

# Midwest Wolfhound

A quarterly newsletter for and about Irish wolfhounds and their people.

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**GLIWA Spring Picnic**

**May 13, 11 AM**



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**President's Report**

There was nothing trivial about our annual dinner meeting. Pursuit of trivia brought out the competitive side of all who attended. St. Patrick's Day Marching season has past and all four parades were well represented. Rescue continues to successfully find the best homes for those hounds found without one Spring and thoughts turn to puppies and picnics (GLIWA's picnic is coming up May 13 with grooming clinic just in time for all the summer show)

Summer is around the corner and hope you are all prepared for the usual pests (fleas, ticks and mosquitos). Then is Fall is coming and we will revive the annual Fun Match in October. Please participate as we need all to help and attend. Foremost enjoy your wolfhounds in the now greening fields and it will be Winter again and time does double gait as our hounds so get out and join in the fun.

*Mike Cherry*

**President's report:**



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**MINUTES**

Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association  
12 November 2016 Board Meeting  
**Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association  
Minutes  
Nov 12, 2016  
Approved at Annual Members Meeting**

Location: Home of Leslye Sandberg

Meeting called to order: 1:35 pm.

Board Members in Attendance:  
Michael Cherry, President  
Maria Lubera, Vice President  
Joe Mahoney, Treasurer  
Debbie Greene  
Scott Mortenson

Board Members Absent:  
Michael Kelly, Secretary  
Bill Hurless  
Doug Morrison  
Pat Powers

GLIWA Members in Attendance:  
Madeleine Mahoney  
Claire Morrison

Minutes:  
14 August 2016 minutes were published and approved.

**President's Report**

-A big thank you to Leslye & Jim for hosting our meeting.  
-Risha Berzins' attempt to set up our fun match proved difficult as match dates collided with holiday dates. However, a possible time slot of 10/14 & 15/2017 emerged.

**Vice President's Report**

-No Report

**Secretary's Report**

-An updated GLIWA roster identifies members that are current and participating.

**Treasurer's Report**

-All is well per Mr. Joe Mahoney's Treasurer's Report dated 11/11/2016.

-Risha Berzins discovered that GLIWA has \$200.00 on deposit at the Greater Racine Kennel Club from previous years.

**Activity Report**

-Debbie & Robert Greene did a great job on the picnic.  
-Alternative venues were explored for our annual dinner & meeting. For example Emmett's Brewing Company in Downers Grove for \$45.00/person. However travel members didn't want to change from the Rockwood Tap House. Cost at Rockwood would be about \$40.00/person. Dates of 2/4, 2/11, 2/18 & 2/25 were available and 2/11 was picked. Instead of a speaker, this year we will be having "Trivia Night". Each table will be a team (choose your table mates carefully).

-Kim Oliver was kindly nominated by Michael Cherry to host the Trivia part of our evening which will include 4 categories.

-We will ask Helen Philpott to design our table decorations which she has donated in the past. This time we would like to compensate her for the beautiful creations she blesses us with.

-We are looking for ideas for educational gatherings in addition to our regular events for 2017.

-St. Patrick's Day Parades as of now are:  
Manhattan Parade - 3/4/2017  
South Side Parade - ?  
Naperville Parade - ?

**Publications Report**

-Kudos to Pat for a great newsletter.

**Rescue Report**

-We are getting contacts for Irish Wolfhounds for sale. This is not the same as rescue. We need to develop a scope for rescue.

**GLIWA Fun Match**

-Michael Cherry offered to fill out the Greater Racine Kennel Club Application for our Fun Match.

-Our picnic dates need to be changed so that it doesn't conflict with the Fun Match.

**Old Business**

-Maria Lubera and Claire Morrison offered their services for the GLIWA Fun Match.  
-Report of the Nominating Committee, Official Slate for Election 2017 was sent to Pat Powers for publication in the next Midwest Wolfhound.

**New Business**

-BoardDocs governance technology suggested by Michael Cherry.  
-Mike to send samples to the board.

A consistent agenda is desired by the board.

Next Board Meeting:

-Annual Meeting and Dinner on 11 February 2017.

Motion to Adjourn: 2:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Mortenson  
GLIWA Board Member

**Approved April 8, 2017**

**(Minutes from the Annual Members Meeting)**

Meeting called to order 7:08 pm  
Order to recess until after dinner 7:08 pm

Next Board Meeting  
Mike Cherry's House  
35209 52nd St Burlington WI

April 8 1 pm

**(Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association April 8, 2017}**

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM

Board Members present: Michael Kelly; Maria Lubera; Claire Morrison; Joe Mahoney; Scott Mortenson  
Board Members Absent: Pat Powers; Debbie Greene

Guests: Elissa Culp; Christina; Risha Berzins; Marcia Kelly; Madeleine

Reading of the minutes of 11 November 2016  
Motion to pass minutes

**Reports**

**President:**

Thank you to our guests for attending. GRKC application has been completed. Fun match organization coming along. Considerable amount of work occurring off-line. No formal budget for Fun Match.

**Vice President Report:**

No report.

**Secretary Report:**

Membership up-to-date as of 04/08/2017. Posted on GLIWA member web site. Membership expiration in April each year. Good idea to include membership application in the Midwest Wolfhound. Idea to ask for Facebook friends to become GLIWA members. Maria to ask Pat Powers, who manages the Facebook page, to invite Facebook page friends to join.

**Hospitality Report:**

No report.

**Treasurer Report:**

Treasurer's report circulated to officers, and is available upon request. Irish Wolfhound Foundation "thank you" letter for MB Kinsella Topping.

**Activities Report:**

-GLIWA Members Dinner was a success, and wonderful centerpieces from Ms. Helen Philpott, along with Master of Ceremony duties capably handled by Mr. Michael Cherry. Thank you to the GLIWA members who marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.  
-St. Patrick's Day Parade Review Discussion Most GLIWA participation in parades are sponsored. Manhattan has begun to charge for both participation and parking. GLIWA will

consider prioritizing Countryside parade over Manhattan for future St. Patrick's Day events. May 13 GLIWA Picnic in Pilcher Park. Maria, Chris Krowzack and Pat Powers will volunteer to host a grooming seminar.

Publications: Newsletter will include Fun Match details, May Picnic Date/Grooming Seminar details.

Rescue: President read the description of recent successful re homing of Max.

**Old Business:**

-President to contact Mr. Robert Greene about developing a scope of work for rescue.

**New Business:**

-Fun Match:

-Mr. David Berzins will be match secretary.

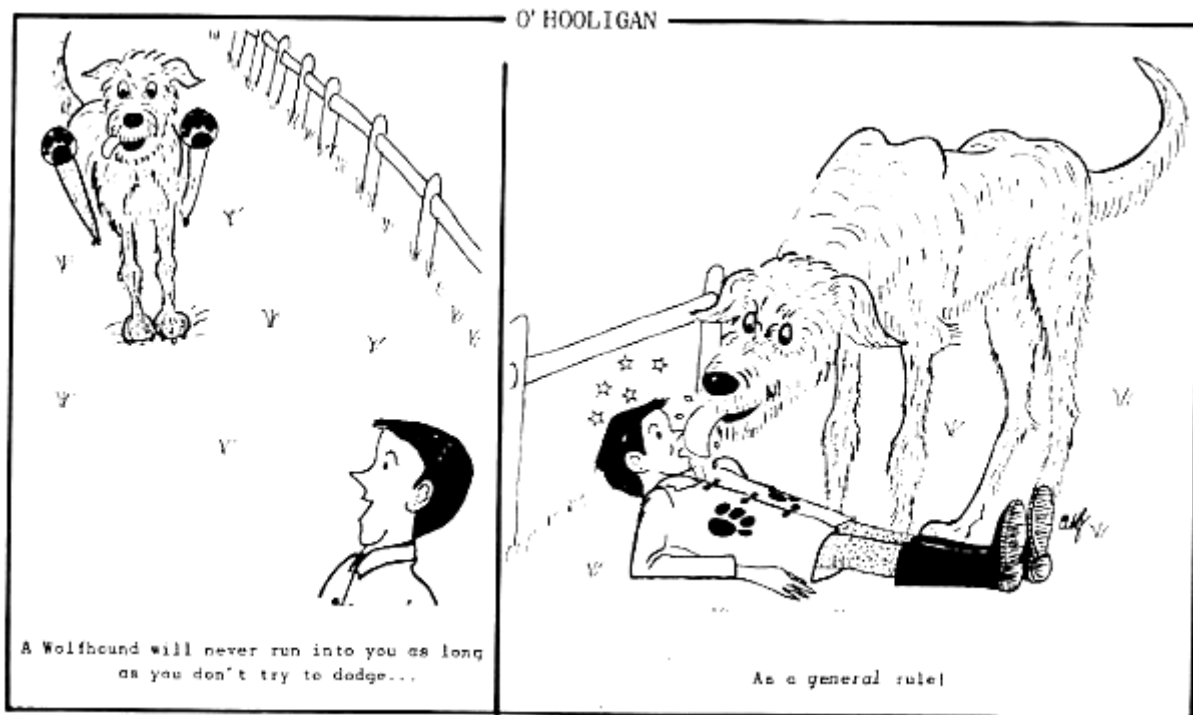
-Health testing planned for Sunday

-Bridget Minster, Menominee Falls will be match announcer.

-Claire will coordinate food with assistance of Ms Mahoney. Claire will reach out to Ms. Chris Krowzack who is familiar with GRKC facilities. -Judges dinner menu arranged. Ms. Mahoney will provide vases for centerpieces, or possibly GLIWA mugs.

Silent Auction: to be managed by Courtney Smith. GLIWA product inventory available from Ms. Debbie Greene, along with list of previously donated items.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 PM



Cartoon courtesy of Hillary Jupp

**Due to the return of our Fun Match on October 14-15  
our picnic is this spring!**



**May 13      11am**

**GLIWA Annual Picnic and Grooming workshop  
Pilcher Park, 2501 Highland Park Drive, Joliet, Illinois 60432.  
Behind the Nature Center building.**



**We will start the day with our grooming workshop.  
What a perfect time for grooming your wolfhounds. You will learn  
everything from stripping your wolfhounds coat to cutting their nails.  
Please bring your grooming tools.**



**Afterward, we will have lunch.  
GLIWA will provide the main course, you are welcome to  
bring a small side dish or dessert.  
If it's not too late, we will play a few of our wolfhound games.**

## Calendar of Events 2016



Please check our website [www.gliwa.org](http://www.gliwa.org) for detailed information or changes

**Calendar of Events 2017**  
**The Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association is a club that enjoys hosting and participating in many events and activities throughout the year. Anyone interested in our breed is welcome to join us.**

**We ask that you contact one of our activities directors if you plan on participating in any of these events.**  
**Michael Cherry at [Michaelcherry1704@comcast.net](mailto:Michaelcherry1704@comcast.net);**  
**Claire Morrison at [dcmorrison11@comcast.net](mailto:dcmorrison11@comcast.net).**

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**April 29, 2017**  
**Hoffman Estate Celtic Fest**  
**11am-6pm**

Sears Centre Arena, located at the Poplar Creek at 59/90 Entertainment District near the intersection of Route 59 and Interstate 90. This is an indoor event and parking is free.

If you are interested, please email me and let me know so that I can give them a count of dogs. [dcmorrison11@comcast.net](mailto:dcmorrison11@comcast.net)  
When responding, please specify the times you would like to attend. Only members of GLIWA are allowed to bring their wolfhounds.

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**May 13**  
**11am**  
**GLIWA Annual Fall Picnic and Grooming workshop**

Pilcher Park, 2501 Highland Park Drive, Joliet, Illinois 60432. Behind the Nature Center building.

We will start the day with our grooming workshop. Please bring your own grooming tools.

Afterward, we will have lunch. GLIWA will provide the main entree, you are welcome to bring a small side dish or dessert. If it's not too late, we will play a few of our wolfhound games.

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**June 17**  
**Scottish Festival and Highland Games**

Hamilton Lakes, Itasca.  
Anytime between 8-4pm.

The Midwest's premier showcase for Scottish arts and Culture. The Irish wolfhound fans will be out in full force asking you every question there is to know about our wonderful breed.

If possible please bring some kind of shade for your dog(s).

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**June 24, 2017**  
**Northstar Specialty, Isanti, Minnesota**

Details and premium:  
[http://www.northstariw.com/northstar\\_specialty\\_matches.html](http://www.northstariw.com/northstar_specialty_matches.html)

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**August 26, 2017**  
**Will county Irish Fest!**  
**St. Joe's Park, Joliet, Illinois**  
More info will follow

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**October 14 & 15, 2017**  
**We are excited to announce the return of the**

**Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Fun Match**  
At the Greater Racine Kennel Club 6320 6  
Mile Rd, Racine, Wisconsin 53402

**Day One: Saturday, October 14**

\*Conformation Fun Match with Judge  
Mariellen Dentino

\*Vendors \*Silent Auction \*Judge's Dinner

**Day Two: Sunday, October 15,**

\*Heath Testing \*Vendors \*Education  
Seminars  
Show Co-chairs: Risha Cupit Berzins, David  
Berzins Christina Marie Rappel

Conformation Fun Match Judge: Mariellen  
Dentino

Health Testing: Frances Abrams and Mariellen  
Dentino

Hotel block information:  
LaQuinta Pleasant Prairie  
Inn Kenosha/Pleasant Prairie  
7540 118th Ave Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158  
(262)857-7911

Block of rooms is listed under; Great Lakes  
Irish Wolfhound Association/ GLIWA for the  
nights of Friday, Oct. 13 & Saturday, Oct.14

\*Reservation # 4017549

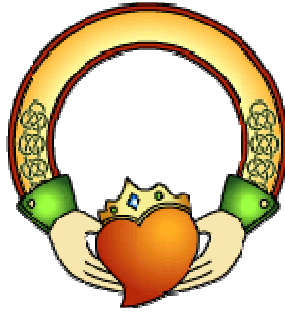
\*2 Dogs per room strictly enforced\*  
\*No pet deposit required

\*Room types/cost before taxes & fees: King  
\$89.10 per night ~ Double \$93.60 per night  
Please be sure to book early, as Oct. is  
Wisconsin's biggest wedding season! Stay  
tuned for more details & feel free to invite  
your friends!!!



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## **Gone Hunting**

**MB Kinsella Topping**



## **Who went and stole the sun from the sky?**

The joy from our lives?  
And put tears in our eyes?  
The best purple-coiffed friend to humans and hounds,  
Is gone from this earth and heartache abounds.

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Who will welcome and greet and announce?  
Who will come to help when a litter is on the ground?  
Who will unruffle feathers, make allies and friends?  
How could this happen; it can't be the end....  
I can't be so brave as to face sadness and joys,  
Without MB's words, cards and toys.  
She was one of a kind,  
And that we all knew...  
For granted we took her-  
For, that's what we do...  
A champion for the breed, health testing and causes,  
A beacon in the dark, without any pauses.  
I know she is fine,  
It is we who do weep,  
She's loving all our hounds  
And giving them treats.  
A candle is lit for the mother of hounds,  
Safe travels, MB, hounds guiding your feet...  
By Risha Cupit-Berzins

**January 17, 2017**



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# Outdoor Plants That are Toxic to Your Dog

**Now that its planting time these are some plants that need caution and care if you plant them.**

**Be aware of the following species before you plant them in any area your dog can reach, or when you are in parks or walking in nature.**

## **Onions**

This veggie contains an ingredient called thiosulphate, which is where the danger lies. Onions cause your dog's red blood cells to burst, a serious condition called hemolytic anemia, which will not allow your dog to produce enough red blood cells to keep her healthy.

## **Garlic**

The debate about whether garlic is harmful to dogs is a heated one. However, vets are now saying that only garlic consumed in massive quantities is dangerous. If you decide to feed garlic to your dog, be sure it is fresh from the peel and only in small amounts.

## **Asparagus**

This veggie isn't toxic to dogs, but it can (and most likely will) produce very smelly urine and gas in your dog. Feed with caution and only in very tiny bits.

## **Rhubarb plant**

The chewy, bitter stalks of the rhubarb plant may cause stomach upset in your dog, but the real concern are the leaves. Rhubarb greens contain a compound known as oxalic acid (a poisonous crystalline acid) that can cause tremors, kidney failure and a coma.

## **Tomato plant**

This plant is in the same family as the deadly nightshade, and the leaves and stems are highly toxic to dogs. These plants both contain high levels of glycoalkaloids (a chemical compound derived from alkaloids), which can lead to a host of problems for your pet (weakness, tremors, diarrhea, vomiting, confusion, etc.).

## **Daffodils**

These beautiful spring flowers may pop up in your yard unannounced, but beyond their happy appearance lies a toxic substance known as lycorine. All parts of the daffodil is toxic, but the main area is the bulb. If your dog eats a daffodil it will experience drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, difficulty breathing, and/or cardiac arrest.

## **Lillies**

A springtime favorite, the lily can cause serious harm to your pet. All parts of this plant are dangerous, including the flowers, stem, leaves, the water the cut flowers are in, and even the pollen. The ingestion of a lily can cause stomach upset, anoxia, tremors and even death.

## **Tulips**

Another springtime favorite, the tulip, is toxic to dogs if ingested. The main place of highest toxicity is in the bulb, which contains a high concentration of allergenic lactones that can produce symptoms such as swelling and burning of the throat, respiratory difficulties and an increase in your dog's heart rate.

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**Aloe vera**

This plant can be both indoors and outdoors (in the right climate) and is known for its healing and medicinal properties for humans. However, when eaten by a pooch it can cause diarrhea. The compounds responsible for this reaction are called anthraquinone glycosides.

**Hedera helix (ivy)**

Also known as English ivy, this plant is extremely toxic to dogs. The principal toxins in this plant are called triterpenoid saponins (hederagenin) and are actually used as a foaming agent in certain beverages. If your canine eats this chemical compound it can lead to vomiting, extreme drooling, abdominal pain and diarrhea.

**Sago palm**

Also known as the Coontie palm, cardboard palm, cycads and zymia, this plant contains a poisonous compound called cycasin. Once eaten this toxin can cause severe liver damage, blood clots and neurological abnormalities in dogs.

**Elephant's ear**

This plant also possesses the calcium oxalate compound. It will affect the mouth, tongue and throat with swelling and burning. The ingestion of this giant leaf can cause permanent liver and kidney failure.

**Cherry trees**

Just like the pit of the cherry is toxic to dogs, so are the shrubs/trees leaves. This includes all cherry trees like the black cherry tree, the chokecherry and the cherry laurel. The parts of this fruit tree contain cyanogenic glycosides (releases cyanide when chewed). Take special care if you have one of these fruit trees in your yard.

**Black walnuts**

The nuts that fall from the black walnut tree are not toxic to your dog until they begin to decompose. Once these nuts begin to grow mold they can cause tremors and seizure to your dog if ingested. Be sure to rake these toxic substances up before your dog has a chance to nibble on one.

**Castor bean**

This ornamental tropical plant contains a toxin protein known as ricin. If your dog nibbles on the plant it can cause burning of the mouth and throat. The toxin goes on to cause excessive thirst, vomiting and diarrhea. If your dog eats even one ounce of the seeds from this plant, it can be lethal.

**Autumn crocus**

Although the crocus species that pops up in the spring is toxic to dogs, the autumn crocus is much worse. Ingestion of any part of this flowering plant can cause stomach upset, stomach bleeding, liver and kidney damage, seizures and even death.

**Azalea**

Both the azalea and the rhododendron (in the same family) are highly toxic to dogs. These plants contain a substance known as grayanotoxins which will affect the cardiac muscle and the skeletal system of your dog. As little as 0.2 percent per body weight ingested of this plant can cause drooling, vomiting, abdominal pain, abnormal heart rate, tremors, seizures and even comas.

**Oleander**

This outdoor shrub is found mostly in warmer climates. All parts of this plant are toxic to dogs. The primary poisons found in the oleander are cardenolides or bufadienolides. These compounds are known as cardiac glycosides which will interfere directly with the heart.

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## **What Can I Do If My Dog Ingests Something Toxic?**

No pet parent wants to come home and find out their pup has consumed a toxic food or plant. Even if you've dog-proofed your home and yard, curious canines have a way of getting into stuff they shouldn't. Here are some tips everyone should know when it comes to canine poisoning.

**Don't panic:** Even though your emotions may be running high, the best thing you can do if your dog has ingested a toxin is to stay calm and assess the situation. Examine your pooch for obvious signs of symptoms like vomiting, diarrhea, restlessness, lethargy, etc.

**Call your veterinarian:** Regardless of what your dog ate, it's always better to err on the side of caution. Call your veterinarian to make an emergency visit ASAP.

**Gather the evidence:** Before you leave for the vet's office, gather up all the evidence of the toxic food/plant/object your dog has eaten. You will also want to establish a time frame of when the toxin was consumed and how much was eaten (if possible).

Your vet will want to know your dog's weight, age and if she is taking any medications. All this information will give your vet a better idea as to how to begin treatment. Depending on what was ingested, your vet may want you to induce vomiting; however, NEVER do this without the recommendation of your vet.

**Be honest with the vet:** Some pet parents may be reluctant to be totally honest when it comes to illegal substances such as street drugs. This puts your dog at a higher risk of death, so always give all the information you have to help your pet get the best treatment possible.

### **Know What to Expect**

Depending on what your dog has ingested, the treatment can vary between inducing vomiting or surgery.

If the toxin can be ejected, your vet will give your pup a special injection that will cause him to vomit. After the stomach contents are emptied, your vet may also give your dog an activated charcoal that will neutralize any toxin that may be circulating throughout your dog's bloodstream.

Once these procedures have been followed, your vet will most likely want to keep your dog at the clinic for an additional 24 hours to flush her system with intravenous fluids.

If your dog has swallowed something large, she may require surgery to remove it. This can be done by surgically opening your dog's abdomen to remove the object before it has a chance to go through the intestinal tract.

If the object that was swallowed is small, your vet can use a procedure using an endoscopy. This is a small camera that is inserted down your dog's throat and to her stomach. Once there, your vet can see exactly where the foreign object is and can remove it with a small hook on the end. The hook grabs the object and pulls it back through your dog's throat and mouth.

Excerpted from an article by Cindy Grantin Alternet

# Our St Patrick's Parades – Were You There?

## Manhattan Parade



## Waiting to Begin



## On the March

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## Naperville Parade



**Meeting New Friends**



This is Marching?

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**This is Marching!**



**All together**

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## South Side Parade



**St Patrick and Scott M with Caoimhe and Renegade**



## Hound and Kids

Photos by Debbie Green and Claire Morrison

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## Irish Wolfhounds at Dog Shows in the Early 1900s

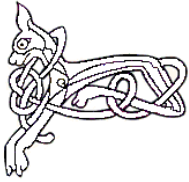


Owners pose with the largest and smallest dogs at a dog show on Jan. 26, 1923. (National Photo Company/Library of Congress)

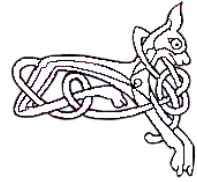


**Walter Johnstone**, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Johnstone of D.C., poses with Shamus O'Brien, an Irish wolf hound belonging to Col. Francis A. Junkin, at the 7th dog show of the Washington Kennel Club on May 8, 1920. (National Photo Company Collection/Library of Congress)

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# Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association Membership Enrollment



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (alt) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

This membership is (please check all that apply):

- New                     
  Renewal                     
  1 year                     
  2 years                     
  3 years

~ All memberships become due in April ~

- INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP**  
 ~\$20 per year  
 ~For adults over 18 years of age  
 ~Entitles member to all rights and privileges

- RESCUE AND WELFARE DONATION** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 A strictly voluntary donation to the GLIWA Rescue & Welfare Fund- to be used solely for the healthcare and placement of rescued Irish wolfhounds.

Membership dues enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- EDUCATION FUND DONATION** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 A strictly voluntary donation to be used solely for educational materials (i.e. pamphlets, handouts, etc.), displays and programs.

Make checks payable to Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound

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- TROPHY AND AWARD DONATION** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 A strictly voluntary donation to be used for our Annual Match

For office use only	
Dues Received	_____
Donation Received	_____
Date current membership expires	_____

- FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**  
 \$30 per year  
 Entitles Family to one copy of the newsletter  
 Age restrictions are the same as for individual memberships.  
 Entitles members to all rights and privileges.

Please mail enrollment form to:

Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association c/o  
 Joe Mahoney, Treasurer 21536 S Mattox  
 Shorewood, IL 60404

**Your Dues are  
due!!!**

**Memberships  
Expire March 31.  
Please fill out the  
form and send  
your check or pay  
via Paypal to  
continue receiving  
the Midwest  
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