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#### President's report:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

In my first report as president, I mentioned the dilemma faced by Irish Wolfhound owners, breeders, rescuers and people looking for puppies. In part, I said:

"With puppies of every breed and type readily available from on-line sources, and IWs being seen on television and the web, more people are interested in getting a Wolfhound puppy, but fewer are educated about the needs of the breed and the responsibilities of owning one (or more). There are individuals who will breed to meet the demand without regard for the welfare of the breed. There are also individuals who are dedicated to protecting the breed and educating the public. Who is who? "

After two years as president, I remain concerned about this issue. I fear we are losing the battle if not the war. Please do all you can to educate potential owners regarding responsible breeding, IW ownership and the welfare of our beloved Irish Wolfhounds.

Another concern of mine is the vast amount of information, and misinformation, circulating on the Internet. So many groups, so many discussion forums, so many opinions. Almost daily I see a question posed about health problems of individual hounds. The owners are seeking advice about what to do when a dog has xxx symptoms.

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The advice pours in—do this, do that, I think it's this, I think it sounds like that, etc. I do believe most people are well-meaning, but medical advice given in this manner is worth what you pay for it. Please, call the veterinarian or emergency clinic and encourage others to do so. Better safe than sorry, and someone could be very sorry, indeed.

Last year at our annual meeting and dinner Dr. Nicola Mason spoke to us about the promising research in osteosarcoma underway at Penn and, now, Florida veterinary schools. You can keep abreast of the results of these studies by visiting the web sites for these schools. The Irish Wolfhound Foundation website also has a wealth of information on health issues affecting Wolfhounds.

This year we are pleased to have Dr. Melanie Mercer as our speaker. Dr. Mercer has been instrumental in the rescue of the "Texas 72", a large group of Irish Wolfhounds kept in unacceptable circumstances. She will tell us about the logistics of the rescue effort and the process of health and temperament screening, re-homing and socializing the dogs so they can have a happy, healthy life. I look forward to seeing you on February 7, 2015.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president for the last two years. I hope you will give the new officers your full support and actively participate in the future of GLIWA.

Wishing you al a wonderful new year, Jane

Jane



# Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association Board meeting of Sunday, August 17, 2014

Jane Brown, President called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

**Board Members present**: Jane Brown, Maria Lubera, Joe Mahoney, Debbie Habian, Doug Morrison, Debbie Greene, Bill Hurless, Pat Powers

**Board Members absent**: M.B. Kinsella-Topping Guests present: Claire Morrison, Madeleine Mahoney, Linda Hurless

#### **Reading of the Minutes**

Motion made and approved to accept 3/23/14 and 5/17/14 meeting minutes as read

#### Reports

President: No report Vice President: No report

Secretary: - Will be deleting members membership

not paid expiring 4/1/2014

Treasurer: - GLIWA website Squarespace will now

be auto debited yearly \$192

Treasurer Mahoney compiled book of all board

meetings and activities

- -Secretary Habian to send thank you to Irish American Heritage Center for donation of \$200 and bartender donation of \$36 tips
- -Suggestion made to have acknowledgment page in newsletter for donations
- -Motion moved and accepted to accept treasurer's report
- Detailed treasurer's report available upon request Activities: - May lure coursing was good time
- Mike Cherry doing great job as new activities head
- Upcoming activities: Fall Picnic Oct 11, Pilcher Park
   Publications: No report

Rescue: - Application put on GLIWA website

#### **Old Business**

- Items available on GLIWA website for sale GLIWA fleeces, hats, car stickers, and mugs, discussion on using PayPal for payment, GLIWA Facebook page and rates charged. Debbie Greene to follow up on and report at next meeting

#### **New Business**

- Fall Picnic date set for Oct 11 at Pilcher Pk, Claire
   M. to ask Barb Pische to do food
- Annual Meeting will again be at Rockwood Tap,
   Sat., Feb 7, 2015 Debbie Habian to coordinate.
   Jane Brown and Mike Cherry to find speaker
- Discussion on 2015 spring match or other activity, possibly coursing and picnic

- Nominating Committee appointed Maria Lubera and Bill Hurless, Jane to contact Chris Krowzack as third member - report given next board meeting
- Discussion on member Mike Philpott to be web master/coordinator. Jane Brown to follow up and will e-mail board
- Discussion on checking link to member list & breeder contact info on GLIWA website
- Next Board meeting Saturday, November 15th, 2014. Location TBA

Motion made and approved for adjournment at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Debbie Habian, Secretary





The Great Lakes Association would like to appreciate the generous donations of the Irish American Heritage Center and the nights bartender for their generous donations.



#### Calendar of Events 2015



Please check our website www.gliwa.org for detailed information or changes

Chicago
International Kennel Club Show
February 14-15

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St Patrick's Day Parades and Activities Chicago

Downtown Chicago Parade Saturday, March 14th, 2015

Southside Chicago Irish Parade Sunday March 15, 2015

Naperville Parade Saturday March 14, 2015

Willmette Parade TBD

Manhattan

Irish Fest March 7, 2015

Rock Island
Quad City

March 14 Weekend

Harford Equestrian Center, Bel Air, MD

Potomac Valley Irish Wolfhound Club Specialty Mar 29, 2015 - Mar 30, 2015

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Island Grove Regional Park, Greeley, CO Irish Wolfhound Club of America - 86th National Specialty May 25, 2015 - May 28, 2015

Chicago

Chicago Gaelic Park Irish Fest Memorial Day Weekend

Cambridge, MN

Northstar Irish Wolfhound Club - Specialty Jun 20, 2015

Chicago

Irish American Heritage Center Irish Fest Second weekend in July 2015

#### Lompoc, CA

Irish Wolfhound Association of the West Coast -Back to Back Specialty Jul 23, 2015 - Jul 24, 2015

#### Boxborough, MA

Irish Wolfhound Association of New England -Specialty Jul 26, 2015 - Jul 27, 2015

#### Auburn, WA

Irish Wolfhound Club of Puget Sound - Specialty Jul 31, 2015

#### **West Dundee**

Fox Valley Irish Fest First Saturday of August 2015

#### Peoria

Peoria's Erin Feis Third Weekend in August

#### **Joliet**

Will County Irish Fest First Weekend in September 2015

#### Greeley, Colorado

Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association – Specialty - Sep 04, 2015

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#### Southern Illinois (SIUC)

Southern Illinois Irish Festival Third Weekend in September

#### Mohnton, PA

Irish Wolfhound Association of the Delaware Valley - Specialty Oct 03, 2015 - Oct 05, 2015

#### Petaluma, CA

Northern California Irish Wolfhound Club - Back to Back Specialty Oct 09, 2015 - Oct 11, 2015

#### Edwardsville

Locust Grove Specialty Match Third Saturday in October

#### Matamoras, PA

Irish Wolfhound Association of the Garden State - Specialty Oct 25, 2015 - Oct 26, 2015



Annual Meeting - Dinner
Saturday, February 7, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Rockwood Tap House
3131 Finley Road, Downers Grove, IL. 60515
(630) 964-3131
http://www.rockwoodtaphouse.com.

Guest Speaker - Melanie Mercer, DVM

The Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association would like to invite you to join us for an inspirational and informative talk by Dr. Melanie Mercer on her participation in rescue with the IWF of the "Texas 72". <a href="http://www.sciwc.org/home/notes">http://www.sciwc.org/home/notes</a> <a href="http://www.iwf.org/articles">http://www.iwf.org/articles</a> Cash bar will be available. Dinner following the presentation by reservation.



Dinner will follow Mel's speech and Q&A session
Reservations must be in no later than January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015
Dinner is \$38.00 a person ~ Cash bar!
Family Style dinner includes: London Broil & Champagne Chicken, salad, potato, vegetable, dessert, soft drinks, coffee, tea

Make your check out to GLIWA and mail to:
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If you would like to donate to the Texas 72 rescue efforts, please include amount in your check for dinner, but enter amount to be designated for donation here \$

#### **PUPPY ENRICHMENT**

## The Gang with the Pool and Tunnel



Helen Rohan, a breeder in Florida, went all out to provide enrichment for her last litter of puppies. Starting with the puppy pool she added agility items – the tunnel, teeter totter, balance board, and hanging tug and ring. No instruction or structured work, just puppy self-discovery and fun. A great way to help yobecome more confident.ur puppy

These are enrichments you can work on with your own wolfhound, or you can go to the park to find some – walk on a raised rim around a play area. Try a lower slide and logwalk. And you can use card tables to simulate tunnel work, then switch to a four legged square chair. DIY before investing in equipment.



WHEEEEEE!!!!!



MORE THAN ONE WAY TO USE A TUNNEL



**WOBBLE BOARD** 



**TEETER TOTTER** 



**SWINGING TUG** 



**GO FOR IT** 

#### **Dent de Leon**

Dandelions – that bane of the lovers of perfect lawns. And yet few plants have as many uses as this - from the flowers to the root. The flowers are used for tea and wine, the young leaves for many medicinal uses and salads, and the roots are an excellent liver tonic. Many traditional and folk medical systems, especially traditional Arabic and Native American medicine have used dandelion.

The official name is Taraxacum officinale and dandelions are found worldwide along with many other varieties. All of the varieties are completely edible. The name that we use dandelion and comes from the French for Lions Teeth, dent-de-leon. There are part of the Sunflower family. Note the long deeply toothed leaves in the illustration, not then shorter round ones we usually see in lawns.

Dandelion flowers open every morning with the sun except for gloomy ones, and they close at night. The flowers have a high lecithin content and also mild pain relieving qualities without any salicylates to aggravate the stomach. You can add the flowers dried or fresh to the food, or make an infusion. They mature and seed in just a few days, so you have to be quick.

No matter how large the field of dandelions, unless you are sure they have never been sprayed do not gather. (My yard is safe, please feel free to dig up any and all). A good way to grow your own and be sure of the safety is in a container. If you want to grow your own, make sure the leaves grow in rosettes. Dandelion leaves are available in most ethnic food stores and very easy to add to a food mix by pureeing them in a

blender or juicer. The leaves are full of Vitamins A, B complex, C, D, K, manganese, iron, zinc, phosphorous, and especially high in potassium.



In addition to pulping the fresh leaves you can dry and crush them up in food or even in water or broth. Use about 1 teaspoon for every 20 pounds. If you still can't get your hound to eat them, try taking the dried powdered leaves and mixing a little honey to make a pill that you can give in the way that works best. If you make an infusion, try 30 up to 40 drops for every 20 pounds of dog. So making a tea might be easier. Or measure out the amount you need in a measuring cup or beaker and mark the level so you don't have to re-measure daily.

Dandelion leaves are a diuretic, they increase the amount of urine the body makes. And the leaves have a bitter tonic effect which can increase the appetite and help with digestion. If your hound has chronic indigestion or food that passes and seems undigested, try dandelion leaves. The leaves and their bitter components stimulate bile production and support the liver's health. This can also help improve the unwanted gas production that can clear a room!

As a mild diuretic the dandelion leaves improve any edemas, gallbladder disease, congestive heart disease, arthritis, any disease where excess fluid needs to be eliminated. And unlike furosemide the potassium in the leaves prevents imbalances.



The long brown roots that we try our best to dig up entirely are very brittle with a white flesh and have a white milky latex like substance that is bitter and slightly smelly. Generally regarded as a safe liver tonic. Liver imbalances such as eczema, chronic constipation, or most importantly jaundice will benefit from liver root. In one study with dogs, bile production was 3 to 4 times greater after taking dandelion root.

Some studies suggest that dandelion might help to lower total cholesterol and triglycerides while raising HDL, "good," cholesterol.

Dandelions can be found as fresh or dried or in capsules, tinctures, liquid extracts, tablets – any form in which herbs can be found. Try your local herbalist or online store.



Because dandelion is a member of the Sunflower and Aster family be careful if your hound or you have shown any signs of being allergic.

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Herbs for Pets, Mary L. Wulff-Tilford &
Gregory L Tilford
National Center for Complementary and
Alternative Medicine

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### **GONE HUNTING**



BERNARD 8/12/2008 10/29/2014

A little over six years ago, I finally had the room and the time to have an Irish Wolfhound, had seen a photo somewhere of a wheaten wolfhound, and so began my uneducated search via the internet where I found my Bernard. I didn't think it was quite right when the puppy's owner told me my puppy was ready to go at seven weeks, but was so eager to get my puppy I didn't question it or the fact that they wanted to meet me somewhere not at their location. Of course, upon first sight, my son and I fell in love, and despite my protests for an "Irish" name, my son declared him Bernard, which turned out to be the perfect name. Could have been the luck of the draw, but Bernard started having severe ortho problems at around four months which continued for his lifetime. Desperate to find him some relief, I had been once again scouring my friend the internet for a vet knowledgeable on IWs and ran across GLIWA's website and Maria Lubera's contact info. I e-mailed her with Bernard's issues and Maria

referred me to Chris Krowzack, who was still practicing at the time. Our first visit was a dramatic one with Bernard dog-screaming in pain and having to roll him into Chris's office on a makeshift gurney. Chris was so calm, treated his pain, and much to my relief, out walked my precious puppy wagging his tail. During one of our many subsequent visits, Chris mentioned that I might like to get involved in GLIWA. I did just that the following spring, went to some meet-ups, met the ever welcoming and wonderful board and members, walked in a few St. Paddy's Day parades, and was honored to serve as GLIWA's secretary. There were some very good early times. Over the years, Bernard's condition was worrisome and heart-wrenching more times than not, the expenses related to his ortho issues were huge, but despite his pain and limitations, this was the sweetest, bravest, most loving dog I have ever had the privilege to own. Of course, now there is no going back, I have fallen in love with the breed and continue to be inspired by the people that love and protect the breed standard and endeavor to educate the membership and public on IWs. So thank you, thank you, my Bernard, my Beebers, my doll baby, for this journey that brought us To GLIWA. Until we meet again, this is how I will remember you.



#### **Winter Toxins Newsletter**



During the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it is easy to let your guard down when it comes to preventing toxic exposures to your pet. While the holidays bring more challenges to the already difficult winter months, we cannot forget about indoor and outdoor toxin concerns frequently seen this time of year. Below is a list of holiday-related decorations, plants and food items that the veterinarians at Pet Poison Helpline recommend keeping away from pets.

#### Liquid Potpourri/Oils/Candles:

Filling your house with the smell of nutmeg or pine for the holidays may seem inviting—but if you're partial to heating your scented oils in a simmer pot, know that they can cause serious harm to your cat; even a few licks can result in severe chemical burns in the mouth, fever, difficulty breathing, and tremors. Dogs aren't as sensitive, but it's still better to be safe than sorry—so scent your home with a non-toxic candle kept safely out of kitty's reach. Dry potpourri may also cause chemical burns in the mouth, and also potential foreign bodies and gastrointestinal upset depending on the size of animal and amount ingested. While candles are often scented with oils, the largest concern with ingestion is a foreign body and potential obstruction. In addition to an upset stomach, surgical removal of the candle may be necessary in severe cases.



#### Poinsettias Plants

Though they have a bad rap, poinsettia plants are only mildly toxic. Far more worrisome are holiday bouquets containing lilies (Lilium spp), holly, or mistletoe. Even bouquets brought into the house by holiday guests should be thoroughly inspected, as lilies are one of the most commonly used. Just one or two bites from a lily can result in kidney failure in cats – even the pollen and water that the plant is in are thought to be poisonous! When in doubt, don't let these bouquets in a cat-loving household!

Other yuletide plants such as holly berries and mistletoe can also be toxic to pets. When Christmas or English holly is ingested, it can result in severe gastrointestinal upset thanks to the spiny leaves and the potentially toxic substances (including saponins, methylxanthines, and cyanogens). If ingested, most pets smack their lips, drool, and head shake excessively due to the mechanical injury from the spiny leaves. As for mistletoe, most of us hang it high enough so it's out of reach of our pets – nevertheless, it can also be toxic if ingested. Thankfully, American mistletoe is less toxic than the European varieties. Mild signs of gastrointestinal irritation are seen,

although if ingested in large amounts, collapse, hypotension (low blood pressure), ataxia (difficulty walking), seizures and death have also been reported.

Recently, florists have started to use Japanese Yew (Taxus spp.) to make wreaths – all parts of this evergreen except for the flesh of the red aril are very poisonous, as they contain taxines, a cardiotoxin. If ingested, this plant can result in dizziness, an abnormal heart rate (initially elevated, then slowed),

hypotension, dilated pupils, coma, and death. As horses are very susceptible to yew poisoning, make sure not to have this around the barn or pasture!

#### Alcohol:

Most people know not to give alcoholic drinks to their pets; however, alcohol poisoning in pets is more common than you think. This is because alcohol can be found in surprising places! Rum-soaked fruitcake, or unbaked dough that contains yeast, result in alcohol poisoning and other problems. Rising dough will expand in the warm, moist environment of the stomach and can result in a bloat, which can then progress to a GDV or gastric-dilitation with volvulus (twisted stomach). Signs of this include vomiting, non-productive retching, distended stomach, an elevated heart rate, and weakness or collapse. Secondly, alcohol from the fermenting yeast is rapidly absorbed into the bloodstream and affects pets quickly. Ingestion of alcohol can cause dangerous drops in blood sugar, blood pressure, and body temperature. Intoxicated animals can experience seizures and respiratory failure.

#### Holiday Foods:

With the holiday season comes a delightful variety of baked goods, chocolate confections and other rich, fattening foods. However, it is not wise, and in some cases, quite dangerous, to share these treats with your pets. Keep your pet on his or her regular diet over the holidays and do not let family and friends sneak in treats. Foods that can present problems include

Foods containing grapes, raisins and currants (such as fruit cakes, breads and cookies) can result in kidney failure in dogs.

Chocolate and cocoa contain theobromine, a chemical highly toxic to dogs and cats. Ingestion in small amounts can cause vomiting and diarrhea but large amounts can cause seizures and heart arrhythmias. Many sugarless gums and candies contain xylitol, a sweetener which is toxic to dogs. It causes a lifethreatening drop in blood sugar and liver failure.

Leftover fatty, meat scraps can produce severe inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis) leading to abdominal pain, vomiting and bloody diarrhea.

#### Ice Melt:

Ice melts are commonly used around entryways and sidewalks and the containers that are filled with these products are often left within a pet's reach. There are numerous formulations available, many of which contain salt (sodium chloride), and small exposures typically lead to stomach upset, and dermal and paw pad irritation. Larger ingestions may quickly cause salt poisoning which can result in a rapid onset of vomiting, excessive thirst and seizures. If your pet has consumed any amount of ice melt, it is important to call for help.

When it comes to the holidays, the best thing a pet owner can do is to become educated on common indoor and outdoor household toxins and pet-proof your environment accordingly. If you think your pet has been poisoned, contact your veterinarian or Pet Poison Helpline at 800-213-6680, with any questions or concerns.

Resources: Pet Poison Helpline, an animal poison control center based out of Minneapolis, is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for pet owners and veterinary professionals that require assistance treating a potentially poisoned pet. The staff provides treatment advice for poisoning cases of all species, including dogs, cats, birds, small mammals, large animals and exotic species. As the most cost-effective option for animal poison control care, Pet Poison Helpline's fee of \$39.00 per incident includes follow-up consultations for the duration of the poison case. Pet Poison Helpline is available in North America by calling 800-213-6680. Additional information can be found online at www.petpoisonhelpline.com.





## **Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association**

# Report of the Nominating Committee Official Slate for Election 2015

President: Mike Cherry

Vice President: Maria Lubera

Secretary: Mike Kelly Treasurer: Joe Mahoney

Directors for new 2-yr term: Scott Mortenson

Doug Morrison

Directors finishing 2-yr term: Bill Hurless

Debbie Greene Pat Powers

This shall serve as the sole Official Notice to the Members, per By-laws, of the Official Slate of Candidates for election.

Nomination by Petition, Proxies, Write-in Ballots:

According to GLIWA Bylaws any 10% of the members eligible to vote may nominate by petition a candidate or candidates for any office or directorship. A copy of the Nominating Petition Form is included. For the 2014 election, 10 signatures of members eligible to vote shall be required for EACH person nominated by petition for any office of directorship. The Secretary must receive nomination petitions no later than 10 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.

Proxy Statements will be accepted in lieu of attendance from any member eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting. While no official form is required, we have included a Proxy Ballot with this letter.

Per By-laws, "Write-in" votes and "Floor Nominations" shall NOT be accepted.





#### **Proxv Ballot** Annual Members Meeting, February 2015

Article IV Section 8: Proxies. Any Member entitled to vote at any meeting at which a vote of the Members shall be taken shall be entitled to submit at any time prior to the beginning of such meeting, a written and signed Proxy Statement which shall serve as said Member's vote on every matter specifically addressed by said Proxy Statement; provided that any Member may withdraw his or her proxy by personally attending the meeting for which the proxy was submitted. All Proxy Statements must be in writing, signed by the Member, and must express the Member's specific vote on each issue addressed by said Proxy Statement. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to ensure, insofar as it is reasonably possible, that the Member's intentions are accurately included in the official tally of votes.

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, a member in good standing of the <b>Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association</b> do hereby cast my vote(s) by proxy as follows:	We, the undersigned members in good stand of the Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association,
For the official slate of candidates for election.	hereby nominate:
For the official slate of candidates for election. <b>except</b> as listed below.	
For the candidates for election listed below.	For election to the position of:
Name Office or Directorship	
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Nominating Petition **Annual Members Meeting, February 2015** 

Article VII Section 3: Nomination by Petition. Any ten percent (10%) of the Individual Members eligible to vote at any Annual or Special Meeting of the Members may nominate in writing a Candidate for any Office or Directorship. The Secretary shall provide each Member, along with the official Notice of the Official Slate of Candidates, and at the Association's expense, one (1) copy of a standardized Nominating Petition Form for the Member's use. The Secretary shall provide any Member with one (1) copy of a standardized Nominating Petition Form at any time upon such member's written request. No other format shall be used for nomination. Completed Petition Forms shall be filed with the Association not more than sixty (60) days and not less than ten (10) days prior to the first day of the Annual Meeting at which

Nominees by Petition shall stand for election

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