
2021 GLIWA Fun Match Results & Critique



Judge: Joe Roland

I wanted to thank each and every member and exhibitor for allowing me the privilege and opportunity to go over your Irish Wolfhounds. I assure you this was a wonderful experience for me surrounded with quality hounds and their loving owners and breeders. I especially would like to thank Risha and David for their hospitality along with Courtney and Maria for shuttling me to and from the hotel, show sight and a very nice judges' dinner!

The match show venue was spacious, and the flooring was solid and cushioned for the hounds to strut their stuff with ease. Awards were beautiful and hopefully those that received this pottery will cherish it as much as I cherish mine as a judge's gift. Thank you GLIWA!

What better way to spend a Saturday than going over an Irish Wolfhound entry from puppies to veterans? To top it off the dogs were sound and in good temperament. My ring steward David had everything under control so I could totally focus on my assignment. As you will read in my critique, I strongly look at the front assembly of our hounds, since this in my opinion, is where we always need to strive to improve. This is not to say I am overlooking other points in the standard, but when you come across good return of upper arm with equal length from point of scapula to point of shoulder it needs to be rewarded. In our breed correct fronts are so vital for easy, active and efficient movement along with supporting the majority of the hound's weight. This is why one of my two points of emphasis was to talk about fronts along with coat. It is my hope that we all have a better understanding of the front assembly by talking about it, studying it and ultimately striving to breed it and keep it in our lines.

I hope everyone enjoyed the match show as much as I did. We are so fortunate to be stewards of this breed and to be blessed with so many wonderful, responsible people.



BEST IN MATCH

Dia Duit Slaine Tenor. 05/13/2019. Breeder: Pam & Rockne Elgin. By MBISS GCH CH Shellane Pavarotti Sings for Slaine x CH Dia Duit Anna Aine CGC. Owner: Chris Bernstein & Pam Elgin.

A substantial hound. Very mature. A little open at withers. Could have a better return of upper arm. Good lay back of shoulder. Good harsh coat. Beautiful breadth across his front. Good sweep through his belly. Rise over loin is good and a beautiful bend of stifle. No doubt he can do what he was bred for!

Best Adult

Dia Duit Slaine Tenor. 05/13/2019. Breeder: Pam & Rockne Elgin. By MBISS GCH CH Shellane Pavarotti Sings for Slaine x CH Dia Duit Anna Aine CGC. Owner: Chris Bernstein & Pam Elgin. See Best in Match.



Best Puppy

Howlin's Evangeline Pick Up The Line. 04/25/2021. Breeder: David & Risha Berzins. By Eirian Rosslare's Remembrance x CH Howlin's MB Tipitina Rose CD BN RE BCAT JSR CGC TKN. Owner: David Berzins & Risha Berzins.

Beautiful type on this puppy. Beautiful eyes. Nice equal planes on her head. A little open at the withers. She has nice shoulder layback and a good return of upper arm. She is the most mature in the class. Good tuck up, nice topline. Good bend through stifle. Nice puppy.

Best Puppy and Reserve Best Puppy, both females from the 3-6 month class, both of strong type. Both really nice layback of shoulder and return of upper arm. Moved easy and active in the ring, the two best moving puppies out of the whole class. They show a lot of promise.



Reserve Best Adult

Caraglen Berwyck Bravo. 11/18/2018. Breeder: Sue & Bev Stobart & Robert & Gretchen Bernardi. By CH Caredig Renegade x Caraglen Berwyck La De Dah. Owner: Courtney Smith & Sue Stobart.

Nice substantial dog, very nice length of leg. Return of upper arm is not exactly what I would like and he is set a little wide in the withers. Good fill across front. Neck into the shoulder could be a little smoother. Belly is well drawn up. Beautiful bend of stifle. Uses himself very well. Good coat.

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Reserve Best Puppy

Howlin's Amara House of the Rising Sun. 04/25/2021. Breeder: David & Risha Berzins. By Eirian Rosslare's Remembrance x CH Howlin's MB Tipitina Rose CD BN RE BCAT JSR CGC TKN. Owner: Gail & Jerry McEvily.

A little less than number 1. She is very young, very rangy puppy. Nice coat. Nice length of neck into a good shoulder and good return of upper arm. Very pretty. Nice clean moving down and back. She is already in good coat, nice and rough. Nice bend of stifle, good topline with a nice rise over loin.



Best Veteran

Rockhart Yesterday's Ravensara of Tresmorn. 07/17/2015. Breeder: Lynn M. Simon MD. By Rockhart Nikolai JC x Rockhart Raphaela Requiem. Owner: Beth Renstrom.

Pretty girl, nice coat, 6 year old. Good ear set, beautiful eyes. Very balanced. Moves very well, good reach and drive. Could stand to be a tad longer in the upper arm. But very balanced and in very good shape. Good weight.



Veteran Dog

1. Inishkeen's Bannen. 11/08/2014. Breeder: Karen L. James. By Riversong's Love to Burn x DC Inishkeen's Tempest Brewing SC. Owner: Debbie Habian.

Very nice balanced dog. Has good ear set and beautiful eyes. Very typey. Elbows set nicely under. Showing a little weight today. Good tail set. He moved really nice, good reach and drive on the go around.

2. Cugein Livin' Like a Renegade. 06/03/2015. Breeder: Dwayne & Kathi Yorke. By BISS CH Shellane Braniff x CH Cugein Chenin Blanc O'Tairisem. Owner: Scott Mortenson, Diane Palumbo, Dwayne Yorke & Kathi Yorke.

Substantial hound, plenty of leg. Nice neck flowing smoothly into withers. A little twisty in the front right now and lacking fill from my viewpoint. Nice rise over the loin and good sweep in the belly. Both Veterans are nice representatives of our breed.

Veteran Bitch

1. Rockhart Yesterday's Ravensara of Tresmorn. 07/17/2015. Breeder: Lynn M. Simon MD. By Rockhart Nikolai JC x Rockhart Raphaela Requiem. Owner: Beth Renstrom.
See Best Veteran.



3-6 Month Puppy Dog

1. Howlin's Shrimp Po Boy Dressed. 04/25/2021. Breeder: David & Risha Berzins. By Eirian Rosslare's Remembrance x CH Howlin's MB Tipitina Rose CD BN RE BCAT JSR CGC TKN. Owner: Michelle & Tony Whittenhall.

Two in the class, brothers. Both are very nice. Good crisp coat. Good layback of shoulder, good return of upper arm. Good space in front. Nice bend through stifle. Promising puppy. They both were interested in each other, so they were difficult in the ring for their handlers, but they did good.

2. Howlin's Satchmo The Nearness of You. 04/25/2021. Breeder: David & Risha Berzins. By Eirian Rosslare's Remembrance x CH Howlin's MB Tipitina Rose CD BN RE BCAT JSR CGC TKN. Owner: David Berzins & Risha Berzins.

Just like his brother, nice puppy. Good coat. Good layback of shoulder. He has a hygroma/bursa on his elbow, and it is hurting movement at the time, which is a shame, but that is what puppies go through. Good bend of stifle. Very tough decision on these two puppies but on the day his brother moved better.



15-18 Month Yearling Dog

1. Dia Duit Barnacahoge. 06/18/2020. Breeder: Pam Elgin & Cynthia Patterson. By CH Dia Duit's Anibesa Leon CGC x CH Riversong's Molly McNeil O'Dia Duit. Owner: Scott Mitchell Jr & Pam McNeil.

Substantial hound. Very happy. Good eye, good harsh coat. Good fill across front. Shoulder layback is adequate. Return of upper arm is decent. Good sweep and bend of stifle. Good length of tail. Novice handler and a novice dog in the ring but he is doing his best to have him presented correctly.



Novice Dog

1. Penumbra Bibbidi Bobbidi Boo TKN ATT BCAT CGC. 06/03/2019. Breeder: Christina Marie Rappel & Constance C. Smalley. By CH Pinehurst Morrow x GCH CH Prairie Creek's Libeled Lady of Penumbra SCN SBN ATT. Owner: Deborah & Thomas Rohloff.

Nice upstanding dog, standing strong. Lot of leg. Would prefer a better return in the front. Good coat. Adequate bend of stifle. Moved well around, decent reach, good drive.

2. Elkhorn's Cavan of Eagle. 10/14/2017. Breeder: Tammy McNeely-Aube. By CH Dun Myrica Nolan Riley of Eagle x CH Mor Legal War Emblem of Elkhorn. Owner: Nancy Latton.

Good return of upper arm. Good coat although he could stand some grooming. Good sweep through his belly. Good rise over loin. Good bend of stifle. Would prefer a little more curve in the dog, he is a little bit square for my taste compared to #1, but overall an easy mover going around, and the handler did a fine job showing him.

3. Inishkeen's Bannen. 11/08/2014. Breeder: Karen L. James. By Riversong's Love to Burn x DC Inishkeen's Tempest Brewing SC. Owner: Debbie Habian.

Also my Veteran dog. Beautiful ear set, good harsh coat. Adequate return. A little heavy. Nice dog. All three were nice, it was a tough decision.



American Bred Dog

1. Caraglen Berwyck Bravo. 11/18/2018. Breeder: Sue & Bev Stobart & Robert & Gretchen Bernardi. By CH Caredig Renegade x Caraglen Berwyck La De Dah. Owner: Courtney Smith & Sue Stobart.
See Reserve Best Adult.

2. Summerhill Gideon Desmond. 01/22/2020. Breeder: Bambi Rabe. By Carrickaneena Seanachie x CH Summerhill Prairie Creek Dear Prudence. Owner: Gina Clapper & Bambi Rabe.

Dog is a little shorter in leg than #1, I would prefer more length of leg. Good in the eye, good ears. Scapula is closer than #1, which is preferred. His point of shoulder is better, but he needs a little more length of leg for me. Good sweep in the belly. Good harsh coat. Nice bend of stifle. It was a tough decision on these two dogs. I went with #1 because he is a more rangier hound, which is what I prefer.



Open Dog

1. **Dia Duit Slaine Tenor**. 05/13/2019. Breeder: Pam & Rockne Elgin. By MBISS GCH CH Shellane Pavarotti Sings for Slaine x CH Dia Duit Anna Aine CGC. Owner: Chris Bernstein & Pam Elgin.
See Best in Match.

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3-6 Month Puppy Bitch

1. Howlin's Evangeline Pick Up The Line. 04/25/2021. Breeder: David & Risha Berzins. By Eirian Rosslare's Remembrance x CH Howlin's MB Tipitina Rose CD BN RE BCAT JSR CGC TKN. Owner: David Berzins & Risha Berzins.
See Best Puppy.

2. Howlin's Amara House of the Rising Sun. 04/25/2021. Breeder: David & Risha Berzins. By Eirian Rosslare's Remembrance x CH Howlin's MB Tipitina Rose CD BN RE BCAT JSR CGC TKN. Owner: Gail & Jerry McEvily.
See Reserve Best Puppy

3. Doomore's Brenna of Glenn Eyrie. 04/30/2021. Breeder: C. Bergman. By Anmchara Dubbel or Nothing of Doomore RN CGC x Glenn Eyrie Tia of Santana at Wildwood Doomore. Owner: Elissa Culp.

She was not too happy with me in this class, but she is going to come along just fine. She is in good coat. My reasoning for not placing her higher is her rise over the loin starts a little early for me and that could correct as she grows, I believe, but as of today that was a little problem for me to put her up. In good coat also, very pretty, very typey puppy. Good shoulder layback and nice return of upper arm. Very nice class.



6-9 Month Puppy Bitch

1. Dry Creek's Ataraxis in Barrington. 02/01/2021. Breeder: Angela Hunter Knight. By GCH CH Niobrara Eoghan Roe x Caraglen Berwyck Libaan at Dry Creek. Owner: Birgitta Stolpe & Angela Hunter Knight.

Beautiful rangy puppy. Beautiful eyes, nice and dark. Good ear set. Good length of leg. Nice harsh coat. Good flow of neck into shoulder. Would prefer a little better return of upper arm. Good sweep through the belly. Nice bend through stifle. Nice long legs, a lot of daylight underneath which is what I like. Very rangy girl.

2. Dry Creek Pastiche. 02/01/2021. Breeder: Angela Hunter Knight. By GCH CH Niobrara Eoghan Roe x Caraglen Berwyck Libaan at Dry Creek. Owner: Angela Hunter Knight & Helen Philpott.

Could have been a toss-up between her and #1. Beautiful harsh coat, I love the coat on this dog. Could have a better ear. Good flow of neck into withers although a little open for my taste and she could have better return of upper arm. Beautiful bend through stifle. Nice well drawn up belly. Good in the croup. Both first and second dog have good upper thigh and second thigh. Both moved well.

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3. Rysheron's We'll Always Have Paris. 03/17/2021. Breeder: Cheryl Riggs & Angela Constable. By Clanlily Dream Maker x GCH CH Rysheron's Lady Ivanka. Owner: A.I. Gottsch & Cheryl Riggs.

The different girl in the class. She is a little shorter in body, but she is correct, and she moves very well. She is good in the front. She is a bit open in her withers. Very pretty head, good eye color, nice and dark. Decent return of front with good fill in her front. Good point of shoulder. Hocks low to the ground.

4. Dry Creek Last Hurrah of Callaid. 02/01/2021. Breeder: Angela Hunter Knight. By GCH CH Niobrara Eoghan Roe x Caraglen Berwyck Libaan at Dry Creek. Owner: Helen Philpott.

Very pretty. Very similar to the first girl. She crabs a bit going away. A little open at withers, good flow from neck to withers. Decent return of upper arm. Nice and long, rangy, lots of daylight, good long leg. Good bend of stifle. Very nice class.



9-12 Month Puppy Bitch

1. Prairie Creek Queen Clarise. 01/10/2021. Breeder: Magie Wolfe, Constance Smalley & Joel Mattson. By CH Pinehurst Rolex x Prairie Creek Pretty Priscilla BCAT. Owner: Jody Kistner.

Nice, tall, greyhound like. Beautiful coat. Neck into shoulder is good. Return of upper arm could

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be better. Nice type, good ear set. Nice dark eye. Good fill in the front. Good rise over loin. Would prefer more bend in stifle and more second thigh. Nice girl.

2. Abbie Wolfe Wolfe. 12/03/2020. Owner: Gary & Terry Wolfe.

Smaller, compact wolfhound compared to the first dog. Would prefer more leg on her. Return of upper arm is adequate. Shoulder set is fine. Good harsh coat. Just needs to be a little taller. I prefer the daylight under #1.



12-15 Month Yearling Bitch

1. Boondocks Red Cedar. 10/14/2020. Breeder: Jeanie Pitzenberger. By Ninegates Tiberton x Boondocks Algebra Of Cushla McCree. Owner: Gail Kaplan & Jeanie Pitzenberger.

Nice girl, nice type, good harsh coat. Decent ear set. A little short in muzzle. Good eye. Upper arm is a little short. Neck into shoulders flows. Good sweep through her belly. Good topline, nice rise over loin. Good thigh, decent bend of stifle. Moved pretty well. Tall, rangy bitch that could do her job.



15-18 Month Yearling Bitch

1. Dia Duit Princess Feona. 06/18/2020. Breeder: Pam McNeil. By CH Dia Duit's Anibesa Leon CGC x CH Riversong's Molly McNeil O'Dia Duit. Owner: Pam McNeil.

Nice harsh coat. Good layback of shoulder. Return of upper arm is very nice. Nice ear set. Good coat. Nice dark eye. Moves well. Good rise over loin, wide thigh and second thigh. A little narrow right now should change with maturity. Good length of leg. Pretty girl, pretty mover.



Novice Bitch

1. Nightwing's Blue Dove at Dry Creek. 02/26/2019. Breeder: Joel & Wendy Mattson. By CH Nightwing's Deception x Nightwing's Ontario. Owner: Angela Hunter Knight.

Good length of leg. Nice dark eye. Needs better return of upper arm. Shoulder set is fine. Good wiry coat. Good bend of stifle. She is flagging her tail detracting from her outline. Nice length of leg, a lot of daylight. Very strong, powerful girl.

2. Stormborn's Dark Rosaleen at Campbellsburg. 06/07/2018. Breeder: Lauren & Brett Swick. By Jadis Fahey on the Green x GCH CH Jadis Stormborn Rory Lochlan. Owner: Kathy Welling.

A little overshot in the bite. Very nice moving girl. Good layback of shoulder. Adequate return of upper arm. Good sweep of belly. A little flatter in topline than #1. Beautiful sweep through the stifle.



Bred By Exhibitor Bitch

1. Rivendell's Susquehanna. 07/02/2018. Breeder: Judi Roller. By MBISS GCH CH Shellane Pavarotti Sings for Slaine x GCH CH Rivendell's Mele Kalikimaka. Owner: Judi Roller.

Very nice bitch with a beautiful return of upper arm and a nice long shoulder of equal length to the upper arm. Pretty flow of neck into the withers. In good coat. Good bend through stifle. Pretty well drawn up belly. A little bit long in the loin for my taste but overall a really nice girl.

2. Tresmorn Bracken. 12/22/2017. Breeder: Beth Renstrom. By Tresmorn The Abbott of Windmill x Rockhart Yesterday's Ravensara of Tresmorn. Owner: Beth Renstrom.

Another solid bitch. A little shorter in upper arm than the winner of the class. A very typey bitch, very old style. Beautiful harsh coat. Would prefer a little more bend through stifle. Good strong loin with correct rise over loin. A nice class, two very nice Irish Wolfhounds of different type. I went with the first because of a better front assembly than the second.



American Bred Bitch

1. Cualainn Wild Ambition. 09/20/2019. Breeder: Jonathan & Nina Harvey. By CH Caredig Renegade x Maccaura Aisling. Owner: Courtney Smith.

More of a short coupled bitch, more of a working girl than a big strider. A beautiful head, beautiful eyes, and great pigment. Good flow of neck into shoulder. Return of upper arm could be more. I like her bend through stifle. A good efficient mover. Nice girl.

2. Shellane's Clandestine Verdigris of Callaid. 09/26/2016. Breeder: Carole Jeninga & Maria Lubera. By Cugein Baron of Cheniff x CH Shellane Gairbraid's Vronyka. Owner: Helen Philpott & Maria Lubera.

Bigger girl, not as good in the front on the return of upper arm as #1. A little longer in the loin. Powerful bitch, thick thigh and second thigh with nice bend through stifle. Nice coat. Pushed #1.



Open Bitch

1. Tresmorn Bristol. 12/22/2017. Breeder: Beth Renstrom. By Tresmorn The Abbott of Windmill x Rockhart Yesterday's Ravensara of Tresmorn. Owner: Beth Renstrom.

Beautiful layback of shoulder and beautiful return of upper arm. Good forechest. She needs coat work, there is a good coat under there. Good sweep and a very nice mover. Very clean coming and going. Beautiful bend through stifle. Adequate upper thigh and second thigh. Very nice.

2. Dia Duit Sweet Caroline. 05/13/2019. Breeder: Pam & Rockne Elgin. By MBISS GCH CH Shellane Pavarotti Sings for Slaine x CH Dia Duit Anna Aine CGC. Owner: Jennifer & Scott Van Order & Pam Elgin.

This bitch is what I've seen in photographs all my life. Just a beautiful, old style girl with a tremendous harsh coat. Good ear set. Beautiful eye. Beautiful planes on her head. Very, very, very feminine and striking to me. Just a beautiful girl. Not quite the front of #1 and that was the deciding factor in placement along with not as much bend in stifle. Also #1 is better hock to ground.

3. Caraglen Berwyck Libaan at Dry Creek. 06/19/2019. Breeder: Sue & Bev Stobart & Robert & Gretchen Bernardi. By CH Caredig Renegade x Caraglen Berwyck La De Dah. Owner: Angela Hunter Knight.

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Not quite the return of upper arm as #1. Beautiful neck into shoulder although a little upright in the shoulder. Her ear could be better. Nice harsh coat. Could use more bend of stifle for me but otherwise a very pleasing bitch showing a lot of leg and daylight.

Best Front

Dia Duit Slaine Tenor. 05/13/2019. Breeder: Pam & Rockne Elgin. By MBISS GCH CH Shellane Pavarotti Sings for Slaine x CH Dia Duit Anna Aine CGC. Owner: Chris Bernstein & Pam Elgin. See Open Dog and Best in Match photos.



Best Coat

Boondocks Red Cedar. 10/14/2020. Breeder: Jeanie Pitzenberger. By Ninegates Tiberton x Boondocks Algebra Of Cushla McCree. Owner: Gail Kaplan & Jeanie Pitzenberger.



Best Type

CH Shellane Bacchus. 09/26/2016. Breeder: Maria Lubera. By Cugein Baron of Cheniff x CH Shellane Gairbraid's Vronyka. Owner: Maria Lubera.



Best Gait

Dia Duit Sweet Caroline. 05/13/2019. Breeder: Pam & Rockne Elgin. By MBISS GCH CH Shellane Pavarotti Sings for Slaine x CH Dia Duit Anna Aine CGC. Owner: Jennifer & Scott Van Order & Pam Elgin.

Altered Dog

1. Inishkeen's Bannen. 11/08/2014. Breeder: Karen L. James. By Riversong's Love to Burn x DC Inishkeen's Tempest Brewing SC. Owner: Debbie Habian.
See Veteran Dog.



Altered Bitch

1. Starkeeper's Norma Bo. 11/05/2014. Breeder: Jocelyne Gagne. By US CH CA CH Ard Rhi's Aegg Of Aran x CH Glenamadda Starkeeper Clodagh. Owner: Mark J. Bettin & Jocelyne Gagne.

Substantial 7 year old. Moves very nice and easy. Very active on the move. In pretty good shape. Good coat. Pretty nice return of upper arm. Shoulder layback is good. Nice, sweet 7 year old.

Best Altered

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See Veteran Dog.

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Brood Bitch

1 CH Howlin's MB Tipitina Rose CD BN RE BCAT JSR CGC TKN. 04/11/2017. Breeder: David & Risha Berzins. By Eirian Padraic Brie Quick Draw Marco x CH Howlin's Praline BN RA NAP MJP2 MJPB CGC TKN VC. Owner: David & Risha Berzins.

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Very pretty bitch and she has done really well. She had 10 beautiful puppies and she had 4 behind her for her get. They are just as nice if not nicer than their mother. Very typey. She bounced back really well from her pregnancy; she looks really good. In good coat. She is a happy girl. Nice ears. Good pigment, good eyes. Pretty good fill in the front. Moves around like a dream.

Thank you to all who came out and participated!

Spotlight on Health



*Study Identifies Differences
In DCM-Associated Diets*



Recent study results provide details on the biochemical differences between diets associated with dilated cardiomyopathy in dogs and those with no known connection to the disease.

Researchers from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Tufts University profiled nine canine diets associated with canine DCM. Each contained at least three pulses ingredients such as peas and lentils, potatoes, or sweet potatoes among their ingredients, and each was identified by the Food and Drug Administration as among the diet brands most often associated with DCM cases reported to the agency, according to a scientific article published

Aug. 5 by Scientific Reports. The researchers also profiled nine diets with no known association with DCM.

DCM is one of the most common heart diseases of pet dogs, causing chambers of the heart to dilate and pump blood less effectively. Dogs can develop congestive heart failure or unexpected death.

The disease historically affected mostly large-breed dogs and Cocker Spaniels. In July 2018, FDA officials warned they had received reports of DCM in dogs of other breeds.

In 2020, agency officials indicated they had received 1,100 adverse event reports linked with DCM since January 2014, and they planned to collaborate with researchers on studies into nonhereditary DCM, including its possible link to diet.

FDA representatives have indicated in presentations that more than nine in 10 dogs with identified DCM in reports had eaten diets high in peas, lentils, or both.

For the recent Scientific Reports article, the researchers identified, measured, and compared concentrations of 830 biochemical compounds within the foods, 665 of them known and 165 unknown.

They found that diets associated with DCM had lower volumes of B vitamins, which are co-factors in reactions related to cardiac metabolism such as carnitine and taurine synthesis. DCM-associated diets also had higher concentrations of amino acids, amino acid derivatives, and plant-derived compounds, some of which could contribute to deficiencies in molecules essential to heart function by, for example, influencing carnitine metabolism, the article states. The researchers also found no significant difference in concentrations of taurine. Dietary taurine deficiency is a cause of DCM in cats.

The article authors identified a few ingredients in particular that appear to contribute to the biochemical differences among the diets: peas, lentils, rice, and chicken or turkey meat. Peas and, to a lesser degree, lentils appear to be the main sources of elevated concentrations of certain biochemical compounds in the DCM-associated diets, the article states.

"While we cannot establish with certainty if any of these compounds and ingredients are causal for disease, the findings support peas as a leading possible ingredient associated with diet-associated DCM in dogs," the article states.

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Panosteitis in Dogs



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What is panosteitis?

Panosteitis is a painful inflammation of the outer surface or **shaft** of one or more long bones of the legs. It is sometimes called growing pains. Panosteitis may occur in more than one bone at a time or may move around, causing a shifting lameness that goes from one bone or leg to another. The lameness tends to occur very suddenly and usually occurs spontaneously and without a history of trauma or excessive exercise.



Are all dogs affected with this condition?

Panosteitis is a condition that affects young, rapidly growing dogs. Although it can occur in any breed of dog, larger breeds, such as German Shepherds (most common), Great Danes, Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, and Basset Hounds, are more prone to this problem.

"Affected dogs often have recurrent episodes of panosteitis until they reach 2 years of age, at which time it will spontaneously resolve."

Affected dogs are usually between 5 and 14 months of age, but the first symptoms may occur as early as 2 months of age or as late as 18 months of age. Males seem to be affected more often than females, although either sex can develop panosteitis. Affected dogs often have recurrent episodes of panosteitis until they reach 2 years of age, at which time it will spontaneously resolve.

What is the cause?

Panosteitis is a painful condition, and the pain is likely caused by increased pressure within the bone, and/or by stimulation of pain receptors in the **periosteum** (outer, soft tissue lining of the bone). The underlying cause of panosteitis is unknown, but genetics, stress, infection, metabolism, or an autoimmune component may be factors. Since German Shepherds seem to be

particularly predisposed to panosteitis, there may be a genetic component to the disease, at least in this breed. Inappropriate nutrition may also predispose some dogs to this condition.

What are the clinical signs?

The typical symptom is a sudden, unexplained, painful lameness of one or more legs. The lameness may be mild or severe. The most common bone that is affected is the **humerus** (upper arm), but panosteitis may also be found in the **radius** and **ulna** (both bones in the foreleg), the **femur** (thigh) and/or the **tibia** (lower rear leg). The affected bone will be painful to the touch. Other symptoms such as fever, anorexia, lethargy, or weight loss may be noticed.

Panosteitis tends to have a cyclic nature, with periods of worsening symptoms followed by periods of improvement. The pain often shifts from leg to leg. Each episode of lameness may last for a few days to a few weeks, and the period between episodes is often about a month, but may vary.

How is it diagnosed?

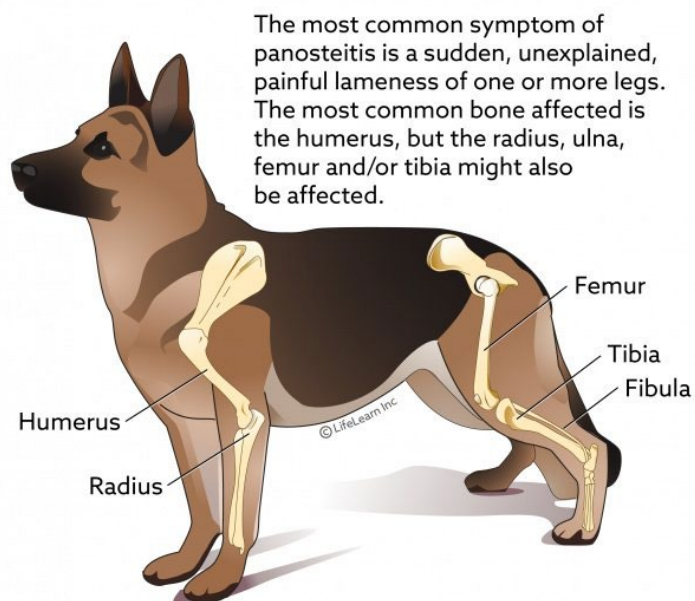
When your veterinarian examines your dog, panosteitis will be suspected if the patient shows pain when pressure is applied to the affected bone(s). The diagnosis is confirmed by radiographs (X-rays), which usually show a characteristic increase in the density of the affected bones. The degree of change may not correlate to the severity of the lameness. In some cases, radiographic evidence may not be present for up to ten days after lameness begins; in these cases, repeat X-rays taken 2 weeks later will confirm the diagnosis. After the condition has resolved, the bone density normalizes and the bone looks normal on radiographs.

What is the treatment?

Although this disease is self-limiting, and will spontaneously resolve, during episodes of lameness the condition is very painful. At these times, treatment is supportive, using analgesics (pain medications) and/or anti-inflammatory drugs (e.g., meloxicam, brand name Metacam®) as needed.

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During episodes of lameness, exercise should be restricted. Between episodes, light to moderate exercise should be encouraged, but hard or vigorous exercise is discouraged, as are very long walks.

Some dogs with panosteitis have a poor appetite; in these cases, it is important to ensure that they are given a properly balanced and palatable diet. In some cases, supplements such as nutraceuticals, omega-3 fatty acids, or antioxidants may be helpful.

What is the prognosis?

Panosteitis is a self-limiting disease, meaning that it will eventually go away. The disease should be completely resolved by the time the dog reaches 18-24 months of age. Each episode of lameness should last no longer than 3 weeks; if your pet's lameness persists without relief for longer than 4-5 weeks, it is likely that the dog is affected with another bone disorder (see handout on "Bone Diseases of Growing Dogs" for further information).

If panosteitis is a self-limiting disease, why is it necessary to perform diagnostic procedures such as radiographs?

Although panosteitis is not a serious disease, and is a common cause of lameness, other, more serious bone diseases can cause lameness in young dogs. In order to be sure that a sudden onset of lameness is not caused by one of these more serious bone diseases, radiographs must be taken. If the radiographs show the typical lesions of panosteitis, then you can rest assured that your dog will eventually outgrow the problem.

Are there any preventive measures I can take to prevent panosteitis in my large breed dog?

Although there are potential links between diets containing excessive levels of dietary protein and/or calcium, it is contraindicated to feed large breed puppies with an adult dog food that contains lower levels of protein and calcium. The reason for this is that adult dog food also has lower calories or energy levels than puppy food. Rapidly growing puppies require higher levels of dietary energy to meet the needs of growth, and will need to eat more of a low-energy food to meet these requirements. Eating more of a low energy diet will result in a higher overall intake of protein and calcium.

A better option is to feed an affected dog a high quality diet that has been specifically formulated for use in large breed puppies or adolescents, and to restrict the quantity fed to keep the dog at a lean, healthy body weight. Do not allow your puppy to become overweight. Consult your veterinarian for further advice on the most appropriate nutrition for your dog.

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<https://vcahospitals.com/know-your-pet/panosteitis-in-dogs>



See what GLIWA has been up to!

Judges Dinner
Judge Joe Roland



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Here are a few candid shots from the match! Thank you to our Match Coordinators Risha & David Berzins for taking most of these!

There are more on the GLIWA Facebook Group if you would like to see more behind the scenes photos.



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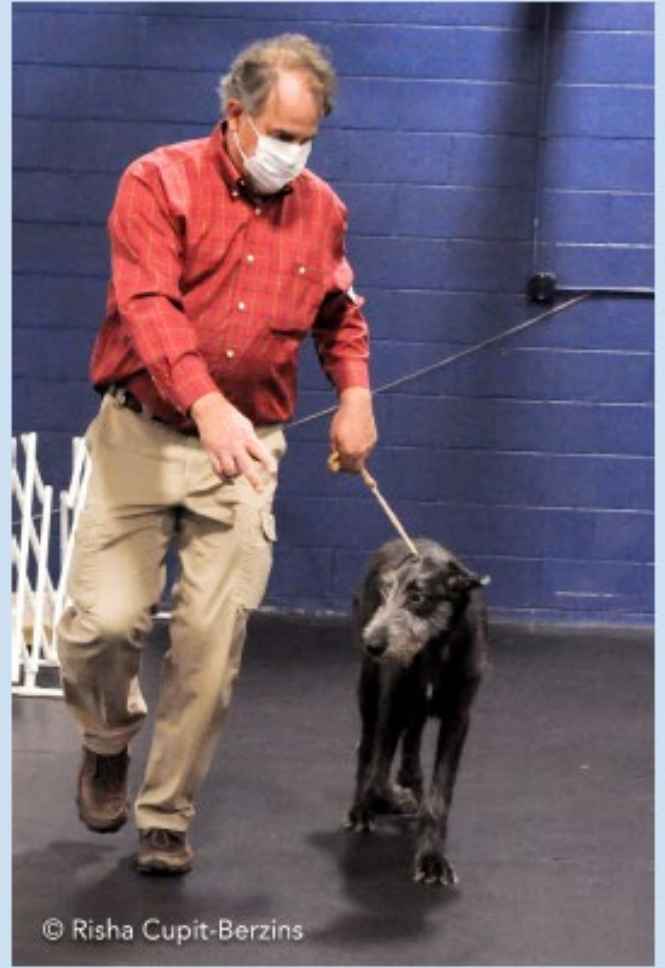


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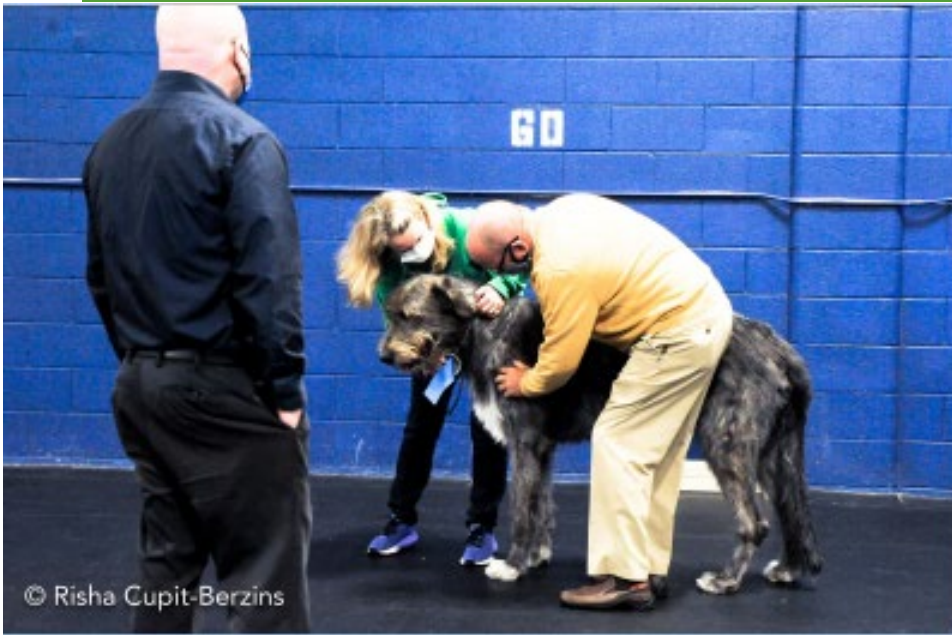
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Petrifying Springs Park



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Steve Heronemus visited us a few years back during a GLIWA Picnic and this past November a few GLIWA members visited Steve! The Kelly's were the first to visit . On another day, Robert and Debbie Greene with Bodhi and Mark Bettin and Bo visited. It was nice to see Steve again after several years. Steve had been diagnosed with cancer and his wife Suzanne told us of his diagnosis. We volunteered to stop by for a visit since Steve has loved Wolfhounds since he was a kid. His wife was allergic to dogs so Steve could only visit them. On the day the Greene's and Mark Bettin visited it was Bo's Birthday—hence the Birthday hat! Bo was happy to share a part of her birthday with Steve.



A Blessing for the New Year...

*"Walls for the wind
And a roof for the rain,
And drinks bedside the fire,
Laughter to cheer you,
And those you love near you,
And all that your heart may desire."
-Irish Blessing*

*GLIWA sends you the warmest wishes for the holiday season
& a happy, healthy New Year!*