the most important reasons why her opinions are essential to the understanding of the breed, its past and its future. Here are a few of those reasons:

Because her knowledge and recall of pedigrees and the important dogs in those pedigrees encompass the complete history of Irish Wolfhounds

Because she conversed, both in person and in writing, with the greats in the modern history of our breed and was wise enough to listen and to remember their advice.

Because she knows, and always knew, that breeding dogs

well involved much more than putting two dogs together.

Because she understood the importance of studying other breeds and so sought out the wisdom of successful breeders of dogs other than wolfhounds, such as Kay Finch of Crown Crest Afghan Hounds and Pat Trotter of Vin-Melca Norwegian Elkhounds.

Because she learned early to pay attention to those who were "real dog people" and were successful because of their passion for breeding good dogs, not for their show record.

Visiting Lois in her Salinas, California home, it's hard to get down to the business of talking Irish Wolfhounds, being distracted by her fragrant roses and the beauty of the surrounding land, a landscape that gave inspiration to John Steinbeck. If the Native Daughters of the Golden West are devoted to the preservation of California history, this California daughter is devoted to the preservation of the true Irish Wolfhound. Her willingness to share her knowledge of the past, her opinion of the present, and her prediction for the future of the breed, are even more compelling than the scenery.

When Lois is asked her opinion of who was the most important breeder in the history of the breed, she doesn't hesitate a second: Captain Graham, of course. But she is quick to point out that his importance is based not as much on what he produced, but on his vision of what the breed could and should be. Many in the breed profess devotion to Captain Graham and adherence to his vision, but Lois' devotion is a passion and when she acquired her first Irish Wolfhound, Mally Ree of Hillaway in 1955 from Helen Dalton and Catherine Cram, she was thrilled to learn that she was only 12 generations down from Graham's own dogs.

Quick to give substantial credit to her real mentor, Alma Starbuck of Ambleside, Lois learned from her the great lessons passed down by Graham and has committed to memory two passages from his writings, that have guided her in studying and breeding through the years.

"From the accounts we have, however we can clearly and distinctly gather that the dog has always been of Greyhound shape, of gigantic stature and great poser."

And...

"The bone of the foreleg is, I should say, the point that best distinguishes dogs of this class from all the Greyhound class, whom in actual build they so much resemble. The massiveness of that bone is out of proportion altogether, and it certainly was not made for speed so much as for power and endurance."

In addition to the wisdom of Graham, Lois was able to learn from both Mrs. Starbuck and Mrs. Norwood Smith of Cragwood, both of whom hunted large game with Wolfhounds. When these women, along with others including Fredson Bowers, rewrote the general appearance portion of the American Standard, they had the Irish Wolfhound as a hunter in mind. Lois spent hours looking at dogs, carefully observing puppies and when these breeders spoke of the greats in their working pedigrees, they reached back to dogs in the old kennels: Ifold, Felixstowe, Chulainn, Sulhamstead, Ouborough and others. With this knowledge, Lois is not impressed when people proclaim that today's breeders are the only ones breeding good dogs, since she is certain that talented breeders have been, in her words, "breeding great Irish Wolfhounds for over a hundred years."

Because she learned early to pay attention to those who were "real dog people" and were successful because of their passion for breeding good dogs, not for their show record.

The mentoring experience that Lois had with Alma Starbuck was invaluable to her and she is quick to acknowledge her indebtedness to her, and equally quick to note that mentoring today generally falls far short of those experiences. She still clings to "Alma's way." Mrs. Starbuck had no children, which may partially explain her devotion to Lois. Breeders today often cite the passing of the huge kennels keep many dogs as a great loss to the dog world, but Alma never kept a lot of dogs – usually under ten – and Jesse Smith did not keep more than 12. Neither woman felt it was necessary to keep a large number of dogs for a successful breeding program and that the benefits of a small kennel outweigh the disadvantages. Lois agrees and rarely had more than six or seven adults at one time.

She never hesitated to sell her best puppies, the picks of the litter, to other people to show and to breed and even with her limited showing (being able to exhibit in only three national specialties), she managed to produce over 85 champions of record. Ch. Fleetwind Gordon, born in 2001 was the last Fleetwind hound to be shown by his breeder and finished his championship undefeated in 2005. Since then, there have been ten new champions, including Ch. Fleetwind Culcara Rube Tuesday, Best of Breed at the Lure Trial at the 2014 national specialty.

The first Fleetwind litter was born in 1955, and the last in 2013, with around 80 produced in that span. Lois points proudly to the health and vigor of her bloodline and reports that in all of those litters, she only lost two puppies, once they were dry and nursing. She attributes this to the vigor of the Ambleside bloodlines on which Fleetwind was founded, but also on her insistence on breeding for vigor and vitality, excluding dogs from her breeding program that had health issues, such as "compromised immune systems, and by that I am referring to dogs that

are always ill with various complaints, such as constant skin conditions or digestive disorders." The result of these decisions has resulted in healthy dogs with good longevity, making the use of Fleetwind stud dogs a demand around the world.

When viewed across nearly 60 years, the Fleetwind dogs have maintained a remarkable consistency of type. As wolfhounds within many bloodlines are trending toward smaller dogs with shorter legs, Fleetwind dogs have remained high on the leg, big, muscular, certainly the requisite dogs of "great size and commanding appearance." Lois has always felt that size is a vital part of this breed and she has always selected for size, because it is easy to lose and very difficult to get back. She regrets that breeders today have lost the concept of a stallion hound.

In addition to vitality and size, Lois has been steadfast in demanding correct temperament. In a 2006 interview conducted by Carolyn and Gene Smith and published in **Lois' book, *Irish Wolfhound Passage***, she leaves not doubt how she feels about temperament:

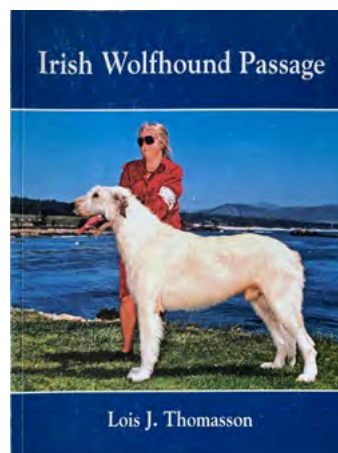
"Because of their size, temperament needs to be foremost in the minds of breeders when they are making their selections. Sound temperaments come from genes, and it is up to breeders to make the hard choices and quit making pathetic excuses. I watched a widely used Specialty winner show the whites of

his eyes trying to get away from the photographer who was taking his picture, and I wanted to cry. No matter how beautiful an animal is, unless it has a sound temperament, it should not be bred from for it cannot meet the prime requisite of the Standard: 'of great size and commanding appearance.'

"Environment may play a role in the extent to which the

temperament potential is realized," she goes on, "but a shy dog is born shy, just as an outgoing and confident dog is born the way he is destined to be, and all the socialization in the world cannot change that."

In Lois' opinion, one of the best Fleetwind litters was sired by Fleetwind Finn MacCool out of Mona Macushla of Ambleside. A breeding that was repeated, this combination provided good dogs that contributed to several successful breeding programs, including Wildisle, Eagle and Elmbrae. A breeding combination that was an especially good "nick," was Ch. Fleetwind Magnum out of Ch. Fleetwind Bonniebrae Magic. The pedigree of the dogs resulting from that breeding carried the blood from several top kennels of the day, including Kelly Glen, Duncairn,



Fitzarran, Glocca Morra, Whitehall, Elzer in California, Witches-broom Himself.

Because life is never perfect, there have been small disappointments for Lois along the way, but she never lost sight of where her breeding program was going and of her responsibility to those who helped her in the beginning. What advice does she have for breeders who would want her level of success?

- » Never go to an individual dog for breeding, but to a family
- » Strive for a good dog from a consistent litter.
- » Depend on the sire for size and the bitch for quality
- » Raise puppies with access to free exercise
- » Adhere to Tony Doyle's (Killykeen) philosophy: I don't breed show dogs. I breed Irish Wolfhounds

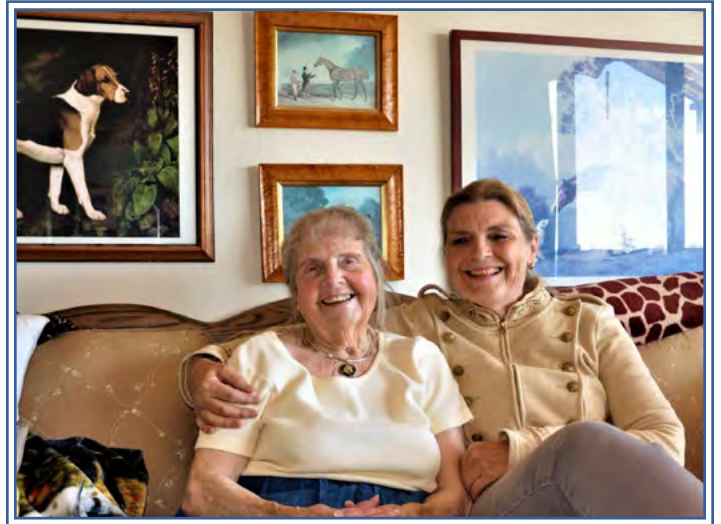
It would be impossible to devote so many years to a breed, to keep accurate records of every dog and every litter, to keep scrapbooks full of memories of the breed through the years and not worry about its future. And Lois does worry. Probably her deepest concern is the absence of true bloodlines. Breeders today, she thinks, are far more interested in the whims of the show ring and the current crop of judges than in the true Irish Wolfhound, the dog of war, the hunter. The proof of this current condition are the overheard conversations, in which wolfhound people talk about show wins only, not about bloodlines or pre-potent sires or any of the topics important to serious breeders.



Fleetwind Killykeen Clodagh.
Dam Kilykeen Roxy x Fleetwind Gordon

Of even deeper concern to Lois is the actual look of the wolfhound, its essential shape. Today's dogs are lower on leg, smaller and finer boned, making it easier for the dog to engage in that movement which some call TRAD: Tremendous Reach and Drive. Current dogs have overly long, weak necks, completely unsuited for bringing down large game. But the worst conformational feature of today's dog, in Lois' opinion, is the prevalence of overdone hindquarters, changing the topline and the croup and involving a longer, nearly horizontal tibia, result-

ing in a look which many breeders and judges find desirable. It is so prevalent that our eye has changed, often seeing the moderate, but correct hindquarter as too straight.



June 27, 2019 with Pernille

This extreme hindquarter is weak and non-functional, since the Irish Wolfhound hunter must gather his rear up underneath himself, an impossibility for overdone dogs. She further states what should be obvious: that a strong and functional rear is extremely important in this large breed, since this part of the dog is usually the first to go in old age, making it increasingly difficult for them to rise.

Lois suggests looking at some of the great dogs of the past, great not only for their own quality, but also for their pre-potential for quality. All these dogs were moderate in rear angulation: Major Shewell's Ch. Cotswold, Dagmar Kenis' Ch. Solstrand Kaspar, Zena Thorn Andrews' Ch. Drakesleat Kyak and Lois' own Ch. Fleetwind Dan.

Lois Thomasson is a living encyclopedia, filled with Irish Wolfhound knowledge, invigorated by her profound love for this breed. In her hands, that love brings to life cold facts and dates, people and dogs from the past, successes, failures and missteps in the long history of our breed. We would all do well to listen carefully to her words of advice.

Gretchen Bernardi
2014



Area News

IWCC Area Branches

The Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada supports our local Clubs, called Area Branches. The Branches are involved in many types of events such as the Annual Specialty, Regional Specialties, boosters, field trials or lure coursing, parades, Celtic Events, fun matches and more. Follow the Branches on their Facebook pages or contact them directly with the contact information provided.

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BC Branch Update:

The BC Branch wanted to say a Hello to everyone and every hound! Other than getting ready for the BC Branch Specialty is 2025, it has been an enjoyable, but quiet fall.

Wishing you all a wonderful winter!

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Mid-Western Branch News:

The MWB has had a busy and fun Fall!

In October, member Shawn Williams, organized a Fun Fall Walk at Elk Island Park just outside of Edmonton, Alberta. It was a beautiful day for a 3+ KM walk, the scenery was terrific and the company even better. Dogs and humans alike enjoyed the fresh air and exercise. The MWB will continue to organize fun days and other events like this in order to build community with other IW owners, both in the pet world and show world—bridging the gap.

The MWB also hosted a Regional Specialty at the Red Deer & District Kennel Club show in November. They had a record number of entries and exhibitors participated at the show. Thank-you to Holly Cook of Wolfhound Whimsies for making the prizes. They were absolutely beautiful and the envy of other exhibitors at the show! A big thank-you to our Judge, Glen Vernon, and our

last minute fill-in Sweeps judge. It was a pleasure showing the Hounds to them.

The results of the MWB Regional Specialty are as follows:

- *BOB: Windseeker Fire*
- *BOS: Ch Heathview Lexie James*
- *BOW: Windseeker Fire*
- *WD: Windseeker Fire*
- *BPIB: Silverglen's Tierney*
- *Select Bitch : Ch The Tzarina's Temptations At Tyrconnell*
- *BBPB: Heathview Kiltic Lady Whistledown*
- *Best in Juvenile Sweepstakes: Hawkhaven Doran Moka*
- *BOS in Juvenile Sweepstakes: Heathview Omalley Benedict Bridgerton*

During the RDDKC All-Breed Dog Show the MWB was offered the opportunity to once again work the main entry doors of the show and collect admission from the public. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Branch to not only visit and have fun with one another, but to also earn some money for the Branch. It is three days and requires volunteers from our Branch to man the doors Friday - Sunday from 8AM to 4PM. Our Hounds receive a lot of attention from spectators entering the show and it is a great opportunity to promote our Branch and Breed. We also had the opportunity to run a small fundraiser in the form of a lucky gumball game. People had the opportunity to win one of three beautiful gift baskets, one designed in mind for the wine lover, one for the chocolate lover, and one for the kids. It was incredibly fun and a big hit!

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Upcoming Specialty Shows 2025



Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada BC Regional Specialty

May 3-4, 2025

Fraser Valley Heritage Park

Mission, B.C.

Conformation Classes Judge: Knut Olav Wille, O'Marksbay

Sweepstakes Judge: Anne-Birgitte Larsen, Norway



Irish Wolfhound Club of America 95th National Specialty

May 25-29, 2025

Cache County Fairgrounds

450 S 500 W

Logan, UT

Conformation Classes Judge: Elisabet Janzon, Wolftone

Puppy Sweepstakes Judge: Maura High, Coleraine

Obedience/Rally Judge: Melvin Stanley

Junior Showmanship Judge: Jamie Souza Bartlett, Limerick

ASFA Lure Coursing Judges: Phil Fullam, Mike Hussey



Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada National Specialty and Mid-Western Branch Regional Specialty

September 20-21, 2025

Sylvan Lake, Alberta

National Conformation Judge: Debby Tebbutt

National Sweepstakes Judge: Trudy Taphorn

Regional Conformation Judge: Roger Tebbutt

Regional Sweepstakes Judge: Rosemary Young



The Wild Stare



By Bob McMillian

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I think that I'll forever be haunted by the image you see above. I know the story behind it...

Getting an Irish wolfhound puppy is usually cause for celebration. It's a life-changing occasion. Shortly, they take over your lives and fill places in your heart you never knew were empty. They inspire you to be the person they say you are.

For centuries they've inspired the Irish, too. Wolfhounds were big and bold enough to pluck knights from saddles, but the Irish saw far more — companions who were as intelligent, soulful and quixotic as the Irish themselves.

It's why there's a wolfhound image on the celebrated Gundestrup cauldron and other golden artifacts, on Irish postage stamps, the old sixpence coin, the label of Tullamore Dew Whiskey and every piece of Belleek pottery fired in Ireland.

How do these mythic creatures resemble the hounds sprawled across my floor like shaggy mastadons?

Let me tell you a story...

One night a year ago to the sound of rain and thunder, a first-time mother struggled to save her three unborn babies. The first was a breech and she and the girl nearly died. Torturously, a boy and then another girl came. And Luna was done.

When I heard that Luna was having her first litter I knew I was all in because Luna

is different even in a breed that stands out. Dark, elegant and athletic, there's a wildness in Luna, a knowing, old-soul quality deep in her black eyes. It was like hearing that Diana, the Greek goddess of the hunt, was having offspring. I know Luna because my Oona is her kid sister. They're strikingly similar, except Luna got the fuller dose of otherworldly self-reliance. And Oona will never have puppies.

And now, the trio born to Luna that traumatic night will likely be her only babies.

Those who knew Luna's maverick ways were surprised that she was such a fiercely tender mother for so many weeks — until the puppy's teeth came in. Then the solitary goddess of the hunt was back.

The big aunts and grandmother wolfhounds hovered at the fence and doted on the babies, but Luna hung apart, aloof.

Then I showed up. I talked with Luna when I went to Tampa for Oisin. I thanked her. I praised her beautiful puppies. She gave me silent, sideways glances, sizing me up. The room was full of people and Luna's pack of Amazons, but she lingered with me a long, long while. It's the way of things in a breeder's home — puppies one day go away. Luna knew I was the one taking one of her puppies.

At 4 a.m. the next day before I hit the road, the breeder and I lost track of the boy. We found him, a tiny, huddled figure, touching noses through the fence with a looming,

dark shape. Luna was saying goodbye to Oisin, her only son.

What does a mother tell a child she'll never see again? Be brave? I love you? Does she tell him a part of her will always be with him? I just don't know. But, the breeder says Luna grieved for days.

Meanwhile, another Amazon waited for Oisin on the other side of a 12-hour drive. Oona and I are deeply bonded. Some nights she lays all 160-pounds of herself in my lap with her whopping, shaggy head tucked under my chin. When we sit across the room and our eyes meet, we smile. We're devoted to one another in ways I've never bonded with another dog.

And here I was bringing another wolfhound home. I was afraid she'd see him as competition.

She did.

One sniff and she knew there was another dog. One glance out the door and she knew the situation. She demanded to go meet him then and there. Oona glowered down at the puppy like a thunderhead. Oona the pirate queen and her tiny usurper. It was an electric moment that I'd dreaded.

Then they twined necks for the longest time and inhaled each other deeply.

Oona slowly raised her head and sighed. In her eye was a faraway look and a hint of resignation. She was forever changed. Because in Oisin she'd smelled family, blood of her blood. In a heartbeat, Oona the pirate queen became a relentless protector and mentor.

In the next months, Oisin walked on Oona, gnawed on her ears, bit her behind and swung from her tail. She tolerated it with a simmering affection deep in her eyes. He was a little devil, but he was her little devil, Oona's own nephew.

A year later, Oisin is taller than Oona — more than three feet at the shoulders — and still loves to tug on his saintly aunt's beard. And every night they sleep now with their paws touching and entwined.

Every dog has a story. Every dog is a spark from the fire...

I just wish I could tell Luna that the torch has been passed. And her only son is very loved.

You can find Bob McMillian's book, *The Wild Stare: Ancient Hounds in the Modern World*, at: www.amazon.ca



BREEDER PROFILE

Heathview Irish Wolfhounds: A Journey Rooted in History

The sight of an Irish Wolfhound leaves a lasting impression that captivated Ian and Laurie Rutherford decades ago and set them on a path that would define much of their lives. Heathview Irish Wolfhounds has been an integral part of the Irish Wolfhound community in Canada since 1992.



Sitting down with Ian and Laurie for the first breeder profile of 2025, their passion for the breed was immediately evident in how they spoke about their dogs, their breeding philosophy, and the journey that brought them here. With decades of experience, they have dedicated their lives to preserving the breed's health, temperament, and beauty, ensuring that each generation of Heathview Irish Wolfhounds carries the legacy of their carefully curated bloodlines.

Ian spent every summer at his mother's family farm, Rampark, near Castlerea in County Roscommon, Ireland. The deep-rooted history of the land shaped Ian's connection to his heritage from an early age, fostering a lifelong appreciation for Irish culture and traditions.

During his twenties, while working in North Wales, he encountered the legend of Gelert, a story that resonated deeply with him.

The tale is of a devoted hound who fearlessly defends his master's son from a wolf attack, only to be tragically mistaken for the attacker and slain in grief-stricken haste. The idea of a dog so noble, loyal, and selfless left a lasting impression on Ian. Though he later learned the story was more folklore than fact, the image of Gelert's unwavering devotion and misunderstood fate stayed with him. It sparked a fascination with the Irish Wolfhound. It wasn't just the mythology that intrigued him but also the breed's historical role as protectors, hunters, and loyal companions [\[Legend of Gelert\]](#).

Ian's admiration for these gentle giants grew as he continued exploring Irish history. But it wasn't until years later, alongside Laurie, that his lifelong curiosity would transform into a deep and personal journey with the breed.

Laurie first saw the breed during a vacation with Ian in British Columbia in 1980, where they encountered two Irish Wolfhounds. The impression was lasting, but it would be ten years and four children later before they started their search in earnest.

The Rutherfords, connecting with

the Alberta Branch of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada, attended the Edmonton Kennel Club (EKC) show where Ken Cook showed a dog for Dr. David and Janet Madors. With Janet's help, the Rutherfords gained Wolfbane's Kathleen (born August 20, 1988) from an Ontario kennel. They started showing in Edmonton with help from mentors Doug and Linda Smith.

"Doug taught the conformation class we enrolled in at the Northern Alberta Canine Association and just took us under his wing." Doug and Linda became not only mentors but "our best friends."

"Kate" marked the beginning of their show career. The Rutherfords showed her to a championship, and in January 1992, she whelped their very first litter, beginning their journey as breeders.

In the spring of 1992, the EKC shows in Edmonton brought Mary McBryde (author of *The Magnificent Irish Wolfhound*) and Lloyd Simons to town. Mary offered guidance to Laurie and Ian in assessing their new litter. Her advice and insight inspired the Rutherfords to take a different direction with their breeding program.

In the fall of 1992, the Rutherfords





travelled to Winnipeg and purchased two Irish Wolfhounds: Marumac Fox Glove from Mary McBryde and Lonnklye Donnagh from Lloyd Simons. Donnagh went on to become the foundation bitch and a cornerstone of their breeding program.

The guidance and support from other "breed fanciers" helped shape their journey. "We were incredibly fortunate to have Lloyd and Mary as our first mentors in the breed, and over time, we also benefitted from the wisdom and experience of respected names in the Irish Wolfhound community, including Ann Webb, Gretchen Bernardi, Lynn Simons, Joel Mattson, Joan Sanford, and many others."

Breeding Philosophy and Practices

At Heathview, breeding is both an art and a science. Ian and Laurie have a keen eye for composition, carefully selecting animals based on health and lineage. "We ensure that every breeding is purposeful," Laurie explains.



Laurie at home with Rose, Lexi, Fernando, & Talia



Ian at home with Lexi, Fernando, & Talia

"Our goal is always to move forward and improve on what we have. This often means going beyond our backyard to find the best match for our bitches."

A statue in their living room symbolizes their breeding philosophy. For the Rutherfords, healthy dogs are as crucial as breed standards. "You start by looking at phenotype," Laurie explains, "but if health testing reveals genetic issues, you must pivot. Health takes precedence." They remain dedicated to minimizing health risks while maintaining genetic diversity, endeavouring to make decisions that benefit the breed's long-term well-being.

At Heathview, the health and happiness of dogs are paramount. The hounds have plenty of room to run on their acreage and accompany them to the city, training, and shows. Laurie recommends early, customized puppy training with careful handling during fearful stages.

Their health protocols are thorough, including annual veterinary check-ups, vaccinations, deworming, and using Jean

Dodds' minimal vaccination protocol for puppies. Adhering to the Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada's Code of Ethics, they ensure each breeding dog meets rigorous health standards.

Laurie and Ian guarantee their dogs and commit to taking back any dog if placement challenges arise. "We maintain ongoing relationships with our puppy owners, checking in frequently and tracking the long-term well-being of the dogs. We want to know if any health issues arise so we can learn and adapt."

Achievements in the Show Ring

Over the years, Heathview has celebrated many milestones:

- 2017: Canadian Grand Champion (CGH) Heathview Lagertha earned Best in Show at the ALCA Specialty and Canada's #1 Lure Coursing Irish Wolfhound title.
- 2022: CGH Heathview Falconbridge won Best in Show at the Alberta Sporting Hound Association Specialty.
- 2023: Falconbridge earned his U.S. Championship.
- 2024: Canadian Champion Heathview Lexie James won Best in Specialty Show at the IWCC National and Upper Canada Regional Specialties.



These accomplishments reflect the Rutherfords' dedication to breeding hounds that excel in conformation and performance.



Laurie and "Red Girl" 2022

Challenges in Breeding

Breeding Irish Wolfhounds is challenging. Timing pregnancies, whelping around statutory holidays, and ensuring veterinary care during emergencies are just a few of the hurdles they've navigated. "There have been memorable moments," Laurie recalls, such as a Boxing Day C-section "where the entire family pitched in at the clinic."

Health concerns remain among the most challenging aspects, as genetic predispositions can sometimes surface unexpectedly despite rigorous screening and careful selection of breeding pairs. Financial constraints are another reality, as responsible breeding requires significant investment in veterinary care, health testing, nutrition and proper socialization.

Additionally, finding suitable homes for each puppy is a continuous challenge. While there is often high demand for Irish Wolfhounds, not every prospective owner fully understands the breed's needs. Thorough vetting is essential, starting with a detailed placement questionnaire and building a relationship from the very first inquiry.

The Future of Heathview Irish Wolfhounds

Ian and Laurie's commitment extends beyond their kennel. They have cultivated relationships within the Irish Wolfhound community, emphasizing mentorship and collaboration. As former Treasurer of the IWCC and now its President, Laurie prioritizes listening to members and fostering a sense of community.

The Rutherfords are realistic about the challenges of aging. They've partnered with Jeslene Quinn and Steve Chong of O'Malley Irish Wolfhounds to ensure their legacy continues. "We still have a few breeding plans," Laurie says, "but our focus remains on quality over quantity. Our dogs live with us; it's how we feel most at home."

Looking ahead, Heathview Irish Wolfhounds remains dedicated to the breed's future through mentorship, ethical breeding, and the continued pursuit of excellence. Their vision and legacy will continue as a cornerstone of the Irish Wolfhound community for years.



Laurie & Cnd Ch. Heathview Lexie James
NACA 2023



Laurie & Talia AKC 2023



Ian & Talia AKC 2023



Laurie & Cnd Ch. Heathview Lexie James AKC 2023



Jeslene, Laurie & Ian AKC 2023



RAW FOOD AND COMBINATION FEEDING: *What you need to know.*

You are likely already familiar with kibble as it is the most common form of commercial pet food, but raw food is gaining popularity, and for good reason! While there is much more complexity to a raw food diet which is often not discussed, raw diets done properly boast many amazing benefits for your pet. If you have ever considered feeding a raw diet but don't know where to start you are not alone.

“raw food is gaining popularity, and for good reason!”

There is so much misinformation to be found and the Internet can be a very overwhelming place with everyone claiming to be a pet food expert. So, let's dive deeper into this topic exploring the pros, cons and what to watch for, while taking a look at what research has shown us when it comes to feeding large breed dogs.

Raw dog foods which are advertised as “complete” are typically formulated following an 80-10-10 rule. This means that 80% of the diet is muscle meat, 10% organ meat and 10% bone content. Muscle meats provide necessary amino acids, B vitamins and minerals such as iron, calcium and phosphorous. While organ meats contain many of these same nutrients, they also offer important fat-soluble vitamins. Bone content is necessary to ensure all trace minerals are present in the diet. There are mixed opinions on the addition of fruits and vegetables to raw diets, and while an individual may choose to avoid high sugar fruits, it is crucial to supplement any raw diet with some source of fibre. Fibre is necessary to ensure a proper rate of digestion, aiding in nutrient absorption and supporting healthy bowel movements. A low sugar fibre source that is a great option for raw diets is pureed pumpkin.

Raw food can offer many benefits to your pets. Here are just a handful of those benefits:

High moisture content: Fresh meats contain upwards of 75% moisture. Water is vital to life and performs many important functions in the body and is necessary for proper digestion and nutrient absorption. Moisture is also crucial for kidney health making it an important part of the body's waste management system.



Palatability: For many pets, especially dogs, a higher moisture content will improve the scent and therefore palatability of their diet. This makes raw great for those fussy eaters!

Minimal processing: Raw food is the most minimally processed option on the market for your pet. Some nutrients, such as B vitamins are sensitive to heat and will be much more bio-available for your pet in raw form.

Smaller poops: When feeding a high-quality kibble combined with raw food you will find improved levels of digestibility and less waste.

Ideal for pets with sensitivities: Raw food often contains very few ingredients, and because you have more control over what goes in, it makes raw a great option for pets which may have unique food sensitivities.

Improved digestion: If your pet struggles to digest certain ingredients found in conventional pet foods, raw allows you the ability to omit these ingredients. Organ meats such as tripe will also offer natural sources of digestive enzymes and probiotics which can improve digestion.



Create a custom meal plan: If you are creating your pet's own raw diet there are endless combinations of different proteins and carbohydrates you can use. This variety not only creates enjoyment for your pet, but it also exposes them to different proteins which may help minimize the likelihood of developing food sensitivities.

While this long list of pros may make raw seem like a no brainer, there are important factors to consider when deciding if raw is right for your pet and lifestyle.

HERE IS A LIST OF SOME THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

Care in handling: Raw food is more likely to have pathogens present than a heated treated diet. More care needs to be taken with proper storage and cleaning practices. It's particularly important to handle with care to protect the humans in the home, especially if there are children, or immunocompromised individuals.

Quality Counts: Unfortunately, in the Canadian pet food space there are no regulations enforced by our governing bodies unless a product is being exported. This means that just about anyone can formulate, produce and sell raw dog food. With the growing popularity of this category more companies are offering raw dog foods but are unable to prove the quality of ingredients, safe food handling procedures or actual nutrients in the food. Do your research and ensure the products you are selecting are regulated to guarantee quality, and make sure your raw diets are formulated by a certified individual.

You get what you pay for: The cost of feeding a premium raw food can be considerably more than what you may be used to because of the high-quality ingredients being used. If a food is cheap, there is likely a reason - so be cautious of good deals. It's important to remember that high quality diets will be much more

nutrient dense, so a little goes a long way. Typically, you will find the daily cost of feeding is offset by the long-term positive benefits for your pet's health.

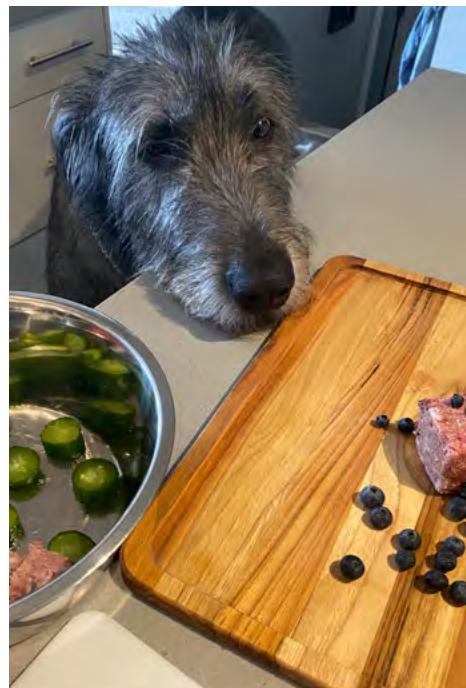
Inconsistency: Because every batch of raw food will have variability in the nutrient levels due to the nature of the ingredients it is hard to formulate a consistent diet. This becomes very important when you are feeding a large breed puppy and need to have controlled factors such as mineral level and calorie content. When feeding a large breed puppy it is often advantageous to feed a combination diet of raw food and a high quality kibble to offset any nutrient fluctuations in the raw.

Species or breed specific challenges: Some dog breeds may be predisposed to gastrointestinal upset and more care should be taken when making dietary changes. While some dogs do wonderful on raw, it is important to remember that every individual dog is different.

A common misconception with raw food is that most commercially available diets are complete and balanced. One of the reasons many veterinarians are opposed to raw feeding is that they see the negative effects of this thaw and serve feeding which leads to many nutrient deficiencies.

When shopping for a raw food diet there are certain things to watch for and it should always be expected that supplementation will be necessary. The first thing to note is whether the diet is using organ meats and bone- if the ingredients are only muscle meats these are not complete diets. Here are additional supplements that should be added to complete a raw diet:

Kelp - Dried kelp supplements are very easy to source and are crucial to a complete diet. This ingredient provides many nutrients including trace minerals such as iodine which are essential to the body for many reasons including hormone production.



Fatty Acids (primarily omega 3) - unless a diet is made using fish it is likely that there is an imbalance in the fatty acid ratio. Rotating through a number of different healthy oils is crucial to many aspects of your pet's health including their skin and coat, and inflammatory response. Omega 3 oils such as salmon, sardine, herring, anchovy, algae and camelina are wonderful options. There are also products available which provide omegas 3, 6 and 9 in balanced ratios.

Probiotics - These are key to promoting a healthy gut microbiome. The more variety the better when it comes to probiotic strains.

Multivitamin/Mineral - adding in a product that fills in gaps and ensures your pet is getting all necessary vitamins and trace minerals can take a lot of guesswork out of raw feeding.

Fibre - As mentioned above, fibre is crucial for healthy digestion. Options



such as pumpkin, chia seeds and psyllium husk can provide high amounts of fibre with little impact on blood sugar.

Combination feeding is offering your pet more than one format of diet (i.e. kibble, raw, dehydrated, freeze dried) either combined in the same meal or fed separately throughout the day. Unfortunately, there is a lot of misinformation around combination feeding with raw food. Similar to the addition of wet diets, bone broths, and rehydrated freeze-dried meal toppers, there are many great reasons to reconsider combining raw food and kibble. By combination feeding you are getting the benefits of multiple different formats at the same time. Adding raw to a complete and balanced kibble that you trust and your pet does well on saves you from having to be a nutrition expert. This means less stress for you because you know your pet is getting all of the nutrients they need to be healthy.

Combination feeding is also a great way to start experimenting with raw without the risk of creating deficiencies. It can also help keep the cost down if you are feeding a large dog or multiple dogs. The key to combination feeding is ensuring that all the components you use are

high quality. This means putting as much thought and care into sourcing a high quality kibble as you would raw diet, or wet diet and vice versa. When shopping for kibble ensure that you are sourcing a premium diet that complements the raw diet well.

There are several common myths when it comes to combination feeding:

MYTH: Raw food and kibble digest at different rates so they can't be fed together in the same meal.

This harsh all or nothing approach is perpetuated by both raw and kibble manufacturers and puts a huge underestimation on the digestive tract of dogs and cats. Kibble and raw diets are both comprised of nutrients with differing rates of digestion, regardless of the style of diet you feed this will always be the case. Enzymes responsible for the digestion of these nutrients can all function simultaneously and a healthy digestive tract is more than capable of handling mul-



multiple different foods, even bones. Think of yourself eating a well-balanced meal of chicken breast, broccoli, and brown rice- all components digest at different rates, this does not mean that they must be consumed separately. This addition of fresh food and moisture into your pet's diet is always a positive thing.

MYTH: Any carbohydrate/starch used in pet food is just a cheap "filler".

Whole grains, potatoes, and pulses are not only costly ingredients but provide a nutrient dense source of energy and improve levels of dietary fibre. Fibre is crucial to the digestive process and helps slow transit time through the intestine which helps to improve nutrient absorption.

MYTH: Feeding kibble and raw creates an unhealthy gastric pH.

The stomach, along with a network of nerve endings and hormones secretes acids to aid in digestion and regulate pH in the gastrointestinal tract. The body tightly monitors and self-adjusts and small variances in the diet won't disrupt this system.

If you are considering a combination diet and are unsure how to introduce raw food the key is to know your pet. Just like humans, no two dogs are alike, and every dog will do better on a slightly differ-

ent diet. There are many theories about when and how to feed raw with kibble, so play around with different options and do what works best for you and your dog. If your dog has struggled with digestive health concerns in the past feeding raw and kibble in separate meals may be the better option. Much like any other dietary



transition, slow is the way to go! Gradually introducing new foods will decrease the likelihood of refusal and allow the digestive tract more time to adapt. If you are a kibble feeder, start by incorporating small portions of the new raw food, the same way you would a meal topper. You could also start by introducing some fresh options like eggs, goats' milk, yogurt, raw bones or tripe- some of which you may already have in your fridge. Keep in mind that as you increase the amount of raw food added, you must decrease the amount of kibble to prevent weight gain.

When it comes to feeding breeds such as the Irish Wolfhound there are more complexities to consider when you are selecting the best diet. With any pet, each life stage comes with its own set of dietary demands, this is amplified when we are looking at giant breeds who experience periods of rapid growth and unique challenges as seniors.

Feeding giant breed puppies is a complex task because of their rapid growth, especially for a breed as large as an Irish Wolfhound.

Ensuring that they grow at the right pace is crucial, so it is important to monitor energy and nutrient intake, as well as the calcium to phosphorous ratio of their diet. A moderate caloric density is recommended during their periods of rapid growth to maintain an ideal weight. While you may feel like you should feed in excess during these periods it is important not to- growing too fast or having excess body weight can put stress on their growing skeleton¹. Feeding guidelines which outline the daily calorie requirement for large breed puppies are created taking this factor into account and are very different than those for small breed puppies.

Puppies are not able to regulate the absorption of minerals from their food¹, so it is important to control them in the diet. For example, overfeeding calcium can impact skeletal formation and may lead to abnormal joint growth². Too much phosphorous can impact calcium absorption, while too little phosphorous can impact weight gain³. Diets being formulated for large breed puppies (dogs with an adult weight of over 70lbs) must adhere to specific upper limits for calcium (1.8% Dry Matter Basis) as outlined by the American Association of Feed Control



Officials (AAFCO)⁴, it is important to note that this value is not being monitored by most raw food manufacturers in Canada. Due to the unique nutrient needs of giant breed puppies it is recommended to feed regulated diets where nutrient testing is being completed to ensure consistency. It is also crucial that consumers read the nutritional adequacy statements of pet food labels when shopping for their giant breeds- an appropriate diet will clearly state that it is formulated to meet the nutritional guidelines of large breed dogs.

While many of the health concerns of giant breed dogs are associated with growth and development, there are also risks that persist through life. The development of chronic diseases, the severity of acute diseases and the expression of a genetic predisposition may all be directly affected by nutrition throughout any life stage⁵. In adult and senior years the focus of nutrition and supplementation is often on heart health and joint health, both of which are impacted by their larger bodies. Overfeeding is of great concern as it

can lead to weight gain and additional stress on the skeleton¹, this is a concern during both growth and maintenance. Supplementation with L-carnitine may help promote a healthy body weight⁶ and support heart health⁷, while the use of supplements such as glucosamine, chondroitin and fatty acids may help improve joint pain and swelling associated with skeletal conditions⁸.

If you are unsure of the best diet for your dog or your dog has unique health needs meeting with a certified canine nutritionist can help put you on the right path. Nutritionists can help support you by creating custom meal plans and feeding guidelines tailored to your pet.

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Federation of Irish Wolfhound Clubs

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I thought it would be interesting for the membership for me to describe what the Federation of Irish Wolfhound Clubs (FIWC) is and the role of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada (IWCC).

Way back in 2002 my good friend, the late John Briggs of England, invited myself and Susan Prokopenko to travel with him and his wife Rowena to Belgium to a congress being held by the European Irish Wolfhound Club (EIWC). John was one of the founding members of the organization, and I will be forever grateful to him for his insistence that I go to this event. My presence at the congress opened so many doors for me in terms of connections with European breeders, and the beginning of several longstanding friendships. It also expanded my view of Irish Wolfhounds and increased my knowledge about the breed.

At that time, only those countries who were operating under the Federation International Cynologique (FCI) umbrella were allowed to be members. Clubs who were not affiliated with FCI, could send "observers", and were welcomed in ruling council meetings, but had no official status. I have to say that from my first experience in Belgium I felt welcomed at the meetings of this organization, even as just an observer. The ruling council deals with upcoming trends that may be relevant to Irish Wolfhounds, discusses participation in projects that benefit the breed, and supports studies (medical, genetic, legislative) that may be taking place. For instance, at one



EIWC Delegates Finland - 2014

congress there was great concern that many FCI judges were not that familiar with our breed, and this led to the development of a 4 page brochure of *Desirable Characteristics in the Irish Wolfhound*. That brochure was the starting point for the Illustrated Standard of the Irish Wolfhound that was commissioned by the EIWC. The Illustrated Standard was first published in 2018 with a revised second edition completed in 2019. A truly international panel was respon-



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sible for this document, Betty Murphy from Ireland led the rest of the committee members that included Jim Behan from Ireland, Outi Piisi from Finland, Marcello Poli and Daniela Iori from Italy, Larisa Blaghevicha from Latvia, and myself from Canada.

The Congress meets every 2 years and is hosted by one of the European member clubs in their country. The first day of the Congress normally has the meetings of the ruling council and for the meeting of the Board. The President of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland (the country of origin for Irish Wolfhounds) is always the President of the EIWC. AT this time the Board also has an Honorary President who is Jim Behan. The EIWC has an elected Chairman who works with the President, and provides leadership to the Board. There is a Secretary, Treasurer and 4 Board members. All of these positions are filled by eligible club delegates from 24 European clubs, and 3 Associate delegates and are voted in by the members.

The day of administrative meetings is usually followed by a day of educational seminars and workshops presented by experts with material that is related to Irish Wolfhounds. Normally an array of topics are presented that are helpful and interesting to breeders, judges and owners. Topics related to the health of our breed are presented, along with results from recent studies with a focus on IW health and longevity including new developments. There is a lot of information sharing. Educational seminars on judging the breed, breeding tools and tips, and is usually a part of the variety of interesting material presented.

The EIWC conformation specialty for Irish Wolfhounds is usually the first of two days of shows. In Europe, they like to do all of the judging of a show in one day, so two to four judges are usually in-



volved. One may do all the males, another all the bitches, someone may judge the puppies and veterans, and one or more of the judges will do the Best of Breed, Best of Juniors, Best of Puppies, et cetera. The categories in FCI are a bit different than the North American ones.

On the second day of shows, other sighthound breeds may also be involved (it all depends on the host club), or it will be an Irish wolfhound only show. Once again there will be more than one judge adjudicating in the rings. This makes it a little more difficult to see all of the dogs being judged, as you would have to move from one ring to another as the judging in each ring usually (but not always) goes on simultaneously.



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There is always a social component too (usually a dinner and sometimes dancing afterwards). A real party atmosphere usually prevails. Of course the socializing goes on at ringside too! The host club usually organizes a welcome event for all the participants and tickets for the dinners and lunches can be purchased.

In 2018 at the congress held in France the articles of the Federation were changed to allow membership as Associates for those clubs who are non-FCI clubs. In the past only FCI affiliate clubs could be members. At this time the name of the organization was changed to the Federation of Irish Wolfhound Clubs (as it was no longer restricted to Europe). The ruling council approved the change and as we (the IWCC) had submitted all of the required paperwork, and I was there to speak on behalf of the Club, we were approved as the first Associate member of the Federation. The Irish Wolfhound Club of Northern Ireland & The Irish Wolfhound Club (England) are the other two associate members who joined after the IWCC. In 2022 the Irish Wolfhound Club of America became an Associate member. Once there are 5 or more Associate members, they can elect among themselves one delegate who will sit on the Board of Directors.

I continue to be impressed with the collaboration of these clubs... some of them are sighthound clubs, and most are IW clubs from different countries. This group keeps the Irish Wolfhound breed as its main focus. Each Congress event features topics and

speakers that are of interest and benefit to Irish Wolfhound owners and breeders and judges. Their commitment to providing educational resources is noteworthy. This FIWC organization works together to provide a showcase of our breed with international competition, through a large specialty show hosted by a different country in Europe every two years. These Congresses feature conformation competition, sometimes lure coursing, and the business meetings and educational seminars for participants.

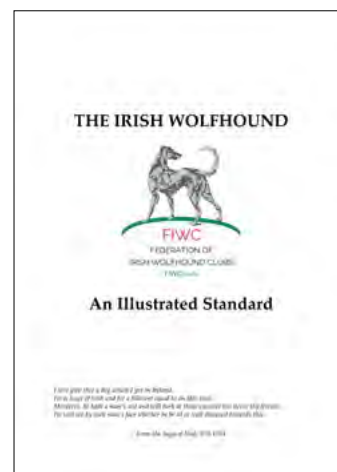
It has been my good fortune to be able to attend 9 of these events since 2002, and I have been present for their Congresses in Belgium (2002), Slovenia (2008), Denmark (2010), Italy (2012), Finland (2014), Germany (2016), France (2018), Czech Republic (2022) and Hungary (2024). The next congress in 2026 will be in Italy again, hosted in Bologna in the same time frame as World Show. For the record, although I have been invited to all of the ruling council meetings as this group is very open and hospitable, 2018 was the first time I participated as a representative of the IWCC. This has always been at my own expense, no IWCC funds were used to enable my participation. I have been invited to present as a speaker three times. At the Congress in Denmark I delivered my Form and Function presentation. In France the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland asked me to present the newly published **FIWC Illustrated Standard** at the Congress, and in Czech Republic I was speaking on the List of Points in Order of Merit from the Standard.

The FIWC publishes a quarterly high quality magazine, *IW World* that features some great articles, interviews with breeders, show results for Irish Wolfhound specialties from around the world. Subscriptions are available. Go to IWWorld.com

I always look forward to the next Congress and make every effort to get there. It feels like coming home when I have the opportunity to catch up with so many of my European friends and spend two days observing the dogs at the shows. It's a great atmosphere that promotes learning and sharing. The work of the Federation is a great example of collaboration amongst a variety of organizations.



Ringside Prague





Breeding for Longevity in Theory and Practice

By Pernille Monberg

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INTRODUCTION

The following discussion argues that a selection for longevity is the second-best option to natural selection in producing healthy and robust individuals. It is based on deliberate practical experimentation with breed combinations, supported by lifespan/health data (11.560/8.273) collected on Irish Wolfhounds. The general methodology may be applicable in a wider range of breeding programs, with modifications to suit breed specific needs and challenges.

HISTORICAL PARTNERS

The human-dog relationship is the oldest known, documented interspecies alliance. Dogs branched off from wolves about 33.000 years ago and have been an important part of human life across the globe ever since. In the more affluent human societies, dogs have moved indoors, where they are perceived as members of family – and we simply want them to be around us for as long as possible. ***For social species such as our own, the individual life is considered important. The idea of breeding for longevity is rooted in these human social desires.*** As an isolated entity, the long life makes very little sense in a natural World, except to the individual being, from the tiniest insect to the gigantic whales—we all carry a fundamental drive towards self-preservation. This is part of a universal, biologically inherent urge to gain access to passing on one's genetic matter.

Selecting for a longer life has proven to be a relatively simple task from the genetic perspective, and shows an added benefit of increased vigor and robustness which constitutes the foundation of the longer-lived individuals. The approach has, nonetheless, been a hard sell at the best of times. The human element, as the decision making “manager” of a closed gene pool, appears to be one of the main obstacles on a path towards healthy, robust, and long-

lived individuals. Although humans have been proficient in selectively forming and shaping domestic animals to suit their specific needs and desires, our selections are frequently in competition with biological fitness and natural selection, which may bring unintended consequences. Selecting for longevity is not instantly measurable and probably not as tangible as selecting for elements such as conformation or performance.

When breeding towards the potential for longevity, we are inadvertently selecting “a byproduct”, which is rooted in health, vigor, and endurance—qualities needed in the battle or race towards the right to reproduce. For most species, trials and tribulations of getting there are more taxing than the act of breeding itself. Battling over females requires plenty of stamina, which consequently ensures a selection of the healthiest possible genes to pass on. In most species, it is the robustness and vigor designed for reproduction rights, which also happen to be fundamental elements in the potential for a long life.

SEPARATING THE FACTS FROM FICTION

Owners of Irish Wolfhounds regularly encounter comments such as: “Wolfhounds are lovely, it’s a shame they don’t live very long” or “I would rather look at a beautiful dog with a lifespan of 5 years, than an ugly one that lives for 10”. ***The thought that longevity and correct conformation are mutually excluding entities is a myth, which seems deeply lodged in our minds.*** If anything, lifespan potential may be low on the list of selection priorities in some breeding operations, thus progressively feeding the myth. Finally, responsible breeders are so careful in picking potential homes, that the wider market of potential Irish Wolfhound owners feel pushed into buying from the more commercial breeding operations. Future IW owners have a huge responsibility when selecting a kennel from where they want to buy their next puppy. Dogs are living beings, not mass-produced assembly line products. It requires a lot of homework to find the right puppy.

Irish Wolfhounds have also been labelled “the heartbreak breed”, which even part of the community of Wolfhound owners and breeders seem to have taken on as a term of endearment. This is probably the single most damaging label imaginable—it is a passive approach towards the responsibility of purchasing or breeding robust dogs. ***Puppy buyers who are accepting the “heartbreak” by repeatedly purchasing puppies from kennels that do not heed their responsibilities as breeders, are facilitating future heartbreaks in coming to fruition.***

The kennel is, among other things, a living, practical workshop, offering a myriad of information on genetics/heritability, nutrition, management, behavior, and the social lives of dogs. As breeders, we deal with this daily. How we go about it varies a great deal from the regulated, fixed routines to the more curious and inquisitive approach. For most of my years as a breeder, it has been difficult to find literature explaining many occurrences or tendencies observed in the daily life with the dogs. Depending on the observation, it has been helpful to look at studies on several other species, including humans.

STUDIES ON THE IRISH WOLFHOUND

The Internet is littered with unsubstantiated dog breed presentations and guides. Authors frequently operate with a concept of “life expectancy”, often speculative, but most likely used in the absence of concrete breed statistics, i.e. calculated mean average lifespan of a given breed.

We know that the oldest recorded Irish Wolfhound (Killykeen Kildevin) lived to the age of 16 years, 6 months (listed in Elizabeth C. Murphy’s longevity report, compiled for the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland).

This is an extreme case, while expecting dogs to live to the age of 10+ is not unrealistic. ***However, as breeders, we need to operate with facts where facts can be obtained, in other words; a baseline to work from. So, if the common understanding is that the Irish Wolfhound is an extremely short-lived breed, then the first question should be: “Compared to what?”***



Few other breeds, if any, are as well documented when it comes to lifespan and causes of death as the Irish Wolfhound. The Irish Wolfhound Database (IWDB) holds pedigrees of 174,659 Irish Wolfhounds. With in this dataset, we have a recorded breed average lifespan of 7 years and 4 months, based on owner reported lifespan information on 11,573 dogs, of these we have recorded cause of death in 8,273 dogs. The sheer volume of data has an equalizing effect on any possible biases in the dataset. With the IWDB, the Irish Wolfhound Longevity Study (IWLS) and countless research papers combined, *the Irish Wolfhound is probably the most studied and most extensively documented dog of all breeds*. One can only speculate as to the reason for this: Could it be that its appearance sticks out in a crowd or that its reputation, as one of the most short-lived dog breeds, has an appeal to researchers? How do we best utilize the existing research on health/lifespan to establish a realistic picture of the breed?

GRAPH 1
The graphs below are strictly a mapping of causes of death in Irish Wolfhounds

In an older paper on longevity and mortality of Irish Wolfhounds from 1955, Alex Comfort speculates on the 3 major causes of death in IWs:

One reason for the short life in large dogs is perhaps the relation between size and tumor incidence (...) Physical disproportion probably plays a part, however, in increasing the vulnerability of large individuals to cardiac or respiratory disease.
(Comfort 1955, 31)

The most appealing approach could appear to be eliminating the prevalent causes of death. If we could screen for these causes of death, it should theoretically prevent early deaths.

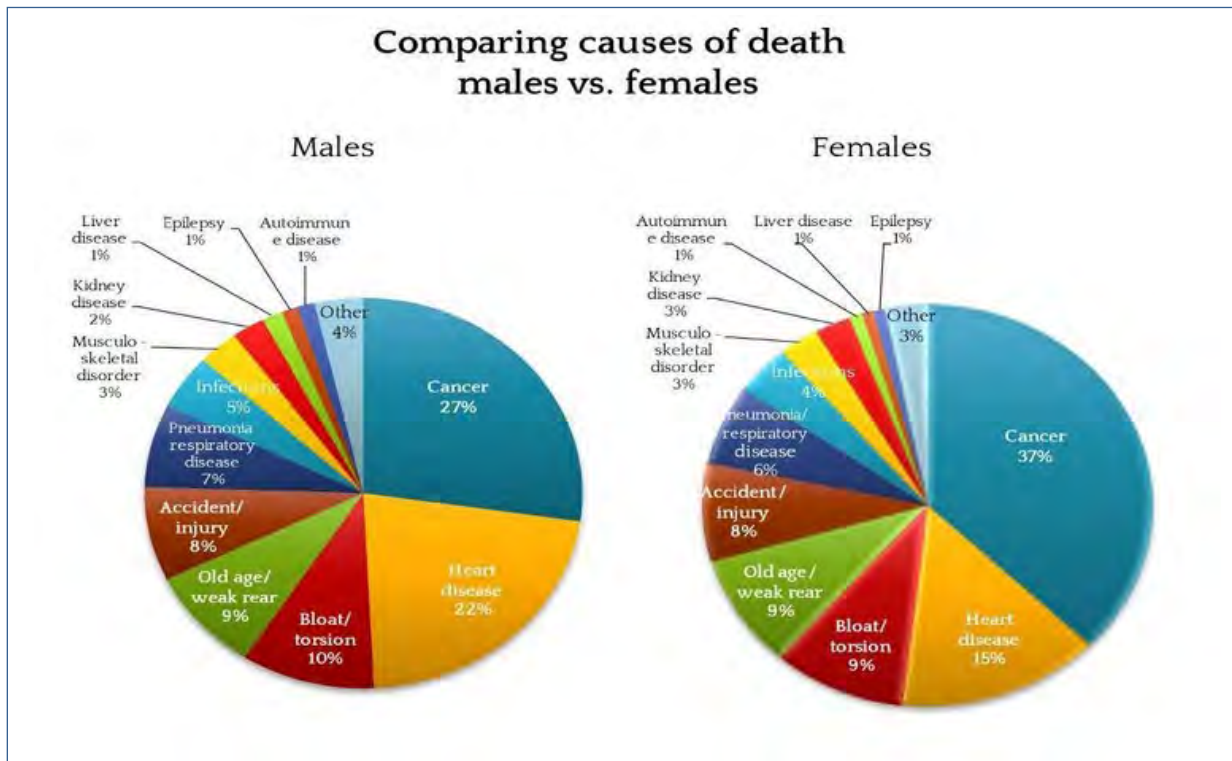
I started with the most prevalent in my stock, which was heart disease. Calculations based on 4,406 dogs show that non-specified heart disease occurs in 18%

of IWs (IWDB; see Graph 1). Following that approach involved annual heart screenings of my dogs through the duration of their lives, as well as extensive pedigree mapping of the dogs and their relatives, noting diseases, causes, and age at death. It seemed the logical approach, but an unexpected pattern emerged from the data.

When comparing causes of death in pedigrees of short-lived dogs to those of long-lived dogs, it revealed pretty much the same causes of death, where they differed was in the time of onset. Had years of screening been wasted? Not necessarily, judging from the screening program in my stock, which brought a significant reduction in the occurrence of atrial fibrillation and DCM. After more than 30 years of systematic heart screening and pedigree research, the obviously inherited forms of atrial fibrillation and dilated cardiomyopathy have been reduced to negligible numbers in my stock.

The general status for cancer in IWs (all forms) has been calculated in 4,406 dogs and has an occurrence of 33% in all ages.

According to data from the American Lifetime Cardiac Study, as many as 20% of Irish Wolfhound deaths are from





osteosarcoma. In my stock, the cancer representation has been predominantly osteosarcoma, for which we currently have no possible screening method, it could tentatively be addressed through pedigree mapping, which would mostly entail avoiding breeding dogs with a high occurrence of cancer in their pedigree. Regarding pneumonia, there have been relatively few cases in my stock, and I was mistakenly under the impression that this is a recent problem in the breed. According to data in the IWDB, pneumonia accounts for 6% of the causes of deaths in females and 7% in males. Although heart testing proved effective, let us say we had the possibility of screening for cancer, cardiovascular disease, gastric dilatation volvulus and pneumonia, that would amount to 67% of the females and 66% of the males. **From a population management point of view, this would be a catastrophic reduction of a relatively small gene pool, such as that of the Irish Wolfhound.**

These findings require some re- thinking

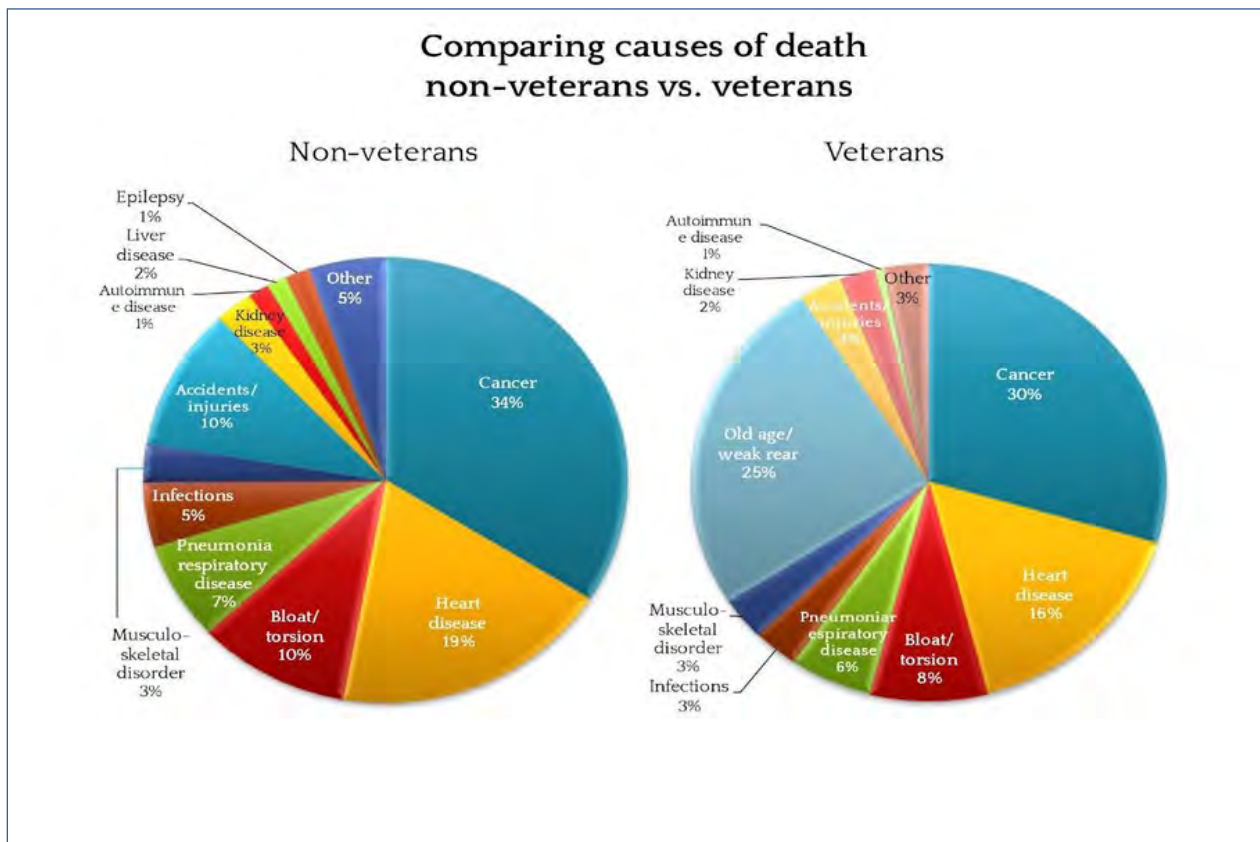
in the breeding program. It is helpful to look at other population studies to shed some light on the observations made in Irish Wolfhounds. In a review paper from 2013 on genetics and healthy aging, Angela R. Brooks- Wilson describes findings in human longevity studies, where the extremely long lived (centenarians) carry pretty much the same amount of risk alleles for common complex diseases as those with average lifespan. This is comparable to the calculation done on IWDB/IWLS data, where the expression of common diseases does not vary significantly between the long-lived dogs (above 8 years) and the younger group (below 8 years). Brooks-Wilson writes:

Several recent studies have shown that centenarians do not carry smaller numbers of risk alleles for common complex diseases than average people. In an important paper in 2010, Beekman et al. (2010) studied two case/control collections: (1) 723 nonagenarian siblings (mean age 94) from the LLS vs. 721 unrelated younger controls (mean age 52), and (2)

979 long-lived individuals over 85 (mean age 87) from the pop-based Leiden 85+ study vs. 1,167 younger controls (mean age 41) from the Netherlands Twin Register. They looked at 30 SNPs known to be associated with CVD, cancer or type 2 diabetes (T2D). The cases and controls each carried an average of 27 disease risk alleles. The distribution of risk alleles was the same in elderly and young subjects. Beekman et al. note that "GWAS-identified disease risk alleles do not compromise human longevity" and suggest that a lack of rare disease factors, or the presence of protective factors, is at work in the long-lived individuals. (Brooks-Wilson, 2013)

Brooks-Wilson continues that it is not the presence of disease risk alleles that determines lifespan, but rather the presence of a buffering mechanism, which prevents predisposed diseases from coming to expression:

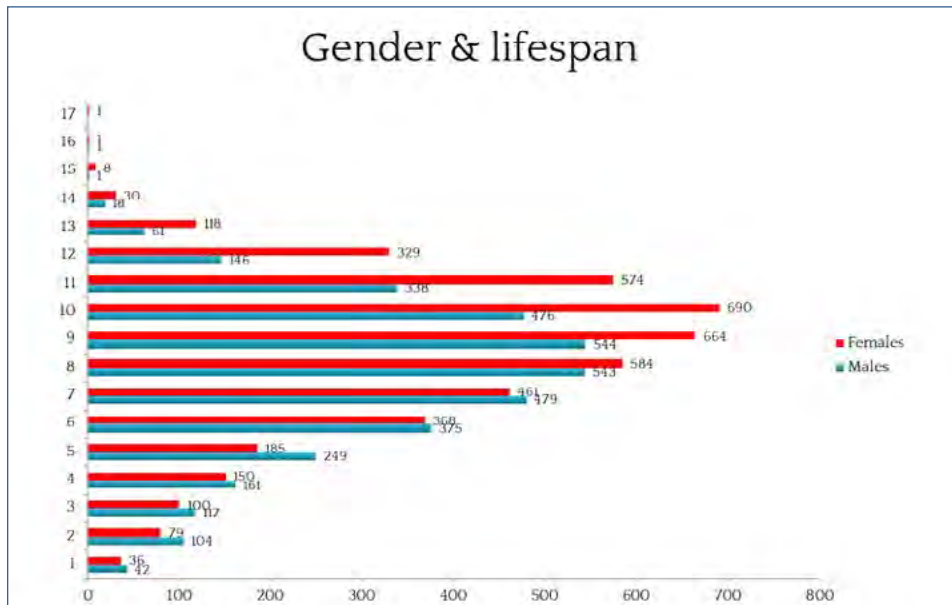
One mechanism for a lack of effect by an undesirable allele is the 'buffering' mechanism explored by Barzilai et al. They propose that some individuals who show ex-



GRAPH 2
Comparing causes of death in the non-veterans (aged below 8 years) and veterans (aged 8 years and above) show that cancer, heart disease, gastric torsion and pneumonia remain major causes of death in both groups, with an added 25% of deaths labelled old age/weak rear in the veteran group.



ceptional longevity may do so despite the presence of unfavorable alleles because those alleles are buffered by favorable alleles in other genes. (2013)



Graph 3 The chart (above) compares gender and lifespan data in Irish Wolfhounds.

Observations in my breeding program have indicated a tendency for long-lived males (with use of frozen semen, where retrospective data was available) to be more pre-potent in passing on longevity than females, which also reached old ages. Graph 3 shows that although more males are born, the sex ratio changes between 7–8 years, where females progressively outnumber males. It can be hypothesized that males reaching high ages are extraordinary, while females reaching similar or higher ages are more within the norm, as in they are not as biologically extraordinary as the long-lived males. This is supported by findings in human longevity research:

Women have a lower mortality rate than men at every age, and women live longer than men in most human populations. Any given exceptional age, therefore, is more exceptional for men than for women. As noted by Sebastiani and Perls (2012) 1 % of US women (but only 0.1 % of men) born circa the turn of the last century lived to be 100. Potential explanations for this difference

include hormonal and immune differences, hemizyosity of the X- chromosome in men (which may allow manifestation of unfavorable sex-linked variants), and unrecognized confounders [reviewed in Newman and Mu-rabito (2013)]. (Brooks-Wilson, 2013)

Human longevity studies show that a wide range of factors are at play in the determination of lifespan. It is now commonly understood that environmental influences and lifestyle as well as a significant genetic component (ca. 25%) are at play in the determination of age and death in adulthood. Studies of the exceptionally long-lived individuals have shown that heritability is greater in those who reach exceptionally old ages. Long-lived males are more pre-potent in passing on longevity than females (Brooks- Wilson, 2013). This could be explained by the fact that females of most mammals are generally longer lived than males, consequently the rarer, extremely long-lived males, i.e., centenarians, are biologically extraordinary, and are thus more prone to passing on the potential for good to extreme lifespan to their progeny.

OTHER DOG BREEDS AND WILD CANIDS

In order to set a realistic goal in a breeding program, one needs to know the possibilities and limitations of such an undertaking. Comparing the lifespan of the Irish Wolfhounds with lifespan of other domestic dog breeds, as well as with wild canids, gives a broad guide towards realistic goals to aim for with regards to lifespan.

Table 3. Mean Age at Death of the Most Common Breeds of Dogs in the VMDB From 1980–1990*

| Dog Breed | Number of Dogs | Median Age at Death (years) |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Afghan | 151 | 6.7 |
| Airedale | 164 | 6.5 |
| Basset | 283 | 6.3 |
| Beagle | 417 | 6.6 |
| Boston Terrier | 256 | 8.5 |
| Boxer | 455 | 6.0 |
| Brittany Spaniel | 239 | 7.0 |
| Bulldog | 196 | 4.6 |
| Cocker Spaniel | 775 | 5.6 |
| Collie | 431 | 7.5 |
| Dachshund | 829 | 5.5 |
| Dalmatian | 164 | 6.2 |
| Doberman Pinscher | 1522 | 5.9 |
| English Setter | 197 | 7.0 |
| German Shorthaired Pointer | 173 | 7.2 |
| German Shepherd | 1793 | 6.8 |
| Golden Retriever | 1088 | 6.6 |
| Great Dane | 487 | 4.6 |
| Irish Setter | 537 | 7.5 |
| Labrador Retriever | 1113 | 6.2 |
| Lhasa Apso | 225 | 5.4 |
| Malamute | 162 | 6.2 |
| Old English Sheepdog | 263 | 6.9 |
| Pekingese | 228 | 6.8 |
| Miniature Poodle | 1136 | 9.3 |
| Standard Poodle | 274 | 9.1 |
| Rottweiler | 185 | 3.5 |
| Saint Bernard | 307 | 5.8 |
| Samoyed | 214 | 7.1 |
| Schnauzer | 636 | 8.2 |
| Scottish Terrier | 238 | 8.5 |
| Sheltie | 477 | 7.5 |
| Shih-Tzu | 156 | 5.0 |
| Siberian Husky | 252 | 6.4 |
| Springer Spaniel | 308 | 6.3 |
| Weimaraner | 147 | 7.6 |
| West Highland White Terrier | 189 | 8.2 |

*Dogs that died < 1 year of age or that died due to poisoning or trauma were excluded.

Table 1 from Patronek et al. (1997).

In the table above (Table 1), we have 37 popular dog breeds, which have been euthanized at a selected number of veterinary teaching hospitals in North America from 1980 to 1990. It is one of the more comprehensive studies on longevity in dogs, involving 23,535 purebred and mixed breeds.



The table on the right (**Table 2**) contains results of a more recent study from 2020 comparing lifespan according to gender in a total of 6 giant dog breeds. The Irish Wolfhound is included in the study with an average lifespan of 7.52 based on 48 individuals, which does not deviate significantly from the calculated average of 7 years and 4 months in the IWDB and IWLS. This gives us an idea of the status quo of the IW in relation to other breeds, and it can serve as a baseline. The questions remain: Are we satisfied with that, or can we do better?

While creating a breeding goal involving longevity in a domestic breed, comparison to longevity in other domestic breeds, as well as wild canids, would offer a broader idea of lifespan in the entire family of canids. However, when dealing with wildlife, most reports only offer estimates of lifespan in the wild compared to that in captivity which, nonetheless, offers an idea of biological potential and limitations for lifespan within the canids.

The IUCN World Conservation Union (Sillero-Zubiri et al., 2004) offers estimated longevity notes for each of the wild canid species:

- **Fox** can live up to 9 years – but in agricultural Europe they generally live less than 3 years.
- **Coyote** may live as long as 21 years in captivity, while life expectancy is much shorter in the wild. Oldest reported wild coyote lived 15.5 years.
- **Jacal** can potentially live 10–12 years, but likely much less in the wild
- **African wild dog** No wild dog has lived past 10 years (Kruger National Park) most dogs lived 6 years or less in Selous Game Reserve, Tanzania.
- **Ethiopian Wolf** 8–10 years in the wild
- **Grey Wolf** Longevity up to 13 years in the wild and about 16 years in captivity

It appears that life as a predator in the wild is pretty much “live fast and die young”, supporting the idea that the long life has no purpose in the natural World. However, harsh natural selection of the fittest is expressed by a longer lifespan in the protective environment of captivity.

Table 1. Average lifespan of giant dog breeds

| Breed | n | Male | Female | Average lifespan |
|-------------------------------|-----|------|--------|------------------|
| English Mastiff ¹ | 13 | 5 | 8 | 7.81 |
| Irish Wolfhound ³ | 48 | 15 | 33 | 7.52 |
| Leonberger ² | 20 | 2 | 18 | 9.50 |
| Great Dane ¹ | 107 | 38 | 69 | 7.05 |
| Newfoundland Dog ² | 13 | 4 | 9 | 9.88 |
| St. Bernard Dog ² | 16 | 7 | 9 | 7.13 |
| Total | 217 | 71 | 146 | |
| Weighted average lifespan | | | | 7.60 |

¹group FCI 2.1., section: Molossian type, subsection: Mastiff type; ²group FCI 2.2., section: Molossian type, subsection: Mountain type; ³group FCI 10. Sighthounds

Table 2 taken from Šebková et al. (2020).

MAPPING AND BUILDING YOUR PEDIGREES

Mapping or annotating pedigrees constitutes much of the theoretical side of breeding, while building the pedigrees is done through the actual physical breed combinations. The trial pedigree function in the IWDB is an indispensable tool for any breeder, provided that the pedigrees are sufficiently annotated to provide guidelines. ***Breeding Irish Wolfhounds without health and especially lifespan information is like driving blindfolded.***

I like to have age at death and if possible, cause of death on a minimum 75% of the ancestors in the 5 gen. pedigrees I plan to combine. The immediate generations should be weighted: In other words, parents, grandparents, and great grandparents are the most important in passing on the potential for lifespan. Immediate ancestors should have lifespan and health documentation.

When looking at pedigrees with annotations on lifespan and cause of death, remember we all die of something. Perhaps the question of what we die from is not quite as important as when we die from it.

As a guideline: When planning a breeding combination, a 3 or 5 generation trial pedigree (the male and female pedigrees combined) should exceed the mean average lifespan of the general breed (7 yrs. 4 mo.) by approximately a year or more to increase the chances of pushing the ages upwards in the progeny. I operate with 5 generations, but if one is in the early stages of building pedigrees – a fully annotated 3 generation pedigree is a good place to start.

The task of breeding for longevity also entails familiarizing oneself with existing research on longevity in various other species. Observing parallels and patterns in

one's own breeding can help establish baselines to work from—and set realistic goals to aim for. ***Once a goal is clearly defined for a breeding program, a structured strategy of execution can be designed and pursued.*** However, re-evaluating one's strategy from time to time is inevitable, as knowledge and experience is bound to point us in new directions. Failures or dead ends are unavoidable—they are golden opportunities for learning, re-thinking, and restructuring hypotheses and/or methodology. Whenever something has not worked for me, understanding what went wrong has frequently held clues and ideas towards new strategies for navigating onwards.

I wanted to breed dogs with a potential for a longer life, i.e. beyond the 5 and 6 years of my earlier dogs. Mapping pedigrees with age at death and cause of death, amounted to a vast number of handwritten annotated pedigrees on dogs of interest for my own breeding program, it became obvious that this undertaking required a much broader scope. I proceeded collecting random pedigrees adding annotations when available, in an attempt at creating baseline for the breed. Finding that there were IWs which were able to live to good ages, combined with the realization that longevity tends to run in certain human families, convinced me that the trait could be deliberately selected for.

With my first generations of dogs dying at young ages, a faint pattern was forming, even in my limited number of dogs, I was wondering if something was inherent in the breed. ***Talking with other breeders convinced me that I had “invented” heart disease, bone cancer and gastric torsion in my dogs.*** Health issues were not discussed among breeders in the 70ties and 80ties. In the pre-Internet days accessibility of rel-



evant research on specific IW diseases or general health was limited.

When setting out to incorporate robustness and longevity in the breeding program, sires play a significant role, insofar that they are long-lived males, since adding a sire with a known lifespan of 9–10 years or more, may give instant results in the progeny. Unfortunately, longevity can be lost as quickly as it can be obtained. The documentation of ancestor's lifespan, cause of death and whatever other health notes can be obtained are necessary if the aim is to improve or maintain longevity.

Granted, I did not start out with a fully formed *modus operandi*. My first attempt was centered around finding long-lived

drawing board. As an anthropologist, I was trained in interview methodology. I decided to apply a form of reciprocal approach in the acquisition of data for the pedigrees I was interested in. I would fill out what information I had already gathered in a pedigree of my interest. Then write a polite letter to the owners/breeders of the dogs on which I sought data. I would include a copy of the pedigree with partial annotations, asking if he/she would help me fill out the blanks where possible. Most people were usually helpful, and forthcoming with what they had. I had clarified the nature of my project, shared the existing information and suddenly it was an exchange, rather than me demanding information.

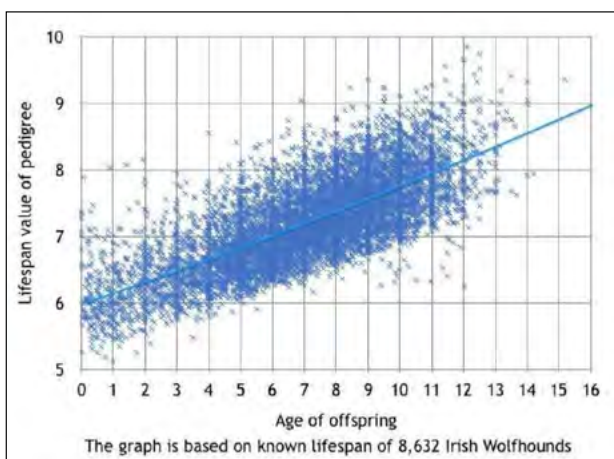
With the acquisition of data on more and more dogs, obvious patterns were emerging. Longevity begets longevity.

GRAPH 4

The graph (left) is based on known lifespan of 8.632 Irish Wolfhounds.

This graph shows how longevity in a pedigree affects the longevity of offspring. The trend line shows the correlation between lifespan value in pedigree and experienced longevity

in progeny. Each dog has a little x plotting its age at time of death on the horizontal axis and the lifespan value of its ancestors on the vertical axis. We are still working on improving the algorithms used for this crucial calculation. (Flatberg, IWDB)



males to use in my breeding program, which was no easy task, as nothing seemed to have been recorded or documented, or perhaps breeders were leery of sharing lifespan and health information with an inquisitive stranger. It was back to the

Robustness became apparent even in my neonatal puppies, which have gradually become more vigorous over the years as an added bonus. Young dogs from long-lived lines have a different energy-level and seem more physically apt and comfortable in their bodies. It is of paramount importance to breed for the whole package: Biomechanically functional, true to type, healthy dogs, which have the potential for longevity. Any lesser goal would have been doomed from my perspective. However, before setting out to breed for any trait or characteristic to suit our human desires, it would be prudent to understand the possible consequences and nature of said trait.

CONCLUSION

Designing a breeding program with the ambition of changing specific characteristics, or eradicating inherited diseases through selective breeding, requires a status quo, prior to applying any selective/corrective measures to a population. The approach of adjusting or selecting for singular traits rather than an animal in its entirety, may leave gaps for other undesired traits to slip through. **A breeding program which strategically selects for the longer-lived animals, will experience a wide range of life improving elements which are included in the package of the long life.** Where animals in the wild only manage to pass on their genes through robustness and vigor, the domestic dogs that manage to live long healthy lives, prove to possess the same robustness and vigor. Selecting for longevity is not selecting for a single trait, it is selecting for a large life sustaining package.

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Finding a responsible breeder that you feel you can trust is the most critical step in beginning your relationship with a new puppy. The Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada (IWCC) has all breeder members sign a specific Code of Ethics, as a way to endorse how a breeder and our Members can help to preserve and protect this magnificent breed.

Think of a breeder as your personal resource. They have often spent years acquiring all the experience, knowledge, and information needed to answer any of your questions, issues, or concerns, and will remain an invaluable source of support for the life of your wolfhound.

The breeder's responsibility is to produce registered hounds that conform to the Standard of Excellence of our breed, and to ensure that puppies will be healthy, stable and well-adjusted members of society. The IWCC Breeders Code of Ethics requires that breeders promote responsible pet ownership and offer mentoring, education and support.

Avoid the temptation of buying a puppy advertised on social media platforms such as Instagram, Kijiji and we have even seen them offered at farm auctions. Reputable breeders rarely advertise. They have vetted wait lists of homes that they will support for the life of the puppy. Your wait for a puppy may be upwards of 2 years, but your research and patience will be rewarded.



The IWCC have created a list of Breeders in the various Provinces for your information. It identifies breeders who have puppies and adult Irish Wolfhounds available to good homes. You can contact the Club Secretary irishwc.secretary@gmail.com to start your research in your area. If a breeder does not have puppies available, they often can refer you to someone that does.

Not all breeders are created equal. Although the IWCC endorses and encourages Breeders and Members to follow the Code of Ethics, there is no system in place to monitor their practices. It is the responsibility of the buyer to educate themselves as best they can regarding the information that is available for the breeding they are considering. It's important to know what questions to ask the breeder and know where the resources are to source out the health history, screening tests, longevity of the lines and past breeding practices of the breeder. If you are armed with the information, you are better informed to make the right decision regarding this important purchase.

BUYER BEWARE:

- Start your research by contacting breeders in your area that are included on the IWCC Breeders list by contacting our Club Secretary at irishwc.secretary@gmail.com
- Read the [IWCC Code of Ethics](#)
- Know what questions to ask the breeder (IWCC-Questions) and be prepared to answer questions they may ask of you.
- Be informed. It is important to research the breeding, and all health tests completed of the Sire and Dam of the potential puppy.
- Ask to see the pedigree of the Sire and Dam
- With their registered names you can look up the health history, longevity and causes of death behind the parents on the Irish Wolfhound Database found at IWDB.org
- Any health screening that has been completed and registered with the Canine Health Information Center can be found at OFA.org but you will need the Dam's registered name.



52nd Annual Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada National Specialty Show Sunday September 22, 2024

Judge: Dr. Frederic Maison, France (Du Grand Chien du Culan)



DR. FREDERIC MAISON, FRANCE

My real passion with dogs began in 1981. As a present for graduating from veterinary school my parents gave me a Greyhound bitch. Although she was bought as a pet, I became more and more interested in dog shows and that is where I saw an Irish Wolfhound for the first time. Then I started to breed Irish Wolfhounds.

Unfortunately, I can only breed about two litters a year due to my heavy work schedule, for it is something I really enjoy and love. Since 2015, I breed with my partner Flavio Freitas who has a real talent for training and preparing the dogs for the competitions.

I am President of the French IW and Deerhound club since 2004, which is a big responsibility and a lot of work. I am also member of the committee of the French kennel club and of the scientific commission. At present I am qualified as judge for Group 10.

It is a pleasure to meet you and your dogs, which enjoy a fine worldwide reputation.

First of all, I would like to thank the IW Club of Canada for its kind invitation to judge their annual club show. It is a great honour to have been given this responsibility. During my few days in Canada, and especially on the day of the show, I was helped by many kind and competent people. The procedure at the dog show is a bit different here than what we are used to in Europe, and I needed serious explanations. A special thank you to Sharon Miller, who drove me throughout these days.

I was very pleased with the overall quality of the dogs I judged. As usual, the quality was higher in females, but I saw some males of excellent type. It was a sunny day, and due to the high temperature, most of the dogs were reluctant to move. I am used to judging based on movement, but that day, it was almost impossible, which was a source of frustration for me. Nevertheless, I was able to select some nice movers.

I saw many dogs with untypical proportions—specifically, legs that were too short. This is a common fault seen in every country, and it is probably one of the most difficult for breeders to correct.

Too many dogs lacked angulation in the front, especially in the pasterns. Correct pasterns are becoming exceptional. Nowadays, straight pasterns are becoming the norm! What a pity, considering how important they are for a sighthound.

I know that on your continent, breeders pay little attention to the mouth, but it is very important for a hunting dog to have a strong underjaw with a correct bite. Do not breed dogs with an incorrect bite.

I regret that I did not see enough “beautiful” hounds—I mean dogs built with harmony. A sighthound must be beautiful; it is not a common breed, and we do not only look for correct construction. It must have something extra that you cannot describe—something that gives you a specific feeling. This is a characteristic of our breed that all breeders need to understand. It is not just elegance; it is more than that—a combination of elegance, soundness, and harmony. If one is missing, you do not have true “beauty.” Most of my winners had it, but the one I will remember most is the young Reserve Winner female. This female has that indescribable extra quality, and with her amazing construction, she should have a great show career.

Dr Frederic Maison



Best Canadian Bred/ Best Bred by Exhibitor /Best of Winners



Very beautiful head , could have darker eyes . Ex mover

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Would like a bit more energy in movement.

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Best Puppy

(021)

WOLFHOLM ZINFANDEL OF GLENAMADDA, M,

LW4290055, 11/3/2023

Breeder: Ewa Boldok,

By Gch Solas Captain Morgn Of Glenamadda
x Jalapeño Picante Of Wolfholm, Canada

Owner: Deborah Hayes & Susan Prokopenko

Masculine dog. Good construction . shown a bit fat. Front feet turn outwards. Good angulations in rear. Could have a more angulated shoulder (upper-arm too straight). Would need a stronger underjaw.good topline and underline. Good movement. Ex handling



Best Veteran

(014)

CH GLENAMADDA MAGICK MAVEN RN, F,

CY632490, 12/1/2015

Breeder: Susan M.L. Prokopenko,

By Ch Kerry's Glenamadda Incantation
x Ch Glenamadda Independence Day, FCH, Canada

Owner: Susan M.L. Prokopenko

9 years old . good construction . a bit fine in bones for this size . straight in poastersns . good head . shown in good condition. Excelent neck . Excelent movement.

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Select Dog

(013)

GCH HEATHVIEW WINNER TAKES IT ALL, M,

JN4122698, 7/30/2021

Breeder: Ian L. T. Rutherford & Laurie E. Rutherford,

By Really Irish Gifted Gilligan

x Ch Heathview Melorose, Canada

Owner: Laurie Rutherford & Ian Rutherford

Ex type . a bit straight in front. Nice expression, could have better ears.

A bit fine in muzzle. Could have a bit more neck . correct movement.

Straight in pasterns. Ex angulations in rear . ex topline and underline.



Select Bitch

(062)

CH CASTLEKEEP'S IMOGEN, F,

LJ4269589, 5/27/2023

Breeder: Donna Tomson,

By Gch Castlekeep's Integrity

x Gch Castlekeep's Scarlet Magnolia NC, Canada

Owner: Donna Tomson

Quality female of houndy type, good overall construction and balance,

long head a bit fine . ex bones . ex pasterns . ex chest and forechest.

many qualities in this female to breed with



Award of Merit

(060)

CH CASTLEKEEP'S PRIM, F,

JE4072276, 3/2/2021

Breeder: Donna Tomson

By Ch Castlekeep's Integrity

x Ch Castlekeep's Temperance, Canada,

Owner: Donna Tomson

Good construction and condition. Nice head. Nice curves , plenty of har-

mony. would like more length of legs. Ex hindquarter.



Winners Dog

(007)

MONTY LISMORE OF AERIE, M,

TC-24100007108, 12/27/2021

Breeder: Doug Marx, Amy Benjamin, Stephen & Karen Levan,

By Dreamcatcher's Wolfhouse Blue Note At Aerie
x Lismore Marion Kerby, Elsewhere

Owner: Betty Johnson, Roger Johnson, Amy Benjamin



Reserve Winners Dog

(043)

RED KING DEI MANGIALUPI, M,

FD-KW4238953, 11/13/2022

Breeder: Marcello Poli & Doniela Iori,

By Major Mick Dei Mangialupi
x Starkeeper Asia At Mangialupi, Elsewhere

Owner: Jocelyne Gagne & Serena Ivanovskis

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Junior Puppy Dog

1st (025)

WOLFHOLM’S AUSPICIOUS, M,

ME4316047, 3/17/2024

Breeder: Ewa Boldok

By Gch Solas Captain Morgan Of Glenamadda
x Wolfholm's Octavia, Canada

Owner: Ewa Boldok



Senior Puppy Dog

1st (021)

WOLFHOLM ZINFANDEL OF GLENAMADDA, M,

LW4290055, 11/3/2023

Breeder: Ewa Boldok

By Gch Solas Captain Morgn Of Glenamadda
x Jalapeño Picante Of Wolfholm, Canada

Owner: Deborah Hayes & Susan Prokopenko

2nd (027)

HOPS-N-HOUNDS HELLO SWEETIE! BELI, M,

TC-24100007625, 9/29/2023

Breeder: Julie & Christopher Schaeffer

By Prince Titan Of Wolfholm
x Hops-N-Hounds Destroyer Of Worlds Aine, Elsewhere

Owner: Julie & Christopher Schaeffer



15-18 Month Dog

1st (019)

MONSTERS INC LUPIN WIZARD DRIMS, M,

FD-LJ4318472, 5/18/2023

Breeder: Olga Koloskove

By Shazam Du Grand Chien De Culann
x Monsters Inc Helga, Elsewhere

Owner: Karen Jones Agent: Deb Hayes



Open Dog

1st (007)

MONTY LISMORE OF AERIE, M,

TC-24100007108, 12/27/2021

Breeder: Doug Marx, Amy Benjamin, Stephen & Karen Levan

By Dreamcatcher's Wolfhouse Blue Note At Aerie
x Lismore Marion Ker*By*, Elsewhere

Owner: Betty Johnson, Roger Johnson, Amy Benjamin

2nd (043)

RED KING DEI MANGIALUPI, M,

FD-KW4238953, 11/13/2022

Breeder: Marcello Poli & Doniela Iori

By Major Mick Dei Mangialupi
x Starkeeper Asia At Mangialupi, Elsewhere

Owner: Jocelyne Gagne & Serena Ivanovskis

3rd (011)

TALIESIN'S BEUL-AITHRIS OF SCEOLAN, M,

FD-KU4218916, 10/5/2022

Breeder: Donna Smith & David C Smith

By Wolf Tone Mike
x Taliesin's Brice, Elsewhere

Owner: Celeste Atkinson & Donna Smith

4th (017)

REDTOPS BRYNLEIGH, M,

TC-22100003706, 8/19/2021

Breeder: Rosemary Wortman

By Lismore Brigadoon
x Redtops Bryleigh, Elsewhere

Owner: Rosemary Wortman

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Veteran Dog

1st (041)

CH LEGACY STARKEEPER SILVERADO SPIRIT, M,
1137619, 8/2/2017

Breeder: Sue McClure & Jocelyne Gagne

By Winterdream Kline Of Pinehurst

x Starkeeper Legacy The Seeker, Elsewhere

Owner: Jocelyne Gagne & Sandy Sue McClure

2nd (015)

GCH DOSCARTHA QUIET THUNDER OF ULSTER, M,
1140582, 1/15/2017

Breeder: Paula & Juha Setala

By Knallasen's Qent

x Doscatha Emily Prentiss, Elsewhere

Owner: Karen Straghan



Winners Bitch

(020)

HEATHVIEW LEXIE JAMES, F,
LA4234476, 1/16/2023

Breeder: Ian & Laurie Rutherford

By Ch Heathview Winner Takes It All

x Gch Ch Heathview Nellie Belle, Canada

Owner: Laurie Rutherford & Ian Rutherford



Reserve Winners Bitch

(080)

STARKEEPER HUNTERSRUN JEWEL JOLENE, F,
LS4284173, 9/8/2023

Breeder: Jocelyn Gagne & Audrey Wright

By R Noble Nasch

x Huntersrun Starkeeper Bellina, Canada

Owner: Jocelyne Gagne & Serena Ivanovskis

Agent: Amy Waltersorth

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Junior Puppy Bitch

1st (054)

LAISLINN'S LILABET, F,

MA4302092, 1/15/2024

Breeder: Lani Hopf

By Gch Castlekeep's Honour
x Ch Laislinn's Lucrezia, Canada,

Owner: Lani Hopf

2nd (082)

STARKEEPER MAEBHAT GLASGLAENN, F,

MC4306092, 2/5/2024

Breeder: Serena Ivanovskis & Jocelyn Gagne

By Ch Starkeeper Annie's Oakley
x Ch Starkeeper's Lorna Lovely, Canada

Owner: Elissa Culp & Joceyenne Gagne

3rd (056)

LAISLINN'S LETITIA, F,

MA4302093, 1/15/2024

Breeder: Lani Hopf

By Gch Castlekeep's Honour
x Ch Laislinn's Lucrezia, Canada

Owner: Lani Hopf

4th (044)

WOLFHOLM AMARETTO, F,

ME4316043, 3/17/2024

Breeder: Ewa Boldok

By Gch Solas Captain Morgan Of Glenamadda
x Wolfholm's Octavia, Canada

Owner: Ewa Boldok

Senior Puppy Bitch

1st (012)

WOLFHOLM ZONIN ZEN OF GLENAMADDA, F,

LW4290054, 11/3/2023

Breeder: Ewa Boldok

By Gch Solas Captain Morgan Of Glenamadda
x Jalapeño Picante Of Wolfholm, Canada

Owner: Susan Prokopenko & Ewa Boldok

12—15 Month Bitch

1st (080)

STARKEEPER HUNTERSRUN JEWEL JOLENE, F,

LS4284173, 9/8/2023

Breeder: Jocelyn Gagne & Audrey Wright

By R Noble Nasch
x Huntersrun Starkeeper Bellina, Canada

Owner: Jocelyne Gagne & Serena Ivanovskis

Agent: Amy Waltersorth

2nd (006)

DOSCARTHA SHEILA'S IRISH ROSE OF ULSTER, F,

FD-LS4294615, 9/1/2023

Breeder: Paula & Juha Setala

By Ulster's Mr Fantastic Of Doscartha
x Raptorland Bambiraptor, Elsewhere

Owner: Karen & Marie Straghan

3rd (026)

WOLFHOLM SYLVERWOLF YES I LOVE LUCY, F,

LQ4299061, 8/11/2023

Breeder: Ewa Boldok

By Prince Titan Of Wolfholm
x Ch Narnia Of Wolfholm, Canada

Owner: Sylvia Tamm

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15-18 Month Bitch

1st (038)

LOUGHCONEERA BANSHEE AT CURIANN, F,

LG4273029, 4/4/2023

Breeder: Judith P Ryan

By Kinglir At Curiann

x Lily Coventry At Curiann, Canada

Owner: Judith P Ryan

2nd (022)

CASTLEKEEP'S IRREPLACEABLE SHAYLEE, F,

LJ4270631, 5/27/2023

Breeder: Donna Tomson

By Ch Castlekeep's Integrity

x Gch Castlekeep's Scarlet Magnolia NC, Canada

Owner: Deb Creel & Donna Tomson

3rd (010)

GLENAMADDA SOLAS YIN OF WOLFHOLM, F,

LE4148116, 3/29/2023

Breeder: Susan Prokopenko, Joni Light, Ewa Boldok

By Ch Wolfholm's Notorious At Wolfglen

x Ch Solas Anne Bonny Of Glenamadda, Canada

Owner: E. Standish, N. Johnson, E. Boldok, S. Prokopenko

Canadian Bred Bitch

1st (070)

STARKEEPER WITCHFLOWER WICCA AT SILVER

THORNE, F, KW4225602, 11/3/2022

Breeder: Jocelyne Gagne & Serena Ivanovskis

By Ch Legacy Starkeeper Silverado Spirit

x Gchb Starkeeper Aoibheann Ailis, Canada,

Owner: Carole Silverthorne & Jocelyne Gagne

2nd (046)

WOLFHOLM'S OCTAVIA, F,

HG4100633, 4/30/2020

Breeder: Ewa Boldok

By Ch Baileysong Mactire At Kaldaun

x Grand Willow Of Wolfholm, Canada,

Owner: Ewa Boldok

Bred by Exhibitor Bitch

1st (036)

TAYLEEFARM THE SECRET THAT SHE KEEPS, F,

LL4263775, 6/15/2023

Breeder: Tina Ing

By Gch Tayleefarm Carlos Santana

x Gchb Three Little Birds' Grooving Tothe Music, Canada

Owner: Tina Ing Agent: Tina Ing

2nd (048)

HOPS-N-HOUNDS THE TIMELESS CHILD KERRY, F,

AK-KW4262622, 11/10/2022

Breeder: Julie Schaeffer & Christopher Schaeffer

By Magh Itha's Bragi

x Sionna From Starstone, Elsewhere

Owner: Julie & Christopher Schaeffer

Open Bitch

1st (020)

HEATHVIEW LEXIE JAMES, F,

LA4234476, 1/16/2023

Breeder: Ian & Laurie Rutherford

By Ch Heathview Winner Takes It All

x Gch Ch Heathview Nellie Belle, Canada

Owner: Laurie Rutherford & Ian Rutherford

2nd (008)

VALERIE CALORIEN STARKEEPER OF AERIE, F,

TC-24100007107, 1/3/2022

Breeder: Doug Marx, Amy Benjamin, Judith Callender, J Gagne

By Dreamcatcher's Wolfhound Blue Note At Aerie

x Calorien Starkeeper Darley At Aerie, Elsewhere

Owner: Betty & Roger Johnson, Amy Benjamin

3rd (052)

FEMKE'S FOOTSTEPS LADY STARLIGHT, F,

AK-KC4179657, 2/10/2022

Breeder: Ankie Somers

By Gartlove Galengroot

x NI Jch Femke's Footsteps Haigh Cailin Dubh, Elsewhere

Owner: Julie Schaeffer

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Veteran Bitch

1st (014)
CH GLENAMADDA MAGICK MAVEN RN, F,
CY632490, 12/1/2015
Breeder: Susan M.L. Prokopenko
By Ch Kerry's Glenamadda Incantation
x Ch Glenamadda Independence Day, FCH, Canada
Owner: Susan M.L. Prokopenko

2nd (040)
CH WOLFHOLM GLENAMADDA GOLDENEYE, F,
DJ673509, 5/14/2016
Breeder: Ewa Boldok, Susan Prokopenko, Karen Brumpton
By Pitlochry's O Bryan-Orak
x Ch Wolfholm Glenamadda Mata Hari, Canada
Owner: Ewa Boldok

Baby Puppy

(005)
FILOMEIDES XCALIBUR OF ULSTER, M,
FD-MG4326673, 4/3/2024
Breeder: Kaija Ahola
By Venture Of Carajai's Castle
x Filomeides Universal, Elsewhere
Owner: Karen & Marie Straghan

Sexually Altered Male

(015)
GCH DOSCARTHA QUIET THUNDER OF ULSTER, M,
1140582, 1/15/2017
Breeder: Paula & Juha Setala
By Knallasen's Qent
x Doscartha Emily Prentiss, Elsewhere
Owner: Karen Straghan



Sexually Altered Female

(016)
CH TALIESIN'S BOUDICCA AT SCEOLAN VA CGN RA, F,
1137829, 10/7/2017
Breeder: Donna & David Smith
By Ch Taliesin's Rhionganedd
x Taliesin's Realta Scuaibe, Elsewhere
Owner: Celeste Atkinson & Donna Smith

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Brace Class

(023)

GCHB TAYLEEFARM CARLOS SANTANA, M,

HQ4048232, 8/28/2020,

Owner: Tina Ing

(032)

CH TAYLEEFARM DANCING IN THE MOONLIGHT, F,

HQ4048233, 8/28/2020,

Owner: Tina Ing



Team Class

(041)

CH LEGACY STARKEEPER SILVERADO SPIRIT, M,

1137619, 8/2/2017,

Owner: Jocelyne Gagne & Sandy Sue McClure

(043)

RED KING DEI MANGIALUPI, M,

FD-KW4238953, 11/13/2022,

Owner: Jocelyne Gagne & Serena Ivanovskis

(074)

**CH LONNKYLE CALORIEN
PROPHECY AT STARKEEPER, F,**

HL4017885, 6/27/2020,

Owner: Jocelyne Gagne & Karon Ozols

(078)

GCHB STARKEEPER AOIBHEANN AILIS, F,

EY742416, 12/28/2017,

Owner: Jocelyne Gagne & Serena Ivanovskis



Stud Dog Class

(035)

CH CASTLEKEEP'S HONOUR, M,

GU3968758, 10/22/2019

Owner: Donna Tomson



Brood Bitch Class

(078)

GCHB STARKEEPER AOIBHEANN AILIS, F,

EY742416, 12/28/2017,

Owner: Jocelyne Gagne & Serena Ivanovskis



Parade of Veterans

(014)
CH GLENAMADDA MAGICK MAVEN RN, F,
CY632490, 12/1/2015
Owner: Susan M.L. Prokopenko

(040)
CH WOLFHOLM GLENAMADDA GOLDENEYE, F,
DJ673509, 5/14/2016
Owner: Ewa Boldok

(041)
CH LEGACY STARKEEPER SILVERADO SPIRIT, M,
1137619, 8/2/2017
Owner: Jocelyne Gagne & Sandy Sue McClure

(066)
STARKEEPER KELLAMORE HAVYN, F,
CQ624352, 8/20/2015
Owner: Joanne Buehner Brown & Jocelyne Gagne

(068)
STARKEEPER HALLIE, F,
CQ624354, 8/15/2015
Owner: Brad & Elizabeth McArthur

Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada National Sweepstakes Sunday September 22, 2024

Judge: Carole Guilfoyle (Hearthside IW)



It was a very interesting experience to judge a wolfhound puppy sweepstakes after all these years and I thank the Club for the opportunity. I was very impressed with the standard of puppies today.

Overall the fronts are greatly improved, with good length in the upper arm. Some were a bit weaker in the pastern, something to watch. A few were perhaps a bit long in the loin but holding their top line. Bites were good and temperaments excellent, even cautious ones allowed me to go over them with no problem.

Carole Guilfoyle

CAROLE GUILFOYLE, CANADA

Born in 1944 and raised in Britain, I came to Canada in the sixties, straight from college.

I have been involved with pure bred dogs since the early seventies; breeding and showing Irish Wolfhounds. I am a life member of the CKC and the Burlington Kennel Obedience Club; being President and Secretary back when All Breed Clubs were an important part of the dog scene. On the All-Breed Show scene, I was a ring steward at hundreds of shows over the years. I have judged Wolfhound specialty sweepstakes all over the continent and some Group 2 sweeps.

I have been very involved with the Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada since its first years, have held many positions at various times, including President and Secretary; have been Show Chairman and Secretary.

I currently live in Southern Ontario with my husband, Jim Todd and one Border Terrier. I am an artist, painting and carving dogs and I try to assist clubs by producing cold cast bronze items at low cost, that can be used for trophies.

I love Wolfhound puppies and am thrilled to be given the honour of going over some again.



Best in Sweeps



1st (022)
CASTLEKEEP'S IRREPLACEABLE SHAYLEE,
Owner: Deb Creel & Donna Tomson

It was very close between first and second in this class. Both are extremely nice puppies with low hocks, nice fronts and fantastic crisp coats.

A solid boy with a strong loin and low hocks. He moved well in spite of bursas in front. The curl in the end of his tail didn't bother me as the tail carriage was correct.

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Junior Puppy Dog

1st (025)

WOLFHOLM'S AUSPICIOUS,

Owner: Ewa Boldok

A nice young dog with a good front and lots of curves.

Senior Puppy Dog

1st (027)

HOPS-N-HOUNDS HELLO SWEETIE! BELI,

Owner: Julie & Christopher Schaeffer

2nd (021)

WOLFHOLM ZINFANDEL OF GLENAMADDA,

Owner: Deborah Hayes & Susan Prokopenko

A youngster with a lot of length. Not as strong in front as number 1. He will improve if he gets breadth.

Junior Puppy Bitch

1st (054)

LAISLINN'S LILABET,

Owner: Lani Hopf

Strong girl with a nice top line and low hocks.

2nd (044)

WOLFHOLM AMARETTO,

Owner: Ewa Boldok

Also a very nice puppy but longer and not so strong in herself yet.

3rd (056)

LAISLINN'S LETITIA,

Owner: Lani Hopf

Very similar to number one but longer and not together in movement yet.

4th (082)

STARKEEPER MAEBHAT GLASGLAENN,

Owner: Elissa Culp & Joceyenne Gagne

Larger wheaten puppy, straighter overall than the first three.

Senior Puppy Bitch

1st (012)

WOLFHOLM ZONIN ZEN OF GLENAMADDA,

Owner: Susan Prokopenko & Ewa Boldok

This is a very long boned puppy, but all the lengths match and she is coping well.

12-15 Month Bitch

This was a very nice class, all of the puppies showed great promise.

1st (080)

STARKEEPER HUNTERSRUN JEWEL JOLENE,

Owner: Jocelyne Gagne & Serena Ivanovskis

A nice puppy who won on her very smooth movement.

2nd (006)

DOSCARTHA SHEILA'S IRISH ROSE OF ULSTER,

Owner: Karen & Marie Straghan

Also a good moving puppy, low hocks, nice lengths and plenty of push from the rear.

3rd (026)

WOLFHOLM SYLVERWOLF YES I LOVE LUCY,

Owner: Sylvia Tamm

High in the rear at present and a little straight in pastern. She looks as if she is going to be a big girl.

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15-18 Month Bitch

Another great class.

1st (022)
CASTLEKEEP'S IRREPLACEABLE SHAYLEE,
Owner: Deb Creel & Donna Tomson

2nd (062)
CH CASTLEKEEP'S IMOGEN,
Owner: Donna Tomson

3rd (038)
LOUGHCONEEA BANSHEE AT CURIANN,
Owner: Judith P Ryan
An energetic puppy, with long bones and low hocks.

4th (036)
TAYLEEFARM THE SECRET THAT SHE KEEPS,
Owner: Tina Ing
Shorter in neck and loin.

Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada Regional Specialty Show supported by the Upper Canada Members Saturday September 21, 2024

Judge: Jamie Souza Bartlett (Limerick IW)



JAMIE SOUZA BARTLETT, USA

My mother received her first Irish Wolfhound from my grandmother 46 years ago when I was 2, and I have been involved with the breeding and handling of our Limerick Irish Wolfhounds from that time. Over the years, I have also bred Whippets, Salukis and Afghan Hounds. As a child and teenager, I devoted all extra time to the sport of dogs. I worked for Patricia Trotter (Craigie) for four years, and when I was in eighth grade, I went to work for Mary Dukes throughout high school. I also became involved in junior handling presenting Whippets, Irish Wolfhounds and Salukis. In 1992, I was awarded California Junior Handler of the Year, and in 1993, I won the World Series of Junior Handling and was sent to both Crufts and the World Show as a representative of the US.

My mother and I campaigned our Irish Wolfhounds to Number One in 13 of the last 25 years, and our family was honored to be named as the 2013 AKC Hound Group Breeder of the Year.

In 50 years, we have produced only 16 litters and as breeders we have always challenged ourselves to produce the highest quality dogs in a limited number of breedings. As a judge, I am approved for a handful of hounds which has allowed me to maintain my love for the sport of dogs while giving me the time to focus on my family and career. I have been honored to judge Irish Wolfhounds in the United States, Australia, the United Kingdom and Italy and I deeply appreciate being brought to Canada to judge your coming Specialty.



Thank you very much for inviting me to judge your 2024 specialty

Thank you to my steward, Barbara Arndt, for taking excellent care of me and to the entire show committee for your hospitality. The whole weekend was a pleasure!

While not a huge entry, I was extremely pleased by the depth of quality. There were several dogs and bitches that would be competitive with the top dogs anywhere in the world. I really enjoyed being able to go over all your animals and I thank you all for the opportunity.

On the day, here's how I saw it...



BEST in SHOW
NEW CHAMPION
Best of Winners
Best Bred By
Best CAN Bred
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An absolutely beautiful dark girl with a striking silhouette. Lovely head piece with excellent proportion of muzzle length to back skull. Excellent pigment. Well-placed rosed ears. I would give her a touch darker eye. Long strong neck. She is extremely curvy in all the right places. Beautiful deep chest with well-drawn up underbelly. Front set well under with excellent layback. Beautiful topline, croup and tail set. Excellent rear angulation. Movement was easy and active, and she never lost her shape on the go. She filled my eye every time I looked at her on the line. Very high-quality bitch.

A very handsome dark brindle boy with curves to spare. Lovely masculine head with dark eyes and pigment. Good ears. Excellent coat texture. Good bone and substance. Excellent shoulder layback that allows his thick strong neck to roll seamlessly into his back. I would prefer more bend of pastern. Beautiful deep chest and well-drawn belly. Strong topline with rise over the loin and perfectly constructed croup. Beautifully built through the rear with strong thigh and second thigh and low set hocks. Long sweeping tail carried low. Perfectly sound coming and coming and moved with easy and athletic strides with full extension. High quality male.



Best Puppy

(054)

LAISLINN'S LILABET, F,

MA4302092, 1/15/2024

Breeder: Lani Hopf

By Gch Castlekeep's Honour
x Ch Laislinn's Lucrezia, Canada

Owner: Lani Hopf

A lovely brindle girl. Shapely, leggy and stands over a lot of ground. Nice head and expression. Easy and active mover that extended on the go.



Best Vetreran

(041)

CH LEGACY STARKEEPER SILVERADO SPIRIT, M,

1137619, 8/2/2017

Breeder: Sue McClure & Jocelyne Gagne

By Winterdream Kline Of Pinehurst
x Starkeeper Legacy The Seeker, Elsewhere

Owner: Jocelyne Gagne & Sandy Sue McClure

A lovely 7-year-old with excellent bone and substance. Good coat. Handsome head with soulful eyes. Balanced angles front and rear. Carries a strong back with a nice deep underline. Very good coming and going. In the heat, he could still show me a few good ground covering strides. Wonderful veteran boy.

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Select Dog

(033)

GCHB CASTLEKEEP'S PRODIGIOUS, M,

HS4025781, 9/1/2020

Breeder: Donna Tomson

By Ch Castlekeep's Steel Will

x Ch Castlekeep's Patience, Canada

Owner: Donna Tomson

Big, impressive dog with excellent bone and substance. Beautiful masculine headpiece with good ears. Very shapely. Deep chest, well drawn up belly. He was really pushing over his front making his stationing a touch forward set. Beautiful topline and well-constructed through the croup. Excellent feet, especially for his size. Perfect legs coming and going. In the end, the Winners Dog overtook him for Best of Opposite as he displayed more athleticism on the move in the afternoon heat. Two very high-quality males.



Select Bitch

(062)

CH CASTLEKEEP'S IMOGEN, F,

LJ4269589, 5/27/2023

Breeder: Donna Tomson

By Gch Castlekeep's Integrity

x Gch Castlekeep's Scarlet Magnolia NC, Canada

Owner: Donna Tomson

An absolute stunner of a bitch at only 15 months of age (I had to ask). She is houndy and feminine but strong. She stands over a lot of ground with plenty of air underneath her. Beautiful headpiece. Long strong neck that goes seamlessly into her back. Deep chest. Nice gentle rise over her loin. Moves beautifully from the side with no lost motion and full extension. I would love to see her at full maturity. With her current frame, I have no doubt she will be even more beautiful.



Award of Merit

(013)

GCH HEATHVIEW WINNER TAKES IT ALL, M,

JN4122698, 7/30/2021

Breeder: Ian L. T. Rutherford & Laurie E. Rutherford

By Really Irish Gifted Gilligan

x Ch Heathview Melorose, Canada

Owner: Laurie Rutherford & Ian Rutherford

A very handsome upstanding dark male shown in superb condition. His muscle and tone were the best of any dog in the ring on the day – hard as a rock. Handsome head. Would like to see more rose in his ear. Lovely deep chest. Balance front and rear angles. Easy and active mover. Was not carrying as much topline as the boys that placed ahead of him.



Winners Dog

(037)

CASTLEKEEP'S A STUDY IN SCARLET, M,

KQ4208939, 8/22/2022

Breeder: Donna Tomson

By Gchb Castlekeep's Prodigious

x Gch Castlekeep's Scarlet Magnolia NC, Canada

Owner: Donna Tomson



Reserve Winners Dog

(007)

MONTY LISMORE OF AERIE, M,

TC-24100007108, 12/27/2021

Breeder: Doug Marx, Amy Benjamin, Stephen & Karen Levan

By Dreamcatcher's Wolfhouse Blue Note At Aerie

x Lismore Marion Kerby, Elsewhere

Owner: Betty Johnson, Roger Johnson, Amy Benjamin

Another beautiful male of tremendous quality and great size. Excellent length of leg to length of body. Handsome masculine head with strong under jaw. Good ears. Deep chest with shapely underline. Nicely built through the croup with excellent rear angulation. Perfect legs coming and going. Very light on his feet, especially for his size. He was standing straighter through his upper arm on the day and would occasionally start to fall away to his rear in the heat. For this reason, the eventual Winners Dog got the better of him.



Senior Puppy Dog

(027)

HOPS-N-HOUNDS HELLO SWEETIE! BELI, M,

TC-24100007625, 9/29/2023

Breeder: Julie & Christopher Schaeffer

By Prince Titan Of Wolfholm

x Hops-N-Hounds Destroyer Of Worlds Aine, Elsewhere

Owner: Julie & Christopher Schaeffer

Young wheaten male with excellent pigment and harsh coat. Could have a tighter ear. Good bone and substance with leg underneath him. Good depth of chest with balanced front and rear angles. Nice rise over the loin. He has a large hygroma on his elbow that, I believe, was disrupting his movement on the day. He was struggling to reach with his front on the side. Rear strong going away but his front was being thrown slightly coming at me.

Canadian Bred Dog

(037)

CASTLEKEEP'S A STUDY IN SCARLET, M,

KQ4208939, 8/22/2022

Breeder: Donna Tomson

By Gchb Castlekeep's Prodigious

x Gch Castlekeep's Scarlet Magnolia NC, Canada

Owner: Donna Tomson

Open Dog

1st (007)

MONTY LISMORE OF AERIE, M,

TC-24100007108, 12/27/2021

Breeder: Doug Marx, Amy Benjamin, Stephen & Karen Levan

By Dreamcatcher's Wolfhouse Blue Note At Aerie

x Lismore Marion Kerby, Elsewhere

Owner: Betty Johnson, Roger Johnson, Amy Benjamin

2nd (029)

RIGAUDON DU GRAND CHIEN DE CULANN, M,

TC-24100007618, 1/3/2020

Breeder: Dr Frederic Maison & Mr Flavio Alves De Freitas

By Ox Du Grand Chien De Culann

x Lambada Du Grand Chien De Culann, Elsewhere

Owner: Julie and Christopher Schaeffer

A dark boy with a lot of substance and good bone. Dark eyes. Could use a better ear. Long and strong neck. Elbows well set under and nice layback of shoulder. I would put more leg underneath him. Nice rise over the loin and well-built croup. He was a touch heavy, and I think with better conditioning, he would move more actively.

3rd (011)

TALIESIN'S BEUL-AITHRIS OF SCEOLAN, M,

FD-KU4218916, 10/5/2022

Breeder: Donna Smith & David C Smith

By WolfTone Mike

x Taliesin's Brice, Elsewhere

Owner: Celeste Atkinson & Donna Smith

A younger brindle male. Handsome head and long, strong neck. Front well set under. Moves with enthusiasm and athleticism. At this stage, he is rising more in the center of his back and was falling off through his croup. This affects the placement of his tail.

4th (043)

RED KING DEI MANGIALUPI, M,

FD-KW4238953, 11/13/2022

Breeder: Marcello Poli & Doniela Iori

By Major Mick Dei Mangialupi

x Starkeeper Asia At Mangialupi, Elsewhere,

Owner: Jocelyne Gagne & Serena Ivanovskis

Another young brindle boy with nice length of leg. Handsome head with good ears and pigment. Good depth of chest. Nice coat and shown in hard condition. Also exhibiting athleticism on the move. He was not getting his front under himself on the day.

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Winners Bitch

(020)

HEATHVIEW LEXIE JAMES, F,

LA4234476, 1/16/2023

Breeder: Ian & Laurie Rutherford

By Ch Heathview Winner Takes It All
x Gch Ch Heathview Nellie Belle, Canada,

Owner: Laurie Rutherford & Ian Rutherford

See Best in Show



Reserve Winners Bitch

(064)

CASTLEKEEP'S SCARLET LETTER, F,

KQ4208938, 8/22/2022

Breeder: Donna Tomson

By Gchb Castlekeep's Prodigious
x Gch Castlekeep's Scarlet Magnolia NC, Canada

Owner: Donna Tomson

Castlekeep's Scarlet Letter A very pretty brindle girl with lovely breed type. Absolutely beautiful headpiece with perfect planes and proportions, pigment and tight rosed ears. Excellent coat. Long strong neck. Front stationed slightly more forward but shoulders set sloping allowing neck to flow freely into her back. Pretty top and underlines. Beautifully made rear with strong thigh and second thigh. Powerful mover. I would love to see a tiny bit more leg underneath her but that in no way trumps her overall quality.



Junior Puppy Bitch

1st (054)

LAISLINN'S LILABET, F,

MA4302092, 1/15/2024

Breeder: Lani Hopf

By Gch Castlekeep's Honour
x Ch Laislinn's Lucrezia, Canada,

Owner: Lani Hopf

2nd (056)

LAISLINN'S LETITIA, F,

MA4302093, 1/15/2024

Breeder: Lani Hopf

By Gch Castlekeep's Honour
x Ch Laislinn's Lucrezia, Canada

Owner: Lani Hopf

Another pretty brindle girl. Similar in make and shape to the girl that placed ahead of her. Her croup is slightly more steep which kept her from the higher placement.

3rd (082)

STARKEEPER MAEBHAT GLASGLAENN, F,

MC4306092, 2/5/2024

Breeder: Serena Ivanovskis & Jocelyn Gagne

By Ch Starkeeper Annie's Oakley
x Ch Starkeeper's Lorna Lovely, Canada

Owner: Elissa Culp & Joceyenne Gagne

A pretty wheaten girl. Nice length of muzzle, good pigment, could be slightly more smooth over the top of her back skull. Good length of leg and well angled through the rear. Easy mover. She was standing straighter through her back on the day.

12—15 Month Bitch

1st (080)

STARKEEPER HUNTERSRUN JEWEL JOLENE, F,

LS4284173, 9/8/2023

Breeder: Jocelyn Gagne & Audrey Wright

By R Noble Nasch
x Huntersrun Starkeeper Bellina, Canada

Owner: Jocelyne Gagne & Serena Ivanovskis Agent: Amy Waltersorth

A very beautiful lightly brindled girl that immediately caught my eye with her houndy shape and presence. Lovely expression and headpiece capped with perfect ears. Long strong neck with shoulders set sloping. I loved her length of leg to body and overall shape. Legs nice and sound coming and going, and she used her beautiful long legs on the side with easy active ground covering strides. Pushed hard for the top placements in the Winners lineup.

2nd (026)

WOLFHOLM SYLVERWOLF YES I LOVE LUCY, F,

LQ4299061, 8/11/2023

Breeder: Ewa Boldok

By Prince Titan Of Wolfholm
x Ch Narnia Of Wolfholm, Canada

Owner: Sylvia Tamm

A more moderately built brindle bitch. Nice length of muzzle. Good pigment. Would like to see a rose ear. Good coat, deep chest, nice rise over her loin. Balanced moderate angles front and rear. Did not have the extension of the bitch that placed ahead of her on the move, but she moves true coming and going.

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1st (022)

CASTLEKEEP'S IRREPLACEABLE SHAYLEE, F,

LJ4270631, 5/27/2023

Breeder: Donna Tomson

By Ch Castlekeep's Integrity

x Gch Castlekeep's Scarlet Magnolia NC, Canada

Owner: Deb Creel & Donna Tomson

A very typey dark brindle girl. Beautiful head with dark eyes and excellent ears. Excellent bone and substance. Lovely angles front and rear. Legs good going away with a little play in the pasterns coming at me. While not as enthusiastic moving in the heat as the bitch that placed behind her, her extension and power were evident.

2nd (038)

LOUGHCONEERA BANSHEE AT CURIANN, F,

LG4273029, 4/4/2023

Breeder: Judith P Ryan

By Kinglir At Curiann

x Lily Coventry At Curiann, Canada

Owner: Judith P Ryan

Another nice light brindle girl. Pretty face with good small well-set ears. At this age, she was standing a little straighter through the front and a bit flatter through her back. Her overall frame is still nice, and I believe that maturity and body will be good to her. She moves with great enthusiasm and easy and active from the side. She too had a bit of play in her front coming at me.

Canadian Bred Bitch

1st (064)

CASTLEKEEP'S SCARLET LETTER, F,

KQ4208938, 8/22/2022

Breeder: Donna Tomson

By Gchb Castlekeep's Prodigious

x Gch Castlekeep's Scarlet Magnolia NC, Canada

Owner: Donna Tomson

See Reserve Winners Bitch

2nd (070)

STARKEEPER WITCH FLOWER

WICCA AT SILVER THORNE, F,

KW4225602, 11/3/2022

Breeder: Jocelyne Gagne & Serena Ivanovskis

By Ch Legacy Starkeeper Silverado Spirit

x Gchb Starkeeper Aoibheann Ailis, Canada

Owner: Carole Silverthorne & Jocelyne Gagne

Starkeeper Witchflower Wicca at Silver Thorne A big upstanding girl with plenty of leg underneath her. Pretty head with excellent pigment and good ears. Great coat. Excellent bone and substance. Strong, well-angled rear. She was standing more straight in the front on the day and when in motion, her rear was outdriving her ability to reach. I see in the catalog that she is not yet two, and I think she will benefit from further development of her front angles.

Bred by Exhibitor Bitch

1st (048)

HOPS-N-HOUNDS THE TIMELESS CHILD KERRY, F,

AK-KW4262622, 11/10/2022

Breeder: Julie Schaeffer & Christopher Schaeffer

By Magh Itha's Bragi

x Sionna From Starstone, Elsewhere

Owner: Julie & Christopher Schaeffer

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Open Bitch

1st (020)

HEATHVIEW LEXIE JAMES, F,

LA4234476, 1/16/2023

Breeder: Ian & Laurie Rutherford

By Ch Heathview Winner Takes It All

x Gch Ch Heathview Nellie Belle, Canada,

Owner: Laurie Rutherford & Ian Rutherford

See Best in Show

2nd (008)

VALERIE CALORIEN STARKEEPER OF AERIE, F,

TC-24100007107, 1/3/2022

Breeder: Doug Marx, Amy Benjamin, Judith Callender, J Gagne

By Dreamcatcher's Wolfhound Blue Note At Aerie

x Calorien Starkeeper Darley At Aerie, Elsewhere

Owner: Betty & Roger Johnson, Amy Benjamin

A tall upstanding gray girl with plenty of leg underneath her. Excellent bone and substance. Nice head planes with good length of muzzle. Could use a tighter ear. Balanced moderate curves front and rear. Was standing a little flatter through the back on the day. Enthusiastic on the go, she was light on her feet even while carrying a big frame.

3rd (052)

FEMKE'S FOOTSTEPS LADY STARLIGHT, F,

AK-KC4179657, 2/10/2022

Breeder: Ankie Somers

By Gartlove Galengroot

x NI Jch Femke's Footsteps Haigh Cailin Dubh, Elsewhere

Owner: Julie Schaeffer

A very elegant black girl with good length of leg. Well-drawn up underbelly. Good rear angulation. Could use more bone and substance and was tracking wide coming at me.

Best Altered in Breed:

(016)

CH TALIESIN'S BOUDICCA AT SCEOLAN CGN VA RA, F,

1137829, 10/7/2017

Breeder: Donna & David Smith

by Ch Taliesin's Rhionganedd

x Taliesin's Realta Scuaibe, Elsewhere

Owner: Celeste Atkinson & Donna Smith

A beautiful bitch with lovely classic breed type. I loved her headpiece and expression. Excellent coat. Balanced angles front and rear. Perfect legs coming and going.

Best Brace

(054)

LAISLINN'S LILABET, F,

MA4302092, 1/15/2024

Owner: Lani Hopf

(056)

LAISLINN'S LETITIA, F,

MA4302093, 1/15/2024

Owner: Lani Hopf



Best Team

(041)

CH LEGACY STARKEEPER SILVERADO SPIRIT, M,

1137619, 8/2/2017,

Owner: Jocelyne Gagne & Sandy Sue McClure

(043)

RED KING DEI MANGIALUPI, M,

FD-KW4238953, 11/13/2022

Owner: Jocelyne Gagne & Serena Ivanovskis

(074)

CH LONNKYLE CALORIEN PROPHECY AT STARKEEPER, F,

HL4017885, 6/27/2020

Owner: Jocelyne Gagne & Karon Ozols

(078)

GCHB STARKEEPER AOIBHEANN AILIS, F,

EY742416, 12/28/2017

Owner: Jocelyne Gagne & Serena Ivanovskis



Best Stud Dog

(041)

CH LEGACY STARKEEPER SILVERADO SPIRIT, M,
1137619, 8/2/2017

Owner: Jocelyne Gagne & Sandy Sue McClure

See Best Veteran

Best Head

(026)

WOLFHOLM SYLVERWOLF YES I LOVE LUCY, F,
LQ4299061, 8/11/2023

Owner: Sylvia Tamm

Best Brood Bitch

(078)

GCHB STARKEEPER AOIBHEANN AILIS, F,
EY742416, 12/28/2017

Owner: Jocelyne Gagne & Serena Ivanovskis

Best Gait

(007)

MONTY LISMORE OF AERIE, M,
TC-24100007108, 12/27/2021,

Owner: Betty Johnson, Roger Johnson, Amy Benjamin

See Reserve Winnners

Best Hind Quarters

(041)

CH LEGACY STARKEEPER SILVERADO SPIRIT, M,
1137619, 8/2/2017,

Owner: Jocelyne Gagne & Sandy Sue McClure

See Best Veteran

Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada Regional Sweepstakes Saturday September 21, 2024

Judge: Dann Wilson (Alchemy Cesky Terriers)



DANN WILSON

I have been a Canadian Kennel Club judge since 2013. Starting in terriers, but my interest in hounds has been ongoing for many years. When I became involved in the sport of purebred dogs in 1992, I became friends with many Hound enthusiasts in those early days. For a number of years, I was invited to ring steward for OSA by Dick Mean and John Reeve Newson. Since those early years, I have become acquainted with a number of Irish Wolfhound breeders both in Canada and the UK. After ringstewarding at your 2023 show, I am honored to be asked to judge sweepstakes at your September '24 show and look forward to this opportunity. Living in Niagara Falls, I still breed and show my Cesky Terriers, with my wonderful partner Shawn.

Spectacular day at IWCC Regional Specialty in Welland, ON.

My first (hopefully of many) to judge at this very well organized event. Thank you to Monique Seguin and the committee for this assignment! Also to my ring steward Barb Arndt for keeping me in line and on time!

The IWCC ran an exceptional show! So well organized and executed and made this assignment an absolute pleasure! The exhibitors were so lovely! Beyond amazing sportsmanship, they were pleasant and welcoming for this new Hound judge!

Dann Wilson



BEST in SWEEPS

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Photography By Tina Sawicki
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lovely proportions showing soundness and a graceful outline. Easy mover who exhibited the best movement overall today in sweeps. Well built in front and rear with no closeness at all.

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Best of Opposite Sex

(027)

HOPS-N-HOUNDS HELLO SWEETIE!

Owner: Julie & Christopher Schaeffer

nice dog for his age, good amount of substance. Great top line and shows it both in the stack and on the move. Lovely sidegate Good proportions with lovely head. Great disposition. A little close in front and rear, but with age and development, I think this will sort itself.

Senior Puppy Dog

(027)

HOPS-N-HOUNDS HELLO SWEETIE!

Owner: Julie & Christopher Schaeffer

See Best of Opposite Sex in Sweep

Junior Puppy Bitch

1st (054)

LAISLINN'S LILABET

Owner: Lani Hopf

8 mth old bitch, good topline, very good mover, very clean on the down and back. Lovely outline on this girl with a beautiful head.

2nd (082)

STARKEEPER MAEBH AT GLASGLAENN

Owner: Elissa Culp & Jocelyn Gagne

good mover, down & back and sidegate. A little unsure of her footing (probably due to the grounds moreso than the dog). Lovely profile on the stack with good proportions and outline.

3rd (056)

LAISLINN'S LETITIA

Owner: Lani Hopf

This girl decided to be a problem today. Didn't enjoy the examination and I could not go over her thoroughly. Good mover, covering ground, but just not happy today.

12—15 Month Bitch

1st (080)

Starkeeper Huntersrun Jeweled Jolene

Owner: Jocelyn Gagne & Serena Ivanovskis

See Best in Sweeps

2nd (026)

WOLFHOLM SYLVERWOLF YES I LOVE LUCY

Owner: Sylvia Tamm

young bitch with some development needed. Good proportions and good mover. Top line still in development. Good temperament.

15—18 Month Bitch

1st (038)

LOUGHCONEEA BANSHEE AT CURIANN

Owner Judith P. Ryan

Well proportioned bitch, length to height. Good outline with a lovely head. Nice type. Lovely temperament. Covers ground easily. Moderately angled in front and rear.

2nd (062)

CH. CASTLEKEEP'S IMOGEN

Owner: Donna Tomson

Lovely proportions, great outline and good size. A VERY close 2nd. Young girl, a little close in the down & back that should develop with age.

3rd (022)

CASTLEKEEP'S IRREPLACEABLE SHAYLEE

Owner: Deb Creel & Donna Tomson

nicely proportioned. Finer in bone. Footfall was a bit of an issue, but that too could be from the ground as opposed to the dog.

Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada Regional Specialty Show supported by the BC Members Sunday April 27, 2024

Judge: Andrea Herrmann, Lean do Chroi Irish Wolfhounds



I would like to thank the Committee for the invitation to judge the show and all exhibitors for giving me the opportunity to judge your beautiful Wolfhounds. This was my first time judging overseas and I feel very honoured to judge this important, perfect organized show in your beautiful Country!

Despite the ,slightly wet weather‘ I was deeply impressed about the fantastic prepared event on a most beautiful show-ground near the Fraser River. Such a calm, friendly atmosphere and what a warm welcome from Fran Briscoe and my ring stewards Sandi and Kerry thank you, ladies!

Another big thank you to the show photographer Carol Peterson and Jim Bradbury – this photographs will treasured and great reminder for the wonderful experience in Canada!

Last but not least thank you to Patti O‘Malley and Kris Falkins for your walm welcome in your cosy home during our whole time in Mission, BC.

My overall impression of the hounds was very pleasing, the majority are well balanced, strong Wolfhounds in excellent condition. I saw a lot of typical, long and level heads with dark eyes and wide underjaws. Most of the hounds where perfectly handled on a loose leash and moved very balanced with an easy gait – I was very pleased about this detail!

Andrea Herrmann

A photograph of three women and a large, shaggy dog standing in front of a green lattice fence. The woman on the left, wearing a red cap and a grey raincoat, holds a large red, white, and blue ribbon. The woman in the middle wears a purple raincoat, and the woman on the right wears a purple raincoat and a bucket hat. The dog is a large, shaggy breed, possibly a Mastiff or similar. To the left of the group is a wooden sign that reads "BEST OF BREED" and "CONFORMATION JUDGE ANDREA HERMANN 27 APRIL 2024". Two yellow pots with orange and white flowers are on the ground.

Nearly 9 years old dark brindle, impressive dog in excellent condition. This Veteran has commanding appearance in a huge frame with a proudly carried, masculine head. Dark eyes with gentle expression, small, rosed ears. Long and strong neck which went cleanly into a well constructed front assembly with correct angulations and long, strong bones. He has a deep chest and a well muscled topline. Excellent angulated hindquarters with good width, low set hocks. This Veteran is still able to stand and move with grace and power. A credit to both breeder and owner! Best Veteran, well deserved BOB.

3-year-old tall, substantial bitch. Lovely breed type with balanced outline. Beautiful head and expression, strong underjaw, rosed ears. Her powerful, long neck is flowing into a well placed shoulder, strong topline. Fabulous depth of chest, well ribbed back, great breadth across hips and width of thighs. This impressive, huge female is covering plenty of ground with a proud carried head and commanding appearance. Well, presented, strong female.



Best Puppy

(202)

DRACARYS OF CELTIC PRIDE

TC-24100006532 10-SEP-23

Breeders: Demian Papo & Zeljko Papo.

By: A Charming Prince of Glenkerka
x Valhalla Vom Alpetal. Elsewhere

Owner: Suzie Valente, Brian Valente

Nearly 7-month-old, beautiful red-wheaten puppy, still a little bit unsure about the show atmosphere. Feminine head, dark pigmentation, correct dentition, nice, folded ears. Well muscled, long tail, correct on feet and already very balanced in front and rear. Typical puppy coat, well cushioned feet.



Best Veteran in Show

(206)

BERRYBRIAR TRIBUTE TO THE PAST OF CNOCCARNE

1135403 07-SEP-2025

Breeders: Mark Berry & Tina Berry & Emma Ross

By: Shellane's Secret Wish For Caraglen
x Cnoccarne Berry Briar Sophie B. Elsewhere

Owner: Emma Ross, Mark and Tina Berry

See Best of Breed



Winners Dog

(214)

CNOCCARNE BERRYBRIAR DAIRAGH

ES753214 20-SEP-17.

Breeders: Emma Ross, Tina and Mark Berry

By: Berrybriar Tribute to the Past of Cnoccarne
x Berrybriar Caraglen Finneagh of Cnoccarne. Canada.

Owner: Katy Albrecht, Jerry Holmes, Emma Ross, Tina and Mark Berry

6.5 old, dark brindle, impressive, old-fashioned type, high on strong and straight legs and well muscled. He has an excellent crispy coat, a long head and muzzle, the darkest eyes and lovely folded ears. Dark pigmentation. Balanced in front and rear with a strong neck and topline, well ribbed back. He stands and moves with grace and power and a correct tail carriage. Another workmanlike hound, very well presented today.



Reserve Winners Dog

(211)

BERRYBRIAR CARAGLEN HALLELUJAH CNOCCARNE

TC-22100003848 30-JAN-22.

Breeders: Mark Berry & Tina Berry & Gretchen Bernardi
& Beverly Stobart

By: Cnoccarne Berrybriar Dairagh
x Caraglen Berwyck Promise Kept. Elsewhere.

Owner: Mark & Tina Berry, Sue Stobart, Katy Albrecht

2 years, grey brindle impressive boy, balanced in front and rear, stands over plenty of ground. Typical head with lovely proportions, strong underjaw, dark eyes with soft expression, small, rosed ears. Strong neck flowing smoothly into his correct shoulder. Balanced and well muscled in front and rear with great width across his thighs. Powerful on the move with long stride and strong topline, but his tail needs to calm down.

Nearly 12-month-old, tall and leggy youngster. What a sweet character with darkest eyes and soft expression. He is in an age where he is standing rather straight at both ends and in pasterns, wished to see more length of body. This Youngster needs time to drop into his curves and width overall. He moved with enthusiasm and a well carried tail. I would like to see him again when he is full developed. Lovely temperament.



3.5 years old, litter brother to 2nd. He is bigger in frame with masculine head and expression, dark eyes with soft expression, correct ears. Strongly muscled neck with a nice crest. Balanced in front and rear with a nice croup. Correct feet. Moving easy and in balance. A handsome boy with lovely temperament.



3,5 years old, medium sized brindle boy, he is a slow maturing boy with a pleasing long head and muzzle. Dark eyes with soft expression, small, rosed ears. Balanced, but I would like to see a little more angulation and strength at both ends. Easy and sound movement. A lovely male with a wonderful character.

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Bred By Exhibitor – Male

1st (211)

BERRYBRIAR CARAGLEN HALLELUJAH CNOCCARNE

TC-22100003848 30-JAN-22.

Breeders: Mark Berry & Tina Berry & Gretchen
Bernardi & Beverly Stobart

By: Cnoccarne Berrybriar Dairagh
x Caraglen Berwyck Promise Kept. Elsewhere.

Owner: Mark & Tina Berry, Sue Stobart, Katy Albrecht

See Reserve Winners Male



2nd (212)

CNOCCARNE BENCORRAGH

CK-HW4105838 08-NOV-20.

Breeders: K. Albrecht, J.P. Holmes & E. Ross.

By: Cnoccarne Druid's Temple Agh
x Cnoccarne Amhragh. Canada.

Owner: Katy Albrecht, Jerry Holmes, Emma Ross

3,5 years old, medium sized brindle boy, he is a slow maturing boy with a pleasing long head and muzzle. Dark eyes with soft expression, small, rosed ears. Balanced, but I would like to see a little more angulation and strength at both end. Easy and sound movement. A lovely male with a wonderful character.

3rd (210)

SALISH THE KINGPIN

TC-22100003692 29-NOV-21

Breeders: Belle and Dan McCluskey

By: CH Caraglen Berwyck Bravo
x Salish Shadowcat. Elsewhere.

Owner: Belle McCluskey

2 years old, brindle boy. A massive male with lovely temperament. Ears flat, dark eyes with soft expression. Strong, well muscled neck, wish to see him more angulated in front and rear, straight legs, extra long tail. Easy movement, but his outline was a little spoilt by his tail carriage.

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Open – Male

1ST (214)

CNOCCARNE BERRYBRIAR DAIRAGH

ES753214 20-SEP-17.

Breeders: Emma Ross, Tina and Mark Berry

By: Berrybriar Tribute to the Past of Cnoccarne
x Berrybriar Caraglen Finneagh of Cnoccarne, Canada

Owner: Katy Albrecht, Jerry Holmes, Emma Ross, Tina and Mark Berry

See Winners Male



2nd (213)

DOOMORE'S DUFF AT LONGDOGFARM

TC-24100006627 30-APR-21.

Breeders: Christina Bergman & Carol Jorczak.

By: Anmchara Dubbel or Nothing of Doomore
x Glenn Eyrie Tia of Santana at Wildwood Doomore.

Owner: Kerri Shandro, James Bouziane

3-year-old, impressive, brindle male. He stands over plenty of ground, but I would prefer more length of forearm. Masculine, medium long head and muzzle, strong level-bite, rather flat ears. Strong, crested neck, balanced angulated in front and rear, but a dippy back both in stand and motion. He moves with a long stride. A handsome character.



Veteran – Male

(206)

BERRYBRIAR TRIBUTE TO THE PAST OF CNOCCARNE

1135403 07-SEP-2025

Breeders: Mark Berry & Tina Berry & Emma Ross

By: Shellane's Secret Wish For Caraglen
x Cnoccarne Berry Briar Sophie B. Elsewhere

Owner: Emma Ross, Mark and Tina Berry

See Best of Breed



Winners Female

(221)

CNOCCARNE DIOGHAISAGH BERRYBRIAR

CK-HW4060361 08-NOV-20

Breeders: Emma Ross, Katy Albrecht, Jerry Holmes

By: Cnoccarne Druid's Temple Agh
x Cnoccarne Amhragh. Canada

Owner: Tina Berry, Mark Berry, Emma Ross

See Best of Opposite



Reserve Winners Female

(223)

TALIESIN'S AUGUST BEAUJOLAIS

TC-22100003727 07-OCT-17.

Breeders: David and Donna Smith.

By: Taliesin's Rhionganedd
x Taliesin's Realta Scaibe. Elsewhere

Owner: Ellen Kroll, James Kroll

6 years old, brindle female, good breed type, well balanced in front and rear. Feminine head with soft expression, Rosed ears. Long, strong neck flowing smoothly into a lovely front assembly. Long, well ribbed back. Strong, balanced hindquarters, good, cushioned feet, harsh coat. This girl moved soundly and balanced and light on feet.



Jr. Puppy (6-9 Months) – Female

(202)

DRACARY'S OF CELTIC PRIDE

TC-24100006532 10-SEP-23

Breeders: Demian Papo & Zeljko Papo

By: A Charming Prince of Glenkerka
x Valhalla Vom Alpetal. Elsewhere

Owner: Suzie Valente, Brian Valente

Nearly 7-month-old, beautiful red-wheaten puppy, still a little bit unsure about the show atmosphere. Feminine head, dark pigmentation, correct dentition, nice, folded ears. Well muscled, long tail, correct on feet and already very balanced in front and rear. Typical puppy coat, well cushioned feet.





Bred By Exhibitor – Female

1st (217)

CNOCCARNE EDIEAGH

FC753543 06-FEB-18

Breeders: Katy Albrecht, Jerry Holmes, Emma Ross

By: Berrybriar Tribute to the Past of Cnoccarne
x Cnoccarne Amaragh, Canada

Owner: Katy Albrecht, Jerry Holmes, Emma Ross

6-year-old, brindle bitch in wonderful shape and condition, nicely balanced in front and rear. Pleasing long head with dark eyes, soft expression, small, rosed ears, perfect dentition. Strongly muscled neck with a nice crest flowing into well laid shoulders, excellent pasterns. Long topline. Balanced hindquarters with long tail. Correct shaped feet. Well textured, crispy coat. Light on her feet with a balanced movement, very sound coming and going. Lovely type and temperament.



2nd (218)

AUGUST ICE CRYSTAL

TC-22100003728 07-AUG-19

Breeders: James Kroll and Ellen Kroll.

By: O'Coolio of First Avenue
x August Red Hot Salsa, Elsewhere

Owner: Ellen and James Kroll

4-year-old female, red-brindle with harsh hair texture. Nicely balanced in front and rear. Feminine, long head and muzzle, soft expression, small, rosed ears. Strong neck and topline, nice tuck up. She has long, strong legs with nicely shaped, round feet. She shows an easy, balanced gait, a little bit close coming and going. Another quality example of he breeds.



Open – Female

1ST (221)

CNOCCARNE DIOGHAISAGH BERRYBRIAR

CK-HW4060361 08-NOV-20

Breeders: Emma Ross, Katy Albrecht, Jerry Holmes

By: Cnoccarne Druid's Temple Agh
x Cnoccarne Amhragh Canada

Owner: Tina Berry, Mark Berry, Emma Ross

3-year-old tall, substantial bitch. Lovely breed type with balanced outline. Beautiful head and expression, strong underjaw, rosed ears. Her powerful, long neck is flowing into a well placed shoulder, strong topline. Fabulous depth of chest, well ribbed back, great breadth across hips and width of thighs. This impressive, huge female is covering plenty of ground with a proud carried head and commanding appearance. Well presented, strong female. **Winners Female, BOW, BOS**



2ND (223)

TALIESIN'S AUGUST BEAUJOLAIS

TC-22100003727 07-OCT-17.

Breeders: David and Donna Smith.

By: Taliesin's Rhionganedd
x Taliesin's Realta Scuaibe, Elsewhere

Owner: Ellen Kroll, James Kroll

See Reserve Winners Female

3RD (224)

CNOCCARNE TAVANAGH

ES753211 20-SEP-17

Breeders: Emma Ross, Tina and Mark Berry

By: Berrybriar Tribute to the Past of Cnoccarne
x Berrybriar Caraglen Finneagh of Cnoccarne

Owner: Emma Ross

6.5 years old, dark brindle bitch, crispy coat. Good breed type. Long head with stop, ears on the larger side, but carried well. Long, strong neck, wished to see a little bit more raise over the loin, otherwise balanced in front and rear. Long tail covered with harsh coat. She moved correctly with a long stride.

4th (219)

GLENN EYRIE ASHFORD'S AFTER THE GLITTER FADES

TC-24100006533 09-JUL-19

Breeders: James and Susan Williams

By: GCHB Glenn Eyrie's Ashford
x CH Cu Muirín Nicks of Eagle at Glenn Eyrie. Elsewhere

Owner: Suzie Valente

4-year-old, brindle bitch. Good type but carrying too much weight. Long head and muzzle, small rosed ears, soft expression. Balanced in front and rear. Massive neck and body. Nice feet. Balanced movement, but I wished to see more enthusiasm today.



Veteran Female

1st (225)

AUGUST GLOWING EMBER

TC-22100003726 25-MAY-15

Breeders: Ellen and James Kroll

By: Riversong's Love to Burn x August Red Hot Salsa. Elsewhere

Owner: Ellen and James Kroll

Nearly 9-year-old, brindle Veteran with a classic head, dark eyes and soft expression. Long, strong neck flows smoothly into her correct front assembly with good fore chest and return of upper arm. Nice tuck up. This Veteran presents a pleasing, strong outline and is still moving soundly and gracefully, kept her shape in motion. A lovely Veteran and a credit to her owners.

2nd (207)

CNOCCARNE AMHRAGH

EG724447 06-APR-17

Breeders: Emma Ross

By: Berrybriar Tribute to the Past o Cnoccarne
x Cnoccarne Teileannagh. Canada

Owner: Emma Ross, Katy Albrecht, Jerry Holmes

7 years old, brindle Veteran in very good, hard condition for her age. Beautiful head and soft expression with darkest eyes and correct bite. Small, correct folded ears. A strong, well balanced Veteran in front and rear with a long tail, deep chested, strong boned and correct shaped feet. Moved sound, but I wished to see a little more enthusiasm. A lovely, strong veteran.



Best Brace

(212)

CNOCCARNE BENCORRAGH,

CK-HW4105838 08-NOV-20.

Breeders: K. Albrecht, J.P. Holmes & E. Ross.

By: Cnoccarne Druid's Temple Agh
x Cnoccarne Amhragh. Canada

Owner: Katy ALBRECHT, Jerry HOLMES, Emma Ross

(216)

CNOCCARNE SLIABH CORCRAGH,

CK-HW4105839 08-NOV-20.

Breeders: Emma Ross

By: Cnoccarne Druid's Temple AGH
x Cnoccarne Amhragh. Canada.

Owner: Emma Ross, Katy Albrecht, Jerry Holmes



Owner: Emma Ross, Berry Mark & Tina

Owner: Emma Ross, Katy Albrecht, Jerry Holmes

Owner: Emma Ross, Berry Mark & Tina

Owner: Ellen Kroll, James Kroll



Owner: Tina Berry, Mark Berry, Emma Ross

Owner: Suzie Valente

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Best Hindquarter

(218)

AUGUST ICE CRYSTAL

TC-22100003728 07-AUG-19

Breeders: James Kroll, Ellen Kroll

By: O'Coolio of First Avenue
x August Red Hot Salsa, Elsewhere

Owner: Ellen Kroll, James Kroll



Best Gait

(217)

CNOCCARNE EDIEAGH

FC753543 06-FEB-18

Breeders: Katy I Albrecht, Jerry P Holmes, Emma E Ross

By: Berrybriar Tribute to the Past of Cnoccarne
x Cnoccarne Amaragh, Canada

Owner: Katy Albrecht, Jerry Holmes, Emma Ross

Best Baby Puppy (4-6 Months) – Female

(201)

CARAGLEN GO ASK ALICE AT BERRYBRIAR

TC-24100006709 28-OCT-23

Breeders: Mark Berry & Christina Berry & Gretchen Bernardi
& Beverly Stobart

By: Caraglen Travis McGee
x Caraglen Berwyck Promise Kept, Elsewhere

Owner: Mark Berry

Best Altered Male

(229)

WOLFHOUSE ELBERT

TC-24100006617 1ST 11-MAY-18

Breeders: Pernille Monberg

By: Orin of Nutstown x Wolfhouse Zerlina, Elsewhere

Owner: Brian Valente Suzie Valente

Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada

Regional Sweepstakes

Sunday April 27, 2024

Judge: Beate Taschner from Germany



First of all I want to Thank you all for my first invitaion to judge. It was a great honour and I enjoyed every second in the ring desite the rainy wheather. A very special Thank you to Sandi and Kerry, my ringstuarts for guiding me through the show. Thank you to all exhibitors to show under me it was a great pleasure and fun! I am totally overwhelmed about the hospitality at the showground and this very well organized show. A great memory and the many presents I got.

Beate Taschner

Short before 6-month-old lovely bitch puppy, nearly black, lovely head with dark eyes and a sweet expression, small, rosed ears, strong neck and a good shoulder placement, good length in body, well angulated in front and rear, very long tail, moved with self confidence and presence the rounds, she will grow up in a real beauty

Nearly 12-month-old brindle male of good size, lovely head and expression, dark eyes, strong neck going into a strong back, slightly short in body, long tail, well muscled for his age. Very well on the move with a good tail carriage. The sweetest temperament in males I saw today. He needs time to show his full quality.

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Sr. Puppy 9–12-month Male

(200)

DREAMEACRES NORTHERN THUNDER

See Best of Opposite

Baby Puppy 4-6 Month Female

(201)

CARAGLEN GO ASK ALLICE AT BERRYBRIAR (F)

See Best of Sweeps

12-18 Months Female

1st (204)

WINDSEEKER ECHO (F)

12-month-old red wheaten bitch, lovely head with gentle expression, dark eyes, half rosed ears, strong neck, good length of body, not totally stable in front and slightly toeing in. Today she was impressed with the surrounding, she needs time to grow into her body.

2nd (203)

WINDSEEKER FROST (F)

12-month-old brindle bitch, not too tall, nice head with soft expression, good bone, well angulated in front and rear, good coat, little bit weak in pastern, she will be show a better movement if she gets more ring training

Parade of Veterans

(207)

CNOCCARNE AMHRAGH (F),

EG724447, IRISH WOLFHOUND 06-APR-17.

Breeders: Emma Ross.

By Berrybriar Tribute to the Past of Cnoccarne
x Cnoccarne Teileannagh. Canada.

Owner: Emma ROSS, Katy ALBRECHT, Jerry HOLMES

(206)

BERRYBRIAR TRIBUTE TO THE PAST OF CNOCCARNE (M),

1135403, IRISH WOLFHOUND 07-SEP-15.

Breeders: Mark Berry & Tina Berry & Emma Ross.

By Shellane's Secret Wish For Caraglen
x Cnoccarne Berrybriar Sophie B. Elsewhere.

Owner: Emma ROSS, Berry MARK & TINA



Jr. Puppy 6-9 Months Female

(202)

DRACARYS OF CELTIC PRIDE (F)

7-month-old wheaten Bitch nice youngster. Lovely type and head with a soft expression, well rosed ears of good size, good shape in body, well muscled for her age, well angulated, long tail with good carriage, she moved very well for her age and behaved so good.

Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada

supported by the Mid Western Members is hosting a

National and Regional Specialty

September 20 & 21 2025

National Specialty Judge:

Debbie Tebbutt (North Wales, UK)

National Sweepstakes Judge:

Trudy Taphorn, Busby, AB

Regional Specialty Judge:

Roger Tebbutt (North Wales, UK)

Regional Sweepstakes Judge:

Rosemary Young, Calgary, AB

*Join us for a spectacular show
on the shores of Sylvan Lake, Alberta*

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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more information to come

Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada Regional Specialty

Sponsored by the B.C. members

3 May 2025

**Fraser Valley Heritage Park
Mission B.C.**

Conformation Judge:

Knut Olav Wille (O'Marksby Irish Wolfhounds, Norway)

Sweepstakes Judge:

Anne-Brigitte Larson (Norway)

EVENTS

Saturday night dinner
at the show site (TBA)

Seminars

Form and Function

Inside the IWDB Irish Wolfhound Database

- Knut Olav Wille
- Per Arne Flatberg
- Anne-Brigitte Larson

The State of the Breed and Breeding for the Future

On Sunday May the 4th be with you

Exciting Seminars

Fun Lure Coursing

Potluck

(Site TBA)

Show Secretary: Sandy (sandik@classicshowservices.ca)

Show Chair: Fran Briscoe (fcb@uniserve.com)

Camping Info: Emma (cnoccarne@shaw.ca)



Clubs and Organizations

The Canadian Kennel Club, CKC

Incorporated under the [Animal Pedigree Act](#), [The Canadian Kennel Club](#) (CKC) is the primary registry body for purebred dogs in Canada and currently recognizes 187 breeds.

As a national, member-based, non-profit organization, CKC is dedicated to encouraging, guiding, and advancing the interests of purebred dogs and their responsible owners and breeders in Canada and promoting knowledge and understanding of the benefits that dogs can bring to Canadian society.

The CKC maintains a system whereby clubs and associations wishing to do so may hold dog shows, obedience trials, field trials, and other trials, tests, and activities for dogs under the auspices of and in accordance with the rules, regulations, standards, policies, and procedures established by the Club.

The CKC's policy underscores its recognition of a single National Breed Club dedicated to each of the 187 breeds.

More than 50 years ago, the CKC recognized the IWCC as the National Breed Club for our breed. [Choosing-a-Dog/Choosing-a-Breed/Hounds/Irish-Wolfhound](#)

The Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada, IWCC

To be recognized by the CKC, the specific breed club shall meet all requirements listed in the CKC Policies and Procedure. All clubs recognized or seeking recognition from The Canadian Kennel Club must be governed by a constitution and bylaws providing for the orderly and democratic conduct of the club's business.

To act in conformation with the CKC rules, the Club must conduct an election by nominations and voting for a Board consisting in one president, one vice president, one treasurer and secretary or one secretary/treasurer, and a minimum of 4 directors from 3 different regions of Canada.

The Club may hold one National Specialty event per year.

The Club is responsible for making the breed's Standard understood and respected by the breeders and its members. His mandate is also educate members by holding workshops and seminars on various subjects such as health, movement, conformation, grooming, etc

For more details on Club recognition by the CKC, visit their site and read their bylaws and chapter 5 of Policies and Procedures. <https://www.ckc.ca/en/Legal/Policy-Procedures>

Under the umbrella of the National Club, the CKC also allows local wolfhound clubs called "Area Branches" to organise one Specialty Show a year.

IWCC Area Branches

The Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada supports local Clubs, called Irish Wolfhound Branches.

Branches are involved in many types of events as annual specialty, some boosters' shows, field trials or lure coursing, parades, Celtics events, fun match and more.

To learn more, reach the Branch contact for more information on upcoming events.

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Clubs and Organizations

Federation of Irish Wolfhound Club

Founded in 1994, the Federation of European IW organisation's intention was to foster cooperation between clubs that utilised the common standard of the FCI, (Federation Canine International).

Almost 30 years later, the purposes of the new FIWC, Federation Irish Wolfhound Clubs, are to involve in the project as many clubs and nations as possible so that they can share experiences and those of their breeders, and -where possible -to coordinate certain activities in order better to promote and preserve this magnificent breed while remaining loyal to the standard of Captain Graham. The federation now has a legal status, having been registered as a non-profit organization in 2020 in the Netherlands

The Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada was the first associate member accepted by the FIWC in 2018. In 2022, the Irish Wolfhound Club of America was voted in as an associate member.

For more information on the FIWC, visit their website. <https://www.fiwc.club/>

The Irish Wolfhound Foundation

Founded in 2002, the Irish Wolfhound Foundation is an all-volunteer charitable organization dedicated to the welfare of the Irish Wolfhound. The IWF conduct health studies, run health screening clinics at IW specialty shows and gatherings, disburse grants to IW-related research, sponsor educational seminars, and coordinate and fund rescue efforts.

The Goal of the Health Research Committee is to identify the types and prevalence of health problems affecting the Irish Wolfhound, and to initiate, support and provide funding for study and research projects which address them.

The IW Foundation want to produce, publish, and distribute to IW owners and veterinary health care providers educational

materials relating to diseases, genetic anomalies, and injuries which occur in the Irish Wolfhound and to further the understanding of Irish Wolfhound health issues, thereby improving the quality of life for Irish Wolfhounds and their owners.

The Irish Wolfhound Foundation maintains a library of articles and links relevant to the health of the Irish Wolfhound. Some of these are specific to Irish Wolfhounds or other sighthounds, and some are applicable to any canine.

The IWF relies on donation from wolfhounds lovers. If you are one of them visit their site and become a regular donor. www.iwfoundation.org/home

The Irish Wolfhound Database

The Irish Wolfhound Database is a free and open resource created for and by the Irish Community.

The database compiled pedigrees of all wolfhounds that had lived in the world since registration exists.

The IWDB give us access to full pedigree of most Wolfhounds up to the breed founders, for at least 40 generations and in some lines, back to 60 generations if ancestors were breed young.

The amount of searches you can make has no limits. The standard pedigree research (from 3 to 10 generations) shows siblings, half sibling, progeny, influence on the breed, inbreeding, common ancestors but you can also see reverse pedigrees and see the influence of a sire or dam in the wolfhound community. You can make trial mating and see the inbreeding coefficient related to the average.

It might be very beneficial for all wolfhound enthusiasts in choosing the next puppy and his breeder.

If you are interested in the breed in your country, you can do an advanced search and look at the breed's evolution over decades.

The IWDB provides tutorials to make the most of the site and its data.

The last additions were pictures of the dogs, longevity and causes of death, leading to average lifespan in the pedigree related to average. This part of the collect is still going on and data can be added.

The data base is open for researchers' worldwide.

Groundbreaking studies have been made on heritability of osteosarcoma and atrial fibrillation. Heritability of longevity itself has been calculated. These studies are all based on the data collected by IWDB:

- info.iwdb.org/
- [the-makeup-of-an-irish-wolfhound](#)
- [pedigrees-puppy-buyers](#)

The IWDB exist because of a volunteers group. The organisation relies on cooperation with and support by Breed Clubs internationally and is financed by user contributions and clubs.

Here is the link to their PayPal:

[PayPal.Me/iwdb](https://www.paypal.me/iwdb)

The Irish Wolfhound Health Group

Established in 2004, the Irish Wolfhound Health Group is a UK organisation that originally comprised representatives from each of the four IW breed Clubs in the United Kingdom.

The purpose of the group is to monitor and promote the health and welfare of the breed, to educate and inform, and to be a united breed voice in all matters relating to health issues.

The IWHG have a library accessible on their website and many articles are linked in our own website section related to Health.

www.iwhealthgroup.co.uk/home.html

Membership Benefits IWCC

“Ask not what the IWCC can do for you, but what you can do for the IWCC and our beloved breed”

All members of the IWCC, like our forefathers, pledge to follow the Club Code of Ethics for the purpose of protecting and preserving our beloved breed. With membership, participation demonstrates an investment and an association with individuals committed to leaving this breed better than when they started.

As a member you will be connected to a community of Mentors and liked minded individuals who will share their experiences.

They will help answer your questions and provide suggestions, tools, and tips in many areas of interest including conformation and other events such as lure coursing, rally, agility, and obedience to name a few.

They will provide education opportunities to help you make sound decisions in Health Matters and breeding practices as you move forward.

Through Branch activities, they will become a social networking group for meeting at performance events, Fun Days and Celtic Festivals in your area and nationally.

The Club could benefit from your expertise and professional experience as there is a wealth of volunteer opportunities in which you could become involved.

The Launch of the "e" Bulletin publication on the Club Website is intended to be the tool of communication for you, the Membership. We look forward to receiving your input, feedback, and articles of interest to contribute to the quarterly publication.

Thank you from The IWCC Communication and Outreach Committee:

Jeslene Quinn

Laurie Rutherford

Ruth Hassett

Wayne Williams



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Contact the Club

The Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada secretary handles general inquiries, including questions about club membership or this website:

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To inquire about the IWCC Rescue:

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For inquiries related to the eBulletin or Website:

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If you are looking for an Irish Wolfhound breeder, please consult our preferred Breeder List on the IWCC Website



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THE OFFICIAL CODE OF ETHICS OF THE IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB OF CANADA

CODE OF ETHICS FOR MEMBERS

1. IWCC members will strive to always protect the Irish Wolfhound from abuse, neglect, suffering & cruelty and be prepared to report any such actions.
2. IWCC members will refrain from making false, malicious, defamatory, or unfair statements about fellow members or *breeders* of the IWCC.
3. IWCC members will provide their hounds with housing, the best food suited to their needs, fresh, clean water, proper daily exercise fitting to this hunting breed, and proper veterinary care. A well-fenced yard is strongly recommended.
4. IWCC members are strongly encouraged to keep an open relationship and stay in communication with their *breeder* during the life of their hound.
5. IWCC members will do their best to help and mentor new or other members of the IWCC with any queries or questions.
6. IWCC members will demonstrate good sportsmanship-like behaviour, both inside and outside the ring.
7. IWCC members will be in control of their hounds at all times, in public, on or off-leash, and at home. Provide safe and secure fencing, a good size yard, or access to off-leash areas.
8. IWCC members will behave in a manner that does not bring unnecessary discredit to the breed or the IWCC.

CODE OF ETHICS FOR BREEDERS

1. All IWCC Breeders will/must heed and abide by the regulations set forth by the CKC and IWCC.
2. IWCC Breeders (which include the owners of both the sire and dam) should be very familiar with the standard prior to breeding, with the aim being improvement of the breed. They should know the sire and dam pedigrees, always keeping in mind the importance of type, temperament, soundness, health issues, and longevity.
3. All bitches/dogs and litters will/must be registered with the CKC if born in Canada. Foreign dog owners should comply with the regulations of the National Breed and Kennel Club of their country regarding litter and puppy registrations.
4. IWCC Breeders should advise prospective puppy owners of all characteristics of the breed, encouraging the owner to be in communication especially with regard to any potential health issue that may occur.
5. IWCC Breeders should be very discriminating in their choice of homes, taking into consideration: location, accommodation, sanitation, exercise, fencing, veterinary care, diet, and most of all, the emotional and physical well being of the puppy/dog they are placing.
6. No puppies/dogs of any age should be sold/raffled/donated to pet shops, labs, brokers, security firms. No puppies/dogs of any age should be sold to areas overseas that do not have similar standards of animal protection to Canada.
7. IWCC Breeders will undertake all the recommended health testing for our breed as prescribed by OFA and the IWCC, which includes heart, hips, elbows, and eye certifications. Copies of all test results should be provided to the purchaser(s) if requested.
8. IWCC Breeders must liver shunt test all their puppies at the recommended age of 9 weeks or older before going to their new homes.



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CODE OF ETHICS FOR BREEDERS *cont.*

9. Puppies should not leave the IWCC Breeders until at least 10 weeks of age. It is an established fact that bitches really begin to “teach” their puppies from 6-10 weeks and beyond the valuable skills of life that puppies will need as they grow and mature. The inter-action between siblings during this time will help them develop social skills that they may never learn if taken away too early from their dam and siblings.
10. Puppies must be sold with the requisite registration papers (which often includes the CKC non-breeding agreement or co-ownership forms), a copy of the pedigree, plus written selling agreement (selling agreement should include the conditions for breeding of the dog, return to the breeder, or re-homing/sale of said dog in future). The IWCC Breeders will provide written dietary & exercise recommendations, and a pre-determined health attestation/checklist/certificate and vaccination papers in provinces where it is law. Puppies should be free from parasites, including but not restricted to worms, fleas & ticks.
11. IWCC Breeders are strongly encouraged to educate new owners about the pros & cons of neutering or spaying & be able to discuss alternative methods. This would also include advising not to spay or neuter before the recommended age of 2 years.
12. No bitches will be bred before 2 yrs, or after 6 yrs, nor bred on consecutive seasons, except in extraordinary circumstances.
13. IWCC Breeders will be familiar with the positives and negatives of line breeding, inbreeding, and outcrossing within the breed and in their particular lines. Inbreeding is not a common practice & is used judiciously by some breeders on occasion. Inbreeding refers to close relations being bred, i.e., Father to Daughter, Mother to Son, Brother to Sister; this should not be common practice.
14. IWCC Breeders will not breed a hound with a known health defect or knowingly sell an Irish Wolfhound who is not in a healthy condition or has any known contagious disease without full written disclosure within the sales contract.
15. IWCC Breeders will not sell bitches in whelp, nor sell to “nonresponsible” breeders. (A responsible breeder adheres to the COE of IWCC Breeders).
16. IWCC Breeders must be ready, willing, and able to take back any puppy or adult dog of their breeding. No dog of their breeding can be bred, sold, or given away without the written permission of the breeder and duly noted in the written agreement of purchase/sale.

Breeders List (www.iwcc.ca)

Heathview had the BEST National Specialty



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BEST BRED
by EXHIBITOR
BEST OF BEST
National Specialty Show
SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

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Lexie

BISS CH Heathview

Lexie James

DOB: January 16, 2022

BIS, BOW, Best Bred By,
Best Canadian Bred
New Champion at
Upper Canada Regional



BEST in SHOW
NEW CHAMPION
Best of Winners
Best Bred By
Best CAN Bred
Regional Specialty Show
SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

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BREEDER OWNER HANDLERS:
HEATHVIEW IRISH WOLFDONDS
IAN AND LAURIE RUTHERFORD
HEATHVIEW.CA

Fernando

GCH WINNER TAKES IT ALL

DOB: July 30, 2021

Sire to Lexie James x Heathview Nellie Belle

Select Dog - Cdn National

Award of Merit - Upper Canada Regional

**Thank you judges
for awarding this
Heathview bred Father
Daughter so highly**

CANADIAN NATIONAL JUDGE FREDERIC MAISON, FRANCE

UPPER CANADA REGIONAL SPECIALTY

JUDGE JAIME SOUSA, CALIFORNIA



SELECT MALE

National Specialty Show
SEPTEMBER 21, 2024



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